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[illegible] Monthly Report for November, 1945.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY, A.C.
(M. M. L. A.)
APO 512.
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18 Dec 45.

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION, ALLIED SECTION (2)

1. GENERAL

The main activities for the month of November have been in connection with the handover of the Italian Army effective 2400 hrs, 14 Nov, 45.

2. [illegible]

Cadres.		Intk.	Actual Strength	
[illegible]	69,000	69,000 (Incl 17,000 mobilised)	10,889	
[illegible]	107,000	107,000 (Incl 31,000 mobilised)	38,867	(Includes 18,295 attd L.o.C. units (Labouring and reserves)
[illegible] ARMY	140,000	140,000 (Incl 4,400 reserves and 3,000 mobilised)	125,454	6205 Total: 128,170 (Offs. and Warrant and Services within and O.R. [illegible].)
[illegible]	69,000	69,000	66,784	
		TOTAL	235,534	

The above figures are as of 15 November when the Italian Army was handed over to the Italian Government.

3. [illegible]

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2. [redacted]

[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	
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[redacted]	107,000	107,000 (incl 31,000 unallotted)	32,267	(includes 18,206 rifts i.e. units disbanding and reserves)
[redacted]	140,000	140,000 (incl 6,000 reserves and 3,000 unallotted)	135,484)	Total: 192,170 (Adm. and Depot and Service units and G.H.Q. 21st-42nd.)
[redacted]	85,000	80,000	66,736)	

TOTAL 235,334

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[redacted]	1 I.S. Bgd	515 526 530	moving to [redacted]
[redacted]	2 " "	503 515 519	Forming with 2 HF Bn
[redacted]	3 " "	508 520 527	
[redacted]	4 " "	505 509 514	
[redacted]	5 " "	513 516 517	513 on loss to 7 Italy Bn. 517 under cond 15 coys.

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Location.	Units.	Men under cont.	Remarks.
[illegible]	6 I.C. Regt.	507 522 523	
[illegible]	7 " "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 2 I.C. Regt.
[illegible]	8 " "	521 522 529	Forming from GI Cops " " "
[illegible]	9 " "	504 510 524	
[illegible]	10 " "	506 506 525	Under Cont 3 District

4. [illegible] A.C.

The Italian Prisoner of War Division, A.C. is now part of P.W.I.C. Staff adjustments have been approved by A.F.H.Q. War Establishment Committee.

5. [illegible]

Training and administration has been taken over by P.W.I.C. Staff adjustments have been approved by A.F.H.Q. War Establishment Committee.

6. [illegible]

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7. [illegible]

Repatriation of the 5,[illegible] Italy speaking PW-IIIs previously employed in FRANCE has been completed according to schedule. All have been demobilised and returned to their homes.

8. [illegible]

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for Major General
S. H. L.o.C.

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

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

Report No. 24 - Activities during the month of NOVEMBER, 1945.

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

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

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MAIN H.Q. - ROME 7467.

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3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

The five Italian Inf. Divs continued in their role of internal security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

H.Q. "FRIULI" Inf. Div at LEVICO with Regts at BASSANO di GRAPPA, S. BONIFACIO, and TRENTO.

H.Q. "CREMONA" Inf. Div at TURIN, with Regts at ASTI, VERCELLI, and CHIERI.

H.Q. "LEGNANO" Inf. Div at BERGAMO, with Regts at BERGAMO, SONDRIO, & BRESCIA.

H.Q. "FOLGORE" Inf. Div at BRESSANONE, with Regts at DOBBIACO, BOLZANO and COLLE ISARCO.

("FOLGORE" Inf. Div will be moving as soon as possible into area south of the Appenines in the Northern part of British 3 District).

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H.Q. "MANTOVA" Inf Div at VARAZZE with Regts at SAVONA, COMO and PIACENZA.

4. INTERNAL SECURITY REGIMENTS.

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TURIN	1 I.S. Regt.	515 526 530	Moving to ALESSANDRIA
GENOA	2 " "	503 518	Forming with 2 MP Bn
MILAN	3 " "	502 520 527	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505 508 514	
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BOLOGNA	6 " "	507 522 523	
FLORENCE	7 " "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Regt.
ROME	8 " "	521 528 529	Forming from Gd Coys Forming from Gd Coys
BARI	9 " "	501 510 524	
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4. G (Trg).

Lt General Sir W.D. MORGAN, (S.A.C. and C in C, CMQ) visited CESANO on 5 Nov, 45. His tour included the Engineer Trg Area, the School of Artillery and Cesano. He expressed himself much impressed by what he had seen.

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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

1. New system of supply of clothing for BR-ITIS in Italian Army introduced in Adm. Instruction No. 29 - control of stocks now for Italian Army rests with the War Ministry, less quantities frozen for issue to BR-ITI. Further inter-ceteory provision of clothing is not to take place.

2. Italian Army to be still issued with M.T. spares and controlled stores temporarily - G.H.Q. authority. Final directive on all equipment ex British CRD. held by War Ministry transferred from BR-ITI still awaited from G.H.Q.

3. Manufacture of uniforms by War Ministry for Italian Army is well under way.

4. The CC.RR have now priority in boots and clothing and should already be feeling the benefit of releases now made.

5. Complaints have been received that lack of dyed B.D. is holding up the discharge of ex-Combat Division Troops. This is chiefly the fault of the Divisions in not advising the Adm. Div H.Q. of their future requirements.

6. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

1. The Ministry of War is preparing a grand specchio of their total requirements in arms and ammunition, which will furnish G.H.Q. with a basis on which to calculate how much remains to be provided from Allied sources or from local manufacture.

2. Here again, CC.RR are getting priority.

3. The ammunition located last month in Austria has all been moved to Arty Directorate, VERONA. 6261

7. R.E.M.E. REPAIRS.

1. Endeavours to install British M.T. spares depot and to expand No.6 Repairs Unit at BOLOGNA so far unsuccessful.

8. RECOVERY.

1. Approximately 350 vehicles are being recovered from Austria.

2. Arrangements being made for recovery of approximately 1,600 vehicles from Ministry of Transport in lieu of equivalent tonnage in Army vehicles held by civilians.

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1. Control of movements has passed to a large extent to Ministry of War. Q.005 of 30 Nov, 45 gives outline of new system.

10. ACCOMMODATION.

1. A.F.H.Q. Adm. Memo. No. 48 of 2 Nov, 45 set out policy re return of Italian Army Barracks to Italian Army.

2. Accommodation for T.T.C's 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Territorial Comds has not yet been found owing to Allied occupation of barracks.

3. Cecchignola Barracks. Blocks handed over are now occupied by the Italians and Schools are being set up.

4. Mobilisation Transit Centres are being set up in all towns - accommodation may require B.L.O. assistance in many instances.

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11. CHEMICAL WARFARE STORES.

1. An expert from War Ministry has visited all dumps of chemical warfare stores North of ROME. Arrangements have been made for a similar tour South of ROME (including SICILY), after which G.H.Q. will give disposal instructions

12. E.F.I.

1. System now operating whereby entitled categories of BR-ITI personnel may purchase supplies ex E.F.I. - payment in cash.

13. SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance on the Interim Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing flour and preserved meats and fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the New Year.

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2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFC 1033 for [illegible] issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.L.Os are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay. 6260

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned

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Allocations for the month of November were on a similiar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient. Owing to the shortage of lubricants in CIP Depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources. Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of POL and the allotment for December is slightly higher.
As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the SACMS.

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14. (Continued- para (a))

Allocation will be made to SMRE to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by SLUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited. The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory. BR-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied sources.

(b) Transport

Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples E.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into E.V.Ps has been noticeable.
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5. 331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals which have been working for the Allied Commission at Merano in connection with Displaced Persons and Repatriates were released from this task, commended on their work, and are about to be disbanded being surplus to requirements of the Interim Army.
470 Italian Field Hospital was also released from duty with the Displaced Persons and Public Health Sub Comm and is to be disbanded.

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6. One military case of smallpox was reported during the month from Avellino. The case, a Carabinieri, has been isolated and all precautionary measures have been taken.

7. Ceiling figures of the Medical Services of the Italian Army in the Interim Army were agreed with the Italian War Ministry as being 5,447 all ranks.

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for A.R. Lentaigne
Major General, G.S.C.
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MMA H.Q. MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER, No.3. - DECEMBER, 1945.

DESIGNATION: List "B" (all but one of Parts)

Last letter see INT/107 of 11 Dec

1. POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Government crisis, which has been the main political event of the month, was formally "opened" at 10.30 p.m. on 22 November by the resignation of the Liberal Party. The crisis arose out of the attitude of the Liberal Party over the epuration law. This law was drafted by the COUNCIL in the first week of November. Only the first eight grades of government employees are to be affected; there is to be only one basis of epuration - "political incompatibility" - and the only penalty is to be dismissal. Political incompatibility is defined as applying to those who have carried on political activity, either in or out of office, during the Fascist period - specifically, too, those who served the Nazi-Fascists after 8 September, 1943 are to be removed, in this case, regardless of grades. All are to be brought to justice before 1 April 1946. However the CONSULTA felt that it should have been consulted before the COUNCIL sanctioned the decree. Mr CATTANI, the Liberal, expressed himself as not at all satisfied with Mr PARRI's statement that the decree could still be discussed after the event. The Liberal contention is that the time has come to declare the "anti-Fascist period" at an end and open an era of "speedy justice, pacification of spirits and reconstruction", "with the approach of the CONSTITUENT, all citizens must have a sense of security, order and equality of rights"; Italians must have an impartial government consisting not only of representatives of the six parties but containing as well men "whose experience and prestige will contribute to the efficiency of the Government, in other words persons outside the charmed circle of the C.L.N. The Left Wing papers were strongly against having a crisis at the Liberals were tentatively supported by the Christian Democr[illegible] to a certain extent by the Labour Democrats who however armour[illegible] than if an enlargement of the Government meant a move to the Right the Labour Democrats would be against it. Of the possible candidates for th[illegible] of the new Prime Minister Mr ORLANDO and Mr NITTI did not withs[illegible] the first blast of the Left opposition and Count SFORZA had no greater an appeal for the Right. At the time of writing Mr DE GASPERI (Christian Democrat) has accepted the office of Prime Minister in spite of the fact that earlier, confined to his home with a bad cold, he declared with some vehemence that he would rather not be considered for the post. He will [illegible]

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The American and British press urged throughout that the problem be solved as quickly as possible. The London TIMES urged the Italians not to forget the immediate needs of reconstruction in their absorption with party politics, adding a special word of reproach to the Liberals whose choice of candidates of the vintage of Messrs NITTI and ORLANDO proves, in the opinion of the TIMES, that the party lives in the past and has lost touch with the present.

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An A.P. dispatch from WASHINGTON reported that in the view of some American officials the crisis strengthens the argument of certain Congressmen who have been consistently opposed to the increase of European relief through UNRRA.

The COUNCIL of MINISTERS dealt further with the question of the elections at the beginning of the month. The meeting was opened by Mr NENNI, the Minister for the COSTITUENTE, who began by explaining the principles on which the electoral law is based. The salient points are: direct suffrage for women and men (including soldiers), the proportional system and presentation of the lists by groups of 500 to 1,000 electors. Mr NENNI then presented a motion with three clauses: the election for the COSTITUENTE to take place not later than the last Sunday in March 1946; administrative elections to be held as soon as the preparation, "with territorial criteria to be determined by the Government", should be complete; and rules for the functioning of the Assembly to be set up in the law convoking the electoral commissioners for the Assembly. The order was modified in the debate which followed and the final version, unanimously approved, stated that the elections for the COSTITUENTE should take place not later than the end of April, 1946, administrative elections should be held before the end of the year and "the means of solving the political problems connected with the COSTITUENTE are to be defined at the time of the convocation of the electoral boards". The compromise for once seems to have pleased both sides.

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2. "G" (SD) POINTS.

Discussions were held with the Ministry of War on the reorganisation of the Inf Div as recommended by the 'G' Conference held in MILAN on 2 and 3 November,45.

Substantial preliminary agreement was reached, with the exception that the ITALIANS asked for more M.M.G. than the twelve suggested for the Regt M.M.G. Coy, and asked that they should be a Pn weapon.

This request was met by retaining the Sp Coys of Inf Bns and including in the Sp Coy two M.M.G. pls each of four guns.

Since that, however the Ministry of War has had time to indulge in expansive thinking and are now asking for a Div of three Inf Regts, three Pl Arty Regts, Med Arty etc. This would appear outside present terms of reference, nor is there any indication how it is proposed to fit numbers within ceilings.

Figures are awaited, upon receipt of which it is anticipated that the new project will be found impracticable, and that modified agreement will be reached on an organisation similar to that suggested in MILAN.

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(Note: Combat Pay (45 lire per day) and Adm Duty pay (32 lire per day) were abolished w.e.f. 1 Dec 45.

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A POINTS (contd)

2. Legal - Amnesty.

The terms of this amnesty (referred to in Liaison Letter No.2) applicable to the Personnel of all three services, will exclude:

(a) Persons specified by the Allies as War Criminals
(b) Persons charged with offences against the Allies
(c) Neo-fascist military personnel released from Allied to Italian custody.

The legal instrument is still in course of preparation.

3. Legal - Reform of Penal System.

Plans for this are now completed. The system will be based generally on:

(a) Unit Guard Rooms for short sentences
(b) Discipline Company (1 only at PIZZIGHETTONE) for men not amenable to Unit Discipline
(c) One Detention Barracks with each military tribunal for sentences up to 6 months
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The Training Centre at CESANO is to widen its functions, embracing instructors and specialists of all arms of the Italian Army. Its title changes to "Italian Central Military Schools" and the Liaison Unit is to be known as 12 B.L.U.

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HANDOVER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY (Contd)

2. Absent Strength.

A recent circular (No. 25838/Mob/1) from the Italian Ministry of War provides that call-ups and men discharged from hospital will report in the first instance to their "Residence District". They will then remain in their house until the District gets a posting order from its Territorial Military Command.

Deserters will be held at the District HQ until they have been allocated to units.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
DMT/107.
11 Dec 45.

Subject: Monthly Liaison Letter.

To: ALL BLUs.

1. It is hoped that monthly conferences will be held between M.M.I.A. H.Q. and the B.L.Us, therefore the Monthly Liaison Letter will be discontinued as from 1 January, 1946.

2. In order that B.L.Us may be kept informed of the latest political situation arrangements are being made to include B.L.Us on the distribution list for the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

for Major General
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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REF: G25/249/AG 29 November 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Distribution Below

1. It is realised that owing to a general shortage of officers and clerical staff it is difficult to carry out normal routine duties as promptly as could be wished. With respect to monthly reports however it is essential that delay should be avoided.

2. Monthly reports from all regions and Sub-Commissions should be received in the Executive Commissioner's Office by the 15th of the month. For the past two months they have very rarely appeared until the 20th, and some reports are not received until as late as the 27th of the month. This hinders the production of the Allied Commission monthly report, which although it is solely a record of progress achieved during the past month, must reach AFHQ, the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the respective War Departments as soon as possible.

3. Will you please ensure prompt arrival of monthly reports.

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for Secretary Lt. Colonel
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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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. 23 - Activities during the Month of October, 1945.

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

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

1. MMIA LOCATIONS.

MAIN H.Q. - ROME 7467.

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As a result of the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government in the near future it is anticipated that by 1 Dec the total numbers employed should be approximately as follows:-

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BR-ITI	20,000
ITALIAN ARMY	140,000
CARABINIERI	65,000
TOTAL	230,000

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3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

The five Italian Inf. Divs (formerly Combat Groups) continued in their role of Internal Security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

H.Q. "FRIULI" Inf Div at LEVICO with Regts at BASSANO di GRAPPA, S. BONIFACIO and TRENTO.

H.Q. "CREMONA" Inf Div at TURIN with Regts at ASTI, VERCELLI and CHIERI.

H.Q. "LEGNANO" Inf Div at BERGAMO, with Regts at BERGAMO, SONDRIA and BRESCIA.

H.Q. "FOLGORE" Inf Div at BRESSANONE with Regts at DOBBIACO, BOLZANO and COLLE ISARCO.

H.Q. "MANTOVA" Inf Div at VARAZZE with Regts at COMO, SAVONA and PIACENZA.

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		530	
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		518 (moving in period 12 - 18 Nov)	
		519	
MILAN	3 " "	502	
		520 (move to MANTUA delayed until after 20 Nov)	
		527	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505	
		508	
		514 (moving to VERONA from BARI)	
UDINE	5 " "	516	513 ctt. FLORENCE for duty. 517 will not pass to [illegible] until UDINE Area handed back to

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FLORENCE	7 " "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Regt.
ROME	8 " "	521	528) in course of 529) formation

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TERRITORIAL SECURITY UNITS (contd)

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BARI	9 I.S. Regt	501 510 524	
NAPLES	10 " "	506 525	504 not yet available

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10. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Italian Ministry of War Signal Battalion has started setting up a wireless network between ROME and its Territorial H.Q. Most of the Italian traffic from these H.Q. is handled by the civilian postal system and this network when working will consider only substitute communications with the more distant Territorial H.Q.

11. WEEKLY ARMY NEWSPAPER.

The first copy of the Weekly News Bulletin for the Italian Armed Forces (NOTIZIARIO dell' ESERCITO) was published on 25 October.

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12. ACCOMMODATION.

Since last report, a number of Italian Army Barracks have been handed back to the War Ministry. However, the problem is far from being solved, as there are still a large number of Italian Army buildings held by either A.C. or Allied Military Authorities, which are in many cases, urgently required by the War Ministry for their own use.

13. POSTAL.

Now that the Italian Civil Post Offices are operating efficiently, the War Ministry is gradually disbanding all P.Ms and transferring the responsibility of delivery of Italian Army Mail to the Civil Post Offices. Up to date the following P.Ms have been disbanded:-

P.M.	126	att.	227 Adm	Div.	SALERNO
"	127	"	242 "	"	BRINDISI
"	185	"	209 "	"	PARMA
"	16	"	226 "	"	VICENZA
"	112	"	230	"	FLORENCE
"	157	"	251 "	"	MILAN
"	181	"	-		PADUA
"	3400				NAPLES

14. VET and REMOUNTS.

The animal situation of the Italian Army is very satisfactory. Animals have been handed over to the Italian Army, and are still being handed over.

The two major recent releases have been 598 horses and mules from US sources and 2,500 from British sources. These animals have been released complete with their saddlery etc.

A large number of horses are also being released to the C.C.S.

15. SUPPLIES.

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14. VET and REMOUNTS.

The animal situation of the Italian Army is very satisfactory. Animals have been handed over to the Italian Army, and are still being handed over.

The two major recent releases have been 598 Horses and mules from US sources and 2,600 from British sources. These animals have been released complete with their saddlery etc.

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(c) Italian Navy and Air Force will be a British responsibility though they will continue to be maintained through Italian Depots.

For November a ceiling of 225,000 ITI-ITI is allocated for US and BR responsibility for maintenance, 124,000 being supplied from US sources and 81,000 from BR sources.

For the month of December ITI-ITI categories will be supplied according to availabilities in the following priority:-

(1) From Italian indigenous sources;
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(3) Through Italian Government import programme.

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SUPPLIES (contd)

From January 1946 to April 1946 ITI-ITI categories will be supplied according to availabilities in the following priority:-

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(2) from Italian Government import programme;
(3) by request for priority from US and UK disposal agencies.

Forage.

The Ministry of War will assume responsibility for procurement of forage w.e.f. 1 November 45.

Moves.

The new Distribution Depot at PIACENZA commenced operation on 21 Oct. This replaced the depot at ALESSANDRIA.

Owing to inundation of Distribution Depot at GENOA by river flood water, salvaged stocks are being removed to an alternative site in GENOA. 57 Distribution Depot is now located at PESCARA.

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(e) The northern Territorial Commands were affected by a shortage of lubricants in all C.I.P. depots; A.F.H.Q. Pet Sec on being informed, obtained the release of lubricants from Allied sources to C.I.P. depots at Venice and Leghorn and Territorial Commands and Combat Groups affected were instructed by this H.Q. to draw from these depots.

(f) Some confusion was caused among the Combat Divs at the beginning of the month by the change over from Allied sources to C.I.P. As the decision to make Combat Divs draw from C.I.P. and SR-III Service troops continue to draw from Allied sources was taken late in the month it was not possible to inform the troops of this allocation until 27 Sept.

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TRANSPORT (contd)

(g) A coupon system has now been introduced to obviate the difficulties involved in carrying P.O.L. requirements on long journeys. Books of coupons are being distributed to the C.I.P. depots concerned by C.I.P. ROME, and the system will operate w.e.f. 1 November.

(h) A.F.H.Q. Pet Sec have made a considerable reduction in the quantities of P.O.L. allocated for November basing their figures on 2. 2½, 4½ gals per day per moter-cycle, car, and load-carrier respectively instead of the previous basis of 1, 3½ and 6.

It is anticipated that difficulty will be experienced in operating satisfactorily on this allotment, and the question of obtaining an increased allotment has been taken up by this H.Q. with G.H.Q. CMF.

(i) Miscellaneous.

Draft instructions were received from GHQ, CMF ordering the transfer of the Combat Divisions to III-ITI category w.e.f. 15 Nov. Efforts were made to discuss what provision had been made for the transfer of vehicles to cover "wastage", and whether vehicle spares would be handed over in block or demanded from Allied sources on replacement as required. Precise rulings on these points have not yet been given.

17. SYNOPSIS OF MOVEMENTS.

Details of traffic dealt with during the month:-

Personnel	246,474
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Vehicles	193
Animals	242
Stores shipped	427 (tons)

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Total:	197,[illegible]

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(b) During the month the Destroyer GRANATIERE made 5 round trips between PALERMO and CAGLIARI carrying a total of 500 leave personnel.

(c) There are 100 I.P.W. awaiting shipment in NAPLES and arrangements are being made for shipment.

(d) Shipment of Stores to and from SARDINIA.

By agreement with A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission 500 tons of dried fruits will be shipped from CAGLIARI to NAPLES over a period of approximately 10 weeks.

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19. ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION.

On the 25th Oct 45 I.P.W. Division was placed under control of MMLA. This action together with the assistance of the Delegazioni Trasporti has greatly facilitated the movement of I.P.W.

I.P.W. repatriations from 25 - 31 October were as follows:-

From U.S.A. to NAPLES	-	2101
From E & Sth AFRICA to TARANTO	-	3683
		5784

20. MOVEMENTS - LIAISON OFFICER.

At 2400 hrs 14 Nov 45, L.O. Mov. will be withdrawn from MMLA, and Ufficio Trasporti will take over the movement of all Italian Personnel and Stores. From 15th - 30th Nov 45, Mov. L.O. will liaise with Ufficio Trasporti and I.S.R.

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Representations have been made for an increased availability of technical medical and surgical matter for use by the Italian Army Medical Services in their journal "Giornale di Medicina Militare" which has recommenced publication after a lapse of two years.

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for A.F.C. Smith Col
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DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner, A.C. - 45.
Soviet Representative, A.C. - 1.
Brig-Gen BRADY, Military Attache, US Embassy - 1.

INTERNAL:

24 to G.O.C.
War Diary - 2.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for OCTOBER, 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
NAME.
INT/107.
16 Nov 45.

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2).

1. GENERAL.

The main activities for the month of October have been concerned with the preparations for handing over the Italian Army to the Italian Government as from 2400 hrs 14 November, 1945.

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The formation and regrouping of internal security regiments continues and the position now is as follows:-

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TURIN	1 I.S. Regt.	515 (still at ARONO 526 move delayed)	-
GENOA	2 " "	530 503 518 (moving in period 12 - 18 Nov.) 519	
MILAN	3 " "	502 520 (move to MANTUA 527 delayed until after 20 Nov)	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505 506 514 (moving to VERONA from RAVI)	

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UDINE.	5 I.S. Regt	516	513 att. FLORENCE for duty. 517 will not pass to TRIESTE until UDINE area is handed back to Italian Govt.
BOLOGNA	6 " "	507 522 523	
FLORENCE	7 " "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Regt.
ROME.	8 " "	521	528) in course of 529) formation
BARI	9 " "	501 510 524	
NAPLES	10 " "	506 525	504 not yet available

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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter, No. 2.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) INT/107.
7 NOV 45.

TO: MMIA OUTSTATIONS LOs.
GSOs I B.L.Us attached Inf. Divs.
Comd 'F' BL & TU.

As an unavoidable result of the time taken in compilation and preparation, it will be found that a number of items in the accompanying Monthly Liaison Letter No. 2 are out of date before it is received, or that you are already in possession, through other sources, of later information.

It is intended in future drastically to curtail the length of the Liaison Letter, and at the same time to eliminate from it all duplicated material.

It is also proposed to hold monthly conferences between MMIA and BLU Comds, provisionally alternately in ROME and, say, MILAN, which conferences may obviate the need for any future Liaison Letter at all. The first of these conferences is likely to be in ROME during the first week in December.

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

MMIA H.Q. MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER TO OUTSTATIONS, No 2. - NOVEMBER,1945.

TO: MMIA OUTSTATIONS LOs.
GSOs I B.L.U.s attached Infantry Divs.
Comd., 'P' BL & TU.

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Mr NITTI, the pre-war politician and former Prime Minister, delivered his long promised speech in the San Carlo Theatre, Naples. He said that all the energies of a six-party Government were spent in trying to maintain order among these parties, instead of facing much more vital problems. These parties, he continued, though calling themselves anti-Fascist, were really imbued with Fascist principles and Fascist mentality (c.f. Mr IGNAZIO SILONE's remark, "We have got rid of the Fascists and now we must get rid of the Anti-Fascists"). He made a spate of charges; it was high time to dissolve the C.L.N.: epuration should have been carried out long ago; all Italians with very few exceptions were responsible for Fascism as they were all Fascist.

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Would it not be more important, he asked, to know what and how we shall eat this winter, than to know when the CONSTITUENTE is going to be invoked? He ended by stating that should he form a new party, as many of his friends would like him to do, he would form a national party of re-construction. Most of the Left-wing papers immediately attacked Mr NITTI as a reactionary.

The paper "L'UOMO QUALUNQUE" has been causing much discussion lately, giving rise to a new word "QUALUNQUISMO". "ITALIA NUOVA" (Democrat) thinks that this word stands for the general feeling of discontent, dissatisfaction and dumb rebellion which is spreading, the journal asserts, through all Social classes. "UNITA" (Communist) frankly accuses the paper of being neo-Fascist and others accuse it of being strongly reactionary. The general concensus of opinion is that the editor GIANNINI's criticisms are often right but that they have, in this period when everyone should try to be helpful towards the re-construction of the country, a defeatist effect.

The first 500 of the new VENEZIA GIULIA police made their initial appearance in the streets of TRIESTE on 15th October. The organisation is recruited from local Italian and Slovene men and further recruits are being trained and equipped in the Police School at TRIESTE under the tuition and command of British and American experts. The force draws Italian Military rations. There is a slightly improved atmosphere in VENEZIA GIULIA at the moment. The Slovene elements, who admit they are acting under orders from the Yugoslav held area and under pressure from the Littoral National Liberation Committee still refuse to co-operate with A.M.G. but there is in fact a great deal of personal friendliness and frank talk in the discussions between A.M.G. officers and the leaders of all groups. However, though the bitterness which was so evident in June and July has toned down, the causes and symptoms of strain are numerous and it would be risky to call the present improved atmosphere more than a lull.

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Various A.M.G. officers have taken action against Italian newspapers who have been sounding off a little too blatantly. The situation has been such that the Chief Commissioner has reminded all Regional Commissioners that the Allied Publication Board and the press officers attached to each Regional Commissioner should be fully consulted before any drastic action is taken against a newspaper. Retractions for incorrect or intemperate statements can be obtained more easily with sugar.

Italian business correspondents will be able very shortly to write freely on commercial and financial subjects to any person or firm in the non-enemy world which at this reading means everywhere except Germany, Austria, Japan, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland. The Italian Treasury and Post Office will give the final word on practical arrangements.

Further points from the month include the arrest of FINOCCHIARO APRILE, the leader of the Sicilian Separatist Movement; "Monarchist", "Fascist" or "reactionary" disturbances (according to

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Various A.M.G. officers have taken action against Italian newspapers who have been sounding off a little too blatantly. The situation has been such that the Chief Commissioner has reminded all Regional Commissioners that the Allied Publication Board and the press officers attached to each Regional Commissioner should be fully consulted before any drastic action is taken against a newspaper. Retractions for incorrect or intemperate statements can be obtained more easily with sugar.

Italian business correspondents will be able very shortly to write freely on commercial and financial subjects to any person or firm in the non-enemy world which at this reading means everywhere except Germany, Austria, Japan, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland. The Italian Treasury and Post Office will give the final word on practical arrangements.

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2. WAR MINISTRY OUTLOOK.

The Ministry of War would have preferred from a purely military point of view to have left the "FOLGORE" Inf Div in situ, in which opinion they were supported by M4IL. From a political point of view however it was considered advisable that the "FOLGORE" should be moved and pressure was brought to bear on the Minister for War by other Ministeries, with the result that the "FOLGORE" is now being withdrawn for training and the duties will be taken over by Allied troops.

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3. "G"(OPS, SD and I) POINTS.

Lt-Col S.M. INGLEDEW, O.B.E., E.D., (U.D.F.) left this theatre on 31 October in order to return to S.Africa on release. His appointment of G.S.O.1. Ops and SD at MMIA has been filled by Lt-Col A.R.C. SOUTHBY (The Rifle Brigade).

4. G (TRG) POINTS.

(a) The E & M School has moved from CESANO to CIVITAVECCHIA.

(b) No proposals have as yet been received from the Ministry of War re barracks required for T.T.C. BLU to Territorial H.Q. would do a great service by pushing this point and making the H.Q. find the necessary accomodation.

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Owing to an accelerated rate of disbandment of pioneer units it was necessary at the end of October to send a number of surplus personnel to this camp from other divisions. As the surplus in the Italian Army is now being eliminated by demobilization this will not occur again and the camp will resume its function as a transit camp for 227 Division.

(iii) Specialists.

The demobilization of the 1920 class will cause even greater difficulties as regards deficiencies of specialists. Liaison Officers should do all in their power to see that units do not employ skilled personnel in unskilled jobs.

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(iv) P.W. Division, A.C.

The Italian Prisoner of War Division of A.C. became a part of M.M.I.A. as from 25 October, 45, with the same staff.
A directive will be issued giving further details of Liaison Officers' responsibilities in this connection.

(v) Carabinieri.

Matters connected with the training and administration of the Carabinieri which have hitherto been handled by Public Safety Sub-Commission are to be transferred to M.M.I.A. not later than 1 November.
A directive will be issued for Liaison Officers.

(vi) Reorganisation of M.M.I.A.

For details concerning the reorganisation of M.M.I.A. see A 010/2 of 31 October 45.

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2. W.e.f. 1 November US-ITI Service Units will draw Allied Components of the ration directly from US QM Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. It is anticipated that all US-ITI Service Units will be disbanded by 1 December,45.

3. W.e.f. 15 November BR-ITI Service Units will commence drawing Allied components of the ration directly from BR RASC Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. This procedure will continue until BR-ITI Service Units have been disbanded or absorbed into Interim Army.

4. Maintenance of the Interim Army will fall into three phases:

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(A) Up to 30 November 45.

Existing stocks from Allied sources in Italian Depots will meet requirements.

(B) 1 - 31 December 45.

Requirements to be found by the Italian Government from the following sources, in order of priority indicated.

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(b) by purchase or loan from US or UK surplus stocks in Italy;
(c) through Italian Government import programme.

Steps by the Ministry of War have already been taken to determine the source from which stocks will come. At this writing no firm action has been taken. AFHQ has stated that stock will be available under para (b) above, to meet deficiencies not found in para (a) or (c).

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6. It is not anticipated that there will be any changes in disposition of Italian Army Depots.

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8. It is anticipated that ST Section, MMLO, will be more in an advisory capacity than executive in the future.

(ii) Accomodation.

Since last report, a number of Italian Army Barracks have been handed back to the War Ministry. However, the problem is far from being solved, and there are still a large number of Italian Army buildings held by either A.C. or Allied Military Authorities, which are in many cases, urgently required by the War Ministry for their own troops.

Time is often wasted by this H.Q., not having enough information about the accn required, when the request is submitted.

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The procedure should be as follows:

(a) Terr. H.Q. should first make investigation and endeavour to obtain the accn required through Italian channels.

(b) Should the required building be under requisition of an Allied Command, then Terr. H.Q. should contact LO concerned, who will approach the Allied Command and endeavour to get its release.

(c) Only in the case where (b) has failed, should the matter be submitted to this H.Q., when appropriate action will be taken with the proper authorities.

(iii) Vet and Remounts.

The animal situation of the Italian Army is very satisfactory. Animals have been handed over to the Italian Army, and are still being handed over.

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Transport (contd)

2. It is anticipated that a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture will be handed over by A.C. and Italian Ministry of Transport to the Italian Army to compensate for Italian Army vehicles which were issued with A.C. circulation permits and loaned to civilians and which, in the main, have not yet been recovered by the Italian Army.

3. It is planned that these vehicles will first be taken over at chosen "assembly areas", where any non-runners will be segregated and transferred to local Repair Units, and all runners transferred to local E.V.Ps., where old markings will be obliterated and new R.E. numbers applied; these vehicles will then be reflected in the daily E.V.P. availability signal sent to the War Ministry by Terr. Commands, and releases will be controlled by the War Ministry in conjunction with this H.Q. Priority in this type of vehicle will be given to CC.RR.

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Strong representations have been made to higher authority

i. for assistance in training Italian M.Os in its use and abuse and

ii. for supplies to be made available at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile, very limited supplies of the drug are being made available through UNRRA to the civilian authorities. Local production of penicillin in this country, though in its infancy, has commenced.

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2 November 45.

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1. It is requested that in future the Public Relations Branch be furnished with four additional copies of all A.C. Sub-Commission monthly reports this bringing the number of their copies up to six.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
LFSC/107.
20 Oct 45.

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2).

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At a meeting held in the office of the Generale Addetto SMEE (Brig. Gen. LUCCHI) it was agreed that the monthly call-up system should be tried out next year provided that the accomodation and transport involved had been satisfactorily dealt with and that the necessary number of instructors had been trained. The SMEE however stressed that in their opinion a larger initial call-up would probably be necessary.

The War Ministry agreed that there was a certain amount of red tape in Staff Procedure between the Ministry of War and SMEE and would be pleased to receive and consider details of the British or American Staff system in organisation with a view to a change. MMIA is submitting a proposal.

General MONCO has left his appointment as Deputy Chief of the State Maggiore to take up the appointment of Commanding General of the N.T.C. CASERTA.

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3. DEMOBILISATION AND REPATRIATION.

The rate of demobilisation of the older classes has been speeded up. Authority was given to demobilise the 1917 and 1918 classes in October, the 1919 class in November. These dates can be accelerated for personnel in depots and units being disbanded.

Preparations are being made at the end of September for the repatriation to ITALY and YUGOSLAVIA, and demobilisation, of 3000 Slav-speaking US-ITIS who have been employed on services in SOUTHERN FRANCE. The date anticipated for movement to begin is approximately 20 October.

4. RATIONS AND FORAGE.

There has been no change in the Ration Scale to the Italian Army for some time. Nearly all Italian Armed Forces are now drawing rations from ITI-ITI Depots instead of from national depots.

The Ministry of War have been advised that the procurement of forage for the Italian Army will be taken over by them w.e.f. 1 November, 1945.

5. P.O.L.

Instructions were received that, w.e.f. 1 October 45, Italian Combat Groups would no longer obtain their P.O.L. from Allied sources, but through the C.I.P. organisation. Bids were prepared accordingly, on the basis of demands from the British authorities concerned. Amounts actually made available by A.F.H.Q. Petrol Sec. were between 20% and 25% lower than quantities requested. It is understood from A.F.H.Q. Petrol Sec. that allocations for November will be still further reduced.

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Report No. 22 - Activities during the month of Sept 1945.

Ref Maps: 1: 250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27-38.

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

1. MMLA LOCATIONS

MAIN HQ - PCME 7457

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The problem of training 3,000 instructors for the New Year has got under weigh. In this matter it is understood that Italian Infantry Divs are really playing and have promised help. This is very satisfactory as it points to more trust between them and CMRAMO.

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(a) General

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(iii) Liaison and study has been maintained with the Ministry of War for supply and supply personnel for the Interim Army.

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The number of efficient vehicles recovered was still disappointingly low, and transport units in the North are still considerably under strength in load-carriers. This it appears is mainly due to the failure of the North commands to secure lot of Italian Army type in the hands of ex-partisan civilians, and partly to the acute shortage of tyres.

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(c) P.O.L.

Instructions were received that, w.e.f. 1 October 45, Italian Combat Groups would no longer obtain their P.O.L. from Allied sources, but though the C.I.P. organisation. Bids were prepared accordingly, on the basis of demands from the British authorities concerned. Amounts actually made available by AFHQ Petrol Sec were between 20% and 25% lower than quantities [illegible]sted. It is understood from AFHQ Petrol Sec that allocations [illegible] November will be still further reduced.

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Privilege leave:	193,900
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FLORENCE	7 I.S. Regt	509, 511, 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Bns.
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(b) Adm Div and Regt reorganisation:

All HQs except SARDINIA and SICILY will have received a copy of SD 2993 (signal) dated 4 Oct 45. AFHQ approval is awaited for the new WE for an Adm Div HQ but it is anticipated that this will be received shortly.

The situation will be:-

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Instructions have been sent out to get training going in the Combat Groups and Internal Security Units. MMLA LOs have been asked to supervise such training in I.S. Units.

The question of officers who fail courses at CESANO has been taken up and it is proposed in future to make the Ministry of War take action against such officers.

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5. 'A' Points.

(i) Demobilisation and Reinforcements

(a) Demobilisation.

The demobilisation of the 1918 class during October and the 1919 class during November was authorised vide A 047 of 27 September. Surplus personnel of these classes now in depots or in units being disbanded may be demobilised immediately. MMIA LOs should ensure particularly that men of these classes, both in US-ITI and BR-ITI, are demobilised on the spot rather than sent to ORVIETO or CESANO.

(b) IRTC CESANO.

CESANO is now overflowing (strength over 12,000 reinfts) largely owing to an immense influx of men returning to the Army from the "absent strength". Arrangements have now been made by the Ministry of War for such personnel to report to Territorial HQ's, Combat Division or Admin Division, Transit Camps, according to category, and if possible be re-absorbed locally. No personnel must be sent to IRTC CESANO until further notice.

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Attention is drawn to A 115 of 18 September. This authorizes Territorial H.Q. to draw on surplus personnel from Admin Divs disbandments in order to make up deficiencies in Combat Groups or ITI-ITI units in the area. This is a move towards the time when the Territorial H.Q. will be entirely responsible for maintaining units in its area to strength.

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Abolition of "danger" pay - 32 Lire per day - 49,000 Service tps in forward areas.

Abolition of "heavy-work" pay 20 Lire per day - 20,000 tps in rear areas.

proposed to replace above by all-round addition of 20 Lire per day for 250,000 - if approved by Treasury.

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(ii) contd. - Personal Services (Pay)

2. Financial effect on a basis of 250,000 LF proposals agreed.

. Combat tps lose 25 lire per day.

. Forward Service tps lose 12 lire per day.

. Heavy workers no change.

. Remainder (i.e. 135,000) gain 20 lire per day.

This will cost the treasury about 1½ million lire per day.

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(d) Military Bakeries are to be kept at the minimum number and a request has been made for new type of units, consisting of 1 officer and 4 ORs who will act as a nucleus of personnel for the inspection and controlling of Civilian Bakeries making bread for the Army on contract.

(e) It is proposed to increase principal food distribution depots by 1 officer, and decrease the W.E. of secondary distribution depots by 6 ORs each.

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(f) Other new units under consideration are refrigerator units, special forage unit and one factory supervisory personnel unit.

(g) The question of moving No. 75 Distribution Depot from Alessandria to Piacenza area is only being held up until accomodation becomes available in Piacenza.

(h) The proposed move of the 2nd Food Depot from Genoa to Milan is temporarily suspended.

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(a) On 1 October control of clothing, equipment, arms and ammunition passed to the Ministry of War. This only affects issues to ITI-ITI, and the procedure for the issue of clothing etc. to RM-ITIS and RM-ITIS remain unchanged.

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(b) P.O.L. W.e.f. 1 October all Combat Groups are required to obtain their P.O.L. from C.I.P. depots and NOT from Allied sources. It was finally agreed that BR-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops should continue to draw from Allied sources.

As it is thought likely that AFHQ Pet. Sec will 'cut' the demands submitted in respect of Combat Groups, it will no doubt be necessary for the BLOs to institute some sort of weekly rationing system within the groups in order to effect the maximum possible economy and to ensure that the quantities authorised will not be consumed before the end of the month.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

11 Oct 45.

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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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3. The organisation of A.M.G. to deal with labour questions was completed and brought into full operation during August. Regional and Provincial Labour Offices have been established and adequately staffed with Italian civilians. Regional Italian Joint Advisory Committees, which consider proposed wage agreements and other labour questions referred to them by A.M.G., by labour

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Offices and by both sides of industry, have continued to operate successfully. A special inspection by an officer of the Italian Ministry of Labour produced a report praising the activities of Labour Offices and recommending the continuance of Regional Italian Joint Advisory Committees.

Notwithstanding the difficult problems of the moment, there have been no serious strikes or industrial disturbances, and token demonstrations which have occurred have been conducted in an orderly manner.

4. Wages and conditions of Italian civilian employees of the Allied Forces have been kept in line with local conditions. Concern has been expressed regarding the inevitable reduction of this employment which now includes 365,724 civilians, a reduction of 14,695 since July. Strong protests continue to be received against the employment of German prisoners of war.

B. WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

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c. Payment of 50 per cent. of the contingency bonus to sick workers in addition to bonus under the Sickness Insurance scheme.

The first point arose from an unofficial but large scale demonstration by women workers in Turin when the employers' representative, under duress, agreed to remove the differential. It was interesting to note that the Pope in his pronouncement on 16 August spoke in favour of equal pay for men and women.

3. After inconclusive discussions in Milan on 12th and 22nd August, decisions were reached at a conference on 30th August, at which labour made an

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additional demand for minimum wages to be established. The result of the conference was as follows:

a. Pay differential - men and women

It was agreed to increase the women's contingenza bonus, retaining a differential of 10 lire only between men and women, the agreement to be retroactive to August 6th;

b. Differential between localities

It was agreed to remove the differential between certain towns only, the differential elsewhere not to exceed 7 per cent. in any case;

c. Special Payment of Contingenza Bonus

It was agreed to withdraw the workers' request for payment of bonus to sick workers subject to the request being reviewed when the original agreement is reconsidered prior to its expiration 30th September. It was also agreed to pay injured workers 50 per cent. of the bonus for 30 days; and 75 per cent. of the bonus for 2 weeks on marriage.

d. Minimum Wages

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After the conclusion of hostilities in the North of Italy considerable numbers of German prisoners of war became available for employment by the Allied Forces. In principle the conditions under which they should be employed provide that the chances of employment for Italian civilians should not suffer thereby; but continued representations have been received from members of the Italian Government and from representatives of Italian labour that Italian civilians have been dismissed and German prisoners of war have been engaged in their stead. A strike is threatened in Livorno on this account and strong resentment

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is alleged to have been aroused in the Port of Naples where German prisoners of war are in evidence driving trucks through the streets of the city. Representations to Allied Force Headquarters have so far failed to produce definite orders on the subject designed to relieve the anxiety in Italian circles.

7. Salaries and Wages of State and public employees

In the absence of formal requests from the Italian Government, A.M.G. were unable to give retroactive effect to the application in the North of Italy of earlier decrees providing for increases in salaries of Government employees which had already been put into effect in the South of Italy. Unrest was caused by public announcements in the press and in speeches by Italian Ministers to the effect that the application in the North would be made retroactive to the 1st May, 1945. A.C./A.M.G. sought authority from the Italian Treasury to make the consequent disbursement of Italian State funds, and while awaiting such authority A.M.G. was openly attacked in the Northern Press for obstructing a concession to State employees. A general strike of State and parastatal employees took place on 10th and 11th August, 1945, and was terminated by a direct message from the Italian Government that retroactive effect would be authorised.

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On 25th August, a general strike commenced in Sicily affecting the agricultural workers throughout the whole of the Island. The workers demanded the extension of a Decree of 19th October, 1944, to enable this autumn's crops to be divided between land owners and workers, and also for a revision of their individual tenancy agreements to provide them with 60 per cent. in profit. The land owners were unwilling to enter into negotiations and refused to participate in a conference which had been arranged by the Regional Labour Officer. The extensive unemployment and high cost of living on the Island will cause agitation

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4. A summary of reported incidents of industrial unrest is given in Appendix II.

D. COST OF FOOD

1. The monthly food expenditure in August, 1945, in Rome of a family of five persons on a standard food budget with a caloric value of 2,200 lire daily was 10,378, a slight increase on figures for the previous month. Preceding estimates of expenditure were: July 9,828; June 9,865; May 11,607; April 12,294; March 12,456; January 1945, 10,324; September 1943 2,392; September 1942, 1,146 lire.

2. Figures for Northern Districts in so far as they are available are:

	July	June	May	April
Torino	8,723	10,413	10,961	-
Modena	6,766	-	-	6,299
Padova	6,328	-	-	-
Parma	6,356	5,223	-	3,728
Piacenza	6,397	-	-	-
Trento	3,339	-	-	-
Treviso	7,620	-	-	-
Genova	10,515	12,068	-	-
Imperia	12,143	-	-	-
Savona	8,106	-	-	-
Rovigo	6,997	-	-	-
Verona	6,372	-	-	-
Vercelli	-	11,292	10,114	-
Milano	-	-	-	11,822
Mantova	-	-	-	5,548
Bolzano	-	6,268	-	-
Venezia	-	9,817	-	-
Vicenza	-	8,138	-	-
Bologna	-	7,962	-	13,820
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(3) to repeal the provisions enacted by the Fascist government modifying the law regarding contributions and benefits in the social insurance system;

(4) that decrees 117 of 1st March and 343 of 26th April which increased pensions of all old age pensioners and seriously injured workers should be implemented in the North.

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2. A draft decree, the publication of which is now pending, provides for an additional unemployment allowance of 30 lire per day, plus 5 lire for each dependant child.

Taking a sample case of a worker with two dependant children, the unemployment allowance will be as follows:

	Present Rate	Future Rate
Manual worker	8.60	49
Office worker	14,--	54

3. Advance Pension Payments in Northern Italy

Decrees D.L.L. 177 of 1st March, 1945, and D.L.L. 343 of 26th April, 1945, have been implemented by A.M.G. The time lag caused by the necessity for examining each claim before applying the increases provided in the law, would result in the pensioners not benefiting immediately, and to overcome this difficulty, General Order No. 37 authorising payment of a lump sum as anticipation has been implemented in Northern territories. This brings action in the North into line with the action taken last February to meet the position in Southern and Central Italy.

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The production of coal in the Sardinian coal field averaged 11,742 tons per week during the month of August, 1945, as compared with an average of 11,361 tons per week during the month of July, 1945. During the week ended 18th August, 1945, the mines were closed for two full days on account of the holidays to mark V.J. day.

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5. General Labour Position in Sardinia

The general unemployment position is still difficult, and in the Province of Sassari unemployment amongst bricklayers has become acute. The High Commissioner's office is studying the position to see whether any public works projects can be arranged to absorb the unemployed.

6. The question of establishing Provincial Labour Offices in Sardinia has been discussed. At present labour matters are handled by the Chamber of Labour who would not relinquish them very willingly. The Regional Council have, however,

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decided to clear up the matter with the new Italian Ministry of Labour before coming to a decision regarding the establishment of Provincial Labour Offices.

7. Labour Position in Bari Area

In the Province of Brindisi there are about 25,000 unemployed, and the number will be increased when workers now employed with the Allies are dismissed. In potenza Province there is considerable unemployment, and the Minister of Labour has assigned 224,900,000 lire for expenditure on public works. In Lecce there are 36,934 partially unemployed, including 35,932 women tobacco workers who will probably be re-employed when the season recommences; and some 4,400 totally unemployed.

8. There have been complaints that bands of unemployed are performing duties on farms without the owners' knowledge or consent, and that in many cases payment by threat is demanded. The possibility of allotting uncultivated ground to the unemployed to cultivate is being explored.

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The termination of hostilities in the Far East has resulted in the abandonment of the scheme for the recruitment of 15,000 Italian workers for employment by the British Admiralty in the Far East.

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5. Unemployment of young persons

The attention of the Italian Government has been drawn to the unemployment which exists among young people in the 17 to 21 year age group. The particular difficulties faced by these young people have been pointed out, and it has been suggested to the Italian Government that plans might be developed to extend vocational training to these young persons to fit them for useful work.

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The description, in last month's report, of the application of the Spinelli Wage Decrees, may have led to misunderstanding. The position is that General Order 41 ordered that the rates of wages to be effective should be those which were in fact in force on 30th April, 1945. The wage increases previously ordered by the Fascist Republican Government under the Spinelli Decrees, although not universally observed by employers must be recognised as legally in force on 3rd April and therefore form part of the wage structure to which effect was given by General Order 41. Legal opinion holds, however that any wage increases under the Spinelli Decrees are only enforceable as from the date of posting of General Order 41, and there is no authority for retroactive payment beyond such date of posting.

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is being paid anyhow. Difficulty is however likely to arise when employers claim higher rates of reimbursement from the "Cassa Integrazione".

The Regional Italian Joint Advisory Committee in the Region has reviewed 20 wage agreements during the month. Nineteen have been approved, some with certain reservations, and one rejected. Five other agreements were also approved by the Regional Commissioner without reference to the R.I.J.A.C.

Unemployment returns show an increase in unemployment in all Provinces except Turin, where a reduction of more than 2,000 is indicated. A slight increase in the number of surplus workers is apparent and latest returns (15/8/45) show the following. Registered unemployed 18,712; surplus workers (working less than 40 hours weekly) 178,696.

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fact it is anticipated that a rehousing program shortly to be started may require the importation of 1,500 workers from Trieste to supplement local labour resources.

2. Plans for providing employment are being formulated and include reactivation of quarries, cement works, lime kilns, the construction of large numbers of houses, public works program, a salvage scheme in Pola, and the allocation of additional ship repairing to the Trieste Yards.

3. To facilitate the revival of industry by relieving it of the financial burden of paying wages to surplus workers and at the same time to prevent distress among the unemployed, who are likely to increase considerably in number, a new unemployment benefit scheme, "Disoccupazione Dopoguerra", has been prepared. As from 1st September the daily unemployment benefits will be 80 lire for men, 60 lire for women, and 40 lire for juveniles, with an extra 10 lire for the first dependent and 5 lire for each of the second and third dependents. The conditions of eligibility for these benefits include the requirement that the worker shall have been resident in that part of Venezia Giulia now under AMG control for at least six months during the period 1st May 1943 to 1st May 1945. It is intended that the scheme shall be provisional and shall operate in the first instance until 30th November, 1945. Being specially designed to meet the present exceptional conditions resulting from the war, the scheme is complementary to, and not in substitution for, the normal unemployment benefits to which workers are entitled through compulsory unemployment insurance. The normal insurance scheme has been regularized by the decision to reinstate employee contributions as from 1st September, these having lapsed during the period prior to AMG occupation of the area.

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WAGES PAID IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN ITALY SHOWING INCREASE SINCE 1942

FIGURES SHOW GROSS DAILY WAGE RATES (IN LIRE) FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY ON BASIS OF FAMILY OF ADULT MALE WORKER AND THREE DEPENDANTS.

CITY & POPULATION OF PROVINCE	REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRIES	SEPT. 1942		NOV. 1944		MAY 1945		AUGUST 1945	
		SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED
AVEZZANO (PROVINCE OF AQUILA) 346,417 1944	BUILDING	35 --	-- 26	116 --	-- 100	342 --	-- 234	NO CHANGE	
ANCONA 385,386 (1936)	ENGINEERING	43 --	-- 29	138 --	-- 111	282 --	-- 224	NO CHANGE	
	CLOTHING	37 --	-- 22	124 --	-- 99	197 --	-- 132		
BARI 1,012,947 (1944)	BUILDING	36 --	-- 27	122 --	-- 106	233 --	-- 217	NO CHANGE	
	FOOD	33 --	-- 27	116 --	-- 106	217 --	-- 207		
BRINDISI 275,600 (1944)	BUILDING	37 --	-- 26	123 --	-- 104	224 --	-- 205	NO CHANGE	
CATANZARO 621,445 (1944)	BUILDING	43 --	-- 24	158 --	-- 102	210 --	-- 198	NO CHANGE	
LITTORIA 194,003 (1944)	BUILDING	41 --	-- 30	131 --	-- 113	280 --	-- 262	NO CHANGE	
	FOOD	36 --	-- 27	122 --	-- 106	271 --	-- 256		
NAPLES 2,223,509 (1944)	BUILDING	41 --	-- 28	134 --	-- 114	235 --	-- 215	NO CHANGE	
	ENGINEERING	34 --	-- 27	116 --	-- 112	219 --	-- 213		
	FOOD	33 --	-- 27	121 --	-- 111	254 --	-- 212		
PERUGIA 550,816 (1936)	BUILDING	36 --	-- 26	122 --	-- 105	198 --	-- 181	NO CHANGE	
	FOOD	35 --	-- 22	120 --	-- 98	196 --	-- 174		
ROME 1,629,926 (1936)	BUILDING	45 --	-- 36	140 --	-- 131	279 --	-- 252	NO CHANGE	
	PRINTING	45 --	-- 33	140 --	-- 113	292 --	-- 252		
	ENGINEERING	36		122					

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395.398 (1936)	CLOTHING	37 --	-- 22	124 --	-- 99	-- 197 --	224 -- 132	NO CHANGE
BARI 1.012.947 (1944)	BUILDING	36 --	-- 27	122 --	-- 106	235 --	-- 217	
	FOOD	33 --	-- 27	116 --	-- 106	217 --	-- 207	NO CHANGE
BRINDISI 274.607 (1944)	BUILDING	37 --	-- 26	123 --	-- 104	224 --	-- 205	NO CHANGE
CATANZARO 629.443 (1944)	BUILDING	43 --	-- 24	134 --	-- 102	210 --	-- 178	NO CHANGE
LITTORIA 194.803 (1944)	BUILDING	41 --	-- 30	131 --	-- 113	260 --	-- 262	
	FOOD	36 --	-- 27	122 --	-- 106	271 --	-- 256	NO CHANGE
NAPLES 2.229.509 (1944)	BUILDING	41 --	-- 28	134 --	-- 114	235 --	-- 215	
	ENGINEERING	31 --	-- 27	118 --	-- 112	219 --	-- 213	
	FOOD	33 --	-- 27	121 --	-- 111	222 --	-- 212	NO CHANGE
PERUGIA 530.816 (1936)	BUILDING	36 --	-- 26	122 --	-- 105	198 --	-- 181	
	FOOD	35 --	-- 22	120 --	-- 98	196 --	-- 174	NO CHANGE
ROME 1.622.926 (1944)	BUILDING	43 --	-- 38	140 --	-- 134	279 --	-- 252	
	PRINTING	43 --	-- 27	140 --	-- 113	282 --	-- 252	
	ENGINEERING	36 --	-- 31	127 --	-- 120	266 --	-- 259	NO CHANGE
TARANTO 506.729 (1941)	ENGINEERING	35 --	-- 28	116 --	-- 109	227 --	-- 220	
	FOOD	36 --	-- 25	121 --	-- 104	232 --	-- 215	NO CHANGE
TERNI 204.600 (1936)	BUILDING	38 --	-- 28	126 --	-- 110	237 --	-- 221	
	ENGINEERING	36 --	-- 28	120 --	-- 110	231 --	-- 221	NO CHANGE

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CITY & POPULATION OF PROVINCE	REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRIES	SEPT 1942		NOV 1944		MAY 1945		AUGUST 1945	
		SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED	SKILLED	UNSKILLED
MILANO 2.371.953 (1936)	ENGINEERING	37.18	31.90	104	94	104	94	234	224
	BUILDING	40.14	34.30	104	94	104	94	234	224
VARESE 430.009 (1936)	ENGINEERING	38.62	29.66	104	94	104	94	226	216
	BUILDING	40.14	26.48	104	94	104	94	226	216
TORINO 1.268.009 (1936)	ENGINEERING	37.74	32.22	104	94	104	94	222	212
	BUILDING	43.66	35.56	104	94	104	94	204	212
ALESSANDRIA 406.294	ENGINEERING	31.66	28.38	104	94	104	94	204	194
	BUILDING	42.50	28.94	104	94	104	94	204	194
VENEZIA 676.599 (1936)	ENGINEERING	31.50	27.90	104	94	104	94	234	224
	BUILDING	40.46	33.98	104	94	104	94	234	224
VERONA 401.511 (1936)	ENGINEERING	35.36	27.50	101	91	101	91	216	206
	BUILDING	35.42	28.54			101	91	216	206
GENOVA 912.771 (1936)	ENGINEERING	36.62	31.59	104	94	104	94	204	194
	BUILDING	41.10	34.62			104	94	204	194
LA SPEZIA 235.810	ENGINEERING	36.36	28.88	104	94	104	94	204	194
	BUILDING	37.18	28.70			101	94	204	194
BOLOGNA 714.705 (1936)	ENGINEERING	33.98	29.66	104	94	104	94	234	224
	BUILDING	39.30	33.66	104	94	104	94	234	224
PIACENZA 294.705 (1936)	ENGINEERING	35.34	29.82	101	91	~~101~~	~~91~~	261 *	251 *
	BUILDING	36.06	30.94	101	91	~~101~~	~~91~~	261 *	251 *

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(1936)		--	26.46		94	--	94	--		218
TORINO	ENGINEERING	37.74	-- 32.22	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	222 --	-- 212	
1.268.009 (1936)	BUILDING	41.66	-- 33.58	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 212	
ALESSANDRIA	ENGINEERING	31.66	-- 29.38	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
486.254	BUILDING	37.10	-- 28.94	109 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
VENEZIA	ENGINEERING	31.50	-- 27.90	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	234 --	-- 224	
676.597 (1936)	BUILDING	40.46	-- 33.38	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	234 --	-- 224	
VERONA	ENGINEERING	31.26	-- 27.50	101 --	-- 91	101 --	-- 91	216 --	-- 206	
601.511 (1936)	BUILDING	35.42	-- 30.54			101 --	-- 91	216 --	-- 206	
GENOVA	ENGINEERING	36.62	-- 31.79	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
912.771 (1936)	BUILDING	41.10	-- 34.62			104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
LA SPEZIA	ENGINEERING	36.06	-- 32.88	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
235.810	BUILDING	37.10	-- 28.78			101 --	-- 94	204 --	-- 194	
BOLOGNA	ENGINEERING	35.98	-- 29.56	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	234 --	-- 224	
714.203 (1936)	BUILDING	39.58	-- 33.66	104 --	-- 94	104 --	-- 94	234 --	-- 224	
PIACENZA	ENGINEERING	33.34	-- 29.82	101 --	-- 91	~~101~~ --	-- ~~91~~	281 * --	-- 271 *	
284.795 (1936)	BUILDING	36.06	-- 28.94	101 --	-- 91	~~101~~ --	-- ~~91~~	281 * --	-- 271 *	

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FIGURES INCLUDE BASIC WAGE PLUS ALL BONUSES, INDEMNITIES, ETC.

@ - CITY AND PROVINCE ARE OF SAME NAME UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

* - THE INCREASE GRANTED IN THIS PROVINCE IS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE MILAN AGREEMENT.

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N	DATE REPORTED [illegible]	PLACE	INDUSTRY or GROUP	PARTIES CONCERNED	REASONS OR CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK: THREATENED FOR	STOPPAGE OF WORK: [illegible]
	8.8.45	PALERMO (Sicily)	PUBLIC UTILITIES (Sweepers)	COMUNE OF PALERMO	Non payment of bonus for clothing	-	[illegible]
	9.8.45	ROME (Lazio)	PUBLIC UTILITIES (Firemen permanent workers)	COMUNE OF ROME	Requests for: 1) A special bonus 2) Clothing, Shoes and Transportation of Food at reduced prices.		Next few days
	9.8.45	ROME (Lazio)	PUBLIC UTILITIES (Taxi-Drivers)	COMUNE OF ROME	Request for enforcement of new schedule agreed on June 1945		
	10.8.45	ROME (Lazio)	TEACHERS (Secondary Schools)	ITALIAN GOVERNMENT	Request for: 1) Increase of examination indemnity which is now 50 lire per day		
	11.8.45	NORTHERN ITALY	STATE ADMINISTRATION (State and parastatal employees)		REQUEST FOR RETROACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECREE 116 OF 13.3.45 granting a further increase of Salary to state employees to 1/5/45		

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CONCERNED	REASONS OR CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK			REMARKS
		THREATENED FOR	STARTED	ENDED	
S OF MD	Non payment of bonus for clothing	-	6.8.45	-	
OF	Requests for: 1) A special bonus 2) Clothing, Shoes and Transportation of Food at reduced prices.	Next few days	-	-	
OF	Request for enforcement of new schedule agreed on June 1945	-	7.8.45	8.8.45	
M MENT	Request for: 1) Increase of examination indemnity which is now 50 lire per day				Teachers have advised the Ministry of education of their claim.
	REQUEST FOR RETROACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECREE 116 OF 11.3.45 granting a further increase of salary to state employees to 1/3/45		10.8.45	11.8.45	Demands granted

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						THREATENED FOR	STARTED
	15.8.45	ROME (Lazio)	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (1,500 employees of Rome communal	COMUNE OF ROME	Request for: 1) Reconstruction bonus 2) Special bonus for heavy work 3) Distribution of clothing to personnel entitled to receive it 4) Increase of over-time pay 5) Increase of wages to meet high cost of living		
	15.8.45	FIUMICINO (Rome Lazio)	GENERAL POPULATION of FIUMICINO	COMUNE OF ROME	Lack of transportation to Rome	16.8.45	
	19.8.45	PALERMO (Sicily)	TRANSPORT POPULATION of PALERMO	COMUNE OF PALERMO	Claim against unjustified dismissal of workers by the I.N.T.	-	16.8.45
	21.8.45	ROME (Lazio)	PASTA MAKING	WORKERS OF "PASTIFICIO FANTANELLA"	Complaint against the unjustified dismissal of workers.	-	21.8.45

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	REASONS OR CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK			REMARKS
		THREATENED FOR	STARTED	ENDED	
	Request for: 1) Reconstruction bonus 2) Special bonus for heavy work 3) Distribution of clothing to personnel entitled to receive it 4) Increase of over-time pay 5) Increase of wages to meet high cost of living				After 5 days discussion the dispute was settled by an agreement granting to workers the Reconstruction bonus, distribution of clothing, the special bonus for heavy work and an increase in over-time pay by the payment of an assiduity bonus. Assurance has also been given for equal treatment between employees of commune and state employees of the same group.
	Lack of transportation to Rome	10.8.45		10.8.45	The general unrest was been settled when the commune of Rome provided for daily transportation to Rome by means 2 cars.
	Claim against unjustified dismissal of workers by the I.N.T.	-	18.8.45		Workers of I.N.T. Palermo threaten that the strike will go on till the local authorities give assurance that workers will have continuity of work guaranteed.
	Complaint against the unjustified dismissal of workers.	-	21.8.45	22.8.45	The strike ceased when the "Camera del Lavoro" arranged a special commission of employees and employers to decide the dismissal.

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N	DATE REPORTED & SOURCE	PLACE	INDUSTRY or GROUP	PARTIES CONCERNED	REASONS OR CLAIMS	STOPPAGES THREATENED FOR
	25.8.45 ROME NEWSPAPER "VOCE REPUBBLICANA"	ROME (Lazio)	RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS WORKERS.	Comune of Rome Railways and Tramways Workers.	Request for: 1) Easier staff work 2) Improvement of the canteen 3) Distribution of clothing 4) Increase of wage to meet high cost of living 5) Quick epuration of fascist personnel.	-
	23.8.45 ROME NEWSPAPER "VOCE REPUBBLICANA"	ROME	PACE CINEMA WORKERS'	1. Camera del Lavoro 2. Pace Cinema Owners	Complaint against the delay in payment of liberation bonus.	23.8.45
	24.8.45 ROME NEWSPAPER "AVANTI"	ROME	HOSPITALS	1. Hospital Workers 2. Hospital "S.Maria della Pietà"	Request for hours reduced from 24 hours day to eight.	Sept.1st
	20.8.45 ROME NEWSPAPER "L'UNITA'"	CALTANISSETTA (Sicily)	AGRICULTURE	1. Agricultural Workers 2. Land Owners.	Request for the implementation of the Minister Gullo Decree providing for the new "patti colonici" on the basis of more advantageous sharing of farm products between landowners and agricultural workers.	

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PARTIES CONCERNED	REASONS OR CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK			REMARKS
		THREATENED FOR	STARTED	ENDED	
Commune of Rome Railways and Tramways Workers.	Request for: 1) Easier staff work 2) Improvement of the canteen 3) Distribution of clothing 4) Increase of wage to meet high cost of living 5) Quick epuration of fascist personnel.	-	-	-	
1. Camera del Lavori 2. Race Course Owners	Complaint against the delay in payment of liberation bonus.	23.8.45			
1. Hospital Workers 2. Hospital "S.Maria della Pietà"	Request for hours reduced from 24 hours day to eight.	Sept.1st			
1. Agricultural Workers 2. Land Owners.	Request for the implementation of the Ministerial Gullo Decree providing for the new "patti colonici" on the basis of more advantageous sharing of farm products between land-owners and agricultural Workers.		23.8.45	•	The Prefect notified the labourers that land owners do not intend to review the "patti colonici" according to the Gullo Decree. The labourers went to the city and compelled some shops to close. Agitation ceased only when police was called to disperse the strikers. Negotiations proceeding

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N	DATE REPORTED & SOURCE	PLACE	INDUSTRY or GROUP	PARTIES CONCERNED	REASONS OF CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK: THREATENED FOR	STARTED
	25.8.45 Rome Newspaper "IL LAVORO"	NAPLES	COTTON MANUFACTURE	1. Textile workers Federation 2. "Commercio Meridionale di Napoli".	Complaint that longer quantities of raw materials have been distributed to the cotton industry in Northern Italy.		
	26.8.45 Rome Newspaper "IL LAVORO"	ROME	BUILDING TRADES	1. Building Workers 2. Provincial builders	Complaint about the delay in payment of liberation bonus.		Sept.1st
	29.8.45 Rome Newspaper "IL LAVORO"	ROME	TAX COLLECTORS	1. Tax collecting workers 2. "Monte dei Paschi di Siena"	Request for the improvement of conditions.		
	30.8.45 Rome Newspaper "Voce Repubblicana"	ROME	ADVERTISING (Affecting bill posters only)	1. Advertising Workers 2. Azienda Affisioni 3. Commune of Rome	Complaint regarding the intention of the Commune of Rome to decrease pay instead of granting an increase		29.8
	28.8.45 Rome Newspaper "Voce repubblicana".	ROME	Postal and Telegraph Workers	1. Post & Telegraph Workers provincial trade Union 2. Ministry of Communications	Request for a special bonus as an advance pending final re-adjustment of wages and salaries.		7.9.45

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CONCERNED	REASONS OF CLAIMS	DATE OF WORK			REMARKS
		THREATENED TO	STARTED	ENDED	
workers tion ria Meridio- Napoli".	Complaint that larger quantities of raw materials have been distributed to the cotton industry in Northern Italy.				The textile workers federation asked to be consulted before planning the distribution of cotton to industry.
ng workers ial builders	Complaint about the delay in payment of liberation bonus.	Sept.1st			Many demonstrations & meetings were held in order to obtain the payment of liberation bonus to all building workers according to the agreement reached on [illegible].45 between the provincial "Camera del Lavoro" and the Provincial association of industrialists.
lleating " Del Fascni enna".	Request for the improvement of conditions.				After one month of discussions workers have now requested the payment of one month's salary pending the final statement of a new contract between Ministry of Finance and the "Monte dei Maschi di Siena".
tining ns th Affis- ne of Rome	Complaint regarding the intention of the Commune of Rome to decrease pay instead of granting an increase		29.8.45		Actual maximum total wages earned by advertising workers is now 210 lire per day.
& Telegraph rs provin- rade Union try of Com- ations	Request for a special bonus as an advance pending final re-adjustment of wages and salaries.	7.9.45			

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	28.8.45 Rome Newspaper "IL LAVORO"	ROME	Printing Trades	1. Printing and book Workers federation 2. "Poligrafico dello Stato" & Private Industry	Request for an increase of wages to meet high cost of living.	
	29.8.45 Rome Newspaper "IL LAVORO"	ROME	Commerce	1. Provincial Labors del Lavoro 2. Provincial Association of Traders.	Request for the payment of liberation bonus as accorded for industrial workers 1.9.45	

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...S CONCERNED	REASONS OF CLAIMS	STOPPAGE OF WORK			REMARKS
		THREATENED FOR	STARTED	ENDED	
...ro and book ... federation	Request for an increase of wages to meet high cost of living.		27.8.45 for over time work only.		
...rafico dello ... & Private ...ry					
...cial Camera ...ce: ...cial Assoc ... of Traders.	Request for the payment of liberation bonus as accorded for industrial workers 1.9.45				The traders association was asked to decide about the payment of liberation bonus and has not yet given a reply.

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Subject: Press Release on AC Accomplishments.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
INF/107
25 Sept 45.

To : Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission.

In reply to your request 9258/IIO/30 undated.

The following statement gives the situation regarding the Italian Army from the 1st May 45 to 30 Sept 45 :-

1. On the German surrender the Italian Army had four Div--isions (Combat Groups) in action, one in reserve and one forming a Reinforcement Unit at the Base. The War Ministry with its various Administrative HQs was functioning for Liberated Italy and administering some 240,000 Administrative, Labour and transport troops working for the Allies in forward and rear areas. This factor included the valuable Mule Transport companies, without which it would have been difficult to maintain both the Allied and Italian Divisions in the mountainous parts of the Front Line.

2. As soon as the fighting ended our main purpose was to adapt the Italian Army to its probable future needs and to reorg--ise HQs and units in such a way that they would be of the greatest possible assistance in future commitments. This involved a reduct--ion in numbers which has been, and is still being effective for demobilising the older men of between 26 and 31 years of age, many of whom have been under arms and away from their homes for 5 or 7 years. The number of units employed on labour, transport and communications behind the lines, in support of the Allied Armies, was cut done to the minimum necessary for future requirements, and reorganised so as to suit equipment available.

3. All those Italian Army P.W. who had been previously employed as Service Units or Co-operators by the Allies were return--ed to the Italian Army on the 1st July and incorporated into such units as were required.

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4. To assist demobilisation and efficiency of the Army,
certain volunteers were enlisted, including those from the Patriots
Organisation in the North, and those also were incorporated into
Combat or Service Units. The officer situation has been under
constant review so as to ensure fair treatment and the retention
of the efficient and permanent officers for the future Army.

5. Used material such as transport, clothing and equipment
of all sorts has been collected, an inventory made, and concentrated
into depots for further use.

6. Services no longer required, including Postal and Comm-
-unication Units, have been disbanded.

7. Accommodation and property which rightly belong to the

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Ministry of War is being registered and gradually returned for use of the Italian Army as and when it can be released by the Allies. Supplies are gradually being made the responsibility of the Italian Army authorities, particularly as regards account-ing and distribution.

8. At present the Italian Army is employed on garrison duties, POW guards, protection of captured and recovered material, in the assistance of redeployment of Allied Forces and on frontier duties.

9. The Ministry of War and the General Staff (themselves reorganised) are more and more taking over the detail administrat-ion of their own forces. Italy has been divided into eleven Territorial Regions, each sub-division into a certain number of districts, by means of which the enlistment, documentation, cloth-ing, equipment and general administration of the future Italian Army will be effective.

10. In conclusion, the last 5 months have been taken up in gradually transforming the Italian Army from a force working solely for the Allies in the prosecution of the war effort, to a force working for Italy in the rehabilitation and security of their own country. Further progress in this direction is depending on the eagerly awaited terms of the Peace Treaty between the United Nations and Italy.

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Major General,
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(L. M. I. A.)

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

Report No 21 - Activities during the month of August, 1945.

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

1. MAIN LOCATIONS

MAIN H.Q. - ROME 7457.

Outstations: Naples, Bari, Milan Genoa, Turin, Florence, Bologna, Lt-Col ALLEN in Cagliari, SARDINIA; Major LONG in Palermo, SICILY. Also MMLA LOs with 13 Corps, HQ 3 District, 54 Area.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH.

The Italian Army strength at approximately the end of the month was as follows:-

		War Establishment strength		Effective strength	
US-ITT	Officers	903		1406	
	ORs/EM	82517		29442	
	Total	85500		30935	6154
BR-ITT	Officers	5824		8556	
	ORs/EM	182176		186435	
	Total	188000	*	194991	+
ITT-ITT	Officers	8927		8350	
	ORs/EM	115073		103629	
	Total	124000	x	111979	
GRAND TOTAL		397500	* x	337905	

+ Personnel on the strength of BR-ITT units in the process of disbandment up to the end of August amount to:-

Officers	865
ORs/EM	31658
Total	32523

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		War Establishment strength		Effective strength	
US-ITI	Officers	983		1486	
	ORs/EM	82517		29449	
	Total	83500		30935	f15
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	ORs/EM	182176		186455	
	Total	188000	*	194851	+
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	ORs/EM	115073		103629	
	Total	124000	x	111979	
GRAND TOTAL		395500	* x	337865	

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3. COMBAT GROUPS.

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H.Q. "LEGNANO" Group at BERGAMO with two regts at BERGAMO and one at SONDRIO.

H.Q. "CREMONA" Group at ALESSANDRIA with regts at VOGHERA, PALLANZA and ACQUI.

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Major-General WARD and Brigadier General KESSEL of A.F.H.Q. also inspected the R.T.C. during the month.

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8. DISBANDMENT OF US-ITI and BR-ITI UNITS.

(a) The disbandment of US-ITI units continued throughout the month. The employing US formations had by the end of the month reduced the strength of Italian personnel to approximately the following:-

P.W.S. - 15,000

5 Army - 880

AAFSC/AMG - 5,000

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10. REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

It has been decided not to apply for repatriation of any further personnel for immediate employment in the Italian Army. This question is therefore handled entirely by IPW Sub-Commission.

11. ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS.

(a) MTOUSA stated that there will be no charge to the Italian Government for mules returned from Pack Coys of the Fifth Army.

(b) AFHQ were informed that the future Italian Army requirements are 1100 horses for the Carabinieri and 2500 mules for Animal Pack Tpt Groups.

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12. POSTAL SERVICES.

The Italian War Ministry has informed all Italian HQs concerned that official correspondence of an urgent nature may be sent by air to Territorial HQ Milan, Turin, and Bologna, and laying down the procedure to be adopted.

13. CLOTHING.

(a) The reorganisation of the Repair Programme to include Northern Italy was discussed on 2 Aug. The Central Repair HQ will be located in Florence or Bologna.

(b) AFHQ was informed on 4 Aug that no further issues of clothing or boots should be made from British Ordnance for SR-III Service Troops unless specifically asked for. No demands are expected to be necessary during 1945, with the exception of winter underwear.

(c) I.C.E. has made available an additional 5,000 sets of Battle Dress at Naples, dyed brown instead of black. I.C.E. however, is demanding a cash payment on delivery of 280 lire per garment.

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15. SUPPLIES.

(a) The final arrangements for the opening on 6 Aug of 101-III Distribution Depots in North Eastern Italy were checked by AMMA, as also the preparations for the opening of further depots in the North East on 21 Aug.

Bulk and Distribution Depots were inspected at GENOA and Italian provided items were arriving slowly from Livorno. The lack of supervision and organisation of the two Pls of 3 CT Coy was deplorable and many hours were wasted as no senior officer from the Coy was present to iron out domestic difficulties. Although data sent has practically now ceased, they were only averaging 18 vehicles per Pl available each day and lower in the number of men. Indeed that they has dropped below this figure.

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ANCONA Depot will commence to issue on 1 Sept as 61 Sub Area were unable to release premises to the Distribution Depot until 20 Aug.

(b) Application has been made and granted for the formation of a forage increment to each Terr. Command and to be attached to the most suitable depot within the Comd. Ministry of War will demand through MMIA for such quantities of forage as they are unable to obtain locally and this will be supplied from Allied sources for approximately 3 months, after which period Ministry of War will be expected to provide all their own forage requirements.

(c) Distribution Depots at CASERTA, NOLA and BARLETTA have been closed.

(d) Owing to considerable loss of Allied items under Italian control, the Ministry of War have been directed that it will be necessary for them to decrease all ITI-ITI rations by ten per cent during the month of Sept.

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(a) The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff to transfer tyres and tubes from British and US Theatre stocks to the Italian Army has not received favourable consideration. Italian Army requirements will not be mingled with requirements for the Italian civilian economy. Material furnished to meet civilian needs for manufacture or repair of tyres and tubes must not be used by the Italian Army. The source of supply for the Italian Army will be indicated when decisions are reached on the responsibility for the supply of the Italian Army.

(b) On 29 Aug Commerce Sub Commission were requested by MMIA that some assistance be forthcoming from stocks of tyres under A.C. control, taken over for Northern Italy, pending provision from Allied sources, because the situation as regards tyres for the Italian Army is critical.

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19. SURPLUS SPARE PARTS.

The Italian War Ministry was informed on 21 Aug that the disposal of spare parts surplus to the requirements of the Italian Army can now be effected by them provided the required AMGOT approval is obtained.

20. P.O.L.

Allied H.Q. were informed on 4 Aug that all work tickets of vehicles belonging to US-ITI and BR-ITI units must be endorsed "Entitled to draw P.O.L. from Allied Military Sources" and signed by the Allied officer responsible or the unit sponsoring the journey. Failure to do this will result in vehicles being unable to obtain P.O.L. as Allied funs or individuals not directly concerned with the operation of the units involved will not be in a position to make the necessary endorsement.

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As the Sunday train service between ROME and CESANO, and its dependent camps at MONTANA and BRACCIANO continues to operate successfully, it is felt that good facilities have been provided between ROME and these training camps.

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25. SHIPMENT OF PERSONNEL TO AND FROM SARDINIA.

(a) In addition to the 190 places allotted to MMIA for each trip of ARNAZIA and CAMPIDOGLIO, a destroyer has been made available for approx 5 round trips in the month, between NAPLES and CAGLIARI. This arrangement has been made between FOIL and Mov LO MMIA. Close liaison is kept between MMIA, Tn Sub Commission, and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission of Allied Commission, and a weekly conference is held at which the SARDINIA Shipping Service is brought under review. MMIA LO NAPLES obtains all details of sailing dates direct from Italian Naval Liaison Officer, Navy House, NAPLES.

(b) SHIPMENT OF STORES TO AND FROM SARDINIA.

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(c) One case of small-pox occured among the Italian Military. The soldier was a repatriate from Germany.

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Executive Commissioner, A.C. - 40.
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APPENDIX 'A'

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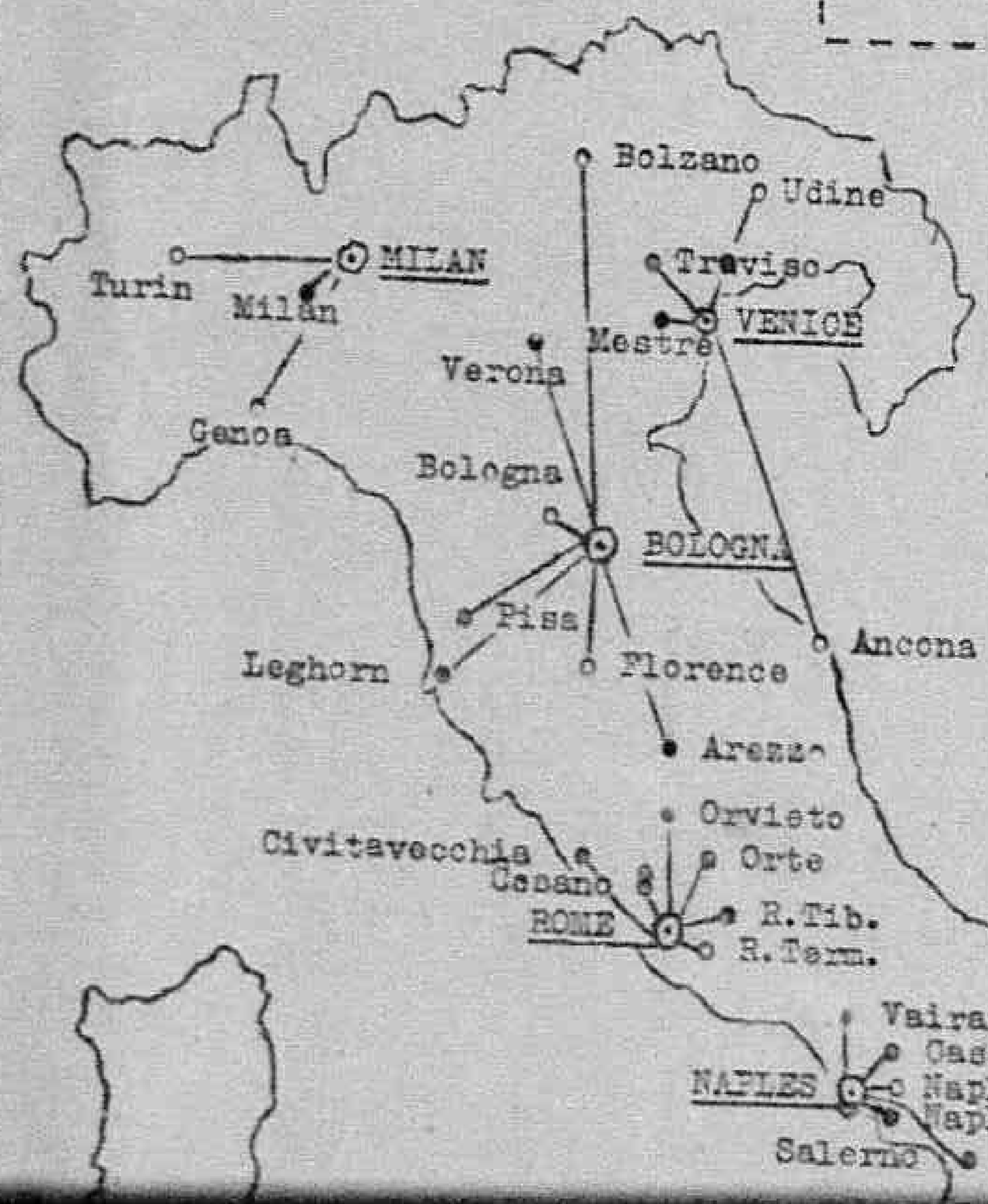

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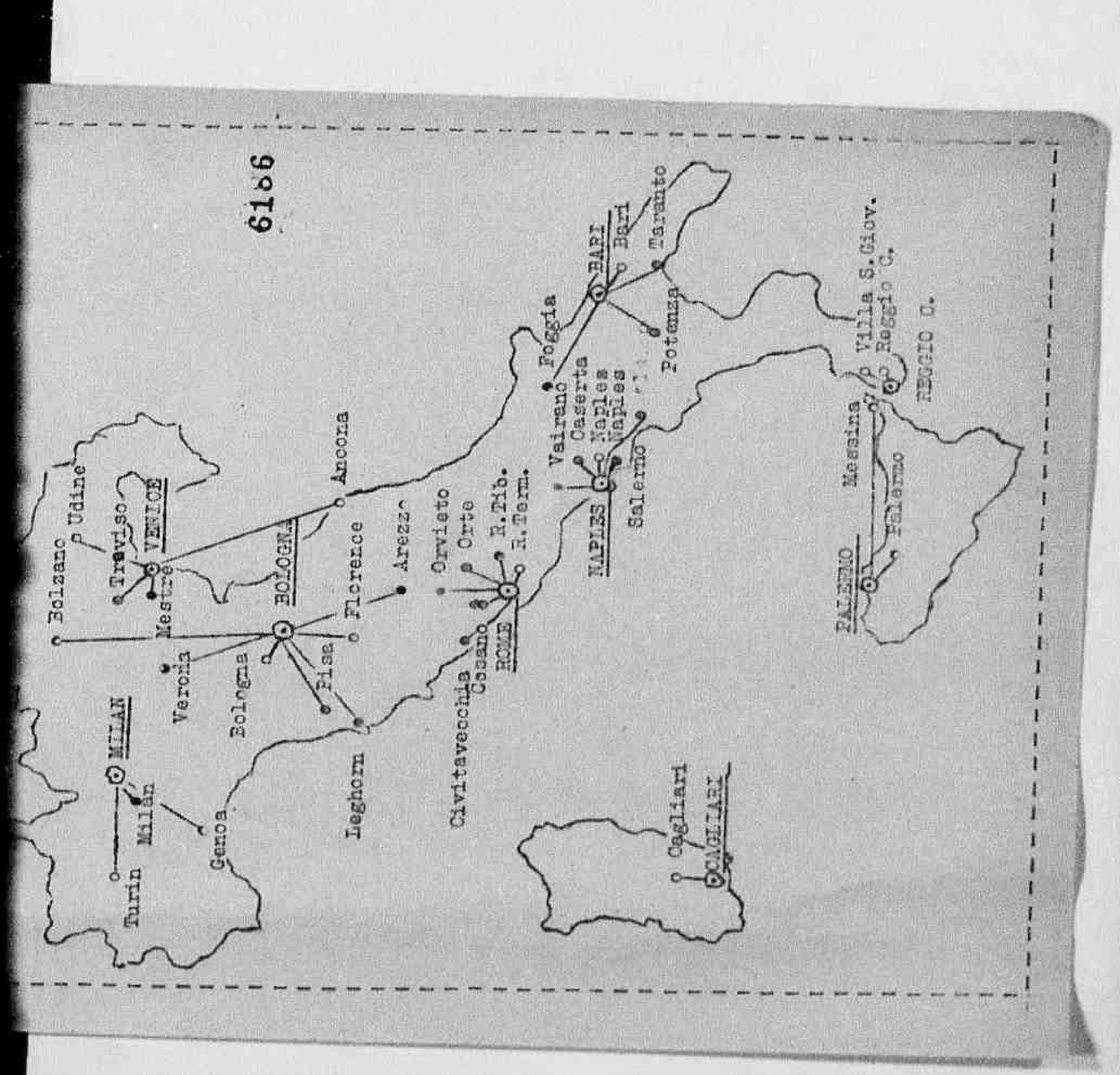

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The Italian Ministry of War upon the recommendation of MMIA have prepared a study, which it is proposed will be enacted into law, for a more careful selection, promotion, removal and training of Italian officers. This is in conformity with the spirit of reducing the number but increasing the quality of all Italian Military personnel particularly officers and non-commissioned officers.

4. RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY.

The Italian Ministry of War has been informed that Recovering Commissions are to work under the direction of MMIA LOs who are in a position to secure from the appropriate Allied Command the authority necessary to recover possession of Italian Army property wherever located.

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Air Forces Sub-Commission
Public Relations Branch

Routine weekly sitreps will not be submitted in future, but matters of special interest or importance will be reported to this office as and when they occur.

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for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Report No 20 - Activities during the month of JULY 1945.

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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

Outstations Naples, Bari. Rear 5 Army, 5 Army (Br Incr)
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5 Area, HQ 1 District, HQ 2 District, HQ 3 District,
5C BIU and 1C Italy.

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(c) Italian Intelligence Units.

Since 22 March total reduction of some 1,037 have been made in these units. During the month the Italian Intelligence Liaison Unit with EIGHTH Army was reduced to 216 all ranks. Orders were issued for the disbandment of the Duratti Sec I.A.I. and the reduction of the Coastal Section (inc 135 Special Wireless Coy I.A.I. by one half w.e.f. 2 Aug 45.

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809 Italian Increment to 1 Special Force was disbanded w.e.f. 15 July with the exception of a rear party of 30 ORs which will be disbanded w.e.f. 31 Aug 45.
Recommendations have been made to AFHQ for the disbandment of 862 Italian Intelligence Liaison Unit now under command 13 Corps, formed for Civil Liaison work with EIGHTH Army.
In view of the lifting of the censorship of Italian Press and Radio the Pool of Military Censors (60 all ranks) will be disbanded w.e.f. 10 Aug 45.

(d) Control of Movement.

Revised instructions on Control of Movement for Army personnel on duty, leave and demobilisation were issued to the War Ministry on 7 July. Travel is now unrestricted for all Italy with exception of the Prohibited Frontier Zone and the area East of the MORGAN Line.

III. CEILINGS AND CATEGORIES.

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Owing to the extremely low morale of these men it was decided not to send any more to depots but to post direct to units, if necessary bringing units to 20% above strength.

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(c) Transfer of US-ITI's from 5 Army and PBS.

(a) The transfer of US-ITI's from 5 Army was speeded up towards the end of the month with the result that all Adm Divs in N. Italy have now more than enough personnel at their disposal. The present situation of 210 Div is:-

Already transferred to BR-ITI Formations	15,000
Alloted and awaiting movement	2,000
Not yet released	2,000

(b) Surplus personnel in 212 Div have been used mainly to replace men demobilised within the Div and make up ITI-ITI Guard Battalions under command PBS (incl MMIA 1202 of 31 July). 4,600 have been transferred to BR-ITI category.

(d) Disposal of personnel from Disbanded Units.

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(b) It is planned to send to CESANO for training any men of 1920 class and younger classes who are surplus to formations' immediate requirements (see para (d) above).

(g) Policy towards men of Italian Fascist Republican Army.

The existing confusion in policy has been represented by the Ministry of War. His views have been passes on to the Legal Sub Commission, A.C. who in agreement with MMIA have written to AFHQ asking for the matter to be cleared up.

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IV. "Q" Services.

1. Disposal of Italian Army Animals.

With the disbandment of US-ITI Pack Tpt Coys 5 Army handed over all animals and equipment to PRS at SAN MARINO for disposal. 2,512 animals went to the British while the remainder were handed over to the Italian Army and Agricultural Sub Commission for disposal.

2. Postal Services.

The new postal services for the Italian Army now operate without the assistance of British Postal Services. 15 vehicles have been loaned temporarily for this service and civilian channels are used wherever possible. In view of the decision to discontinue Military censorship for Italian Army mail, except in a few frontier zones, postal services are now working more smoothly and speedily.

3. Clothing.

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(b) On 30 July issue of dehydrated vegetables by British and U.S. for Italian Military was suspended.

5. Supplies.

(a) MMIA representatives visited the North to ensure that there was no difficulties in carrying out the formation of Italian Bulk and Distribution Depots and to liaise with LOs and S & T officers on the spot re transfer of rations from Allied Depots.

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Supplies (contd)

Arrangements were made for forty-five days of Italian provided items for a strength of 50,000 to be based on GENOA and sent to LEGHORN for onward transmission by road to avoid delay of railing via BOLOGNA, VERONA and MILAN. In future, however, items will be railed to Food Distribution Depots direct where possible. Arrangements made with 2 District and D.S.T., AFHQ to release 30 days' Allied items between 17 July and 10 August. Italian Depots will be ready in this sector to operate on 6 August which is the beginning of the first fifteen day period.

Bulk and Distribution Depots have been found at LEGHORN and will be maintained by P.B.S. with Allied rations. It appears practically certain that BOLOGNA and LEGHORN Food Distribution Depots will commence to function on Aug 6.

(b) More difficulty was being experienced in finding depots in 1 District area. All distribution depots were eventually found or promised but the Eastern Bulk Depot was not finalised owing to the freezing of all accommodation in VENICE area. It has therefore been impossible to commence delivery of supplies as soon as was expected. Authority for the release of premises previously used by 44 P.S.D. at VENICE was eventually received on 28 July from AFHQ. Arrangements have been made with AFHQ to assist by handing over 15 days Italian items and to release 30 days Allied items immediately. All depots will therefore be operating on 21 Aug. It has been found necessary to open Food Distribution Depots at ANCONA and FORLI which will be independent of VENICE Bulk Depot and maintained by AFHQ from ANCONA. Italian items can be despatched from the South or purchased locally under War Ministry arrangements.

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(b) Some 340 Army vehicles were released to the Italian Army by 1 District on 18 July. Arrangements were made for their collection by Italian Territorial Commands. Priority of issue was given to the Northern Commands as their Tpt Coys are entirely dependent on recovered vehicles to fill their Tpt WE/TO's.

(c) War Ministry and all MMIA L.Os given disposal instructions for captured German vehicles. Vehicles of Italian Army origin, will be returned to the War Ministry through MMIA.

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8. Maintenance.

(a) War Ministry were instructed to issue immediate orders to all Commands to ensure an improvement in maintenance. Large numbers of vehicles are not efficient owing to instructions on maintenance not being carried out, in spite of extensive assistance given by Allied officers.

(b) The standard of vehicle maintenance in the "Gruppi" was found to be very low. As a result AFHQ ordered Districts concerned to withdraw a proportion of vehicles, arty equipment, of all Groups into vehicle and gun parks. Those vehicles may be re-issued if a satisfactory standard of maintenance is reached.

9. Unauthorised circulation.

G.O.C., MMIA informed the War Minister on 30 July that numerous Italian Army vehicles were circulating south of the R. ARNO without windscreen labels, contrary to instructions. It was explained that, unless positive action was taken to correct the state of affairs without delay Allied assistance would be severely prejudiced, if not withdrawn.

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On 29 July the release to MMIA from AFHQ and AC of captured stocks of Italian tyres was authorised. AFHQ was requested to approve the immediate issue of 25% of tyres now under AC control to the Italian Army and make available a proportion of repair facilities, now under AC control, to the War Ministry.

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Shipping	1,904.

2. Train for Day Pass Personnel CESANO DI ROMA to ROME and Return.

A special train with seating capacity for 700 for day pass personnel at CESANO Camp commenced to operate on Sundays from 15 July.
It has now been decided to start the train at MANZIANO, with stops at BRACCIANO and CESANO; this will widen the scope of the facility.

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3. (a) Shipment to Sardinia

All short term Maintenance traffic for SARDINIA will now be made on the Italian vessels ARBAZIA and CAMPODOGLIO, under arrangements made by this Headquarters and Transportation Sub Commission of AC.

(b) Shipment of personnel to and from Sardinia

The SS 'Garibaldi has completed 3 round trips NAPLES-SARDINIA during the month, conveying all demobilised and discharged personnel, sick personnel, emergency leave, and liberation leave personnel, civilian refugees, in that order.

A meeting was held during the month between Displaced Persons Sub Comm. AC., Transportation Sub Comm. AC., I.P.W. Sub Comm. AC., and MMIA, in order to prevent the recurrence of an instance where a recent bid was passed through two Sub Commissions. It was decided that all bids for Movements of personnel from Naples to the Island should be submitted through I.P.W. Sub Commission, who will be responsible for seeing that no duplications occur.

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In response to the request from Transportation Sub Comm. pointing out the urgent need of Rail Tank cars for civilian use, it has been decided after consultation with S&T Branch of MMIA to restrict the use of Cistern cars to 40 per week. These will have a tonnage capacity of 500 in all.

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2. Review of Italian Base Medical installations resulted in disbanding of 10 Territorial Hospitals.
So far, 15 Base Medical installations have been disbanded this month. Personnel from these units are being used in formation of other medical units.

3. Malariologist (Italian officer) appointed to P.B.S. to supervise anti-malarial work.

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VI MEDICAL (cont'd)

4. One case of small pox among Italian military occured during July. This soldier was a repatriate from Germany.

5. All Italian patients in British hospitals who held co-operator status prior to 1 July 45 and who are now Italian Army personnel are being transferred to Italian military hospitals.

6. Notification has been made that all ex-Partisan wounded and sick are to be evacuated from Italian military hospitals to civil establishments.

7. Combat tail units which were due for disbandment are being used for other formations, ambulance trains, medical centres for repatriates etc.

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TO: ADJUTANT GENERAL A.C. (2)

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As from 1 July Italian Co-operator-prisoners of war working for the Allies became members of the Italian Army. This change of status involved the transfer of ex-cooperators to the UE-ITI and RE-ITI Categories and the physical movement of considerable numbers of men. It took some time for the Italian Administrative Divs concerned to trace the widely scattered detachments of ex-cooperators and take over their administration, but by the end of the month most of this work had been completed. By 25 July 170 officers and 11,157 ORs had physically passed over to the Administration of the RE-ITI Admin Divs.

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5. INTELLIGENCE UNITS.

The disbandment of all the non-essential Intelligence units directly for the Allies continued during the month. Orders were issu disbandment of the Garetti 4th Section I.A.I. and the reduction of t Section (incl 135 Wireless Coy, I.A.I.) by one half w.e.f. 2 Aug 45. Increment to No. 1 Special Force was disbanded on 15 July and recom been made to AFHQ for the disbandment of Nucleo I, the Intelligen Civil Liaison duties with EIGHTH Army.

In view of the lifting of censorship of the Italian Pre Pool of Military Censors will be disbanded w.e.f. 10 Aug 45.

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6. POSTAL SERVICES.

With the assistance of vehicles loaned to the War Ministry and the full use made of the Civil Postal channels the Italian Military Postal Services are now able to operate without the assistance of the Allies. The Army Postal Service has thus been speeded up and it is hoped that delays in the delivery of mail will nolonger occur.

7. RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES.

After much delay and considerable interference from both Allied and Italian sources the recovery of Italian Army vehicles in illegal possession of civilian firms and private owners proceeded rapidly during the month. Some 340 vehicles were released to the Italian Army by 1 District and the Recovery Organisation set up by the War Ministry in conjunction with MMIA is working more smoothly and giving results. This is due mainly to an AFHQ authority circularised by A.C. to all concerned, stating that the War Ministry is at liberty to repossess Army vehicles in the hands of civilian contractors, no Allied officers are authorised to interfere with this recovery.

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PUBLIC REACTION AND PUBLIC OPINION

The political situation on the whole is normal.

In view of the forthcoming administrative elections all parties have intensified their propaganda. The most aggressive are the Sard Action Party, the Communist Party and the Christian Democrat Party. The battle between the last two parties is always becoming more tenacious. The Sard Action Party still has the largest following. The Christian Democrat Party has had occasions to indirectly demonstrate its strength through religious manifestations. The strength of the Communist Party has been shown through its numerous meetings and indirectly through the Federation of Labor in which the party is widely represented among the directors and through the Partisan Movement whose Regional Federation, by public opinion, has sprung from the Party. This Federation has taken the initiative of setting up a Sard Republican-Democrat Front in Sardinia.

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1. That the government should give a special indemnity to the Sard producers, direct cultivators, who were damaged by the adverse season, and should be exempted from paying taxes and be supplied seeds and farming equipment at favorable conditions or on a long term payment plan.
2. Assignment of a good percentage of cotton goods.
3. Urgent supply of grain seed to be requested from the Allies.
4. Exportation of livestock to the mainland, placing it in the best market.
5. Import textiles for wool exported.
6. Greater supplies of coal to increase the efficiency of the railways which must now transport more food stuffs due to the fact that the harvest has been poor.
7. Allotment of tires so as not to paralyze vehicle transportation.

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Nothing of interest to mention about other local administrations.

The new Questore of Cagliari, Dott. Vittorio Modica, has taken charge of his office.

There has been an increase in the number of resignations requested by the Mayors and the town councilmen, especially in the Province of Nuoro. This is due to the fact that the town administrations encounter many hardships in supplying foodstuffs.

The following changes have taken place in the month of June:

	No. of Communes	New Mayors	Commissary Prefects	Meetings Prov. Adm. Assembly	Meetings Provincial Deputations
Cagliari Province	118	5	9	4	4
Sassari Province	72	3	3	2	-
Nuoro Province	89	2	15	1	2

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The situation of flour and grain, stated in equivalents of flour, at the end of the month of May as follows:

Consumed during May	qli. 66,857	
On hand 31 May		qli. 159,935
Turned in to granaries during month of May		351
Imported Allied grain during May (U.S. Sturgeon) qli. 90,464, equivalent in flour to		82,350
		qli. 242,486

Consumption foreseen for June qli. 70,000

On hand as of 30 June qli. 172,486

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OIL

The quantities of oils amassed as of 30 June are as follows:

Edible oil	qli. 27,483.86
Oil for lights	qli. 838.74

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Edible oil	qli. 27,685.86
Oil for lights	qli. 836.74

Less the quantities allocated, there remain available 11,834.20 qli of edible oil and 836.74 qli of oil for lighting purposes.

SALT

5,422 tons of salt were exported during the month of June.

LIVESTOCK

The drought and livestock diseases have continued to cause disastrous effects upon the livestock. Livestock disease has spread to almost all communes, causing serious damages. The exportation of live stock to the mainland has continued. During the month 2933 cattle, 66 horses, and 3521 sheep were exported. Following this rythm of shipment it is believed that

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EXPORTABLE SURPLUSES

Due to local need, cheese is the only foodstuff that can be exported. The quantity of cheese exported during the month of May is listed below.

COAL

During the month of June 44,186 tons of Sulcis coal were mined as compared to 38,241 tons during the month of May. 38,240 tons were exported to the mainland and 15,667 tons were consumed locally (including 907 tons recovered). As of 1 July the quantity on hand was 24,807 tons. The local need for the month of July is 18,280 tons of which only 10,300 tons were allocated.

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Sulcis coal	32,340 tons
Salt	3,442 tons
Various minerals	2,176 qli
Various products	321 qli
Fire bricks	7,300 qli
Hides	65 "
Cork	502 "
Vegetable fiber	300 "
Paint pigments	750 "
Seeds	325 "

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Salt	5,492 tons
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Fire bricks	7,500 qli
Hides	85 "
Cork	502 "
Vegetable fiber	500 "
Paint pigments	756 "
Reeds	905 "
Cheese	1,456 "
Cottage cheese	80 "
Hard handmade products	2,768
Cattle	2,295
Sheep	2,521
Horses	88

AGRICULTURE - FORESTRY - FISHERIES

The drought has continued throughout the month of June. All which was stated last month on the crop deficiency has been confirmed.

A Commission of Allied officers, agricultural and transportation experts, arrived in Sardinia with Prof. Segni, Undersecretary of Agriculture and Forests, to make a report on the damages caused by the drought and grasshoppers.

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In view of these serious conditions the Sard Regional Council has forwarded to the Italian Government the following proposals:

1. Hold all the wheat, barley and oats which will be harvested during this season and the quantities of pulses on hand in the peoples granaries which were harvested last season, so as to be able to meet the requests for seed which will be made by the farmers in the forthcoming sowing period.

2. Supply the seed grain to the farmers and oblige them to return the product in kind at next year's harvest; they must then pay an interest at the rate of 2%. The differences between the interests and the assessing expenses must be integrated by the State.

3. Grant a small loan so that they can buy farming equipment etc to the farmers whose crops were damaged; the loan to be paid back within five years at the rate of 2% and the State will cover the difference between 2% and the rate which will be charged by the Istituto di Credito Agrario Bank.

4. Grant a small ordinary loan, to the farmers whose crops were damaged, at 2% interest, the State will cover the difference between the interest paid by the farmer and that charged by the Istituto di Credito Agrario Bank. If so requested by the farmer, the State will help only for a maximum of three years.

5. Authorise the Casse Comunale di Credito Agrario to increase the loans up to 50,000 lire.

6. Ensure the farmers the 160 kg per person food grain retention as per Ministerial Decree of 28 April 1945.

7. Grant the small and medium landowners and cattle raisers, in the zones that were damaged, the exemption from the land taxes and from agricultural income taxes for the year 1945.

8. Extend the measures in paragraph 2 to the small farmers and cattle raisers who were discharged from the Army in 1945 and have been in the service for at least three continuous years.

9. Compensate the difference between the assessing price paid for the wheat and the production costs by giving free to the farmers 4 meters of cotton goods for each quintal of grain turned in to the granaries.

10. Grant 10,000 lire to those farmers who do not harvest at least 2 quintals of grain from every hectare of land.

Forests

During the month no fires broke out in the woods. The Commune Administrations are not renewing the forest contracts due to the fact that there were illecit speculations going on. Due to this the charcoal market has been slightly disturbed. The Regional Council is now studying this problem which has been aggravated by lack of labor and transportation difficulties.

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While in the forest industries there is a shortage of labor, in the construction industries, especially in Sassari Province, there is an acute unemployment problem. The agricultural labor situation is better due to the seasonal employment.

There is also an acute unemployment among office workers, due to the repatriation of POW's and Partisans.

The mines continue to discharge personnel due to the lack of equipment, especially metal coke; they could not otherwise keep the plants and establishments in operation.

The labor situation is now much better in Carbonia.

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With the appointment of a Commissioner for the Ward Electric Society the part time strike of the laborers has ended. The Ministry of Public Works has sent a Commission to study this question.

It has been noticed that the laborers are always asking for high wage increases.

PUBLIC WORKS

There is nothing of importance that has taken place this month. The work on the Contagious Diseases Hospital at the Is Mirrionis Barracks has not yet been completed. The repairing of the streets in the city of Cagliari is also going slowly due to the lack of transportation. The Ministry of Industry promised some iron and lumber for construction purposes but none has reached here as yet. For this reason it is difficult to rebuild and repair war damaged buildings. The High Commissioner's Office is always expediting the work on the Cagliari Port, but there are many difficulties which hinder this project. The news that the coal distillation plant at S. Antioco would be closed has caused an unfavorable impression.

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EDUCATION

The schools have finished teaching, during this month, and the examinations are now under way.

REFUGEES

The flow of refugees from the mainland is still continuing. Above all many ex-servicemen have arrived and they have been sent to their respective centers. The assistance is mediocre.

During the month of June 145 refugees arrived from the mainland and 312 left for the mainland. There are 143 in Cagliari Province and about 200 in Sassari Province awaiting transportation. A ship would be needed to take them away all at once together with those prisoners who have finished their terms as mentioned in paragraph above.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Rail Transport

Nothing new to note. The situation remains critical. Vehicle transportation is constantly diminishing due to the lack of tires. Many public services such as granary inspections, provincial doctors, agrarian inspections etc cannot function or are not functioning well for above mentioned reasons.

The following tires are badly needed on the island: 400 tires size 42 x 9 and sizes 38 x 9, 34 x 7, 9.75 x 20 - 100 of each.

Rail Transport

The situation has slightly improved because a supply of foreign coal was received in the month of June. This coal is sufficient for present needs up to August 15, 1945.

Shipping

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PROPERTY CONTROL

Nothing of importance to note. The necessity of arming and giving the proper equipment to the rural guards is always becoming more a problem. In Sardinia these guards are entrusted with the duty of guarding farm property but they cannot perform their duties due to the lack of shoes and ammunition.

FINANCE

The collection of contributions for the National Solidarity Fund has been started. The particular economic condition of Sardinia cannot support the quota set for this fund because these rates have been based on a price level much higher than that existing on the island.

The High Commissioner and the Regional Council have informed the

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Nothing of importance to note. The necessity of arming and giving the proper equipment to the rural guards is always becoming more a problem. In Sardinia these guards are entrusted with the duty of guarding farm property but they cannot perform their duties due to the lack of shoes and ammunition.

FINANCE

The collection of contributions for the National Solidarity Fund has been started. The particular economic condition of Sardinia cannot support the quota set for this fund because these rates have been based on a price level much higher than that existing on the island.

The High Commissioner and the Regional Council have informed the Government so that necessary measures may be taken.

The local political currents are insisting that the price of Sulcis coal which is to be consumed on the island and the price of electric power should be fixed during the first meeting of the Regional Authorities.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

Land Forces Sub Com. AC (MMIA)

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11 July 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC.

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

1. Ceiling of 10,000 now allotted in BR-ITI category to the CC.RR.

2. No. 3 Italian Special Transport Company disbanded w.e.f. 28 June.

3. GARIBALDI Inf Regt placed under command 54 Area for employment in the BARI area on Internal Security duties as required by the Italian Government.

4. One Regt of the 'MANTOVA' Gp will move to MILAN shortly under command 2 Dist.

5. War Ministry informed that the ceremonial disbandment parade for the "BANDA MAINELLA" will take place on 15 July at BRINDISI. A senior officer from EIGHTH Army will take the salute.

6. War Ministry instructed 11 July to demobilise second two thirds of 1914 class (about 9,000 man).

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Major General.
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for JUNE 1945

Land Forces Sub Com. AC (MMIA)

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14 July 45

TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC (S)

WAR MINISTER

1. During the month the new Italian Government was formed under PARRI and changes took place in many departments. H.E. Count CASATI - The War Minister - was replaced by the Hon STEFANO JACINI. The loss of Count CASATI was deeply regretted both at the War Ministry and at MMIA not only because he had served his country as War Minister so faithfully and loyally but also because of the splendid cooperation he had shown towards both British and American officers with whom his duties bound him.

REDUCTION OF CATEGORIES AND TRANSFERS

2. There has been considerable reduction in the US-ITI tps by the substitution of German PWs. Pressure was brought on AFHQ to issue instruc-tions for a reduction in the BR-ITI tps category. Owing to the fact the war in ITALY has finished and it is not considered that there is still the same necessity personnel rendered surplus by reductions could be used in an overall capacity which would, it is hoped, allow the 1915-16-17 classes to be demobilised. Action was taken to transfer some 17,000 Italian cooperators serving in ITALY from PW status to BR-ITI status as from 1 July. Of these some 6,000 are of demobilisable age.

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CHANGES IN THE REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM

3. Action was taken to close the PROVINCIAL ITI-ITI Rfts Depot owing to the ITI-ITI category being reduced. Rfts generally will be found from surplus personnel within the Category. Following AFH's decision to close down 802 and 804 SOS HQS at RAVI-CANINA & TRANI all personnel, rfts and perman-ent staff were placed at the disposal of 3 Dist as rfts. SOS HQ becomes a centre for formations and reorganisation of units. Rfts for Adm Hqs for some time to come will be supplied from disbanded units within the Div or bulk allotments from US-ITIs and other sources.

DEMOBILISATION

4. At the end of the month it was estimated that 20,000 of the 50,000 of the 1914 and older classes (first four months only) still remained to be demobilised. With the influx of US-ITIs as replacements these will now be released quickly. It was recommended to AFH that the rest of the 1914 .....

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DEMOBILISATION (Contd)

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ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE UNITS

5. Strong recommendations were made to AFHQ for the disbandment of the Italian Intelligence Units. It was considered that their role had become obsolete and that some Units were not being employed on strictly military work. AFHQ agreed to the reduction of the EIGHTH Army 868 Intelligence Unit by about 50%. The Durette Section will be disbanded on 1 August and the Technical and 135 Special Wireless Section will be reduced to half by that date. Orders for the disbandment of the Italian Increment to No 1 Special Force have already been issued to the War Ministry.

PATRIOTS

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

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

Report No 19 - Activities during the month of JUNE 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 LOCATIONS

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Outstations — Naples, Bari, Rear 5 Army, 5 Army (Br Incr) Rear 8 Army, Lt Col ALBERT in Cagliari, SARDINIA; Major LONG in SICILY. Also MMIA LOs with Eighth Army, 54 Area, HQ 1 District HQ 2 District, HQ 3 District, 56 BLU and MW Italy.

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(d) Censorship

Except for certain Frontier Areas in N.W. ITALY censorship of Italian military mail has been lifted. Allied censorship at ROME and NAPLES is to cease and Nos. 7 and 9 Base Censor Offices at NAPLES and ROME respectively will be closed. All mail requiring censorship will pass through Allied Censorship Control Offices. Consequently the whole Italian Army Postal System will function more speedily and civilian channels will be used wherever possible.

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II. ITALIAN ARMY - GENERAL SITUATION (Cont'd)

(a) Control of Movement

The Security Control Line has now moved to the Western Boundary of VENEZIA GIULIA. The Province of UDINE is thus open to military movement except in the Frontier Zone. The UDINE Territorial HQ is functioning with its full staff.

III. CEILINGS AND CATEGORIES

(a) Transfer of Cooperators (Italian Service Units)

In accordance with AFHQ AG 387.4/GS GCT-O of 15 June action was taken to transfer some 17,000 Italian cooperators serving in ITALY from POW to SR-ITI status as from 1 July. Of these 17,000 about 5,000 are of demobilisable age. It was decided by AFHQ that these could only be demobilised with the agreement of employing units who were instructed to forward nominal rolls to MMIA of personnel who could be demobilised and those who could not. The nominal rolls are forwarded to the Ministry of War who have instructions to forward them to the Admin Divs.
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On 1 July former cooperator units passed under administrative control of 412 Italian Command and 205 Administrative Div HQs. Approximately 7,900 men will be demobilised when released by the employing unit.

(b) Transfer of US-ITI's to SR-ITI' Formations
Arrangements had been made by the end of the month to transfer some 10,000 US-ITI's from FIFTH Army direct to SR-ITI formations. MMIA rep visited MMIA LO FIFTH Army 28 and 29 June in this connection.

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(d) Demobilisation

Demobilisation of the first four months of the 1914 and older classes proceeded. At the end of the month it was estimated that 20,000 out of 50,000 still remained to be demobilised. With the influx of US-ITI's as replacements these will now be released quickly. It was recommended to AFHQ that the rest of the 1914 class should be demobilised forthwith, and other classes later, depending on the reduction in the services required.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES

(1) Italian Postal Services

Owing to the lifting of postal censorship except in certain Frontier districts in the North, postal services were reorganised A proval was given for the formation of a Base P.O. at BOLOGNA and AFHQ rrised no objection to Italian military postal services operating the mail delivery through the three principal POs at ROME - NAPLES and BOLOGNA utilising to a far greater extent the civil postal system. British and US APS will accept Italian mail in areas where Italian transport facilities are not available.

(2) Officers Shops

MGIA was informed by AFHQ on 1 June that no special issue of new KD to Italian Offrs of 231 Adm Div in the BR-ITI Service Category would be made. Offrs would purchase from the authorised Italian Officers Shops, bulk allotment of clothing for these offrs shops operat--ing in FIFTH and EIGHTH Army areas was completed during the month.

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(5) Black BD

Owing to short supply of black dye only 3000 sets of black BD are available for issue to demobilised BR-ITI troops. MEDUSA decided to demobilise troops in clothing already held and APHQ gave authority to demobilise men in their oldest part worn green BD.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES

(6) SUPPLIES

Local Resources

(a) Contracts for macaroni by British Forces discontinued w.e.f. 1 July. Arrangements for the manufacture of above will become ITI-ITI or BR-ITI responsibility. Flour to be issued in lieu.

DST AFHQ (Local Resources) have arranged a contract that will enable them to supply all tomato paste required by BR-ITI's from Italian tomato crop. When cooperators and US-ITI's become BR-ITI's they will be still be able to supply. Delivery will be in barrels and thus make considerable saving in timing.

(b) Arrangements have been made w.e.f. 1 July that all cooperators becoming BR-ITI will go on to Italian Army ration scale and draw from ITI-ITI Depots where possible; where not possible they will draw from DIE's but on Italian Army ration scale and indent on ST/8.

Bulk Depots

(a) Arrangements made as result of conference with General PELLICRA on 28 June that three new Bulk Depots be opened at GENOA, VENICE and LEGHORN with new Distrib-ution Depots at GENOA, ALLESSANDRIA, MILAN, TURIN, BOLZANO, VERONA, UDINE and VENICE to operate w.e.f. 1 August, if possible. This will mean that with the exception of a small area near ANCONA and near LEGHORN provision will have been made for the final distribut-ion of food to all the Land Forces from Italian depots.

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(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT

(a) Organisation of Units

Arrangements were made for the formation of three new ITI-ITI Territorial Adm Transport Coys, for TURIN, BOLZANO and UDINE Territorial Commands. This was effected without any nett increase in the number of personnel authorised to be held against ITI-ITI MT Units, by the disbandment of No 3 Special Transport Coy, and the conversion of No 4 Special Transport Coy to the BR-ITI Category. Owing to demobilisation, some difficulties were experienced in the provision of personnel for these units, but it was anticipated that deficiencies would be made up from disbanded Allied Commission Transport Coys, during the month of July.

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(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT (Contd)

(b) No 6 Efficient Vehicle Park was established in TURIN by 1 June and No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park moved to MILAN on 2 June.

Proposed Establishment of cooperator Tpt Units were revised in oder to ascertain their suitability on conversion to BR-ITT status.

Provision and recovery of Tpt

(a) The amount of Italian Army Tpt becoming available as a result of recovery and repair was still insuff--icient both to provide replacement for vehicles becoming beyond local repair and to complete existing ITI-ITI Units to WE/TO.

MMLA IOs reported difficulty in obtaining replace--ments for British vehicles in use by BR-ITI service troops. It was confirmed, however, by AFHQ that any replacements required should be demanded in the usual way through British channels. LOs were advised accordingly.

(b) The quantity of Italian Army Tpt recovered in the North up to the end of June was negligible; the only Command which had made any appreciable progress in this direction being CENCA, who reported their holdings as:

30 Load Carriers
8 Cars
10 Motorcycles.

Registration

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POL

(a) Estimates were prepared to show the probable future requirements of POL by the Italian Army. These were based on the assumption that all Italian Army Units with the exception of BR-ITI and US-ITI service tps would be required to draw from CIP depots against a bulk allotment given to the Italian Government. Hitherto only ITI-ITI Units have drawn POL in this manner, BR-ITI and US-ITI tpt being provided from Allied sources.

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IV. "Q" SERVICES (Contd)

(7) ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT (Contd)

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(b) By the end of June, C.I.P. depots were functioning in all the Territorial Commands, and in most of the Provincial Capitals. Authority which had been obtain-ed as a temporary measure, for some ITI-ITI troops to draw POL from Allied sources, in the absence of CIP depots, lapsed on 30 June 45.

V. MOVEMENTS

(1) Details of traffic dealt with:-

Personnel	190,399	
Stores	20,665	(tons)
Vehicles	416	
Animals	1,705	
Shipping	1,112	(tons)

Small moves of personnel and stores moving over lines not controlled by the Priority of Movements Conference are not included in the above figures.

(2) Leave The granting of Liberation Leave has resulted in a substantial increase of movement of personnel. Additional accommodation has been bid for each week, and in all cases the requests have been met.

During the month 58,430 journeys for leave personnel have been made over lines covered by the POM. Conference at AFHQ. 1159

(3) Sardinia Shipments

i. Personnel

The S/S 'GARIBALDI' has been nominated to make three round trips from NAPLES to SARDINIA on behalf of MMIA, to clear the back-log of personnel awaiting shipment there. It will also lift 450 Civilian Refugees from NAPLES to SARDINIA if space is available.

(4) Italian Movement Control

Italian Movement Control in Northern Italy commenced its duties on the 20th June. Delegazioni have been established at BOLOGNA, VENICE, and MILAN with Commandi Stazione at various key points dictated by the present Italian Army requirements.

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The S/S 'GARIBALDI' has been nominated to make three round trips from NAPLES to SARDINIA on behalf of MMLA, to clear the back-log of personnel awaiting shipment there. It will also lift 450 civilian Refugees from NAPLES to SARDINIA if space is available.

(4) Italian Movement Control

Italian Movement Control in Northern Italy commenced its duties on the 20th June. Delegazioni have been established at BOLOGNA, VENICE, and MILAN with Commandi Stazione at various key points dictated by the present Italian Army requirements.

(5) Air Passages

Air bookings are being arranged to Northern Italy, for MMLA officers travelling on duty and Italian officers travelling at the request of the War Ministry with the approval of MMLA.

VI. MEDICAL

(1) Inspection tours of Italian medical units in the North were carried out during the month by the AMMS who found conditions satisfactory. The principal Italian matron inspected nursing and hospital conditions in Northern Italy, calling in at the newly opened hospital of 100 beds at GENOVA.

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VI. MEDICAL (Contd)

(2) A forecast in requirements of medical supplies for the next 6 months was submitted to AFHQ. During the month 50 tons of supplies were received from UK and the Middle East.

(3) Five Italian Army Evacuation hospitals were released to AC for the use of repatriates in N. Italy. Two more hospitals will be released shortly.

VII. WELFARE

(1) During the month nine Italian offrs attended a welfare course at the Italian Army Welfare Training Centre.

(2) Two vehicles were released for mobile cinemas and one for a mobile theatre.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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20 June 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC

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

1. Herewith sitrep for week 14 June - 20 June 45.

2. MMIA rep attended conference at AFHQ to discuss change over of co-operators to Italian Army or civil life.

3. Personnel of Italian Adm Divs in MR-ITI Category may now attend courses at ETC ICF.

4. Col Fidsley attended conference at AFHQ to discuss future policy on manpower situation - Italian Army.

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for Major-General
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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (U.K.U.S.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

14 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.

1. Reference your letter 826/174/PC dated 12 April 1945 subject as above.

2. Enclosed are six (6) copies of the Monthly Report for Sardinia for the month of May, as reported by High Commissioner for Sardinia.

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Senior Liaison Officer

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POLI A. REACTION AND PUBLIC OPINION

The political situation in the three provinces may be regarded on the whole as normal. The propaganda of the political parties is being intensified. The Communist Party held a regional assembly and numerous meetings at which time statements supporting the autonomistic aspiration of the Sardinians were made and plans were discussed to meet the stiff opposition of the clerical, Catholic societies, and Christian Democratic Party who have had an indirect but tangible success in the religious and popular manifestations brought on by the solemnity of Corpus Domini. Also the Sard Action Party held numerous meetings; it is to be noted that it still has the largest membership. The other parties, except the liberal ones, have done very little. The way is being paved for a movement by the Partisans returning from liberated Italy which is being followed by the masses with some degree of distrust.

There have been scrimmages between the Communists and adherents and Catholic organizations. The bishops have taken a stand. So far there have been no serious incidents. Protests have been received in connection with the distribution of packages by U.N.R.R.A. The prompt intervention by the prefect has restored order in each case. The demonstration was attributed to the fact that some citizens considered less needy were omitted from the list of individuals to receive assistance. In fact due to the serious lack of clothing items on the island all have great need for these items. The only solution would be to increase allocation of packages for Sardinia, in consideration of its particular conditions.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Changes made in the month of May are as follow:

	Communes	Appointment of new Mayors	Appointment of new prefects	Meetings of Prov. Adm. Assembly	Meetings Prov. Deputation
Province of Nuoro	88	14	14	1	-
Province of Cagliari	118	2	13	4	4
Province of Sassari	72	-	-	2	1

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FOOD & RESOURCES AND SUPPLY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION

The situation of flour and grains including barley and corn, converted into an equal amount of flour as at the end of April is as follows:

Consumed during April	68,482.00 q.li	
On hand as at 30 Apirl		70,821 q.li
Collected during May and turned over to Granaries (42,85 q.li of grain, equivalent in flour to		39.00 q.li
Imported Allied grain during May (SS Waterson and Johnson) 171,360 q.li equivalent in flour to		155,938.00 q.li
Total		225,798.00 q.li
Consumption foreseen for May	71,000 q.li	
Surplus foreseen as at 31 May		154,798 q.li

The exceptional dryness and the serious grasshopper menace have destroyed practically the total crop. It is expected that not more than a few thousand tons of grain will be harvested. Therefore, unless an additional supply is forthcoming, the present stocks will be used up by the first half of August at the latest.

Oil

The quantities of oil produced during the month as at 30 May are as follow:

For human consumption	25,082.25 q.li
For lighting	596.75 q.li

Less the quantities allocated, there remain available 10,632,21 q.li of oil for human consumption and 563.75 q.li of oil for lighting purposes.

Salt

During the month of March 4,495 tons of salt were exported.

Livestock

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Tuna

The tuna catch has commenced quite favorably. Oil for canning is needed, however. The catch for the month of May amounted to 1188 tons for an average of 45 kilos per fish.

Exportable Surpluses

Due to the local need for foodstuffs, only cheese, livestock, and tuna were shipped. The High Commissioner for Sardinia agreed with the Food Commissioner, the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Agriculture and Forests as to the procedure to be followed in the exportation of cheese and livestock. The exportation of Tuna will be decided upon as soon as the status of the catch is known.

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Coal

During the month of May 38,241 tons of Sulcis coal were mined in comparison to 28,600 tons mined in April. 14,980 tons were exported and 14,187 tons were consumed in Sardinia. There was on hand at 1 June 27,900 tons.

The local consumption of coal is continually increasing for due to the drought it is not possible to produce hydroelectric power. On the other hand it is not possible to diminish the production of current without impeding coal mining for electricity is the source of power in operating the mines.

Coal from foreign sources is also another serious problem; the stock on hand, 3100 tons (including 800 tons recovered) will be consumed by 15 July. After that date trains will not be able to operate unless a new supply is received.

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EXPORTATION AND IMPORTATION

Total exports from Sardinia during the month of May amounted to 22,369 tons. The principal products exported are as follow:

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Various minerals	817	tons
Fire bricks	211	tons
Skins	98	tons
Sugar	69	tons
Vegetable hairs	45	tons
Paint Pigments	17	tons
Reeds	2	tons
Cheese	137	tons
Various products	1700	tons
Cattle	132	
Sheep	500	
Horses	451	

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Livestock

Livestock raising has been hard hit by two elements: drought which has destroyed the pastures and disease which has resulted in the death of many animals. The disease rate is decreasing but the animal situation is still threatened by the lack of forage, thereby making it necessary to export as many head as possible. Only one vessel, the Langano is transporting animals to the mainland and its capacity is limited to 800 head per trip which amounts to less than 2500 head a month. Difficulty is also experienced in moving animals to port of embarkation. In their emaciated state they cannot be driven long distances, while on the other hand, railroads cannot carry the traffic due to the lack of coal. It is essential that an emergency allocation of foreign coal be made to relieve these conditions.

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The High Commissioner for Sardinia took action and decided that if an agreement was not reached in a reasonable period of time he would appoint an emergency commissioner.

A reaction was also encountered in regard to stevedores since only two contractors were called to conduct port operations. The Office of Port Work is in the process of forming an obligatory association from among all contractors.

The problem of salaries seems to be the most serious confronting labor.

Public Works

The work of repairing of Is Mirrionis barracks turned over to the Cagliari Commune for the diseased is almost completed. There is, however, much difficulty in the yielding of places. Nothing has been done in regard to the release of other military places, surplus to the needs of the troops for the accommodation of the homeless.

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EDUCATION

Schools are functioning well. Civil Engineers are actively engaged in reconstructing scholastic buildings destroyed by the war. The scarsity of text books and their expense is of great concern.

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REFUGEES

75 refugees were repatriated and were assisted by the office in charge. 106 refugees left from Sardinia. 122 refugees have been awaiting shipment for more than 15 days in Cagliari. The liberation of Northern Italy has brought about many requests by people who wish to return to their homes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Road Transport

The auto transport situation is becoming increasingly serious because of lack of tires, tubes, and spare parts. There are just a few trucks in Sardinia which are adequately supplied with tires and tubes.

To date 90 military trucks have been turned over to perform civil services. They are, for the most part, old vehicles of limited capacity and whose operation require an excessive consumption of fuel which render them uneconomical.

Before long the vehicles engaged in transporting foodstuffs throughout the island will be forced to stop completely. It is urgent that an allotment of tires and tubes be made if paralysis of movement is to be avoided in Sardinia. It is pointed out that for the present operation can continue if the following supplies could be furnished: 400 tires size 42 x 9, 100 tires either 38 x 9 or 34 x 7 and 9 size 75 x 20.

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The problems confronting Rail transport are two-fold:
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Shipping

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Property Control

The High Commissioner, in conjunction with the Prefects, is attempting to reconstruct some of the livestock protection agencies, an ancient local institution for the protection of livestock. Their activity is, however, very scarce, above all because they lack footwear and arms.

Finance

Banks continue to experience a low monetary circulation due to the commercial and industrial status of the island.

The subscription of 5 year 5% bonds is progressing fairly well. The Province of Nuoro, which is considered the poorest, will subscribe to about 50 million lire.

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Category.	Offrs	O Rs	Total	Ceiling	Decrease since 24 Apr
1. Administration.	4199	14954	19153	27000	-3545
2. Combat.	3408	54890	58298	61150	-1345
3. Service Units.	6100	148608	154708	165200	-9490
5. Internal Security.	2554	32435	34989	38700	-1137
6. Rfts.	1825	28565	30390	20950	-5482
Call up Personnel awaiting movement.	- -	512	512	- - -	-2377
T O T A L.	18086	279452	298050	313000	-23366
7. Carabinieri.	1176	53465	54641	56000	+1956
GRAND TOTAL	19262	332917	352691	368000	-21410

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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15 June 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2)

TERRITORIAL LAYOUT

1. The general move north of the Italian Army Territorial HQ's which had been formed and made ready to implement the whole Territorial lay-out as soon as authority was received from FIVE and EIGHT Armies started during the week 10 - 16 May when advance parties of the MILAN, TURIN, GENOA and BOLZANO Territorial HQ's moved in. By the end of the month, with the exception of the UDINE Territorial HQ, main bodies had linked up and established themselves.

During the initial period of take-over certain difficulties of administration and command were experienced owing to the hostile feeling of Patriot organizations towards the Regular Army, but major problems have now been solved and the work of the various staffs is in full swing. Balance of UDINE Territorial HQ is being held prior to authority for its northward move.

LEAVE AND DEMOBILIZATION

2. The moving of the Security Control Line as far N.E. as the R. PIAVE and the authority granted by A.F.H.Q. for the demobilization (when replaced if replacement required) of 50,000 Italian soldiers of older classes belonging to all three categories meant that large numbers of soldiers previously unable to go on leave or return home could now be released. Leave personnel were allowed free movement to their homes as far north as the Security Control Line and the Frontier Zone with their Army leave papers as the only authorisation necessary. Liberation leave was authorised for troops up to 15% as far as the Security Control Line. Demobilised personnel could return home with release papers as authority as far north as the restricted areas. Units have thus been able to get rid of the older and possibly more discontented elements, and leave possibilities have resulted in a general improvement in morale.

COLLECTION OF PERSONNEL

3. Owing to the fact that large numbers of service troops employed mainly by the United States and Associated Powers Missions have

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LEAVE AND DEMOBILIZATION

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COLLECTION OF PERSONNEL

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RECOVERY UNITS

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III. "A" BRANCH

(1) Control of Movement

Leave for Italian Units under Armies was extended to Line river PO and East of Line PAMA LA SPEZIA. Units not under Army were allowed the same leave line as authorized for Units under command as at 1st May 1945. Italian troops on duty allowed to proceed without AMG passes up to rear Army Control Line i.e.: River Piave and up to 25 Kms of Austrian - Swiss and French frontiers. Liberation Leave for all Italian troops authorized for up to 15% to Line authorized 1st May w.e.f. 1st June by which date rail accommodation will be laid on.

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The officer situation in the Italian Army is still most unsatisfactory because there is no way of rewarding good work and efficiency and punishing bad work and inefficiency.

Inability to try, sentence or punish adequately, not only officers, but also men, has from the beginning been recognized as one of the greatest handicaps and efforts have been made during the month to investigate causes of ineffectiveness in both the judicial and corrective systems. If, as seems likely the interim and post war Italian Army is to be low in numbers, it is essential that it should be high in quality.

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III. ("Q" BRANCH)

(1) Clothing and Equipment

AFHQ was advised that 200,000 blankets would be required to equip all BR-ITI troops with four blankets each next winter. MMIA Administration Instruction No. 27 published on 17 May showed scale of clothing for Italian military personnel on demobilization, which includes black battle dress. Signal Q/OS/220 despatched to MMIA LOs instructing that all blankets in excess of 2 in possession of BR-ITI troops would be withdrawn 1 June 1945. Disposal instruction given.

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(c) Moves of personnel arriving from SARDINIA.

(d) Moves of Combat Reinforcements ex CESANO etc.

(e) Moves of personnel repatriated from the BALKANS.

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IV. MOVEMENTS (Continued)

3. Stores from SARDINIA

The shipment of Italian Military stores is continuing and the SS CARLTON arrived in CAGLIARI on 20 May to load some 3,000 tons of general cargo for NAPLES. SS PALLADE has been made available to load a further 1,000 tons.

4. Italian Officers on Civilian Passenger Trains

It was previously ruled that Italian Officers could not travel on either Military or Civilian passenger services. This ruling caused much dissatisfaction in the Italian Army, it being felt that it was unfair that civilians should travel comfortably and quickly to further their private businesses while officers on duty were unable. The matter, therefore, was reopened and on the direction of the D.Q.M.G. (Mov and Tn) and in agreement with Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C., an allotment of 10 places on all civilian passenger trains has been made.

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VII. MEDICAL

OC Chemical and Pharmaceutical Military Institute FLORENCE, and representative from the Ministry of War visited MMIA and discussed arrangements to restart production of drugs. Small amounts of raw products are available.

Two hospitals with a total of 800 beds opened BOLOGNA.

Ps. of W Sub Commission, A.C. requested MMIA for Italian Army Medical Units to assist in handling the estimated 1,200,000 Italian Ps O.W. and refugees awaiting repatriation to Italy. AFHQ requested to release certain of the Italian Combat Group Medical Units for this purpose.

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TRANSPORT

(a) Block distribution of windshield labels to cover Italian Army Vehicles was completed; in all, a total of 4971 have been issued.

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VIII. S & T

(TRANSPORT) - cont'd

(b) Conference at AFHQ - Col KERR and Lt Col CURTIES

Supply of tyres and tubes for Italian Army. It was agreed that no special tyre repair factories were to be set up under the Italian Army but that MMIA should arrange with AC to have a proportion of the output of AC factories. The quantity of repaired and new tyres to be allocated to the Army to be dependent on the amount of raw materials made available through MMIA.

Allied Commission agreed to providing a proportion of the manufacturing and repair facilities of factories under their control but are not able to release any raw materials for Italian Army. Matter referred to AFHQ with request that provision for the Italian Army may be made.

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(d) Release of derelict Italian Army Vehicles to Civilians

War Ministry informed that only those vehicles whose mechanical condition was such as not to justify re-conditioning may be disposed of. The disposal of serviceable or potentially serviceable vehicles to civilians is contrary to the policy of the Supreme Allied Commander.

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The broadcasting of short radio messages on behalf of Italian military personnel from the ROME, FLORENCE and BARI stations was approved by AFHQ, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

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X. WELFARE - cont'd

Three Mobile Canteens were despatched from ROME fully staffed by volunteers of C.A.P. Two were assigned to FIFTH Army Area and one to P.B.S. Area.

XI. REME

Nothing to report.

XII. ARTY

In accordance with theatre policy, the Italian War Ministry was instructed to catalogue and separate all Italian toxic ammunition. Eventual disposal instructions will come from AFHQ.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)
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13 June 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER , AC

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

1. Herewith sitrep for week 7 June - 13 June 45.

2. 230 Admin Div at FLORENCE passed from 2 District to u/c 1 District for all purposes.

3. MMIA is reviving an interest in training in Italian Army. More intensive and comprehensive programmes have been worked out effecting all ranks.

4. Chief of Staff and Col "Q" visited outstations and LO's inNorthen Italy.

5. Propaganda campaign for Italian Army intensified in Italian Press. Article on contribution of Italian Army to Allied War Effort released to Allied and Italian Press on 10 June.

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6 June 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, AC

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

1. Herewith sitrep for week 31 May to 6 June 45.

2. Ministry of War informed that the Maiella Patriot Bn and 279 Italian Pack Tpt incr to R.S.H. would be disbanded w.e.f. 20 May under the supervising authority of 1 District and 3 District respectively. Disposal of personnel would be under Ministry of War arrangements.

3. Warning order for the disbandment of the Italian Pack Tpt Trg Centre at FOGGOMBRONE given to the War Ministry.

4. "MANTOVA" Combat Group moved to RIMINI area where it will help in the guarding of German PWs held by the British.

5. AFHQ agreement received to MMIA proposal that Patri[illegible] volunteers be accepted into the Italian Army individually and [illegible] in bands.

6. An initial transfer of 3,000 manpower spaces from RR-ITI category to CC RR authorized by AFHQ w.e.f. 20 May.

7. "GARIBALDI" Regt is being prepared for operations between 15 and 20 June.

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Major-General
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