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Subject: Officers of Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
O/O/1. 30 June 44.

To: H.Q. MIDDLE EAST MAR

In several previous communications from this H.Q. the subject of surplus officers in the Italian Army has been discussed, and assurances have been received from you that the surplus officers were being demobilized. However, there are still a large number of officers in the Italian Army who have no assigned jobs and are therefore not effective.

At the same time reports are received that additional officers are being called to active duty. This action only tends to increase the already large number of surplus officers, and is contrary to the best interests of all concerned.

It is desired that you advise us not later than noon 3 July 1944, the name of each officer called up since 1 April 1944, and the reason therefore.

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

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SUBJECT: Officer Strength of the Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECUTLE (LECCE)
C/6/1
June 4th

H.E. The Minister for War

1. Refer to my C/6/1 of 2 June asking for a roster of all officers of the Italian Army. No reply to this letter has been received.

2. This is to inform you that the rosters called for in the above letter must reach this Hq prior to noon 3 July. No further delay will be countenanced.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CGL.

MESSAGE FORM

Reg 6/6/1

From MMIA

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To Rome Area Command ROME .ACC. SD 1067 29

CONFIDENTIAL (+) To PIDSLEY from BROWNING (+) More than ever convinced that on grounds of efficiency and continuity MMIA must maintain complete separate identity as regards clerks registry signals care personnel A mess (+) No pooling with ACC on above (+) Only two per cent work with ACC ninety eight per cent elsewhere (+) seeing STONE tomorrow Friday morning coming ROME evening with NORRIS CHAYTOR and car to fix policy (+) do not wish Comando Supremo go ROME till official Army take over (+) meanwhile BENCHIVENGA IMAR as arranged (+) no word yet regards move (+) earmark VILLA GIORGINA privately with RAC but do not repeat not contact or inform owner yet.

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SUBJECT: Ceiling of Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (AFHQ)
ISQUILE (LECCE)

27th Jun 44.

NOTE ON C/6/1 dated 27 June.

1. In above letter I assumed that C.I.L. and "Tps employed by Allies" were sacrosanct i.e. no burden of the cut of 55,000 by 31 July should fall on them.

2. (a) On the other hand, considering the chaos and I.S. danger that would result as in para 1, there is every reason to spread the burden over all the Italian Tps on Mainland, excluding C.I.L. but including "Tps employed by the Allies."

(b) If this burden was spread by demobilizing classes you might get: -

(i) all of one unit completely demobilised.

(ii) key men in a unit having to go, to the detriment of operational units particularly. 1047

(c) "Italian Army" is well over the 40,000 maximum likely to be authorised and so can take a large share of the burden.

3. Therefore, a possible solution is to: -

(a) spread the cut of 55,000 over all Italian tps on Mainland as in 2 (a)

(b) order "Italian Army" to be cut by 25,000 (a cut of 4%)

(c) impose a cut of 20% on "Tps working for Allies" on Mainland (140,000) and MANTOVA and PICENO Divs (10,000). This will yield 30,000. This cut to be at the discretion of unit commanders, irrespective of age (classes). The least valuable men to go, the principle being that every complete unit should suffer equally.

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A.B.

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G.1. saw Gen Ox & A on on 27 June re above and the latter said it could be done

(Signed) A.B.

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SUBJECT: Cutting of Italian Army.

S e C R E T

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MTOUSA)
ENQUIRE (ENCOE)
C/A/A
27 June 1944.

H.Q. AAI

1. At the conference at AAI on 17 June, it was agreed that if, despite the opinion of Supreme Allied Commander, C.C.S. insist on a reduction of the Italian Army to 247,000, the distribution should be :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | C.I.L. | 25,000 |
| (b) | Tps employed by Allies | 164,000 |
| (c) | Italian Administration<br>Actual 27,000<br>Recruits 13,000 | 40,000 |
| (d) | L.S. | 53,300 |
| (e) | Carabinieri | 55,000 |
| (f) | A.A. & C.R. | 5,000 |
| (g) | SARDINIA | 5,000 |
| | | 247,300 |

2. (a) We estimate that at 31 July there will be 91,500 tps still left in SARDINIA. These must be borne on the ration strength of the Italian Army as we cannot demobilise them in SARDINIA.

(b) Assuming reduction to 247,300 on above basis is ordered to be made by July 31, estimated figures on that date will be :-

In SARDINIA ..... 91,500

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" CORSICA ..... 4,850

" SICILY .....32,000

On MAINLAND under Allies
(Incl A & CD, 5,000 picked up in NAPLES and C.L.I.) ....165,000

Carabinieri ..... 55,000

329,350

(c) This leaves only 17,950 to cover all Italian Administration (central admn, static formations and services) including reinforcements, and all U.S. formations on the Mainland. This potentially may have to cover all ITALY if we break the PISA-RIMINI line.

3. If therefore reduction to 247,300 is enforced by 31 July:

(a) The SICILY Division, which also does guard and labour duties must remain. Chief Commissioner considered 2 U.S. Divs (20,000) necessary in that turbulent island.

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3. (Contd)

(b) All I.S. formations on the Mainland, except 4 Bns now on guard duties under command of the Allies, will have to be demobilised irrespective of age (classes). Apart from the I.S. aspect, there will be NO men for other guard duties. Such as, for instance, two Bns to guard the vital power installation at the SILAN LAKES. Allied manpower would have to replace.

(c) Some 55,000 all told would have to be demobilised, Italian Administration on Mainland, incl reinfts, being reduced to 18,150.

(d) From July 31 onwards, I.S. DIVs on Mainland will have to be built up afresh, (as tps can be shipped from SARDINIA) the older classes being demobilised and the younger ones recently demobilised as in 3 (b) brought back to the Colours again.

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(f) The transport question in respect of 3 (b) and (c) appears to be quite impossible in the time available.

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5. (a) The factor which has caused all this impasse is of course the shipping one. I have repeatedly stressed this over the last 2 months, though apparently, provision of more shipping has not been possible.

(b) Yet the fact remains that insistence on a fixed ration ceiling of 347,300 after July 31 would:

(i) defeat CCS own policy that rations are to be issued only to those who are "in fact effective". We would be demobilising effectives on the Mainland while retaining ineffectives in SARDINIA.

(ii) cause chaos at a critical time when we may well be enlarging the area for which effectives are required.

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5. (b) (Contd.)

(iii) necessitate substitution of Allied manpower in the midst of an enormous pool of Italian manpower available and desirous to be used.

6. There appears to be 2 alternatives: -

(a) acceptance of your proposals in AAI 1605/50/3 G (SDI) dated 19 June - which Supreme Allied Commander agrees with.

(b) acceptance of AFHQ figure of 347,300 for the Italian Army, postponing the date of enforcement to permit of one month to carry out rearrangement on Mainland after all surplus tps in SARDINIA have been shipped to the Mainland. This would, of course, be dependent on the shipping provided which as I have mentioned above, is the vital factor in the whole business. 1644

7. I cannot believe that all the practical implications and repercussions of this problem have been realised and I therefore feel it necessary to point out, as above, the harmful military and political results that would accrue if a rigid enforcement of a reduction to 347,300 in the ration ceiling by July 31 were made. A decision is obviously a matter of extreme urgency, since rations must be shipped from the United States accordingly.

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L. Browning

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

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner, ACC

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SUBJECT: Strength of CC.RR and CC.FF.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (M.I.A.)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
C/6/1
27 June 44.

To: Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC

copy to: HQ ACC
HQ AAI (2)
Minister for War
Chief of Staff, SMGE.

Reference: your ACC/A/4692/PS of 20 June 1944.

1. Attention is invited to letter 1605/50/3 (SDI) HQ AAI dated 19 June 1944, addressed to AFHQ. This letter recommends that the ceiling of the CC.RR and the CC.FF shall be 55,000 in case the total ceiling for the Italian Armed Forces is maintained at 444,300.

2. Paragraph 5 of above letter is quoted for your information:

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"Personnel in excess of ceiling. 5. The question as to whether part of the administrative establishments, sick, reinforcements and personnel in transit could be carried in excess of the ceiling was considered. In view of the difficulties of implementation and the lack of clothing and other stores it was not found practicable for such personnel to exist on the strength of the Italian Army and be a charge against the Italian Government Administration."

3. The CC.RR and CC.FF are a part of the Italian Armed Forces, and the total strength of these units cannot, in accordance with this letter, exceed 55,000.

4. The strength return submitted by you indicates that as of 1 May the total strength of the CC.RR and CC.FF, including the personnel assigned to military formations was 47,782. It is understood that another seven or eight thousand will be picked up in Rome. The ration strength is, of course, somewhat under this figure inasmuch as some men are given an allowance of money in lieu of rations. However, it is believed that the total figure should be held within 55,000, regardless of the ration strength, for the following reasons:

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5. Instructions are in the course of preparation covering the reports to be submitted by the Minister for War on the strength of the Italian Armed Forces. These instructions will provide that all members of the Italian Armed Forces be reported on the strength returns, and that proper deduction be made on the ration demands for personnel not issued rations for any reason.

6. In order to stabilise the strength of the Italian Armed Forces as quickly as possible, it is requested that you issue necessary instructions to the CC.RR and CC.FF that the total combined strength of the two units does not exceed 55,000 and that hereafter the returns submitted to the Minister for War will show:

(a) Total strength of the Forces, regardless of how rationed, in two parts as follows:

(i) Assigned to and operating under command of Army formations, and Headquarters.
(ii) Operating under command of CC.RR and CC.FF

(b) Number of personnel of (ii) above to be issued Army rations.

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

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) Can demobilized Italian troops now be sent home into the provinces of NAPLES and FOGGIA CMA previously restricted CMA and into Army Arena (.) Considerable demobilization will be necessary during July (.) Request maximum derestriction (.) Your GSD can explain

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SECRET (:) for Admiral STONE from General.
BROWNING (:) Strongly Secretary recommend General as
Under Secretary for War (:) from my
personal knowledge cooperation and efficiency excellent (:)
also advantage as OXILIA knows General
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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref. CC/P/392.

12th. June, 1944.

My dear Langley

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Thank you for your G/S/1 of 6th. June.

I agree that if approached you should advise against Marshal Messe's proposal.

Yours

10.6

NOM. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Col. Kehoe — for 23/6
G —

Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
DIRECTOR, ARMY SUB-COMMISSION,
L E Q U I L E.

re Messe's proposal Lecce
CREECH W. Ltr. for
Londres.

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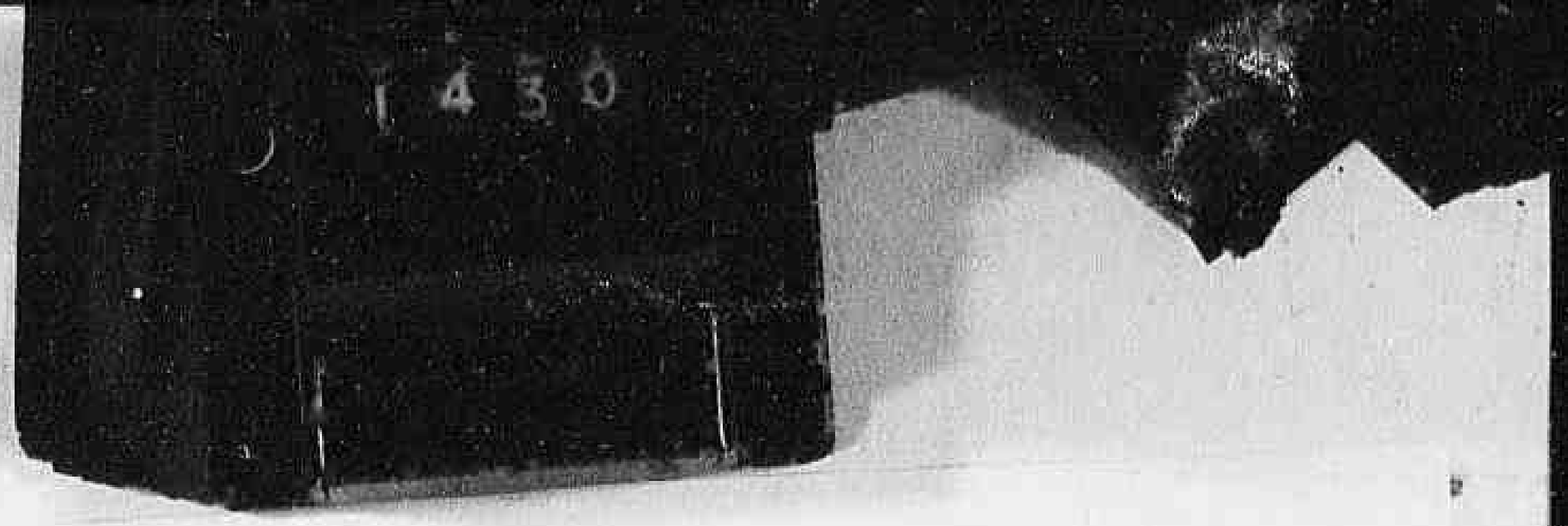
K.R.

22 June

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SUBJECT: Chain of Co and of Italian Troops in SICILY

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
C/6/1
17 June 44

MMIA LO at IBS

Copy of AAI letter, 1605/50/38/G(SD1) of 2 Jun 44, is forwarded for information.

Explanation is by hand

CGL.

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

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for G.D.C

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

N. 4648 /Mob. di prot. P.M.151, lì 15 giugno 1944

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO LEQUILE

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Si trasmette per conoscenza copia di lettera inviata al Ministero della Guerra relativa al personale per l'amministrazione militare italiana e per i servizi territoriali.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

forwarded for your information copy of letter sent to the War Ministry regarding personnel for Italian Military Administration and for territorial Services.

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Translation

Rf: 607/G/4/1/82

From: STARE
Date: 15.6.44.
To: M.P.W.
For info: Supreme Commander.
Subject: Personnel i/c Ex. Militärmg Autonom.
and p territorial Services.

During a meeting which took
place this morning at the ASC Forces
Headquarters pointed out to me the need
to reduce the Italian Military personnel
employed in administration (Central
organization 4.470, territorial units 16.000,
territorial services 26.400) this being due
to the fact that:-

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- Possibly the Allied Army in consequence
reduction in the strength at present
allowed in the provisional programme
were being effected.
- On account said figures (under 1/2 reduction
as regards the present ones) cannot cover
requirements for the whole organization
as far as the lines Pisa - Rimini.

Under the circumstances the only
solution is to maintain a somewhat more
detailed war of examination explosives on record

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Administration, and which should be taken into consideration by the Minister at once by members of the Executive.

Matters of general character requiring the attention of the Minister and which should be dealt with by the Executive Council at its next meeting should be reported to the Secretary without delay. After such notice the following matters should be reported:

1. Personal. Recommendations for appointments of any officials (not those in other categories) to be made by the Minister.

2. Applications for hospital treatment (other than Red Cross).

3. Applications for change in duties, district, district and Barracks officers.

4. Applications for furlough and extra allowances.

5. Applications for Hospital diet, Medical attendance (Telegraph, Services, Telephone, etc.)

Such matters should be reported.

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some particulars headed such-
and granted a certificate of merit:

The above suggestions were
warmly praised and it was then
that Mainsby should discuss it
advisable to attend them.

I would also suggest that the
advisability of centralising all
small detached depots in order
to reduce guard and labour
requirements.

(Sgd) General Wallis



4 Dispatch

SEGRETO 181

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

N. 1644/ Mob. di prot. P.M.151, li 15 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Personale per l'amministrazione militare italiana e per i servizi territoriali.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO P.M.107

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO P.M.135

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In una riunione avvenuta stamane presso la A.S.C. il Generale Browning mi ha fatto presente la necessità di ridurre ulteriormente il personale militare italiano impiegato per la amministrazione in oggetto (organizzazione centrale 4.470 - enti territoriali 15.000 - servizi territoriali 26.400) e ciò:

- sia perché l'orientamento degli A.A. pare sia quello di imporre una diminuzione alle cifre attualmente ammesse dal programma provvisorio in corso di attuazione;
- sia perché le cifre stesse (anche se diminuite rispetto alle attuali) dovranno servire per tutta l'organizzazione fino alla linea Pisa-Rimini.-

In tali condizioni non resta che orientarsi decisamente

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In tali condizioni non resta che orientarsi decisamente verso un ampio impiego di personale civile per l'amministrazione in parola, impiego che dovrebbe essere senz'altro predisposto da codesto Ministero per non dover poi essere sorpresi da disposizioni improvvise.-

Poiché quanto sopra deriva dalla questione delle razioni viveri é evidente che il personale civile non dovrebbe aver diritto a razione militare; dovrebbe perciò essere provvisto di paga tale da essere ugualmente allettato ad aspirare all'impiego.-

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TRANSLATION

From SMRE Ref 4647/Mob

To M of W info Supreme Comd Date 15 Jun 44

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Such volunteers could be offered some particular badge and granted a certificate of merit.

The above suggestions are merely passed on to you in case the Ministry should deem it advisable to study them.

I would also point out the advisability of centralising all small detached depots in order to reduce guard and labour personnel.

signed General Utilia

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Lo stesso Generale Browning ha rappresentato l'utilità di un servizio ausiliario femminile (come attuato presso altre nazioni) composto da :

- volontarie per il servizio ospedaliero (a parte dame Croce Rossa);
- volontarie per il servizio negli uffici di presidio, depositi, distretti e caserme;
- volontarie per i posti di ristoro e tappe;
- volontarie per determinati servizi territoriali dei collegamenti (telegrafiste, marconiste, telescriventiste, ecc.).-

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Tali volontarie potrebbero essere dotate di un particolare distintivo e ricompensate con diploma di benemerenza.

Quanto sopra segnalo per dovere di ufficio, nell'eventualità che codesto Ministero creda di impostare lo studio del caso.

Segnalo tra l'altro l'opportunità di centralizzare i piccoli magazzini distaccati per ridurre il personale di manovalanza e guardia.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(C.B. Ozilia)

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# MESSAGE FORM

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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MMIA LO at BISTONE
MMIA LO XXXI CORPS

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BISTONE forthwith

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SUBJECT:- Chain of Command of Italian Troops in SICILY

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/6/1
5 Jun 44

SMRE

Ref para 5 of AAI letter 1605/50/38/G(SD1) of 2 Jun 44, forwarded to you by our G/6/1 of 6 Jun 44.

AAI instruct us that the SABAUDA Division in SICILY will come under command of 1 DISTRICT forthwith.

Please inform XII CORPS accordingly.

AEC

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

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SUBJECT: Chain of Command of Italian Troops in SICILY.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
VG/6/1
6 June 44.

S.M.R.E.

Copy of AAI letter, 1605/50/38/G (SDI) of 2 Jun 44, giving chain of command of Italian Troops in SICILY, is forwarded for information.

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

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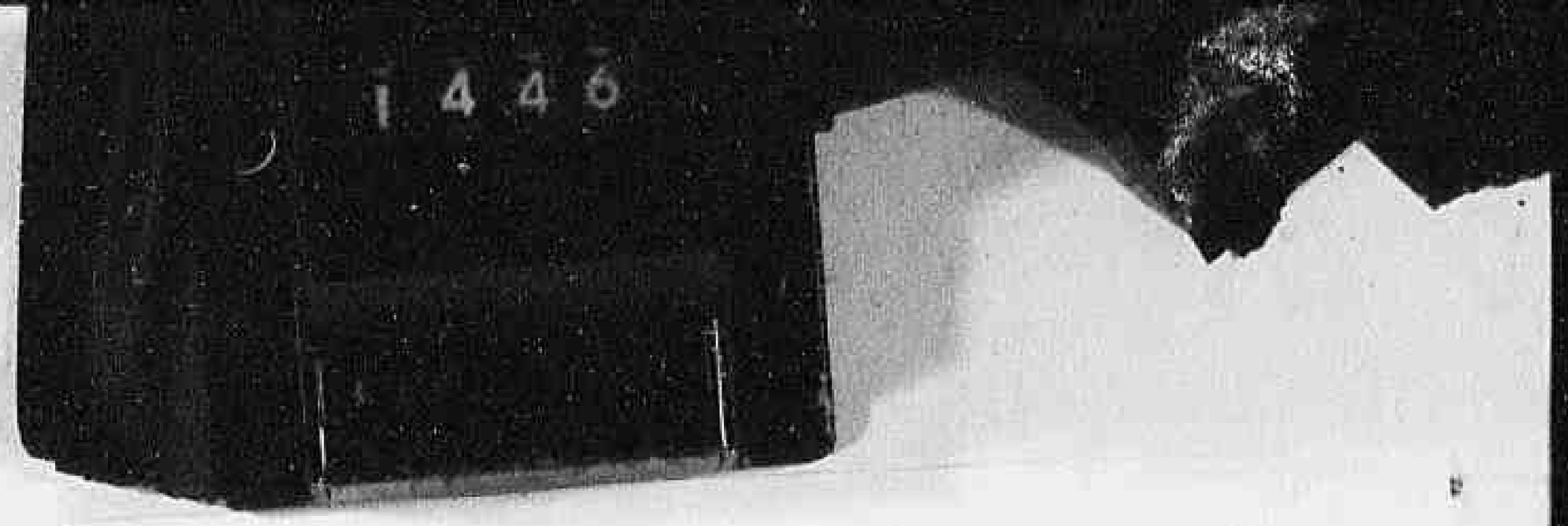


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To: FOC

1. Five copies of AAI letter arrived last night (via HQ ACC) at the same time as the HEYDEMANN letter.

2. I suggest that I answer AAI's reply to Gen HEYDEMANN's letter before passing a copy of AAI letter to STATE.

7/6 GI

FOC has been asked that he be provided a copy of AAI letter to State and any subsequent pertinent US/Soviet exchanges on SARAUDA

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SUBJECT: Italian Troops- [illegible]ley

1553/4/G

4 Jun 44

A.A.I. (G-SD).

Ref your 1605/50/33/G(SD1) dated 2 Jun 44.

I request that the SABAUDA Div. may be placed at my disposal for duties in connection with the safeguarding of Allied interests, vide para 5 of the a/q letter.

P.A. Heydeman

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District

C.M.F.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission. A.C.C.

Army S.C. (Lecce)

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S.3624

SUBJECT: Chain of Command of Italian Troops in SICILY

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/38/G(SD1)

23 June 44

G/4/1
06/6

1 District (5)

1. All Italian formations and units in SICILY are under the command of GOC XII Corps, for all purposes, except as defined in para 5 below.

2. GOC XII Corps is responsible:

(a) To the Commander No. 1 District for all matters affecting Italian troops in their participation in the role of Garrison of SICILY.

(b) To the Italian War Ministry for matters affecting them as an integral part of the Italian Army.

3. HQ No. 1 District, in conjunction with MMIA, will make such inspections as are necessary under para 2 (a) above.

4. GOC XII Corps will exercise his command through the normal Italian military channels. Communications between No. 1 District and XII Corps will be through the MMIA Liaison Detachment. 1526

5. Certain formations and units of XII Corps, as are detailed by HQ AAI, are or may be placed under U.S. or British command for duties in connection with the safeguarding of Allied property or other tasks. Allied Commanders will deal direct with the commanders of such formations or units on the following subjects:

(a) The specific duties for which they are provided.

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6. The procedure for dealing with supplies from Allied sources will be in accordance with HQ AAI Adm Instruction No. 24 dated 20 May 44 and MMIA Adm Instruction No. 3.

Instructions on matters of discipline, reinforcements, leave, etc., to implement the above, are being issued in due course.

HEADQUARTERS
3 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to: IBS (5)
3 District (5)
Allied Control Commission (1)
Army Sub Commission (5)
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

G/6/1 646

9572 172

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

QB 4.02

SUBJECT :- Deserters from Italian Forces.

3 June 1944

1. FILFOT report as follows ref your G/6/1 dated 9 May 1944. 136

"Copies of all directives relating to call up of Italian Military personnel are sent to MAAF and AMG Foggia Province who should ensure that Foggia is not a sanctuary for deserters from Italian Forces".

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

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SEGRETO 17

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

N. 4377/Mob. di prot. R.M. 151, 1 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Forza ufficiali dell'Esercito Italiano.-
Officer strength of the Italian Army.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.)

L E Q U I L E

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Seguito foglio 4066/Mob. in data 18 maggio c.a.-

D' stato effettuato il calcolo degli ufficiali occorrenti per l'attuazione del noto programma, seguendo il criterio di adottare percentuali diverse per i vari enti da costituire e tenendo conto dell'attività che, specie gli organi territoriali e le formazioni dei vari servizi, debbono svolgere. 1624

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Sono già stati impartiti ordini per l'eliminazione di tale esuberanza.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f.to P. Berardi

p. c. c.
SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Cutlia)

See Reverse for Translation

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From SMRE

To MMIA

Ref 4377/Mob

Date 1 Jun 44

SUBJECT:- Officer Strength of Italian Army

Further to 4066/Mob dated 18 May

We have calculated the number of officers required to fulfil the programme, in accordance with the directive given to estimate on different percentages for the different units to be formed and bearing in mind the type of work to be done, especially as regards territorial and service units.

The result in accordance with present strength is a surplus of about 1000 officers of combatant Corps.

Orders have already been issued for the elimination of said surplus.

The final total percentage of officers and men is 1 to17.

As and when present cadets are granted war commissions, officers at present in service will be correspondingly reduced.

signed Generd P BERARDI

Chief of Staff SMRE

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1

6 June 1944.

My Dear

1. Reference your CC/G/358 of 2 June - for information I would mention that :-

(a) 5 Corps Group (which now has Combat Div under command) is putting proposals to AAI which would involve a large increase over the figure of 14,100 proposed by General ALEXANDER. The object of 5 Corps Groups' proposals is to make Combat Div into a "reasonably mobile" and properly administered fighting force.

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(b) If AAI approve this or any other increase in Combat Troops, it will be at the expense of the remaining categories of the Italian Army.

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2. I think you know most of the above. This is merely a recapitulation. AAI will, of course, decide but if I am asked, I should advise against Marshal MESSE's proposal.

Yours L.B.

Lt. Gen. Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. CC/G/358.

2nd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: M.M.I.A.
(ATTENTION: Maj-Gen. L. Browning)

I send you herewith copy of a letter from Marshal Messe. 1622

I am going to talk to A.A.I. on this question but as far as I know, there is little prospect of our doing anything for the Cremona Division in the near future.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

P.M. 135, 30 May 1944

I Dept - Operations Office

To: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission

No. 13975/OP.

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations.

With the sending of the "Nembo" Division into the line, there are practically no Italian units at disposal, ready to go into action.

For this, not only are the units lacking, but the means (armaments, means of transportation, communication materials) adequate for use in modern warfare.

There are rather some large Units which, if suitably armed and equipped, would be in position within a very short time to participate in operations, which is the warm desire on the part of the Italians. Whenever the Allies consent to authorize an increase of our contribution to the fight, such authorization would meet with our full satisfaction.

It would then be necessary to distribute to these Units at least a part of the above means for the necessary training of the personnel.

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In such an event I would intend, in agreement with the views of the Army Chief of Staff, to destine as the first large Unit of these new troops, the "Cremona" Division, which morally and materially is the most advanced in readiness.

I do not emphasize the value which such authorization and help would have because it is well known. Kindly take this proposal under favourable consideration and furnish me some indication so as to keep me informed as to the preparation of the mentioned units, and in particular the "Cremona", at the present time stationed in Sardinia.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

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SUBJECT: Officer Strength in Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MFAO)
18 Gp. (Main)
G/S/1.
2 June 44.

To: U.S. General Officer, Minister for War.
U.K. General [illegible], Chief of Staff.

1. I am pleased to note that a reduction of surplus officer personnel has been made between 1 April and 15 May. This reduction, according to the strength returns submitted by you, amounts to 1051 officers.

2. Considering the large surplus of officers remaining in the Army, it appears, however, that the program should be accelerated.

3. Reports have reached this Headquarters that a large number of officers are assigned to depots, just waiting for assignment or orders, and that these officers, having no responsibility or work to do, are discontented. It has also been reported that some few such officers have been dreaming up conspiracies against the present Italian Government. You will agree that idle hands and minds breed idle thoughts. I am told that there are about a hundred such officers in Calabria alone.

4. It is desired that this Headquarters be furnished with a roster of all officers of the Italian Army above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, 1620 in each instance the station and assignment of the officer, and his present duties. This applies to officers carried on the strength returns of the active Army. If any such officers are unassigned at the present time, please indicate to what position you propose to assign them.

5. It is also desired that you advise me the exact number of officers, by grade, now on the active rolls of the Army, who are not assigned to a particular position of trust and responsibility within your War establishment. This applies to all officers held on depot strengths above the actual and necessary assigned overhead of the depot, as well as all officers now carried on the active rolls of the Army who are absent with leave for any cause, performing duty other than military duty, or absent without leave.

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Signed LB

Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.F.H.Q.

tws.LB.

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Pass to 'G' for retention
(a piece of letter received herewith).
Or

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SUBJECT: Calling up of Classes 1920-24,
Retention of Pets and Individuals

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/30
June 44

The procedure for obtaining exemptions for Italian Navy, Army and Air Force personnel from the call-up of the above classes is detailed below.

1. (a) All eligible personnel are liable to be called up.
(b) Civilians employed by Allied Forces will only be exempted if skilled personnel, whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within WE or has been specially authorised.
(c) Civilians employed by civilian firms will only be exempted on similar grounds, and if the firm concerned is doing work of operational importance for the Allied Forces.

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2. Where exemption is desired, the employing units etc of Services concerned may make application for exemption. These exemptions will be considered and decided by the undermentioned authorities, whose decision will be final:

(a) Comds of Districts, Base Sections or equivalent formations.
(b) FOWIT, AAFSO/MTO and Adv HQ 214 Group RAF.
Any cases of dispute will be referred to 'A' Branch, HQ AAI.

3. Proformas (as att) will be forwarded through normal Service channels, to the exempting authority, who will despatch them to Col NEGRONI, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ AAI. In the case of Navy and Air Force personnel they will be marked accordingly in the top right hand corner.

4. All exemptions are valid for 3 months only. Application for renewal will be marked "Application for Renewal of Exemption".

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importance for the Allied Forces.

2. Where exemption is desired, the employing units etc of Services concerned may make application for exemption. These exemptions will be considered and decided by the undermentioned authorities, whose decision will be final:

(a) Comds of Districts, Base Sections or equivalent formations.
(b) FOWIT, AAFSC/MTO and Adv HQ 21A Group RAF.
Any cases of dispute will be referred to 'A' Branch, HQ AAI.

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7. Exempting authorities will forward to 'A' Branch HQ AAI a monthly report showing the numbers exempted and the trade in which they are employed.

8. HQ AAI letters 311A/A (C) of 17 Mar, 3074/A (C) of 28 Mar, and 3074/A(C) of 11 May (copies to C in C Med) all refer.

9. Personnel of earlier classes than the above, who are employed by the Allies, are regulated by HQ AAI letter 3074/A(C) of 30 Mar (copy to C in C Med) as follows:-

(a) Where the retention of an Italian detachment is considered essential, the Allied formation concerned will apply to HQ AAI for its employment to be regularised.

(b) All other Italian military personnel will be returned immediately on demand by the Italian Unit concerned. (unless HMIM Consider them Seamen vital and order HQW to give extended leave - - Our own interpretation).

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PARTICULARS OF ALL ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

by _____ unit of HQ of formation)
and liable for Military Service

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Note:- Col 7 will be completed where applicable by inserting (a) or (b) denoting:-
(a) Skilled men to be retained and for whom exemption is required.
(b) Unskilled men who are useful but who could be recalled to Military Service on personnel.
Col 6 will only be completed in respect of personnel classified in col 7.

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ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. REGION V
C. M. F.

G/b/
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30 May 1944

Ref.: HB/014/20

SUBJECT: Deserters and Absentees, Italian Army

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Regional Control and Military Government Section.

In re your HB/12/CA - 152 - received 29 May.

1. The Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province, is apprized of the contents of the above communication and has taken the steps indicated as to the registration of deserters and absentees and has arranged to have the enclosed nominal lists of exemptions monthly as of the 20th of the month. This first report does not include names requested, since the people have not had sufficient time to register, because the instructions have not been out sufficiently long to enable them. 1617

2. Lists of names as Appendix "A" will be forwarded later.

3. The Carabinieri have been accorded full authority in Foggia Province to carry on the required investigations and procedure.

4. The plan as set up appears to be working out satisfactorily and should any unfavorable developments manifest themselves appropriate corrective measures will be taken.

For the Regional Commissioner:

EARL A. [illegible],
Major, C. M. F.,
Adjutant.

Copy to Army Sub-Commission (Main Hq, 15th Gp)

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Administration

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
23 May 44

H.E. General Orlando, Minister of War
H.E. General Berardi, Chief of Staff

1. The Commander in Chief has recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff certain personnel to be used for Italian Army administration. While no decision has been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, it is believed that certain aspects of Italian Army administration should be examined in order that any decision can be implemented without delay.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that the present personnel shown on strength states as employed by the Italian Army for administration is (as of Apr 25) 5,756 officers and 52,861 men, a total of 58,617. This figure does not include some 3,500 officers and men in transit camps awaiting assignment. The total figure of Italian Army personnel recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff is 45,870. It must be understood that this is a maximum figure, and is subject to review and readjustment in order to effect all possible economy of man-power used for this purpose.

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3. In order to make effective plans, and to fill the urgent needs of the Allies for Italian Army personnel for the Allied programme, the entire matter of Italian Army Administration should be considered. Without prejudice to any decision by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in regard to this matter, every effort must be taken at this time to effect economy of man-power.

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6. It appears that the functions of area headquarters, district headquarters, depots, transit camps, and services can be rearranged and consolidated in order to reduce the number of people employed.

7. It is desired that you study the entire problem and submit proposals covering the entire subject for the mainland, and the Islands.

8. Your proposals should include the location, function, personnel requirements (military and civilian) and the organisation of each establishment.

9. Please let me have your proposals within two weeks.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm CCS

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Subject:- Ceremonial - Italian Troops.
Entry into Rome.

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Army Sub Commission. A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/55.
26 May 44.

HQ. AAI. (through HQ. ACC.)

1. Without knowing the C in C's plans for celebrating the Allied entry into the Italian Capital, I venture to suggest that a generous representation ought to be given to the Italian Forces in any form of ceremonial parade which is contemplated.

2. I need not emphasise the political and psychological values of such a gesture except by mentioning the following factors:-

a) Its effect on Italian, and World, public opinion.

b) Its enhancement of the prestige of the Badoglio Government.

c) Its encouragement to loyal Italian troops "over the border".

d) The recognition of the Italian Forces as more than Carabinieri.

e) The healing effect on old wounds.

f) Its promise of future co-operation.

g) Its annoyance to the Germans.

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3. Whether the participation should be either of an informal "first troops to enter" nature or in a later planned "victory march" (or both) must depend on your plans and circumstances, but in either case, I suggest that the very early appearance of an Italian contingent (possibly leading the column and letting the senior partners come last) would enhance the stage effect of the ceremony.

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Subject:- Situation in SICILY

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
3/6/1
26 May 44

Minister of War(by hand of Officer)

1. The Director Army Sub Commission has received with surprise your"Nota verbale"(7203/II dated 22 May)transmitting complaints from the Commander XII Corps.

It is not indicated in your note whether H.E. the Minister supports these views; but while the Director realises that the memorandum was produced at short notice on 22 May, the fact remains that the matter had already been mentioned to his L.O. the previous day and therefore presumably had been fully considered.

2. The circumstances peculiar to SICILY were already well known to the Director, who, moreover, has just returned from a visit to the island where he discussed fully with GOC 1 District all the matters referred to by Comd XII Corps.

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3. These and other relevant matters have been under consideration for some time past and I am to inform you that instructions are to be issued, it is hoped, at an early date, covering:-

(a) The Channels of command and responsibilities of Commanders

(b) The organisation, administration and discipline of Italian Army personnel, and

(c) The procedure for controlling supplies to Italian Units.

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5. The Director wishes you to inform Gen MARIOTTI of these facts and to impress on him the desirability of working in complete accord with the Allies, both in the interests of the Common Cause and of his own troops.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

CWDC/cc

(Copy to GOC No 1 District together with a copy of Ministry of War "Nota Verbale Per L'ASC - 7203/II dated 22 May 1944)

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Memorandum produced by War Ministry for MMIA PM107 22 May 44

Subject:- Situation in SICILY

The Comd XII Corps advises:-

1. HQ 1 Dist is attempting to create a situation whereby the Italian tps and HQs come under its comd according to very different standards and methods to those which exist between Allied authorities and Italian tps in the other provinces of freed ITALY which have been handed back to the Italian administration.

To be precise, this undue interference takes the following form:-

- orders as to the location of Italian tps and HQs
- orders affecting the disciplinary control of units(request for confidential reports on Italian offrs - as Appx A)
- inspections carried out by British offrs of 1 Dist who wish to satisfy themselves as to the saluting, arms drill, general discipline and capabilities of the comds
- definite proposals for the appointment of Regimental Comds(Appx B)

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he insists that there must be no move of units into the Provinces of Agrigento and Ragusa, which are reserved for refugees, and into the towns of Trapani and Caltelvetrano (Appx C)

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1. that the relations between 1 Dist and the Italian HQ and tps should be the same as they are on the mainland,

2. that the solution envisaged by 1 Dist has the following drawbacks

it makes it impossible for the tps to get properly organised.

it leaves considerable areas of the island without tps, seriously prejudicing their intervention(owing to lack of tpt)in the event of public disturbances.

The Army Sub Commission is asked to be good enough to clear up these relations in order to have a perfectly normal situation. H.E. the Minister is most grateful to Gen Browning for his personal interest in this delicate matter.

(Sgd) Col. Fiore Vernazza

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO

N. di prot 7203/II P.M. 107 li 22 Maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Situazione in SICILIA

Il Comando XII Corpo d'Armata segnala:

1) - Che Comando 1 District tende creare fra se e le truppe e Comandi Italiani rapporti di dipendenza secondo criteri e metodi assai diversi dai tra autorita alleate e militari italiane esistenti nelle altre provincie dell' Italia liberata, restituite all'amministrazione italiana.

Precisamente tale anormale ingerenza avviene mediante:

- ordini relativi alla dislocazione di truppe e comandi italiani;
- ordini relativi al governo disciplinare dei reparti (richiesta rapporti informativi, confidenziali, su ufficiali italiani, come da allegato 1;
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- esplicite proposte sulla nomina di comandanti di reggimento (allegato 2)

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2) - Diversita vedute fra comando corpo d'armata stesso e generale Heydeman, circa la dislocazione dei reparti italiani all'arrivo delle due divisioni dalla SARDEGNA e precisamente:

- soluzione prgettata dal comando XII Corpo d'armata:
all'atto dell'arrivo della prima divisimne : raccogliere la divisione "SABAUDA" nella SICILIA Orientale (Provin. Enna, Ragusa, Catania e Messina) destinare divisione in arrivao nella SICILIA Occidentale (prov. Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltanissetta).

All'atto dell'arrivo della seconda divisone : sostituire con quest'ultima la divisione "SABAUDA", e raccogliere la "SABAUDA" nelle provincie di Enna e Caltanisetta, per consentire alla divisione stessa di ritemprarsi spiritualmente disciplinarmente addestrativamente, dopo il gravoso compito finora esplicato.

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In opposizione a tale progetto il generale Heydemen ha fatto riserva di decidere dcpo aver effettuato visita alle divisioni in partenza dalla SARDEGNA, ma che, ad ogni modo :

esige che si debba escludere l'immissione di qualsiasi reparto nelle provincie di Agrigento e Ragusa riservate ai profughi e nelle citta di Trapani e di Castelvetrano. (Allegato 3).

Il Comando del XII Corpo d'Armata osserva, in merito al :

- comma 1) :
Che i rapporti fra il comando 1 district ed i comandi e truppe italiane dovrebbero essere uguali e quelli che si verificano nella penisola:

- comma 2) :
Che la soluzione prospettata dal comando 1 District presenta i seguenti inconvenienti :

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di escludere possibilita che le truppe possono sistemarsi convenientemente
di lasciare notevole zona dell'Isola sgombera dalle truppe, con gravi difficolta di intervento (mancanza mezzi di trasporto) in caso di perturbamento dell'ordine pubblico.

Si prega la Sottocommissione per l'Esercito di voler chiarire i rapporti per rendere la situazione normale.

S.E. il Ministro e grato al signor generale BROWNING per il suo personale interessamento in questa delicata questione.

agd. Col R. Fiore-Vernazza

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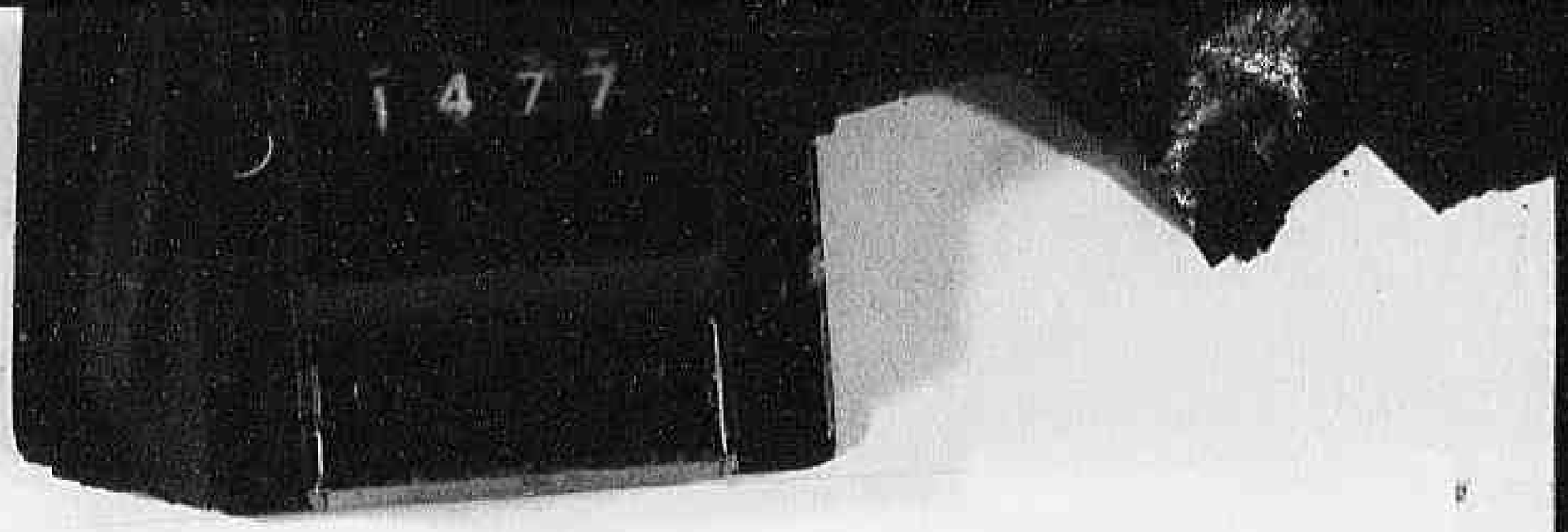


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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/317/81/CA.

20 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Civilian Prisons.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, & VII
SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Overcrowding in civilian prisons throughout Liberated Italy has become acute.

2. The main causes of overcrowding are:

(a) Requisitioning of prisons by Allied Forces.
(b) Use of prisons for detaining Italian Military prisoners.
(c) Delay in dealing with prisoners awaiting trial.
(d) War damage to prisons.

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3. Representations have been made by the Commission to the Allied and Italian Military authorities to release prison accommodation.

4. The Minister of Justice is being pressed to arrange for the release on bail of prisoners awaiting trial on minor charges.

5. The Minister of Justice has also been impressed with the necessity of having an adequate staff to deal with prison matters. He has also been advised to institute a system of inspectors to visit prisons.

6. Regional Commissioners are requested to inform this HQ as a matter of urgency what steps they have been able to take to rebuild or repair damaged prisons. Where it has not been possible to make arrangements locally, recommendations for rebuilding specific prisons should be forwarded to this HQ stating briefly the extent of the repairs and the relative priority. Arrangements will then be made by this HQ to secure priority of labour and materials.

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7. The overcrowding of prisons must be regarded as an urgent problem. All possible steps to reduce overcrowding must be taken locally. Suggestions or recommendations are invited.

M. S. LUSH, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Regions VIII & IX.
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Admin Section (4)
Public Safety Sub-Comm.
Army Sub-Commission.

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Risposta foglio G/6/1/42 del 23/4 c.a.-

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Concordo con le necessità di riduzioni nel numero degli ufficiali.

Le riduzioni sono infatti in atto da tempo. Da gennaio a tutto marzo ne sono stati eliminati 3400, in aprile altri 1000: la vostra segnalazione riguarda i dati fine marzo.

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Risposta foglio G/6/1/42 del 23/4 c.a.-

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Translation on reverse.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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SUBJECT: Officer Strength of Italian Army

To MMIA

Your G/G/1/42 of 23 Apr.

I agree with the necessity to reduce the number of officers.

This reduction has, in fact, been going on for some-time. From January till the end of March 3,400 officers were removed, 1,000 more in April. Your signal refers to the time up to the end of March.

When this prospectus is approved by Washington, we shall be able to fix definite reductions. The reckoning is underway, based on the proper policy as indicated by the Sub Commission by adopting different percentages according to the varied units. Further, it would be well to agree on certain fixed percentages for small units as well in order that the scheme may work out well.

Once the programme and plan are agreed the rapid elimination of excess numbers will be rapidly carried out.

C.G.S.
BERARDI

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CITE ITEM BAKER SUGAR ABLE GEORGE DASH 162
CORRECTION THE NR IS 1162

FROM ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY
TO CO ITEM BAKER SUGAR

ALSO TO MMIA LEQUILE IN LECCE

[redacted]

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LARQUILA (LEOCE)
G/S/1
16 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

1. In your 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) dated 3 Apr you proposed in App "B" a certain distribution of Internal Security Divs. This, of course, is still subject to approval by C.C.S.

2. I have been going into all this question recently and would like to state my views on possibilities for the future.

3. We must consider the future layout right up to the PISA - RIMINI line, not only of the Internal Security Divs, but also of the Italian Area Head - quarters. These latter(e.g. Gen BASSO in CAMPANIA)will command all Italian troops in their Area, such as Depots, Reinforcement Camps, Italian Military Districts, transit camps etc. i.e. the general administrative set-up to provide troops for the Allies and to maintain the services for the Italian Army. These must continue.

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L. Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Appendix "A" to MMLA letter G/G/1 of May

| Present Proposals | MMLA New Suggestions (to be implemented as occasion demands). |
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(1) To be formed from XXXI Corps HQ.
(2) To be formed from IX Corps HQ.
(3) One Corps HQ and one div required in the densely populated region of ROME; a second div for t to the North.
(4) One Corps HQ required for Adriatic Sector with one div for regions between FOGGIA and RIMINI.
(5) Included in Appx 'A' to your letter of 3 Apr under '4'(static formations).

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Appendix "A" to NAIA letter G/G/4 of May 44 SECRET

NAIA New Suggestions
(to be implemented as occasion demands).

| | Probable Designations | Present Locations |
|---|---|---|
| 1. ITALY | | |
| (a) NAPLES and South | | |
| i Area HQ CALABRIA (1) | | |
| One Internal Security Div | MANTOVA Div | CALABRIA |
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| SICILY | | |
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| Two Internal Security Divs | SABAUDA Div | " |
| | 226 Div | SARDINIA |
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| Two Internal Security Divs | CALABRIA Div | " |
| | 204 Div | " |

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er under '4'(static formations).

Copy for C. SECRET

Subject:- AFHQ letter HSD/A24 of 8 May 44 - Employment of Italian Army Units and personnel with British Forces.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (NHIA)
LEGHORN (LEGOS)
AG/3
16 May 44

M.Q., A.A.I.

1. On return from tour I have just read AFHQ letter as above. I regret to say that I disagree with it profoundly on 5 main grounds:-

(a) I cannot see how it is possible to have such a directive applying to British Forces only. From every angle, legal, political, economic or military, the Allies must speak and act with one voice.

(b) The legal status of the British vis a'vis the Italians as proposed by AFHQ is complicated, would breed trouble and lower Italian morale. After handing over "Kings Italy" to the Italian Government and control of the Italian Army to the Italian military authorities, subject to control by A.C.C. and A.A.I.(as per A.A.I. Adm Sch Administrative Instruction No 6 dated 15 Mar) I do not see how we can "Command" the Italian Army in the manner laid down in the AFHQ letter.

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4. Frankly, I am alarmed at possible, even probable, repercussions if the AFHQ letter is issued as it is, not only as regards the actual "work-out" but also in respect of its effect on the morale of the Italian Army and people, both now and post war.

LB/cc

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, AGC

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Appendix "A"
(To accompany MMLA letter AQ/3 dated 16 May 44)

Suggested amendments to AFHQ letter MSO/424 dated 8 May - "Employment of Italian Army units and personnel with British Forces"

1. Title

For existing title read "Employment of Italian co-belligerent Army".

NOTE - The policy must cover CIL, units employed by Allies, IS formations and Italian Administration.

2. Throughout

For "British" read "Allied", except in para 10.

NOTE - We must have one Allied policy; otherwise chaos.

3. Para 1

Delete at end "to Italian Army units and personnel serving with British Forces" and substitute "to the complete co-belligerent Italian Army as may be authorised by COS viz:-

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5. Para 3

Substitute:- "For all S.D. matters, subject to any orders that may be issued by the Allies, the Italian co-belligerent Army will be treated in a similar manner to the Allied Army".

NOTE:- To fit in with the TITLE etc.

6. (a) Para 4

For "SUPREME COMMAND" read "MILITARY AUTHORITIES"

NOTE:- MMIA deals direct with M of W and SHAE. The COMMAND SUPREME is really a fifth wheel in the coach.

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(b) Delete "for a body which is to be entirely Italian" and last sentence of first sub-paragraph.

NOTE:- See my letter G/G/1 on DILUTION dated 15 May. We should form all Italian soldiers into formed bodies thus establishing the simple basic principles set out in my amended para 5 and avoiding legal difficulties.

7. Para 5

Substitute:-

"5. COMMAND and PUNISHMENT

The principles under which command and punishment will be enforced are:-

(a) Provided that their execution of command does NOT contravene Italian military law, all Allied commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command.

(b) Such Italian formations and units will comply with orders as in (a) through Italian channels under the direction of their own authorities. Demands for disciplinary action, or the removal and replacement of unsuitable Italian officers, will be made by the Allied commander to the Italian commander concerned, who will comply as in (c).

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NOTE:- We cannot partially give Italians disciplinary control of their Army unler their code. We must demand proper action by them and see to it that inaction or inadequate action is punished by the removal of the inadequate Italian officer concerned.

The above three principles are simple, practical, avoid legal difficulties and give much needed support to the prestige of the Italian army as a co-belligerent, while safeguarding Allied interests and getting the necessary results.

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8. Para 6

Delete "although such offence may not be an offence against Italian law" and substitute -

"pending investigation and handing over the offender for trial by the Italian authorities"

NOTE:- The same remarks apply as in the NOTE to "CHARGED and PUNISHED"

Surely, also, under existing circumstances, there can be NO offence under BRITISH military law which is not covered by ITALIAN military law. But, to make certain, a section could be added to the Italian military code stating that "Any offence against Allied Military Law is also an offence under Italian Military Law and is punishable by .....". I am sure the Italians would gladly conform.

9. Para 7

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See my A1/8 dated 27 Apr -

In AFHQ letter there is no allowance for:-

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10. Para 8

For para "5(a)(i)" read "5".

11. Para 9(a) to (e)

See my AQ/8 dated 27 Apr -

To be effective the reinforcement plan must be simple and be designed to meet the needs of the whole Italian co-belligerent army. The AFHQ letter covers only part of this army. In my AQ/8 dated 27 Apr I outlined a comprehensive scheme (including hospital casualties) whereby reinforcements could be provided for the two main subdivisions of the Italian Army i.e. Troops employed or to be employed by the Allies on the one hand; and C.I.L., L.S. Formations and central Italian administration on the other. Each subdivision requires different treatment and I consider that para 9(a) to (e) of AFHQ letter should

be re-written/.....sheet 4

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11. (cont)

be re-written accordingly, without going into details.

12. Para 10

The Americans have a different pay sys on to the British, in that there is a "finance officer" per Division. Moreover I understand that American law and procedure does NOT permit of advances of pay to the Italian Army. Unless this state of affairs has been changed by recent decree, add a para 10 (f) to read "Advances of pay to Italians are NOT made by the Americans."

13. Para 12(b)

Delete references to NAPLES and BARI. Locations may change.

Delete "which are accepting cases from units to which this directive refers". The Italian Medical Service is responsible for supplying all Medical Units.

14. Para 13

Delete whole para and substitute -

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"Welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the Italian government. Allied commanders of units working in conjunction with Italian units may assist in the welfare of the Italian unit, provided always the welfare amenities available to Allied troops in no way suffers. Certain allotments of games equipment may be made, if available, under arrangements made by the Allied Welfare authorities.

15. Para 14(a)

Delete sub para and substitute -

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15. Para 14(a)

Delete sub para and substitute -

"Supply will be made through normal Allied channels. Compensating supplies will be demanded on Army Sub Commission ACC by the appropriate Allied Formations."

Para 14 (b)

Delete "(i) Diluted Italian units will draw through DMDs."

(ii) delete "For complete Italian units the policy will be"

Para 14(c)

After "EFT" add "or FX"

16. Para 17

Delete whole para and substitute -

"17. Equipment

Pending the receipt of full and final instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Italian units and personnel working for the Allies will be equipped and clothed as follows:-

(a) ..... sheet 5

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16. (cont)

(a) primarily from Italian Army stocks to the maximum possible extent.

(b) Deficiencies in clothing will be made up as far as possible from the Allied pool of clothing provided from Allied sources and controlled by Army Sub Commission ACC.

(c) Such further items of clothing and technical equipment as are essential for the unit to carry out its work may be authorised by HQ AAI and issued by the appropriate Allied source".

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission ACC

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APPENDIX "B"
to MMIA letter AQ/8 of 16 May.

Charter for Allied L.O's with I.P.L. Coys.

1. (a) Italian labour units working for the Allies are subject to Italian Military law under their own Italian Commanders. Italian unit C.O's are thus responsible for the internal discipline, administration and efficiency of their units.

(b) On the other hand such Italian units are subject to operational control of the Allies who issue rations on a basis of effectiveness.

2. The functionsof an Allied units L.O. thus are to:-

(a) issue operational orders to the Italian C.O. for the execution of duties ordered by higher Allied authority.

(b) assist the Italian C.O. in respect of the issue of supplies and material from Allied sources.

(c) advise the Italian C.O. in respect of improvements necessary to increase the efficiency and well being of his unit. The Italian C.O. will facilitate any investigation the Allied L.O. may see fit to make.

(d) recommend to superior Italian authority the removal and replacement of the Italian C.O. and other officers who are unsuitable, if adequate action is not taken by the Italian C.O. as in (a) and (c). The Allied unit L.O. will simultaneously report his recommendation to the Allied L.O. (who, if nexessary, will pass the matter on to MMIA for action with M of W or SHAEF) with the Superior Italian formation concerned, in order to ensure that the Superior Italian formation commander takes suitable action to maintain or increase the efficiency of the unit. 1597

3. In view of the nature of his work, an Allied L.O. cannot be given a hard and fast charter to cover every single detail of his work. Moreover the sense of responsibility of the Italian C.O. must be encouraged and his authority upheld. All action by Allied L.O.'s should therefore be governed by tact and common sense.

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SUBJECT:- Memorandum on PW Units

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
16 May 44

To: Comd
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. Nos 671, 676 and 677 Italian Pioneer Coys from SICILY with escort were due to arrive at CASORIA (NAPLES) on 14 May.

2. It is understood that these three Coys have been sent here to await shipment to UK.

3. In the meantime I am informed by DADL that 637 Coy was brought over from NORTH AFRICA by 862 ME Workshop and Park Coy some time ago and is at present employed at BARI under adm of 61 Group Pioneer Corps.

4. 637 Coy is billetted alone in the BARI Pipe Works and draws PW rations

Basic Pay 2/11d per week ) In addition
Working Pay 6d per day unskilled ) to Italian
" " 1/- " " skilled ) Army pay

All pay credited - no cash issues.
NAAFI issue against credit.
Permanently on parole and free to walk out.

5. Conclusion

(a) The PWs are probably better clothed and certainly better fed than Italian soldiers and get NAAFI issues.

(b)

| Basic Pay Per day(approx) | Italian Soldier | Skilled PW | Unskilled PW |
|---|---|---|---|
| Italian adm | 5 | 35 | 25 |
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| Combat | 45 | 35 | 25 |

(c) For above reasons, obviously undesirable to have any PWs in King's Italy.

ABC

Lt Col
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Note - WE of an Italian PW Pioneer Coy is:-

Italian - 2 offrs and 281 ORs
British
Cadre - 1 offr and 3 ORs

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To :- 'G' (Internal).
Supert/asport.

From :- Movements Liaison Officer.

14 May 44.

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An extract from Mov RMEIO signal Mov 7259 dated 12 May is given below.

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FROM :- MOV RMEIO.

MOV 7259 Move will take place as follows (.) 671 676 677 Italian Pioneer Coys strength 15 offrs 835 ORs plus British escort 2 offrs 85 ORs will move SENTE to CASORIA as under (.) Arrive RMEIO by ferry 1150 hrs 15 May (.) Entrainment will be carried out under orders of Italian RTO departing REMEIO DOCKS station 1250 hrs 15 May

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S/Capt. 'Q' (M),
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Situation Regarding 8 Italian Pioneer Coys. (POW).

LOCATIONS.

81 Group Pioneer Corps.

672 Italian Pioneer Coy - AUGUSTA.
673 " " " - SYRACUSE.
674 " " " - PRIOLO.
675 " " " - SYRACUSE.

671 } Are en route to CASORIA (NAPLES) for shipment
676 } to U.K. E.T.A. NAPLES 1000 hrs 1/- May.
677 }

637 Coy was brought over from NORTH AFRICA (unofficially) by 662 M.T. Workshop & Park Coy R.E. and are employed at BARI.

This Company comes under 61 Group Pioneer Corps for administration, billeted alone in the BARI PIAZ WORKS and draws P.O.W. rations.

A.E. of a P.O.W. Coy is :-
Italian - 2 officers and 284 ORs
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Basic pay 2/11 per week
Lowest pay 6° per day unskilled
1/- " " skilled.

All pay credited - No casuals.
N.A.A.F.I. issue against credit.

Major,
D.A.D.L.

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

Ref/185/17/CA. 13 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Deserters and Absentees from the Italian Army.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. I consider the rounding up of deserters and absentees from the Italian Armed Forces to be a matter of great importance and one to which your attention is drawn with emphasis. The Chief Commissioner has decided, however, that owing to the vital necessity of harvesting the crops, the Foggia area must receive special treatment.

2. You are directed to take the following action immediately in regard to Foggia Province :

(a) Ensure that all deserters and absentees who are required for agriculture work be registered forthwith but NOT removed. An exemption certificate for one or two months must be given them.

(b) The Carabinieri must be given <u>full</u> authority to make investigations and to remove any person without a certificate as in (a) above.

3. This situation requires immediate action :

(a) Because of the imminence of the harvest.

(b) Because the Minister of War is shortly to issue a proclamation declaring that all deserters and absentees will be treated in future as if their act were "in the face of the enemy".

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4. Please send a report of the action taken by you on this letter to reach this HQ, with a copy to Army Sub-Commission (Main HQ Lecce), by 31 May. This report must include a list of those given exemption certificates, vide para 2 (a) above.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

ET/RAC.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission (Main HQ LECCE).
Economic Section - For Agriculture Sub-Commission (2).

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ACTION SLIP

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of skilled personnel whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within WE or has been specially authorised. (This HQ Ltr 307/G4(O) dated 4 May 44 refers).

4. Applications for exemption may also be made on similar grounds in respect of personnel employed by civilian firms doing work of operational importance for the Allied Forces.

5. In the case of Navy and Air Force personnel applications for exemption should be marked accordingly in the top right hand corner of the form, and otherwise dealt with in accordance with existing procedure.

6. All exemptions granted under this scheme will now be valid only for a period of 3 months from date of exemption, and application for subsequent extensions will be made in the same manner except that the form will be marked "Application for Renewal of Exemption" and quote previous authorisation.

7. Personnel who are granted exemption and are subsequently released or discharged from their employment will be reported to the exempting authorities who will cancel exemption and inform Col NEWCOMB, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

8. Exempting authorities will forward to A. Branch, HQ AAI a monthly report showing the personnel exempted and trades in which they are employed.

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Subject:- Liaison Officer to Italian XXI Corps.

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ID/III/A
6 May 44

Army Sub Commission ACC.
Main Headquarters, MMIA.
LECCE. (LECCE)

Lieut.(Hon.Lt.Col) F. RODZIANKO

1. Reference AAI(3100/A(P) dated 26 April 44, addressed your HQ and AFHQ letter GI(B)I375/AI dated 19 April 44 concerning the a/n officer. I wish to point out that a British Liaison Officer at the HQ's of the Italian XXIth Corps is considered essential.

2. This HQ's controls, or will control, three Divisions and an officer of experience with at least the rank of Major is needed for liaison duties between Italian Corps HQ and the Senior Military Commander in Sicily.

3. Lt.Col. Rodzianko has been performing this duty for some time past and has shown considerable zeal and energy in carrying out this task. I consider him a suitable officer for the appointment and wish to request that he may be appointed in the rank of Major to MMIA for this purpose and an application made if necessary for an amendment to the war establishment.

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C.F.
RAC/EML

C.A. Heydeman
Major General.
Commanding.
No I District.

Copy to: HQ AAI 'A'(P)
AFHQ G-I(Br)

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HQ ACC. APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 11 May 1720
By DFE

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MHA)
LE QUIRINAL (LECCE)
G/6/1/1
9 May 44

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Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Do you approve of my sending attached paper to HQ A.A.I. please ?

Yes - You may
I agree.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm., ACC.

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SUBJECT:- DILUTION

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MKI)
LIEUTENANT (LONDON)
S/C/1
17 May 44

My A.A.I.

1. GENERAL
I feel that a firm policy should be agreed and issued as regards the whole question of DILUTION of Allied units with Italians.

2. FACTORS
The following are relevant:-

(a) Executive control of the Italian Army has been handed over to the Italians, subject to any orders that may be issued by A.C.C./A.A.I.

(b) (i) Discipline, pay, clothing, internal administration, distribution of supplies etc, are the responsibility of the Italian Army authorities, subject to general control as in (a) and to any clothing and supplies the Allied authorities are able to provide.
(ii) Italian soldiers working either as individuals or as units or formations are thus not legally subject to Allied military law.

(c) Italian prestige and authority must be upheld and even increased as far as possible, in order that the Italian military forces may set their own house in order. 1588

(d) It has been agreed as normally inadvisable that Allied manpower be replaced by Italian in fighting units such as battalions. The insertion of one or two Italian platoons, for instance, in an Allied battalion would create difficulties of supply, control, discipline etc which would make such insertion not worth while.

(e) There are 5 categories under which Italian soldiers are employed by the Allies:-

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Direct dilution, in the accepted sense of the word e.g. 7 Mountain Regt, where Italian soldiers form an integral part of the unit, with one integrated W.E. for the unit.

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CATEGORY "B"

Complete units or formations under their own commanders, working under orders given direct to the Italian Commanding officer e.g. Ambient Gyps, Combat Div, I.S. Div etc.

CATEGORY "C"

Units where a complete Italian unit ~~as in (ii)~~ has a supervisory Allied cadre. This Cadre has all Allied equipment on its charge, (which indeed is the main reason for its existence) and is the channel through which orders are transmitted to the Italian C.O. e.g. G.S. companies and labour bns.

CATEGORY "D"

Composite British/Italian units e.g. certain artisan work units where H.Q. and two secs are British, while two secs (under their own Italian officers) are Italian "attached".

/CATEGORY "E"

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2. FACTORS (c) cont'd.

CATEGORY "E"

Odd numbers of Italians "co-opted" by an Allied unit and forming part of no definite Italian unit.

3. SMOOTHNESS IN WORKING

(a) Category "A" is, I gather, already causing trouble, which is likely to increase as the new Italian Government becomes more established and vocal.

(b) Categories "B" and "C" are working satisfactorily.

(c) Category "D" is an innovation but should work satisfactorily also.

(d) Category "E" must be unsatisfactory and was the subject of my letters G/6/4 dated 22, 27 and 28 April.

4. PLAN

I therefore recommend that:-

(a) Category "A" be changed to category "D"

(b) Category "E" be changed to categories "B", "C" or "D", as local circumstances dictate.

(c) An instruction be issued to all Allied units and formations, specifying the legal status of the Italian soldiers concerned, and the responsibility and powers of control of the Italians on the one hand and the Allies on the other.

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We would then have a flexible scheme of DILUTION on a legal basis, with possibilities of friction removed.

5. Chief Commissioner A.C.C. has read and approved this letter.

(Sgd)

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(Sgd) L Brownrigg

Maj Gen,
Actg Sub Comm A.C.C.

ABC

(Copy to H.Q., A.C.C.)

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

LEQUILE

N. 3933 di Prot. Mob.

OGGETTO : Forza Ufficiali dell'Esercito Italiano.-

Riferimento vostro G/6/1/42 del 23 aprile.-

La questione da voi rappresentata é in esame.-

Vi saranno presentate a giorni le nostre proposte assieme al piano per l'eliminazione degli ufficiali che attualmente sono in eccesso nell'Esercito.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

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A. 146

Subject:- Policy for Italian Soldiers captured North of existing line.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
11 May 44

Chief Commissioner, ACC

1. I discussed with you the other day what we intended to do with the(perhaps very large)number of Italian Soldiers we might capture North of the present line. We agreed that these must first be collected in P. of W. Camps.

2. What to do with them then? We cannot just let them loose. Many may still be Fascist. Many may be willing to "turn their coat". Many may be of the classes of the existing Italian Co-belligerent Army and these should not be freed to earn high civilian wages while their loyal(to us)confrères are conscripted.

3.(a) I understand from D.D.L., A.F.H.Q. that up to 400,000 will be required and can be used in G.B. once Invasion starts.

(b) Here seems to be the answer to para 2. Willy nilly we form them into P. of W. units and ship them(D.D.L. says this is not a difficulty) to G.B. either on a P. of W. or a co-belligerent status.

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(c) The legal position of these prisoners is the main problem and we should decide on this NOW, before we get them. Perhaps we could interview the prisoners and ask them whether they are prepared to work for the Allies on a co-belligerent basis. Those that say "Yes" we classify as such and they sign(or thumb print a certificate); the others as P. of W. We then ship to North Africa the P. of W. to replace those already sent elsewhere; and to G.B. the "volunteer co-belligerents".

(d) The "terms of service" of these latter in G.B. might be British rations; clothing and boots; a rate of pay which would appeal while being a good deal lower than British labour; repatriation as soon as the war is over with a small bonus; no more fighting!

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(e) I believe most of them would jump at these terms and we would thus:-

(i) be freed of an embarassment in ITALY.

(ii) provide the necessary labour in G.B.

(iii) de-Fascistize a large proportion of these men.

4. The above is just the outline of an idea.

LB/cc

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements System - Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MHA)
Land Utilities (L/CC)
AG/S
27 Apr 44.

To: HQ, A.A.I.

1. OBJECT. The object of this letter is to define the procedure by which the C.M.I. (1/100) other Forces under Allied Cont (180000) and other authorised Forces of the Italian Army (1/7070) are maintained at the correct strength as laid down by the C.C.C. (see Appendices "A" and "B").

2. GOVERNING FACTORS.

The procedure, to be effective, must incorporate the following main factors : -

(a) the Forces maintained and fed by the Allies must always be only those who are 'in fact effective'. Non-effectives must be eliminated and immediately replaced by effectives.

(b) the total number of personnel must not exceed the ceiling as laid down from time to time.

(c) The procedure must provide for : -

(i) as regards C.M.I. immediate battle replacements. -
normal wastages.
replacement of complete units for rest, re-equipment and reorganisation.

(ii) as regards Forces under Allied Cont -
normal wastages.

(iii) as regards other authorised Forces -
normal wastages and reinforcements to enable (i) and (ii) above to be implemented.

3. ESTIMATE OF C.M.I.

(a) Immediate Battle Replacements and Normal Wastages.

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3. REINFORCEMENT OF CIL.

(a) Immediate Battle Replacements and Normal Wastages.

The set up of the C.I.L. includes a Reinforcement Unit to hold immediate battle replacements of all ranks. Normal wastages of this unit will be replaced by trained drafts from Internal Security Divs under Italian Army arrangements. This unit will perform the normal function of providing immediate replacements of trained men.

(b) Replacement of Complete Units.

The Italian Army will train and prepare the Internal Security Divisions in such manner as to enable complete units to be moved into CIL when considered desirable by the Allied Command. The CIL units so replaced and returning to Internal Security Divs will be reformed within the latter and be again available as replacements when needed.

4. REINFORCEMENT OF OTHER FORCES UNDER ALLIED COMMAND.

The reinforcement of other Italian Forces operating under Allied Command will be based on a unit to be formed within the ceiling of the 180,000 troops working under Allied Command and to be called the 'ALLIED REINFORCEMENT UNIT' (A.R.U.)

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5. STATUS, LOCATION and DUTIES of the A.I.U.

(a) STATUS. The A.I.U. will operate under Allied Command with the primary function of providing efficient trained reinforcements for the Italian Forces working under Allied Command (180000) and with the secondary function of performing local guard and labour duties.

(b) LOCATION. The A.I.U. will be placed in a location having -

(i) communications to enable troops to be readily moved by rail etc.

(ii) facilities to draw and hold the necessary stores and equipment to re-equip the men.

(iii) suitable training areas.

(iv) suitable opportunities usefully to employ the personnel in guards, labour etc.

(c) DUTIES.

(i) To hold train and equip 9000 all ranks, being a basis of 5% to cover normal wastage (of 180000) including possible small numbers of battle casualties.

(ii) To forward suitable trained and equipped men in accordance with reinforcement demands received from the appropriate Allied reinforcement demand organisation.

(d) COMMAND & STAFF. An Allied cadre will command and supervise an Italian Army A.I.U. staff formed within the ceiling of the 180,000 troops under Allied Command.

(e) SUPPLY OF PERSONNEL. The strength of 9000 all ranks in the A.I.U. will be maintained by drafts from Italian DEPOTS.

(f) METHOD OF DEMANDING PERSONNEL. The Allied reinforcement organisation of the Allied Formation Comdg the Italian units concerned will demand through normal channels direct on the A.I.U. Necessary arrangements will be made for MLS to know the demands, strength state etc of the A.I.U. and so ensure the flow of these replacements from Italian Depots.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF OTHER AUTHORISED PARTS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

(a) STATUS. Italian Army Depots will operate under Italian Army [illegible] under such control as may be laid down by the Allied Comd.

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(e) MAINTENANCE OF PERSONNEL. The strength of 9000 all ranks in the A.R.U. will be maintained by drafts from Italian DEPOTS.

(f) RETURN OF REMAINING PERSONNEL. The Allied reinforcement organisation of the Allied Re section Comdg the Italian units concerned will demand through normal channels direct on the A.R.U. Necessary arrangements will be made for this to keep the demands, strength state etc of the A.R.U. and so control the flow of these replacements from Italian Depots.

6. REINFORCEMENT OF OTHER ATTACHED FORCES OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

(a) STATUS. Italian Army Depots will operate under Italian Army Command under such control as may be laid down by the Allied Comd.

(b) COMMAND and STAFF. These Depots will be commanded and staffed by Italian Army personnel within the ceiling of 45870 laid down for Italian Administration.

(c) DUTIES. To receive, document, control, discharge and otherwise handle Italian Army personnel and incoming civilians in order to maintain : -

(i) The Internal Security Divs (101200) and Italian Administration (45870) at the correct ceiling.

(ii) The inflow of personnel necessary to maintain the A.R.U. 9000.

7. REMOVAL OF INEFFECTIVES.

In order that the ceiling for the Italian Army may be completely filled by military personnel who are "in fact effective" the following casualty procedure will operate : -

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7. REMOVAL OF INEFFECTIVES (Contd)

(a) Hospital Casualties. A patient will remain on the strength of his unit for 30 days while in hospital. After 30 days he will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army, ceased to be maintained within the Armed Forces ceiling and become an Italian civil liability. He will then be automatically replaced by a reinforcement demanded as outlined above.

(b) Personnel A.W.O.L. Personnel absent without leave will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army after 30 days and be replaced by a reinforcement. Personnel so struck off strength may, when apprehended, be subject to such disciplinary action as the Italian Army consider appropriate, but will NOT be maintained or rationed within the ceiling of the Italian Army as laid down by the C.C.C.

(c) Personnel Undergoing Detention. Personnel who are sentenced to periods of imprisonment or similiar punishment or are awaiting trial so as to render them ineffective, will be struck off strength after 30 days and will cease to be maintained or rationed within the ceiling of the Italian Army as laid down by the C.C.C.

8. LEAVE. Leave may be granted, subject to operational requirements, under the following conditions only. Leave will NOT be granted for any other reasons or periods :

(a) (i) REGULAR LEAVE: after 3 months service and thereafter at 3 monthly intervals - 10 days.

(ii) COMPASSIONATE LEAVE: on urgent compassionate grounds - 10 days

Under normal circumstances the death or serious illness of parents, wife, children or serious damage to the home by enemy action will be considered grounds for application.

A certificate will be produced from the CC.RR confirming the reason for the application and must be agreed by the appropriate Allied and Italian Unit Heads.

(b) (i) Periods of leave count from the day of departure from the Unit until the day of return to the Unit.

(ii) Regular leave will NOT be granted until after a period of 3 months after compassionate leave.

(iii) NOT more than 10% of [illegible]

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(a) (i) REGULAR LEAVE: after 3 months service and thereafter at 3 monthly intervals - 10 days.

(ii) COMPASSIONATE LEAVE: on urgent compassionate grounds - 10 days

Under normal circumstances the death or serious illness of parents, wife, children or serious damage to the home by enemy action will be considered grounds for application.

A certificate will be produced from the C.O. confirming the reason for the application and must be agreed by the appropriate Allied and Italian Unit Comds.

(b) (i) Periods of leave count from the day of departure from the Unit until the day of return to the Unit.

(ii) Regular leave will NOT be granted until after a period of 3 months after compassionate leave.

(iii) NOT more than 10% of the actual ration strength of a unit ("forza presente") may be away on leave of any kind at any one time.

9. CONCLUSION.

I request that approval may be given in principle to the organisation proposed above, subject to approval by C.C.S. of the numbers shown in Appendix "A".

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

Encl. Nil.

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APPENDIX "A".

SECRET

(to AG/8 dated 27th April 1946)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY (All Ranks.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Combat Division (C.I.L.) ..... | 14,100. |
| (b) | Other Forces employed or to be employed by the Allies. ..... | 180,000. |
| (c) | Other authorised Forces of the Italian Army. | |
| | Internal Security Formations ..... | 101,200. |
| | Italian Administration: - | |
| | Central Organisations 4,470 | |
| | Static Formations 15,000 | - 45,870. |
| | Services. 26,400 | |
| | | 147,070. |

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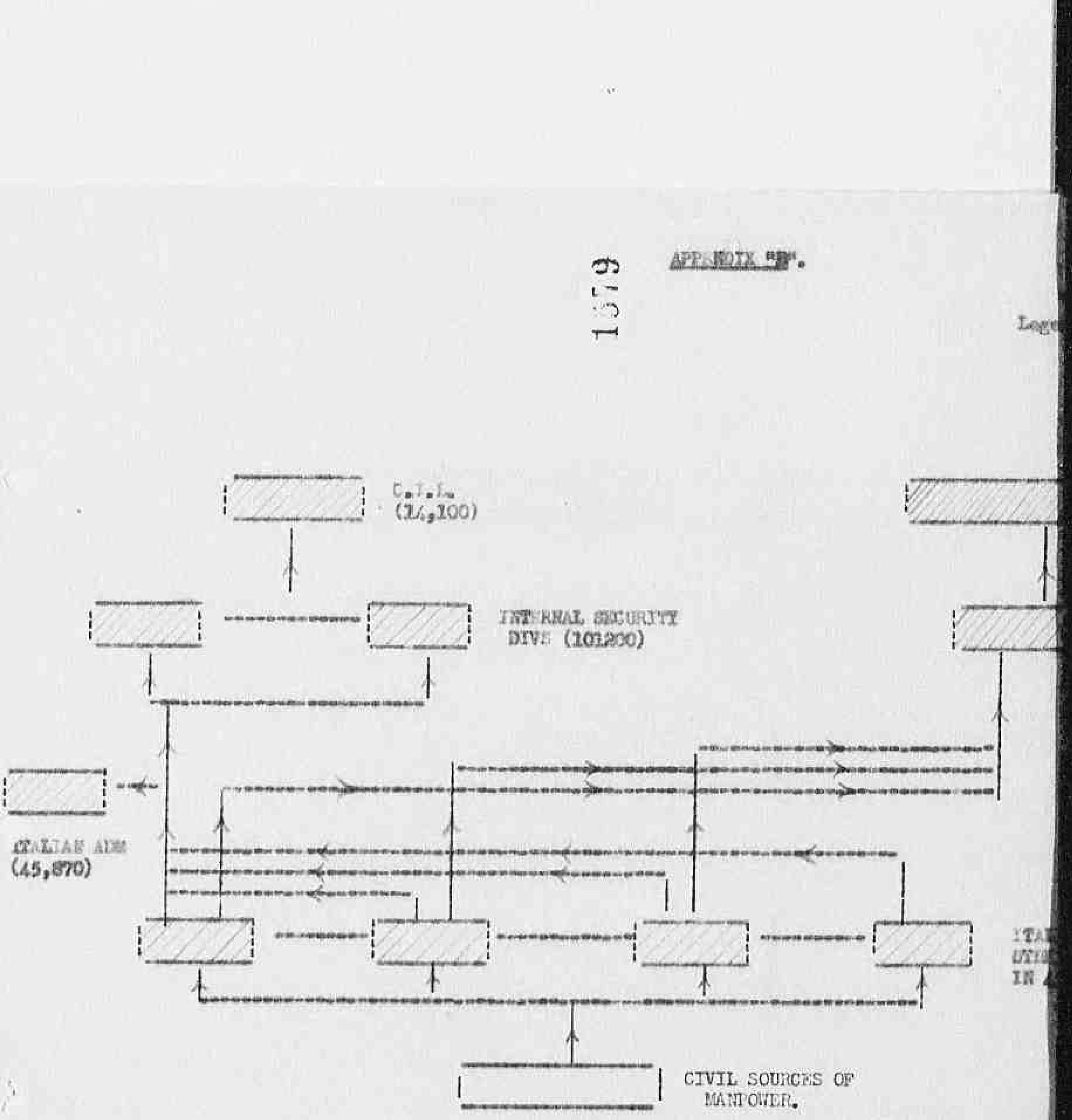
APPENDIX "B".

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APPENDIX "B".

G/6/1

TRANSLATION

9 May 44

Comando Supremo to Army Sub Commission

Subject:- ORBAT of Comando Supremo

Ref letter G/6/1/40 of 1 Apr

1. The letter G/6/1/35 referred to in the above letter, calling for the Order of Battle, has been cancelled by letter G/6/1 of 29 Apr.
Nevertheless, the table called for is being sent as regards the Comando Supremo, devised in three parts:

a) - part 1 - Office of Chief of Supreme Gen Staff
Ops branch
Comms branch
Gen branch (incl CHQ - Adm - MT )

b) - part 2 - Intelligence Branch

c) - part 3 - CCRR branch

2. It is pointed out in connection with part 2 that the Int branch incl various orgs ( among which the counterespionage sec in particular and the Offensive sec, the order of battle sec, and the technical sec) which are organized and employed under orders of the "Intelligence Service". 108
Therefore this branch is part of the Comando Supremo only from the point of view adm and discipline: in fact it is a unit working under comd of the Allies.
It is to be expected, further, that the staff of this office will increase as the liberation of Italy is achieved, with the consequent need to extend Int and counterespionage services.

By reason of their duties, a large part of this Int personnel is split into many small outlying units and are attached for rations to neighbouring Italian or Allied units.

The main unit which is attached to Comando Supremo for its rations is only a part of the list in part 2, namely about 450 men ( between all ranks), incl 135 special WT Coy, which alone has a strength

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The main unit which is attached to Comando Supremo for its rations is only a part of the list in part 2, namely about 450 men ( between all ranks), incl 135 special MT Coy, which alone has a strength of 250 men.

For reasons of secrecy it was thought better not to give further details as to the emp of the various secs of the Intelligence branch - though these are known to the Int Service.

3. The CCRR sec is at the disposal of the Comando Supremo for ad duties and security, and their emp is intended to cover maintenance of public order for the benefit of the authorities in the areas of SALERNO and CAVA DEI TIRRENI

Signed Gen INFANTE

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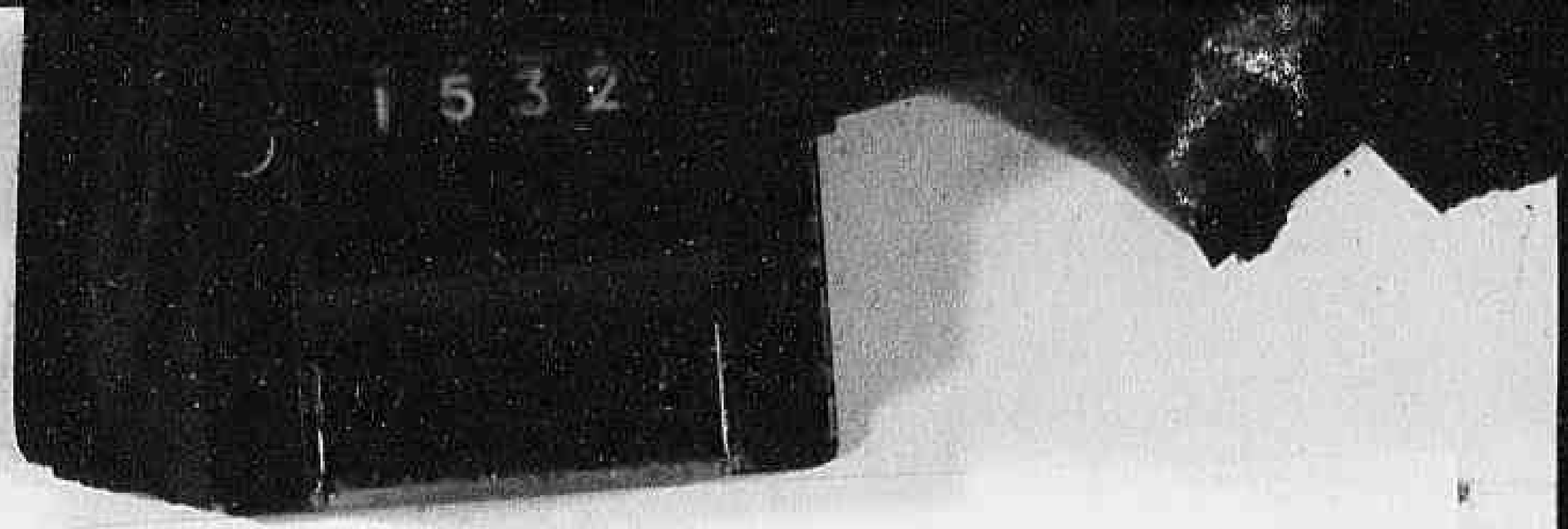


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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

TO: Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (AMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).

ASC/430.2.

8 June 1944.

SUBJECT: War Establishment of Comando Supremo.

1. Reference your signal AQ1296 dated 7 June 1944.

2. Attached is copy of Comando Supremo letter No 12936/Op dated 9 May, addressed to you at Lequile.

3. I understand from General Infante that this letter was forwarded to you through Italian Army postal channels.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

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COMANDO SUPREMO
Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151/A, 9 maggio 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
COMANDO PRINCIPALE (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

N°12936/Op. di prot. (rif.f.G/6/1/40 del 1° aprile c.a.)

O G G E T T O: Quadro di battaglia dell'Esercito Italiano.-

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1°)- Il f.G/6/1/35 citato nel foglio a riferimento, in base al quale deve essere fatto il quadro di battaglia dettagliato, è stato annullato con f.G/6/1 del 29 aprile di codesta Sottocommissione.

Si trasmette tuttavia, per la parte che riguarda questo Comando Supremo, il quadro richiesto diviso in tre parti:

a) - parte 1ª - Ufficio Capo di S.M. Generale
Ufficio Operazioni
Ufficio Telecomunicazioni
Ufficio Affari Vari ( compreso Quartier Generale-Ufficio Amministrazione-Auto-drappello).

b) - parte 2ª - Ufficio Informazioni

c) - parte 3ª - Sezione CC.RR.-

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Pertanto tale Ufficio fa parte del Comando Supremo solo amministrativamente e disciplinarmente: in effetti è un elemento che opera alle dipendenze della parte alleata.

E' da ritenere inoltre che i componenti dell'Ufficio predetto cresceranno di numero man mano che procederà la liberazione d'Italia per la necessità di estendere i servizi informativi e di controspionaggio.

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Gran parte poi del personale dell'Ufficio Informazioni è, per necessità di servizio, frazionato in numerosi nuclei periferici che si appoggiano per il vitto alle unità italiane o alleate vicine=niori.

Il nucleo centrale che fa capo al Comando Supremo per i prelevamenti viveri è solo una aliquota di quello elencato nella parte 2ª, e precisamente circa 450 u/ (tra uff.sottuff.e truppa),compresa la 135ª cp.marconisti speciale che - da sola - ha una forza complessiva di 150 u.-

Non si è ritenuto di dover fornire particolari maggiori circa l'impiego dei vari elementi dell'Ufficio Informazioni (noto però all'Intelligence Service) per ragioni di riservatezza.

3°)- La Sezione CC.RR. è a disposizione del Comando Supremo per servizi di guardia e di sicurezza e ne è previsto l'impiego anche in ordine pubblico a vantaggio delle Autorità che risiedono in zona di Salerno e Cava dei Tirreni.=

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
(Adolfo Infante)

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# P A R T E 1ª

## UFFICIO CAPO DI S.M. GENERALE

| | |
|---|---|
| Maresciallo d'Italia | 1 |
| Generale addetto a capo reparto | 2 |
| Ufficiali a disposizione e segreteria | 3 |
| Sottufficiali dattilografi | 2 |
| " addetti segreteria | 1 |
| Militari ordinanze d'ufficio | 3 |

## UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

| | |
|---|---|
| Tenente colonnello capo ufficio | 1 |
| Maggiore addetti (questioni operative, informative, addestramento, servizi, ordinamento) | 5 |
| Tenente colonnello R.Aeronautica | 1 |
| Capitano fregata R.Marina | 1 |
| Sottufficiali dattilografi | 7 |
| " disegnatori | 2 |
| " archivisti | 1 |
| Militari ordinanze d'ufficio | 3 |
| Militari dattilografi | 1 |

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## UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

| | |
|---|---|
| Capitano di fregata capo ufficio | 1 |
| Ufficiali addetti | 2 |

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| " disegnatori | 2 |
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| Militari ordinanze d'ufficio | 3 |
| Militari dattilografi | 1 |

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UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

| | |
|---|---|
| Capitano di fregata capo ufficio | 1 |
| Ufficiali addetti | 2 |
| Sottufficiali addetti | 2 |
| Militari scritturali | 2 |
| Ordinanze d'ufficio | 3 |

UFFICIO AFFARI VARI

| | |
|---|---|
| Maggiore capo ufficio | 1 |

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|---|---|
| Ufficiali addetti (personale,disciplina, leggi e decreti, giustizia militare,affari civili, stampa) | 4 |
| Sottufficiali archivisti | 2 |
| " protocollisti | 1 |
| " disegnatori | 1 |
| " postini | 1 |
| " dattilografi | 1 |
| Militari dattilografi | 5 |
| " postini | 1 |
| " ordinanze d'ufficio | 2 |
| Sottufficiali telegrafisti e telescriventisti | 2 |
| Militari telefonisti e telescriventisti | 10 |

- Quartiere Generale

| | |
|---|---|
| Capitano comandante Q.G. | 1 |
| Tenente comandante reparto del Q.G. | 1 |
| Ufficiale addetto al comando del Q.G. | 1 |
| Sottufficiali di maggiorità | 2 |
| " addetti al comando di reparto | 1 |
| " " al magazzino materiali | 1 |
| " " all'inquadramento | 3 |
| " " ai viveri | 1 |
| " " alla mensa ufficiali | 1 |
| " " " " sottufficiali | 1 |
| Militari addetti ufficio maggiorità | 2 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| Sottufficiali telegrafisti e telescriventisti | 2 |
| Militari telefonisti e telescriventisti | 10 |

- Quartiere Generale

| | |
|---|---|
| Capitano comandante Q.G. | 1 |
| Tenente comandante reparto del Q.G. | 1 |
| Ufficiale addetto al comando del Q.G. | 1 |
| Sottufficiali di maggiorità | 2 |
| " addetti al comando di reparto | 1 |
| " " al magazzino materiali | 1 |
| " " all'inquadramento | 3 |
| " " ai viveri | 1 |
| " " alla mensa ufficiali | 1 |
| " " " " sottufficiali | 1 |
| Militari addetti ufficio maggiorità | 2 |
| " " magazzino viveri | 2 |
| " " alla mensa ufficiali | 8 |
| " " " " sottufficiali | 4 |
| " " magazzino materiali | 1 |
| " " servizi vari | 14 |
| " " ufficio contabilità | 3 |
| " elettricisti | 2 |
| " barbieri | 2 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| Militari calzolai | 2 |
| " sarti | 3 |
| " cucinieri | 5 |
| " falegnami | 2 |
| " infermieri | 1 |
| " attendenti | 17 |

- Ufficio Amministrazione

| | |
|---|---|
| Capitano capo ufficio | 1 |
| Sergente maggiore addetto | 1 |
| Militari scritturali | 2 |

- Audrappello

| | |
|---|---|
| S.Tenente comandante | 1 |
| Sottufficiali addetti al reparto | 4 |
| " conduttori autovetture | 1 |
| Militari di truppa autieri | 20 |
| " " " motociclisti | 6 |
| " " " motoristi e meccanici | 9 |

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RIEPILOGO PARTE 1^

Ufficiali.....27

Sottufficiali.....39

Truppa.....135

Totale..... 201

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# P A R T E 2ª

## UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI

| | Ufficiali | Sottufficiali | Truppa |
|---|---|---|---|
| CENTRALE | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| SEZ."ZURETTI" (Situazione) | 40 | 13 | 30 |
| SEZ."BONSIGNORE" (Difensiva) | 7 | 16 | 28 |
| ORGANIZZAZIONE CONTROSPIONAGGIO PERIFERICO (centri a Napoli,Bari, Foggia,Catania,Cagliari,sez. 5ª e 8ª Armata) | 35 | 174 | 112 |
| SEZ."CALDERINI" (Offensiva) | 18 | 23 | 125 |
| PERSONALE IN APPRONTAMENTO | 25 | 40 | 80 |
| SEZ. ORGANIZZAZIONE | 8 | 2 | 11 |
| SEZ. TECNICA | 4 | - | 1 |
| 135ª COMP. MARCONISTI SPEC. | 5 | 31 | 114 |
| SEZ. AMMINISTRATIVA | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| REPARTO AUTONOMO | 4 | 15 | 157074 |
| AUDRAPPELLO | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| INCARICHI VARI | 10 | - | - |
| TOTALI | 163 | 319 | 608 |

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P A R T E  3^

SEZIONE CC.RR.(336^)

| | |
|---|---|
| Ufficiale comandante | 1 |
| Sottufficiali addetti | 8 |
| Carabinieri per servizio di pattuglia | 22 |
| " " " di guardia | 15 |
| " motociclisti | 12 |
| " autieri | 5 |
| " cucinieri | 2 |
| " distaccati fuori sede per servizi speciali | 24 |
| Totale..... | 89 |

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RIEPILOGO GENERALE DELLA FORZA DEL COMANDO SUPREMO

| | Ufficiali | Sottufficiali | Truppa | Totale |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parte 1ª - COMANDO SUPREMO VERO E PROPRIO | 27 | 39 | 135 | 201 |
| Parte 2ª - UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI | 163 | 319 | 608 | 1.090 |
| Parte 3ª - SEZIONE CC.RR. | 1 | 8 | 80 | 89 |
| TOTALI..... | 191 | 366 | 823 | 1.380 |

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SUBJECT: Italian Army - Calling up of Classes.

52 Area.
6 Base Sub Area. (3)
60 Sub Area.
71 Sub Area.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
278 A.
9 May 44.

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Further to our 278A of 4 Apr 44.

The appended copy letter from HQ AAI is forwarded to you for your information and compliance.

Copy to:
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Mov Ord
Tn EME
E Lab
X Camp

Lieutenant-Colonel,
G.S.O. 2/c Adm.

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COPY

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Calling up of classes.

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HQ ALLIED [illegible]
AAI/3078/A(O)
4 May 44.

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2. In order that the requirements of the Allied Forces of Italian military personnel can be met it is essential that every available Italian male for calling up under the classes referred to in the above quoted letters should be released.

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| Tn | EZ |
| B | Lab |
| X | Camp |

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SUBJECT: Italian Army - Calling up of classes.

S E C R E T.

HQ ALLIED ACC[illegible],

AAI/307½/A(O)

4 May 44.

copy recd see folio 68 35 34

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1. Ref this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 307½/A(O) dated 26 Mar.

2. In order that the requirements of the Allied Forces of Italian Military personnel can be met it is essential that every available Italian liable for calling up under the classes referred to in the above quoted letters should be released.

3. It is also essential to the prestige, authority and morale of the Italian Army that the release of such personnel is not unnecessarily impeded by the Units etc. employing them. Authority for exemption granted under para 1 of the above quoted letter dated 20 Mar will, therefore, be limited to skilled personnel only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within War Establishment or has been specially authorised.

(Sd) ????

for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

TW/JLH.

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COPY TRANSLATION.

Subject:- Personnel absent without leave.

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SMRE
PM 151
4 May 44

Maj Gen L. BROWNING.
GOC Army Sub Commission ACC.

Ref your SD/2I dated 27 Apr.

We have been examining for some time the matter you complain about in the above quoted letter and steps have been taken to put the matter right. There are, however, various considerations regarding these absences which are the object of special study both by this HQ abd by the Ministry of War in order to arrive at a speedy solution.

It is necessary to point out that in some part these absences are the result of instructions issued by the Allied authorities in order that, through your channels, better results might be obtained.

It is not possible to collect absentees in all provinces on the lines laid down by the Ministry of War. I refer particularly to the province of FOGGIA in which the Allied Military Authorities have forbidden the implementation of the Ministry of War's inst_ructions.

Army Sub Commission must certainly be aware of this. It is obvious that the instructions issued by the Allied Military Authorities of FOGGIA province create a different state of affairs to that existing in other provinces and constitute a temptation to troops belonging to those regions to absent themselves without leave in order to join their families.

Clothing conditions for the personnel that have not yet been attached to Allied Formations are really bad. Unit Commanders for appearances sake are therefore compelled, sometimes for long periods to with-hold leave or even walking out passes. When a unit has to leave this results in unauthorised absences owing to soldiers leaving to see their families who are themselves often living in pitiable conditions owing to the war.

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The position with regard to these absences is complicated and has nothing to do with our desire to collaborate with the Allied Authorities; it will be resolved either by the return of normal civil conditions or by the adoption of measures on a high politic military level to be issued by the competent authorities.

I think you will have been able to satisfy yourself of the efficiency of our units, provided they are properly equipped and clothed, either working at the front or employed as labour.

You may be certain that the problem is being given due importance both by HE the Minister and by myself; we shall continue to press the matter with the departments responsible and in every other way in order to ensure that the matter is rectified. I am sure that with the official aid of the Army Sub Commission we shall shortly return to normalcy.

signed BERARDI.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

14/6/4/1

SEGRETO

N. 3727/Mob. di prot. P.M. 151, 4 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Assenti arbitrari.-

AL SIG.MAGG.GENERALE L.BROWNING
Capo della Sottocommissione per l'Esercito (A.C.C.)

L E Q U I L E

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Rif. f° SD/21, in data 27/4/44, di codesta Sottocommissione A.C.C.-

Da tempo sono stati esaminati gli inconvenienti lamentati da V.S. nella lettera in riferimento, e sono stati presi provvedimenti di ordine vario atti ad eliminarli.-Cause diverse, tuttavia, interferiscono ancora nel fenomeno e sono oggetto di studio da parte di questo Stato Maggiore e del Ministero per poter giungere al più presto alla soppressione totale di esse.

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E' necessario però osservare che non sono estranee al fenomeno anche cause che derivano da disposizioni delle autorità militari A.A. e le rammento a V.S. perchè voglia compiacersi interporre i suoi uffici per raggiungere in merito il miglior risultato:

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- non in tutte le provincie è possibile provvedere al rastrellamento degli sbandati sulla base delle disposizioni impartite da Ministero della Guerra.- Mi riferisco in modo particolare alla provincia di Foggia nella quale le autorità militari A.A. impediscono l'attuazione delle disposizioni stesse.
Codesta Sottocommissione deve essere già al corrente della cosa.
E' evidente che le disposizioni delle autorità A.A. della provincia di Foggia creano una disparità nei riguardi di quelle vigenti in altre provincie e costituiscono un invito ai militari di quelle regioni ad assentarsi arbitrariamente per raggiungere la propria famiglia;

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- lo stato del vestiario del personale, che ancora non è stato posto a disposizione degli A.A., è veramente precario.
I comandanti dei reparti, per ragioni di decoro, sono perciò costretti a negare ai dipendenti e per lungo tempo, permessi, licenze ed anche libera uscita. Ne deriva che, all'atto della partenza dei reparti, i militari si allontanano per salutare i propri cari per i quali hanno spesso ragione di stare in pena per le miserevoli condizioni in cui, a causa della nostra sfortunata guerra, le famiglie stesse sono cadute.

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S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. MOB.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Subject - Distribution

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMLA)
LE QUILA (LSCOE)
G/6/1/1
9 May 44

Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Do you approve of my sending attached paper to HQ A.A.I. please ?

One copy given

A. Brownrigg

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm., ACC.

ABC Dest forwarded to Asst Sec 1st Army Italian mission

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Subject:- Discipline and Control of the Italian Army

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/6/1
7 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

1. Your AAI/3074/A(C) dated 3 and 4 May meets my wishes entirely.

2. I appreciate that vital skilled personnel must be exempted; and note that you have already instructed employing services to apply for, while limiting to essentials, such exemptions.

3. (a) The Ministry of War published a Proclamation such as you refer to in your para 6, a month ago. They have been "picking up"deserters ever since.

(b) The M. of W. are in process of producing a further Proclamation, whereby deserters and absentees will be decreed to be offending"in the face of the enemy".

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SUBJECT:- Discipline and control of Italian Army exemption policy for conscripts.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
AAI/3074/A(O).
1st May 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC

Reference your G/6/1 dated 28 April 44.

1. In the directive issued by this HQ regarding exemption of personnel eligible for calling up in the 1920 - 1924 classes, authority was given for the exemption of technical personnel employed as skilled labour, whom it is considered will be more valuable to the War effort in continuing their present employment.

2. It has been agreed with the General Staff that it is not possible to release these employees and risk disruption of maintenance services supplying the force and operating the base and Ls of C.

3. It is particularly important that nothing should be done which would affect the efficiency of this maintenance at the present phase of operations.

4. I am however issuing a directive that these exemptions will be limited to skilled personnel whose continued employment is necessary to the War effort and who cannot be replaced by civilians not affected by the calling up of the classes referred to.

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Col Galvin Brig

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3074/A(O).

3 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC

Ref your G/6/1 dated 22 Apr 44.

1. I agree it is a matter of importance that the discipline, prestige and authority of the Italian Army should be re-established as soon as possible.

2. I have already sent out directives to all concerned regarding the employment of civilians who are illegal absentees or deserters, and have referred particularly to those who are affected by the calling-up of the 1920/24 classes.

3. You will appreciate that a considerable number of these Italians are at present engaged in skilled employment, and their continuance in such employment is of more value to the war effort than their transfer to the armed forces, quite apart from the disruption to work which would ensue as a result of these transfers.

4. Employing services have been instructed to apply for exemption in the case of these skilled men.

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7. I will send a further directive to all concerned on these lines. Authority will be delegated to Armies and Districts to authorise exemption only in the case of skilled personnel, whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, provided such employment is within WE or has been specially authorised.

8. Before taking action I should like your views on para 6 (a) above.

B.H. Robertson

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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PERSONAL and SECRET

From: Maj Gen L. BROWNING CB OBE MC
Director Army Sub Commission ACC

My dear

I. I have been meaning to write to you, but life here has been very hectic since I arrived. As you probably know, I've just taken on the job of "Director, Army Sub Commission ACC" (EX. MAIA) from DUCHESNE, and a formidable task it is. I write this to you to explain the new "set up" which differs considerably from what has obtained hitherto.

2. (a) Originally AFHQ controlled a good deal of the activities on the mainland of ITALY, in SARDINIA and in SICILY. These have now been transferred to Generals ALEXANDER (AAI) and MACFARLANE (ACC). Advanced AFHQ (FLAMBO) has disappeared and Gen ROBERTSON is Senior Administrative Officer AAI. SICILY and SARDINIA now come within the framework and authority of AAI and ACC, who are my dual masters, AAI on the purely military side, ACC as regards matters of big policy affecting the Italian Government.

(b) "King's Italy" (including SICILY and SARDINIA) has been handed back to the Italians = as also the Italian Army such as may be authorised by the combined Chiefs of Staff at WASHINGTON = subject to the general orders and control by AAI and ACC.

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(f) In SICILY (as supplies come from U.S.A.) it has been ruled that the Liaison staff with XII Corps shall be American. It will deal with XII Corps on the one hand as regards all the Italian troops in the Island, and IBS on the other as regards provision of supplies in bulk . A Lt Col ALBERT and USA/Er Staff is proceeding early next week to HQ XII Corps PALERMO to take over this job.

3. We here know full well all that you have done for the SABAUDA Div and I intend that ALBERT shall assist you in continuing your good work. But, your status, as you can see from the above, has altered. It is not too easy to define this in words, but broadly speaking all matters affecting SABAUDA Div, or other Italian troops in SICILY must now go through my L.O. Lt Col ALBERT. Minor matters can be arranged locally; but major matters must be referred to us here, in case any action is taken which cuts across any orders or policy for the AAI/ACC sphere of control as a whole. I attach a copy of my orders to ALBERT on the subject.

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(a) Under the above conditions, your direct Liaison Officer (RODJIENKO) cannot continue to function as he has been doing with SABAUDA Div.

(b) So the answer, I think, is this = RODJIENKO to be transferred to under command of my Liaison officer (Col SIMMONS USA) in SARDINIA. There he can be very usefully employed:

(i) in helping SIMMONS to inspect and deal with Italian units and formations (particularly those probably due for SICILY) and with mules to be shipped from SARDINIA to the Mainland.

(ii) as the link (including welfare) between SIMMONS and ALBERT as regards the SABAUDA, BARI and 226 Divs.

I am therefore writing to HQ AAI accordingly (see attached). I hope you agree. It is advisable that RODJIENKO should stay till after ALBERT's arrival, to put the latter into the picture as regards SABAUDA.

HQ AAI have asked what I want done with RODJIENKO, ref your letter ID/III/A dated 24 Mar dated 19 Apr. I am replying as above (copy attached).

ALBERT will also, of course, contact you for all information you can give.

(c) I would emphasize that the whole matter of total strength of Italian Army, I.S. Divs etc. is sub judice and still awaiting approval by C.C.S. at WASHINGTON. So please keep all this to yourself and not discuss with the Italians. The general policy of control, however, definitely is as above.

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POINT 3 = LOCAL SUPPLIES OIL

Major OSWALD is investigating with IBS. Sound idea.

POINT 4 = VEGETABLES

Outside our province. This is settled on the highest level, taking into account availability of supplies, calorie values, medical opinion etc. See also POINT 2 above.

POINTS 5 & 6 = DRESS

Policy is for only 'units employed by Allies' and specially formed for that purpose, to be issued with Battle Dress; the Italians being responsible for clothing I.S. Divs in Italian uniforms. Limited supply of Battle Dress, British and American, so this policy must be adhered to. What is desirable and what is possible depends on availability of clothing. To help out SMRE I have authorised an overall release of 5000 sets of B.D.,

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to be used on loan temporarily to I.S. Divs while the matter's Italian uniforms are being repaired and reissued, if new Italian uniforms are not available. SHAEF have control of detailed sub-issue of the 5000 B.D. As the issue of Battle Dress was made to the SABAUDA Div before the above policy was crystallised, I think it would be fair and polite to let it stand. I do not propose to advocate its return, though this may become a problem when BARI and 226 Div come over. A second 'working suit' is, I understand, not a practical proposition at present.

POINT 7 = TANNING

We have recommended this to ACC.

POINTS 8 & 9 = MEDICAL

We have taken up with AAI. Arrival of supplies is slow and in only small quantities at present.

POINTS 10 = LIAISON AND CONTROL

See paras 1 to 4 above.

POINT 11 = DISCIPLINE

You have NO legal right to remove any Italian officer (see para 2). You can press for removal through ALBERT and XII Corps HQ = ALBERT keeping us informed and, if necessary, asking my HQ to press SHAEF or M of W.

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Quite right to take captured Italian vehicles from Allied units. These vehicles should become part of Italian Army equipment under control and disposal of XII Corps HQ. If M.T. is short XII Corps HQ can and should requisition civilian M.T.

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POINT I4 = P of W

I am taking this up with ACC. It is a very complex question, now being discussed on an international level and affecting P of W all over the world.

POINT I5 = GENERAL

Agree. We must give the Italian authorities proper authority; let them 'run their party' (advised where necessary by us); and insist they do the business properly, either through the medium L.O./Italian Corps Comd or Army Sub Commission/SMRE or M of W.

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...  I hope this letter (taken personally to SICILY by ALBERT) has given you a clear general picture of the new "set up": ALBERT can implement, but he is new to this game and cannot know all details. I hope soon to visit you an explain the whole background further. May I say that I hear on all sides of how much you have done for SARAUDA and that we will do all we can to continue your good work and make the transition to the new "set up" as early as possible.

I remember meeting you on a scheme many years ago on the PLAIN.

Au reVoir

Yours

Maj Gen C.A. HEYDEMAN CB,
Comd No I District.

(copy to Lt Col L.R. ALBERT)

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PS: Incidentally, I would ask you NOT to raise hopes in the breasts of the SARAUDA Div that they will be used as Combat Troops in the fighting line.

For a variety of reasons (largely of equipment) we may only use one "Combat Div" of selected troops. This is not settled yet.

One does not want to raise hopes and then deflate.

Please keep this P.S. particularly, entirely to yourself.

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Subject:- Liaison Officer SABAUDA Div., SICILY

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AQ/11
7 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

Ref your AAI/3100/A(P) dated 26 Apr 44:-

1. (a) The W.E. for the Liaison Staff, both British and American, of MMIA in SICILY has already been submitted.

(b) The officers for this(including an American Lt Col in command, on the"country of origin" of Supplies basis) have been selected and are now proceeding there.

2. The chain of control of the Italian Army is :-(my G/6/1 dated 3 May refers).

A.A.I./A.C.C.

H.Q., Army Sub Commission A.C.C. ---------- M of W S.M.L.E.

Liaison Staff
Army Sub Commission A.C.C. in SICILY
for

I.B.S. H.Q., XII It. Corps

SABAUDA Div(and any other I.S. Div which may be transferred to SICILY)

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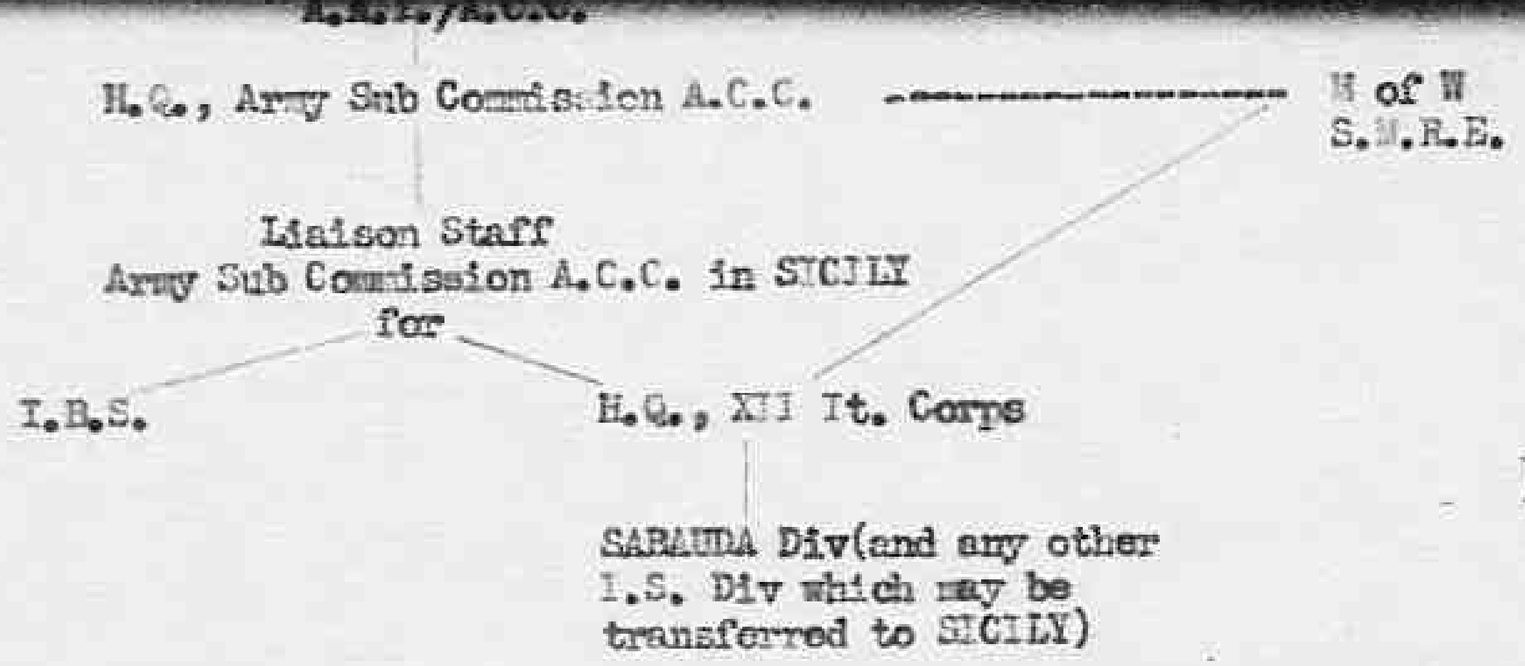


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(c) I cannot therefore agree to the proposal.

4. (a) Instead, as he is surplus, I request that Lieut(Hon. Lt. Col.) P RODZIANKO be transferred on loan under command of my Liaison Officer(Col. SIMMONS U.S.A.) in SARDINIA.

(b) In view of RODZIANKO'S ability to speak Italian; knowledge of the SABAUDA Div(which hails from SARDINIA); knowledge of conditions in SICILY; combined with the prospect of two more Italian I.S. Divs being moved from SARDINIA to SICILY - obviously such a transfer would be of advantage to all concerned.

A.F.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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(Copy to H.Q., No 1 District)

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REPORT ON VISIT TO SICILY
(26-30 April 44)

1. Object: to investigate conditions regarding issue, accounting and use of supplies to Italian Armed Forces.

2. Contacts:

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|---|---|
| HQ 1 District | GOC; AQMG, AAG, S & T, Ord, Med, Lab. |
| HQ 56 Area | Comd, AQ, OC Troops(PALERMO) |
| I.B.S. | G4, G3, QM |
| Liaison Officer | Lt Col REZZIANKO |
| A.C.C. | Region 1 C.A.O. |

Italian units in PALERMO and CATANIA, Club, Hospital and Supply Depot.

3. Italian Strength States:- (by C. of S. XII Corps (Col CAROTTI)

| DEPOT | ARMY | NAVY | AIR | C.R. | G.F. | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PALERMO | 6,445 | 2,000 | 250 | 3,200 | 900 | 12,795 |
| ENNA | 1,144 | - | - | 354 | 37 | 1,540 |
| CALTANISETTA | 883 | - | - | 2,036 | 49 | 2,968 |
| CATANIA | 5,280 | 8,000 | 40 | 2,740 | 1,220 | 17,280 |
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(NOTE: IBS in favour of abolishing ITI rankings altogether.)

(c) Locally produced elements generally satisfactory and supplies adequate, except olive oil which is being hoarded owing to ACC control of price
(Point 3) at 77(Italian Army is actually buying at about 120). Consider IBS or XIII Corps should investigate advisability of local requisition in bulk.

(d) Ration scale considered barely adequate, although local produce is available, but units get a canitation grant from Ministry of War of ten lire a day and buy fresh meat, and extra pasta, tomato sauce etc.
(NOTE: Revised general scale universally welcomed).
(Point 4) Importation of so much vegetable element in form of tinned veg, dehydrated and dried veg and veg in M & V stew is open to question in view of abundance of local produce.

(e) Messing and storage arrangements seen were comparatively good and improving on right lines under Allied supervision.

(f) Accounting and supervision plans discussed and generally agreed. Full records have been kept to date of bulk issues.

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5. Clothing

(a) Receipts and issues satisfactory; good stocks held except socks, issue of 10,000 of which urgently needed.

(b) Retention of old Italian uniforms on replacement by Battle Dress again urged by Comd 1 Dist on grounds of necessity and ultimate economy - consider this should be taken up again. Issue of 2,000 extra Battle Dress wanted.

(Point 5)

(Point 6) (c) Issue of K.D. or denim for summer also recommended for reason as in (a) above.

(d) Repair shops working well but shortage of leather etc is handicapping output. Indents for repair materials should be met. Consider reopening of tanning indents of supply of tannic acid should be taken up with ACC.

(Point 7)

(e) I have details of all issues to date and have formed the opinion that issues against "minor deficiencies" are on a more generous scale than was intended; accounting is fairly complete on British and U.S. sides.

(see Point 15)

6. Medical Supplies.

(a) System of Supply is confused; much has been issued from U.S., British and captived stocks and I doubt whether records are complete, but at any rate Italian units have been well supplied. I consider the system needs overhauling at once, on the lines aheads recommended by DADMS, MMIA.

(Point 8)

(b) Malarial drugs and equipment are needed at once as follows:-

Mepacrine 5 million tablets for the season;
Quinine 5 thousand phials for patients;
Countlets and veils, for 2,000 sentries;
Nets, 500 for patients.

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Antimalarial policy by no means understood.

(c) Italian medical service does not appear to be organised, officers need training and treatment revised to suit the drugs etc., being issued from British sources. Consider DDMS AAI should be notified of this.

(Point 9)

7. General Administration.

(Point 10) (a) Comd 1 District will welcome the supervisory detachment which should be based at PALERMO and be given precise instructions on thier duties and responsibility. Position of present Liaison officer to be considered.

(Point 11) (b) Comd 1 District requires directive regards his power to remove and appoint Italian officers(see AFHQ MSD 424 of 15 Feb)about some of whom

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(Point 12) (c) Comd 1 District requires policy re M.T. issues. He is taking captured vehicles from Allied units and forming a pool to supply Italians.

(Point 13) (d) Comd 1 District is anxious that formations from SARDINIA should be properly organised and equipped before embarking and would like re permission to visit SARDINIA regarding this matter and also the welfare (families)question of the SABAUDA Division. Suggest he takes Lt Col ROSZIANKO with him.

(Point 14) (e) The system whereby Italian Army Prisoners of War are working side by side with the new army on different status and whereby effective officers and men are still held as PoW needs revision. I have certain views on this which I would like to submit.

(f) There is a tendency to rely too much on Allied sources and staff for re equipment and re organisation; the Italian higher command should be compelled to do more and exercise its rights and duties particularly in regard to requisition and provision from local resources and "A" matters including pay, promotion and interior economy. This is possibly due to faulty injunction and directive at a time when our chain of command was changed.

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7. General Administration

(Point 15) (f) (Contd) Our new standing orders will cover this point, but meanwhile I consider Ministry of War and Corps HQ etc., should be invited to improve their methods and take a large share of the burden.

8. Conclusion.

The general situation is most encouraging and any mistakes are on the right side. The troops I was able to see in barracks or streets were well fed and clothed; sickness rate is reasonable. Allied Commanders are very alive to the situation and well able to deal with it; Comds 1 District and 56 Area are making a special welfare and man management drive as a result of which discipline, salutings and cleanliness are noticeably good. Games, education, clubs and welfare(including family affairs) are being cared for to the extent that a Battalion commander told me that the ration scale was adequate except for his footballers and boxers, for whom he begged extra.

(sd) W. Pirsey

Colonel,
cc attached N.L.I.A.

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## Orders for MMIA Liaison Officer - SICILY

1. The Liaison Officer of the MMIA in SICILY will be subject to the orders of HQ No 1 District on all matters of local administration and will receive his instructions on Italian Army policy and technical matters direct from HQ MMIA.

2. He will be the adviser to Commanders No 1 District and Island Base Section on all technical matters concerning the Italian Forces and is the direct link between those commanders and Italian XII Corps Headquarters on the island.

3. He will be responsible for the efficiency of the MMIA Liaison Detachment and for their discipline, pay, rations and allocation of duties. He will also be responsible for the maintenance of its vehicles and equipment. Orders for the detailed working of the detachment in respect of supply services will be issued to the LO by heads of services concerned at MMIA.

4. The Liaison detachment will consist of :

| SICILY HQ (US) | HQ (Br) | Supply Accounting Sec(US) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Lt Col | 1 Major | 1 Major |
| * 1 S/Sgt(Chief Clerk) | 1 Batman Driver | / 2 Captains |
| * 1 Sjt (Stenographer) | | * 2 S/Sjts |
| 1 Corpl(Clerk) | | * 4 Sjts |
| 1 Pvt (Chauffeur) | | * 1 Pvt(Chauffeur) |
| * 1 Pvt (Orderly) | | 1 Pvt(Chauffeur) |
| * 1 Pvt (Basic) | | |

* NOT being provided immediately.
/ 1 Captain(Br) temporary.

5. In addition to the above general duties, he will specifically(as senior US officer of the detachment) exercise authority and responsibility for handling the problems of requirements, issues and record keeping of all subsistence and clothing provided by the US for the Italian Armed Forces, in accordance with Standing Orders issued by MMIA. 1952

6. He will keep himself at all times informed of the state of training, discipline and administration of the Italian Army in SICILY and will provide such information and statistics as are required by Comd MMIA or by Comds No 1 District or IBS.

1 Lt Col
* 1 S/Sgt(Chief Clerk)
* 1 Sjt (Stenographer)
1 Corpl(Clerk)
1 Pvt (Chauffeur)
* 1 Pvt (Orderly)
* 1 Pvt (Basic)

1 Major
1 Batman
Driver

/ 2 Captains
* 2 S/Sjts
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Major General.,
Director, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

9 May 46
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4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Despatches of troops from MIDEAST to ITALY.

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

Copy of a "secret" cable No. A1/97093 of 30 April is forwarded to you for information.

It is noted that 193 Italian officers are coming plus 5 Yugoslavs. If the former refers to CUNEO Division officers, there is a discrepancy of 35.

Lt. Col.
(C. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

1 Incl. as above.

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SUBJECT:- War Establishments of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (AMIA)
LIBUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
6 May 44

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HE Marshal Messe, Comando Supremo
HE Gen Berardi Chief of Gen Staff

Your Excellencies,

Please submit to this HQ the War Establishment of the Comando Supremo and SMRE respectively asked for by my G/6/1/40 of 18 Apr 44, subject as above.

File pending receipt of above

AFC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm ACC.

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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OGGETTO: Situazione forze del Reparto Autonomo Ministeriale alla data del 25.4.1944.-

All.: 1

Strength return as at 25.4.44 of the Ministry's independent Unit.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.C.C.
COMANDO PRINCIPALE M.M.I.A. = LECCE

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO = P.M.151
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE = S E D E
(rif.ettera.1783 in data 23 aprile)

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Riferimento foglio 0/6/1/40 del 16 aprile u.s., si trasmette l'unito specchio contenente i dati relativi alla situazione numerica (ufficiali, sottufficiali e militari di truppa) del Reparto Autonomo Ministeriale alla data del 25 aprile 1944.-

ALTA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE [illegible] = DESTINO
COMANDO PRINCIPALE M.M.I.A.

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO = P.M.151
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE = S E D E
(rif.atterg.1783 in data 21 aprile)

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Riferimento foglio G/6/1/40 del 18 aprile u.s., si trasmette l'unito specchio contenente i dati relativi alla situazione numerica (ufficiali, sottufficiali e militari di truppa) del Reparto Autonomo Ministeriale alla data del 25 aprile 1944.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.F.Fiore-Vernazza)

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To: EOC for info

Total authorized drive requirement has been increased to 86,000

Will be able to make some observations on these figures when our latest code of Boards & Staffs have been finalised. These are now being typed, and a fully amended Priority List is also being prepared

Let me have a personal copy of the papers in due course. CJ 8/5

LB 9 May

CL EOC Asst to see

Done ac 11/5.

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2. Non Officers and men available for trg

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)

4 May 44

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army

AFHQ

1. Further to my letter 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 25 Apr 44.

Attached are:

Appendix "A" - Summary of totals of Italian tps now employed and to be employed by U.S. and British.

Appendix "B" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by British.

Appendix "C" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "D" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by PBS.

Appendix "E" - Outstanding requirements British.

Appendix "F" - Outstanding requirements Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "G" - Outstanding requirements PBS.

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2. Italian tps employed in 1 District and IBS are POW Coys or elements of the S.E.N.U.D.A. Div which is one of the internal security divisions. They have not therefore been included in para 1 above. The only exceptions are one bn employed on gds duties by IBS (and which has been included in Appendix "D") and a proportion of the AA & CD units noted in Appendix "A" para 5 (b).

3. Para 1 above gives the position as it is at present and shows the outstanding requirements as already notified to the Italian Ministry of War.

The figures given must necessarily be amended from time to

by British.

Appendix "C" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "D" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by PBS.

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Appendix "E" - Outstanding requirements British.

Appendix "F" - Outstanding requirements Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "G" - Outstanding requirements PBS. 1546

2. Italian tps employed in 1 District and IBS are PCM Coys or elements of the S.P.N.D.A. Div which is one of the internal security divisions. They have not therefore been included in para 1 above. The only exceptions are one bn employed on gds duties by IBS (and which has been included in Appendix "D") and a proportion of the A.A. & CD units noted in Appendix "A" para 5 (b).

3. Para 1 above gives the position as it is at present and shows the outstanding requirements as already notified to the Italian Ministry of War.

The figures given must necessarily be amended from time to time since our requirements are kept constantly under review and are modified in the light of events. Also the question of standardising the various types of Italian units is now under discussion and when agreement is reached and put into effect it will cause considerable amendment to the Orders of Battle given in Appendices "B", "C" and "D".

4. The bulk of the Italian military manpower which is not yet employed is in SARDINIA. Allowing for movement to the mainland, re-organization and, in some cases, training, it is estimated that it will be about six months before all the outstanding requirements as shown in Appendices "E", "F" and "G" are met.

5. It is recommended that units shown in the attached appendices be equipped as necessary with items of British design for those employed by the British and of U.S. design for those employed by Fifth Army and Base Sections.

The maximum use is being made of such Italian equipment as exists. As this is wasted it will be necessary to replace it from Allied sources. It is estimated that ultimate total requirements for all tps shown in Appendix "A" will be as follows:

(a) Vote 7 (Clothing etc.) All from Allied sources to scale already authorized.

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(b) Vote 8 (General Stores) — Initial equipment from Italian sources and thereafter maintenance from Allied sources except for such simple items as are produced locally.

(c) Vote 9 (Warlike Stores)

Weapons and Ammn - NIL (all from Italian sources).

MT - Estimated total to be issued and maintained as at Appendix "H". Rates of maintenance will be 'Quiet' FFC.

for General,
Commander in Chief.

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

SUMMARY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Now employed by British:-<br>Order of Battle at Appendix 'B' | 45324 | |
| 2. | Outstanding requirements British:-<br>See Appendix 'E' | 39204 | |
| | Total British requirements | 84528 | 84528 |
| 3. | Now employed by US:-<br>Order of Battle Fifth Army Appendix 'C'<br>Order of Battle PBS Appendix 'D'<br>Allied Garrison SARDINIA (+) | 8102<br>22003<br>20000 | 50105 |
| 4. | Outstanding requirements US:-<br>Fifth Army Appendix 'F'<br>PBS Appendix 'G' | 15615<br>31093 | 46708 |
| | Total US requirements | 96813 | 96813 |
| (+) | Grand Total AMI requirement. | | 181341 |

5. Employed by AFHQ and NOT included in above totals:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | AA Smoke and Rly constr units | - | 7000 |
| (b) | CD Units in SICILY and SARDINIA | - | details NOT yet obtained |
| (c) | Tps employed in CORSICA | - | 11000 |

(+) Troop List for ACS will be forwarded seperately

British outstanding 39,204
American " 46,708
Total " 85,912

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Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

ORDER OF BATTLE - BRITISH Employed

| | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HQ UNITS** | | | |
| 209 Div HQ | 29 | 145 | |
| 227 Div HQ | 16 | 167 | |
| Special Bde HQ (TOMASELLI) | 10 | 40 | 407 |
| **ARMD CORPS** | | | |
| 1051 Tk Unit | | 270 | 270 |
| **RECCE CORPS** | | | |
| 'F' Recce Sqn | 12 | 124 | |
| Banda Patrioti Maiolla | 6 | 200 | 342 |
| **ARTY** | | | |
| 7 Mtn Regt | 12 | 618 | 630 |
| **ENGINEERS** | | | |
| Engr Gp HQ | 3 | 13 | |
| 28 Artieri Bn | 17 | 520 | |
| 501 Artieri Bn | 20 | 300 | |
| 502 Artieri Bn | 15 | 398 | |
| 3 Artieri Coy | 5 | 264 | |
| 13 Artieri Coy | 5 | 226 | |
| 25 Artieri Coy | 7 | 188 | |
| 55 Artieri Coy | 2 | 217 | |
| 77 Artieri Coy | 7 | 220 | |
| 152 Artieri Coy | 7 | 188 | |
| 162 Artieri Coy | 6 | 190 | |
| 463 Artieri Coy | 5 | 196 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1051 Tk Unit | | 270 | 270 |
| RECCE CORPS | | | |
| 'F' Recce Sqn | 12 | 124 | |
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| 502 Artieri Bn | 15 | 398 | |
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| 13 Artieri Coy | 5 | 226 | |
| 25 Artieri Coy | 7 | 188 | |
| 55 Artieri Coy | 2 | 217 | |
| 77 Artieri Coy | 7 | 220 | |
| 152 Artieri Coy | 7 | 158 | |
| 162 Artieri Coy | 6 | 190 | |
| 163 Artieri Coy | 5 | 196 | |
| 900 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 233 | |
| 901 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 244 | |
| 902 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 244 | |
| 903 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 245 | |
| 904 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 253 | |
| 905 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 250 | |
| 906 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 245 | |
| 907 Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 6 | 245 | |
| 951 Engr Wksp Sec | 1 | 43 | |
| 952 Engr Wksp Sec | 1 | 43 | |
| 769 Forestry Coy | 2 | 125 | |
| 180 Special Lavoratori Coy | 4 | 139 | |
| 181 Special Lavoratori Coy | 4 | 112 | |
| 182 Special Lavoratori Coy | 4 | 139 | |
| 29 Minatori Coy | 8 | 255 | 5906 |
| ENGR - TN | | | |
| 921 Docks Op Coy | | 394 | |
| 924 Docks Op Coy | | 394 | 788 |

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| | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SIGS** | | | |
| 65 Telegrafisti Coy | 5 | 241 | |
| 820 Telegrafisti Coy | 7 | 161 | |
| 821 Telegrafisti Coy | 7 | 162 | |
| 822 Telegrafisti Coy | 5 | 221 | |
| 823 Telegrafisti Coy | 6 | 123 | |
| 824 Telegrafisti Coy | 4 | 119 | |
| 210 Mista Genio Coy | 6 | 164 | |
| 311 Mista Genio Coy | 2 | 172 | |
| 130 Signal Wksp | 1 | 24 | |
| 800 Foscari Coy | 3 | 126 | |
| Radio Mechs | - | 20 | 1579 |
| **ST** | | | |
| 1000 Gen Tpt Coy | 11 | 410 | |
| 1001 Gen Tpt Coy | 8 | 345 | |
| 1002 Gen Tpt Coy | 10 | 411 | |
| 1003 Gen Tpt Coy | 9 | 395 | |
| 1011 Drivers Coy | 4 | 104 | |
| Pack Gp HQ | 3 | 6 | |
| 3 Pack Tpt Coy | 16 | 359 | |
| 4 Pack Tpt Coy | 8 | 260 | |
| 7 Pack Tpt Coy | 15 | 359 | |
| 14 Gp Sqn Guide (Pack Tpt Coy) | 12 | 278 | |
| 786 Pack Tpt Coy | 8 | 270 | |
| Rfts ex 58 Pack Tpt Coy | - | 194 | 3495 |
| **MED** | | | |
| 82 Red Cross Hosp | 7 | 62 | |
| 92 Fd Hosp | 3 | 56 | |
| 152 Fd Hosp | 6 | 38 | |
| 231 Fd Hosp | 5 | 55 | |
| 247 Fd Hosp | 5 | 54 | |
| 315 Fd Hosp | 5 | 50 | |
| 93 Med Sec | 5 | 193 | |
| 12 Fd Hyg Sec | 1 | 68 | 613 |
| **EE** | | | |
| 308 Hy Wksp Coy | 4 | 83 | |
| 1210 [illegible] Sec | 1 | 46 | 134 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pack Gp HQ | 3 | 6 | |
| 3 Pack Tpt Coy | 16 | 359 | |
| 4 Pack Tpt Coy | 8 | 260 | |
| 7 Pack Tpt Coy | 15 | 359 | |
| 14 Gp Scn Guids (Pack Tpt Coy) | 12 | 278 | |
| 785 Pack Tpt Coy | 8 | 270 | |
| Rfts ex 58 Pack Tpt Coy | - | 194 | 3495 |
| **MED** | | | |
| 82 Red Cross Hosp | 7 | 62 | |
| 92 Fd Hosp | 3 | 56 | |
| 152 Fd Hosp | 6 | 38 | |
| 231 Fd Hosp | 5 | 55 | |
| 247 Fd Hosp | 5 | 54 | |
| 315 Fd Hosp | 5 | 50 | |
| 93 Med Sec | 5 | 193 | |
| 12 Fd Hyg Sec | 1 | 68 | 613 |
| **ENE** | | | |
| 308 Hy Wksp Coy | 4 | 83 | |
| 1240 Hy Wksp Sec | 1 | 46 | 134 |
| **PRO** | | | |
| 7 Sn IE (TC) | 28 | 293 | 321 |
| **LABOUR** | | | |
| 516 Arty Regt | 34 | 557 | |
| 567 Arty Regt | 33 | 487 | |
| One Bn 119 Inf Regt | 30 | 740 | |
| Bn, Coy & Det 120 Inf Regt | 36 | 940 | |
| Det 225 Inf Regt | | 75 | |
| Two Bns 336 Inf Regt | 60 | 1480 | |
| Three Bns 402 Inf Regt | 95 | 1595 | |
| Three Bns 403 Inf Regt | 122 | 2200 | |
| Three Bns 404 Inf Regt | 88 | 2680 | |
| Three Bns 405 Inf Regt | 87 | 1761 | |
| Three Bns 406 Inf Regt | 148 | 1904 | |
| Three Bns 407 Inf Regt | 126 | 2581 | |
| Two Bns 409 Inf Regt | 60 | 2550 | |
| Three Bns 513 Inf Regt | 56 | 546 | |
| Two Bns 514 Inf Regt | 44 | 616 | |
| Three Bns 515 Inf Regt | 80 | 1451 | |
| Three Bns 522 Inf Regt | 59 | 979 | |

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| | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Two Bns 541 Inf Regt | 47 | 913 | |
| Two Bns 545 Inf Regt | 41 | 664 | |
| One Bn 582 Inf Regt | 24 | 776 | |
| 19 Garrison Bn | 30 | 799 | |
| 96 Inf Bn | 24 | 570 | |
| 114 MG Bn | 23 | 267 | |
| 447 Bersaglieri Bn | 25 | 702 | |
| 9 MG Coy | 11 | 198 | |
| 107 Mortar Coy | 40 | 140 | |
| 692 MG Coy | 11 | 199 | |
| Parma Coy | 4 | 130 | 29938 |
| **MISC** | | | |
| 68 Mixed Rft Bn | 31 | 571 | |
| 214 Transit Camp | 5 | 37 | |
| Driving School | 6 | 233 | |
| Mtn School Det | | 18 | 901 |
| | | | 45324 |

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ORDER OF BATTLE - FIFTH ARMY (US) Employed

| | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HQ Units** | | | |
| 210 Div HQ | 27 | 242 | 269 |
| **Arty** | | | |
| 255 Btry | 4 | 120 | 124 |
| **Engrs** | | | |
| 23 Artieri Bn | 17 | 690 | |
| 12 Artieri Co | 4 | 140 | |
| 210 Artieri Co | 5 | 110 | |
| 909 Lavoratori Artieri Co | 6 | 250 | |
| 103 Minatori Bn | 6 | 400 | |
| 6 Minatori Co | 5 | 216 | |
| 21 Pontieri Co | 7 | 315 | |
| 101 Pontieri Co | 6 | 264 | |
| 870 Assault Engr Gp | 3 | 44 | 2488 |
| **Sigs** | | | |
| 801 Posacavi Co | 3 | 100 | |
| 810 Radio Control Plat | 1 | 31 | 135 |
| **QM** | | | |
| 1 Pack Tpt Co | 12 | 483 | |
| 2 Pack Tpt Co | 10 | 388 | |
| 5 Pack Tpt Co | 9 | 330 | |
| 9 Pack Tpt Co | 10 | 485 | |
| Replacements | 9 | 380 | 2115 |
| **Med** | | | |
| 525 Fd Hosp | 5 | 42 | |
| 865 Fd Hosp | 7 | 54 | 108 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 103 Minatori Bn | 5 | 216 | |
| 6 Minatori Co | 7 | 315 | |
| 21 Pontieri Co | 6 | 264 | |
| 101 Pontieri Co | 3 | 44 | 2488 |
| 870 Assault Engr Cp | | | |
| **Sigs** | | | |
| 801 Fosacavi Co | 3 | 100 | |
| 810 Radio Control Plat | 1 | 31 | 135 |
| **SI** | | | |
| 1 Pack Tpt Co | 12 | 483 | |
| 2 Pack Tpt Co | 10 | 388 | |
| 5 Pack Tpt Co | 9 | 330 | |
| 9 Pack Tpt Co | 10 | 485 | |
| Replacements | 9 | 380 | 2115 |
| **Med** | | | |
| 525 Fd Hosp | 5 | 42 | |
| 865 Fd Hosp | 7 | 54 | 108 |
| **VR** | | | |
| 110 Vet Hosp | 5 | 95 | |
| 130 Vet Hosp | 5 | 96 | |
| Pack Mule Trg Centre | 6 | 130 | 237 |
| **Lab** | | | |
| 567 Arty Regt (one gp) | 17 | 333 | |
| 67 Inf Regt (two bns) | 81 | 1051 | |
| 525 Inf Regt (two bns) | 49 | 619 | |
| 548 Inf Regt (one bn) | 36 | 440 | 2626 |
| | TOTAL | | 8102 |

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Appendix 'D' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
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ORDER OF BATTLE - PBS US Employed

| | Offrs | ORs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HQ Units** | | | |
| 212 Div HQ | 25 | 128 | 153 |
| **Engrs** | | | |
| 1 Artieri Co | 4 | 220 | |
| 2 Artieri Co | 5 | 221 | |
| 11 Artieri Co | 6 | 163 | |
| 998 Electrical Engr Co | 9 | 192 | |
| 999 Electrical Engr Co | 9 | 192 | |
| 212 Misto Genio Co | 3 | 37 | 1061 |
| **Quartermaster** | | | |
| 1006 QM Truck Co | 4 | 120 | |
| 1010 QM Truck Co | 5 | 128 | |
| 1100 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1101 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1102 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1103 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 301 QM Truck Bn | 21 | 496 | |
| 302 QM Truck Bn | 21 | 496 | |
| 258 QM Depot Co | 4 | 194 | |
| 259 QM Depot Co | 4 | 194 | |
| 19 Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| 52 Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| SASSARI Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| BONORVA Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | 2703 |
| **Ord** | | | |
| 708 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 139 | |
| 716 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 180 | |
| 718 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 139 | |
| 719 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 180 | |
| 707 Ord MM Co | 6 | 138 | |
| 709 MM Co | 10 | 277 | |
| 717 Ord MM Co | 6 | 138 | |
| [illegible] Ord MM Co | 6 | 180 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1006 QM Truck Co | 4 | 120 | |
| 1010 QM Truck Co | 5 | 128 | |
| 1100 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1101 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1102 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 1103 QM Truck Co | 6 | 107 | |
| 301 QM Truck Bn | 21 | 496 | |
| 302 QM Truck Bn | 21 | 496 | |
| 258 QM Depot Co | 4 | 194 | |
| 259 QM Depot Co | 4 | 194 | |
| 19 Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| 52 Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| SASSARI Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | |
| BONORVA Fd Bky | 3 | 137 | 2703 |

Ord

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 708 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 139 | |
| 716 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 180 | |
| 718 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 139 | |
| 719 Ord Amn Co | 6 | 180 | |
| 707 Ord MM Co | 6 | 138 | |
| 709 HM Co | 10 | 277 | |
| 717 Ord MM Co | 6 | 138 | |
| 728 Ord MM Co | 6 | 190 | |
| 729 Ord MM Co | 6 | 194 | |
| 1242 Ord HM Sect | 1 | 26 | 1660 |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Rmt Stn Bn | 25 | 325 | |
| 210 Vet Hosp | 2 | 95 | |
| 211 Vet Hosp | 2 | 95 | |
| 212 Vet Hosp | 3 | 95 | 642 |

Lab

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 518 Inf Regt (one bn)* | 25 | 763 | |
| 545 Arty Regt (two gp) | 39 | 602 | |
| 503 Inf Regt (four bns) | 90 | 2372 | |
| 512 Inf Regt (three bns) | 75 | 1358 | |
| 523 Inf Regt (four bns 1 Co) | 128 | 2459 | |
| 532 Inf Regt (two bns) | 57 | 1509 | |
| 535 Inf Regt (two bns) | 51 | 1574 | |
| 545 Inf Regt (two bns) | 41 | 664 | |
| 572 Inf Regt (two bns) | 50 | 1516 | |
| 582 Inf Regt (one bn) | 26 | 742 | |
| 590 Inf Regt (two bns) | 52 | 1591 | 15784 |

*Employed by IBS

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Appendix 'E' to
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dated 4. May 44

OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS - BRITISH

| Unit | No of Units | Personnel | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| RECCE | | | |
| Recce Sqn | 1 | 150 | 150 |
| ENGR | | | |
| Camouflage Unit | 1 | 31 | |
| Artieri Coy | 10 | 2500 | |
| Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 18 | 4500 | |
| Rd Constr Coy | 12 | 2640 | 9,671 |
| ENGRS - MW | | | |
| Docks Op Coy | 6 | 2564 | 2,364 |
| SIGS | | | |
| Sigs Wksp | 1 | 18 | 13 |
| INF - GDS | | | |
| Gd Bns | 4 | 3200 | |
| Gd Coy | 1 | 156 | 3,356 |
| ST | | | |
| Gen Tpt Coy | 4 | 1580 | |
| Indep Pl Amb Car Coy | 1 | 61 | |
| DVR Drfts | | 67 | |
| | | [illegible] | 3,361 |

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Camouflage Unit | 1 | 31 | |
| | Artieri Coy | 10 | 2500 | |
| | Lavoratori Artieri Coy | 13 | 4500 | |
| | Rd Constr Coy | 12 | 2640 | 9,671 |
| ENGRS - E | | | | |
| | Docks Op Coy | 6 | 2564 | 2,564 |
| SIGS | | | | |
| | Sigs Wksp | 1 | 18 | 18 |
| INF - GDS | | | | |
| | Gd Bns | 4 | 3200 | |
| | Gd Coy | 1 | 156 | 3,356 |
| ST | | | | |
| | Gen Tpt Coy | 4 | 1580 | |
| | Indep Pl Amb Car Coy | 1 | 61 | |
| | Dvr Rfts | | 67 | |
| | Muletoer Rfts | - | 1653 | 3,361 |
| MED | | | | |
| | Motor Amb Det | 1 | 20 | |
| | Med Rfts | - | 500 | 520 |
| EME | | | | |
| | Wksp Coy | 2 | 564 | 564 |
| LAB | | | | |
| | Lavoratori Bns | 24 | 19,200 | 19,200 |
| | | | GRAND TOTAL | 39,204 |

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Appendix 'F' to
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Outstanding Requirements - Fifth Army (US)

| Unit | No of Units | Personnel |
|---|---|---|
| Artl Gp | 15 | 3750 |
| QM Truck Co | 1 | 230 |
| Ord Co's | 10 | 1850 |
| CWS En | 1 | 281 |
| Labor Bns | 11 | 9504 |
| TOTAL | | 15,615 |

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Appendix 'C' to
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dated 4. May 44

Outstanding Requirements - P.B.3.

| Unit | No. of Units | Personnel | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ Units | | | |
| Regt HQs | 5 | 300 | 300 |
| Engineer Units | | | |
| Mineri Co's | 2 | 310 | |
| Artiori Co's | 6 | 1380 | |
| Gen Serv Regts | 2 | 2642 | |
| Dump Truck Co's | 4 | 500 | |
| Fire Fighting Units | 7 | 287 | |
| Utility Platoons | 3 | 186 | |
| Port Constr. & Rep Gp | 1 | 245 | |
| | | | 5550 |
| Signal Units | | | |
| Depot Co | 1 | 201 | 201 |
| Quartermaster Units | | | |
| Truck Bns | 4 | 2176 | |
| Bakery Co's | 2 | 342 | |
| RHD Co's | 2 | 736 | |
| Salv Rep Co's | 1 | 205 | |
| Steril Co | 1 | 159 | |
| Field Baths | 5 | 100 | |
| Field Bakeries | 2 | 304 | |
| | | | 4022 |
| Medical Units | | | |
| Dispensaries | 6 | 276 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Utility Platoons | 3 | 166 | |
| Port Constr. & Rep Gp | 1 | 245 | |
| | | | 5550 |
| **Signal Units** | | | |
| Depot Co | 1 | 201 | 201 |
| **Quartermaster Units** | | | |
| Truck Bns | 4 | 2176 | |
| Bakery Co's | 2 | 542 | |
| R&D Co's | 2 | 736 | |
| Salv Rep Co's | 1 | 205 | |
| Steril Co* | 1 | 159 | |
| Field Baths | 5 | 100 | |
| Field Bakeries | 2 | 304 | |
| | | | 4022 |
| **Medical Units** | | | |
| Dispensaries | 6 | 276 | |
| Depot Co's | 2 | 608 | |
| | | | 884 |
| **Ordnance Units** | | | |
| MM (AA) Co | 1 | 202 | |
| MM Co | 1 | 205 | |
| MVB Co | 1 | 164 | |
| Ammo Co | 1 | 185 | |
| Depot Co's | 2 | 372 | |
| | | | 1128 |
| **Labor Bns** | 22 | 19008 | 19008 |
| TOTAL | | | 31,093 |

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Appendix "H" to
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dated 4 May 44

ESTIMATED TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS OF ITALIAN UNITS TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIES

A - British Employed Units

1. Initial equipment provided from Italian sources and subsequent maintenance from British sources.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lt vehs incl 15 cwt trucks | 259 |
| Load carriers over 15 cwt | 213 |
| Water trucks or trailers | 66 |
| Total | 538 |

This represents the minimum essential domestic transport for all units other than transport units.

2. Initial equipment and maintenance from British sources of eight transport coys and one amb car coy.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lt vehs incl 15 cwt trucks | 133 |
| Load carriers over 15 cwt | 1145 |
| Ambulances | 58 |
| Technical vehs | 48 |
| Water trucks or trailers | 51 |
| Total | 1435 |

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B - U.S. Employed Units

As authorized in the tables of organization approved for corresponding units formed from Italian Prisoners of War in NORTH AFRICA. Application has already been made by PBS to SOS NATOUSA for authority to implement these scales of transport

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for the Italian Army

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1705/19/G(SD2)

4 May 44

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Further to my 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 25 Apr 44.

1. Requirements in equipment for the Italian Combat Division for the next six months are estimated as follows. Rates for maintenance are expected to be intense unless otherwise stated.

(a) Vote 7 (Clothing etc)

Maintenance required from Allied sources to scale as already agreed.

(b) Vote 8 (General and Accommodation Stores)

Initial equipment provided from Italian sources but maintenance from Allied sources will be necessary except for the simple items that can be produced locally.

(c) Vote 9 (Warlike Stores)

(i) Weapons — All provided from Italian sources except 4 Tk guns of which an initial issue of 36 6 pdrs and subsequent maintenance are required from Allied sources.

(ii) Ammunition — All from Italian sources except machine carbine ammunition. Italian stocks of the latter are only estimated to last three months and thereafter approx 3/4 million rds per month of Br 9 mm Sten ammunition will be required.

(iii) MT — Initial equipment from Italian sources, thereafter

already agreed.

(b) Vote 8 (General and Accommodation Stores)

Initial equipment provided from Italian sources but maintenance from Allied sources will be necessary except for the simple items that can be produced locally.

(c) Vote 9 (Warlike Stores)

(i) Weapons — All provided from Italian sources except A Tk guns of which an initial issue of 36 6 pdrs and subsequent maintenance are required from Allied sources. 1035

(ii) Ammunition — All from Italian sources except machine carbine ammunition. Italian stocks of the latter are only estimated to last three months and thereafter approx 3/4 million rds per month of Br 9 mm Sten ammunition will be required.

(iii) MT — Initial equipment from Italian sources, thereafter maintenance from Allied sources. Appendix 'A' gives the proposed initial equipment and anticipated wastage. The latter has been calculated at double Br intense FTC rates, as Italian vehicles are old, and spares including most sizes of tyres, unobtainable. After six months the rates of wastage should be intense since most of the Italian vehicles will have replaced from Allied sources.

(iv) Engineer Equipment — Initial equipment from Italian sources but maintenance and any mechanical equipment from Allied sources.

(v) Signal Equipment

Wireless - All from Italian sources, except batteries and certain valves.

Line - Initial equipment from Italian sources, maintenance from Allied sources.

(vi) Anti-Gas Equipment — All from Allied sources (if required at all)

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(vii) Medical Equipment and Stores - All from Allied sources.

2. As the Italian Combat Division is now employed with Eighth Army and is likely to be employed in the British Sector in future it is recommended that equipment provided from Allied sources should be of British design.

3. Detailed War Establishments and the actual units to be included in the Order of Battle of the Combat Division are still under discussion. The estimates given in para 1 are based on a personnel strength of 14,100 which is the figure recommended for this formation.

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Lt. Gen.
for General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Appendix 'A' to 1705/19/G(SD2)
dated 4 May 44

FORECAST OF VEHICLE WASTAGE OF CIL

| Type | Proposed Holding | Intense FFC Rates | 6 Months wastage at Double Intense FFC rates |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cars | 26 | 4 | 12 |
| Lt Trucks | 246 | 6 | 180 |
| Hy Trucks | 54 | 5 | 30 |
| Lt Inf Trucks | 53 | 6 | 36 |
| Mobile Workshops | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| MCs | 277 | 5 | 156 |
| Trailers | 19 | 3 | 7 |
| Busses 18 str | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| Ambulances | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Artillery Tractors | 60 | 5 | 36 |
| TOTAL | 752 | - | 466 |

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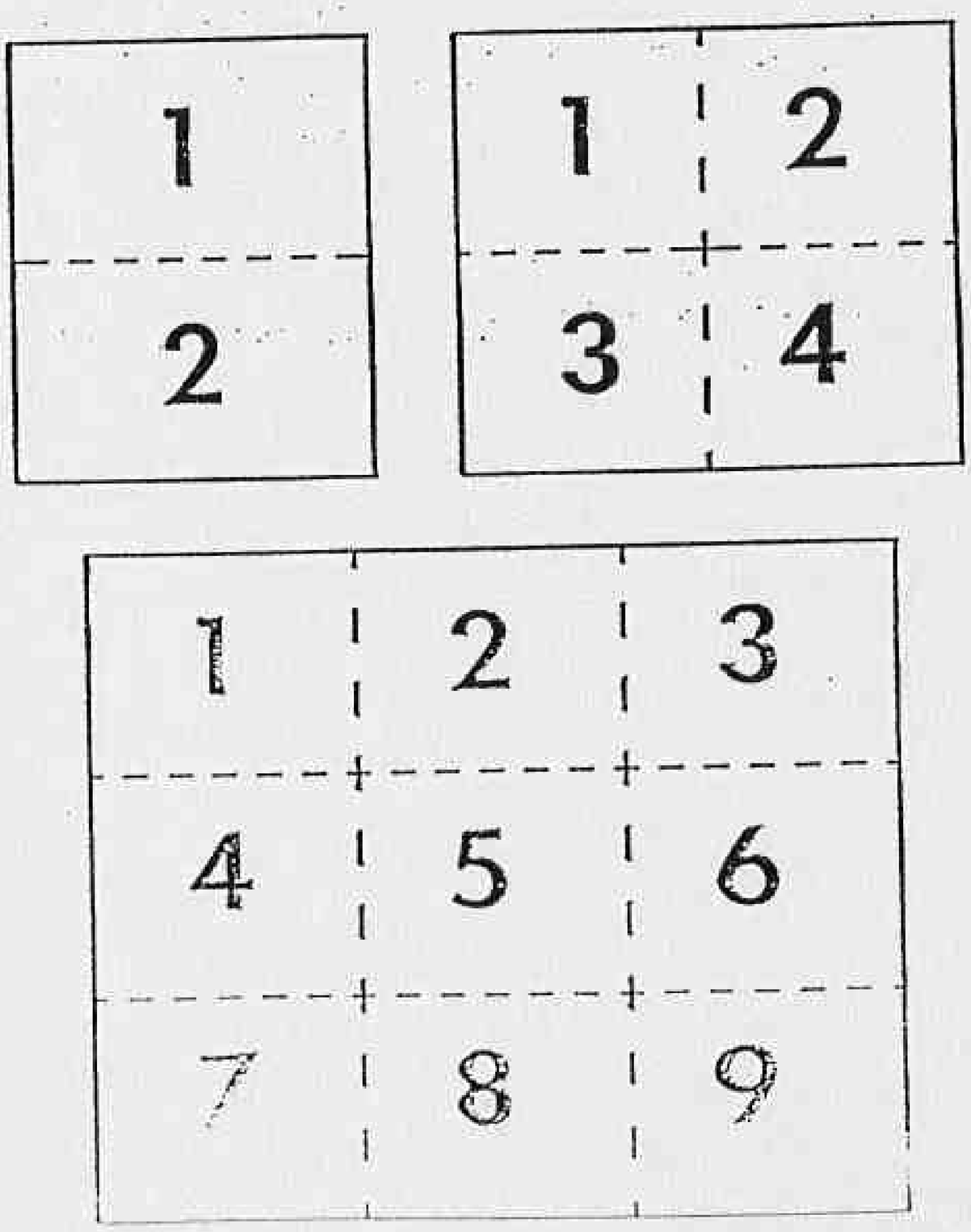
MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Elettricisti | 5 | | | | | | | | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Stagnino | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ebanista | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Falegname | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| Tubista | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muratori | 2 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Pittori | 2 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Imbianchini | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spec. macchine scrivere | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuochi | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 7 |
| Camerieri | 6 | 17 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | | 60 |
| Sguatteri | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 12 |
| Barbieri | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cucinieri | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 12 |
| Sarti | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Calzolai | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Barbieri | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |

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Electricians
Plumbers
Cabinet maker
Carpenter
Another type of plumber
Mason
Painters
Whitewashers
Tailor (A) cooks
Waiters
Helpers
Boatmen
Cooks
Tailor
Boot maker

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...TIVO DEI MILITARI DI CUI ALLA COLONNA 7

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1535 | | | | | | | |
| Sarti | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | | | | | | | Tailor |
| Calzolai | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | Boot makers |
| Barbieri | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | Barbers |
| Infermieri | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | male nurses |
| Telefonisti | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | Phone operators |
| Telescriventi-sti | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | Teleprinter operators |
| Fonogrammisti | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | Fonogram operators |
| Spaccisti | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | Messengers |
| Interpreti | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | Interpreters |
| uomini fatt. e puliz.loc.M.G. | 12 | | 3 | | | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | | 12 | | | | | | | 4 | Fatigue men |
| Inquadramento - discipl.del Rep. | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | | | | | | | | Staff (Coy.) |
| Serv.guardia e piantoni | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 4 | | | | | | | Guards + stand-bys |
| In C.P. altri Reparti | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | in C.P. other units. |
| Autieri | | | | 35 | 35 | 20 | | | | | | 66 | | | | | | | | | Drivers |
| Motociclisti | | | | 2 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | 20 | | | | | | | | | M/Cyclists |
| Meccanici | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 7 | 1 | | | | | | | | Mechanics |
| Ripostiglieri | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | Issuers (?) |
| | 74 | 79 | 3 | 40 | 45 | 29 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 104 | 94 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 26 | 17 | 21 | |

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| ALTRI MINISTERI | Ufficiali | Sottufficiali | Dattilografi e Scritturali |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Casa Militare di S.M. il Re | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Casa Militare di S.M. la Regina | 1 | - | - |
| Casa Militare di S.A.R. il Principe di Piemonte | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri | 5. | 4 | 7 |
| Ministero della Real Casa | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| " delle Finanze | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| " Grazia e Giustizia | - | 2 | 2 |
| " dell'agricoltura e Foreste | 1 | - | 3 |
| " delle Comunicazioni | 28 | 7 | 10 |
| " degli Affari Esteri | - | 5 | 4 |
| " dell'Industria Commercio e Lavoro | - | 2 | 5 |
| " dell'Educazione Nazionale | - | - | 3 |
| " Affari Interni | - | 2 | 3 |
| " dei Lavori Pubblici | - | 2 | 6 |
| Segreteria Particolare del Capo del Governo | 12 | 10 | 6 |
| Autodrappello Real Casa | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| " Capo del Governo | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| " Presidenza Consiglio Ministri | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Ufficio Collegamento Comm.ne Alleata Controllo | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Ufficio Telescrivente Comando Supremo | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Mensa Interministeriale | 1 | 5 | - |
| Ufficio Assistenza Personale Civile | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| <u>Segue Ministero della Guerra con personale amministrato dalla 2^ Compagnia :</u> | | | |
| - Ufficio Collegamento Ministero Guerra | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| - Ispettorato Generale R.Esercito | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| - Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| - Personale d'inquadramento e a disposizione per servizi vari 2^ Compagnia | 8 | 10 | 10 |

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| TOTALE | 104 | 103 | 137 |

RIEPILOGO Recapitulation

Personale di servizio nel Ministero della Guerra
Personnel on duty with War Ministry.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1ª Compagnia — 1 Coy. | 297 | 197 | 169 |
| 2ª Compagnia 2 Coy | 20 | 17 | 18 |
| Autodrappello Tp. Sect. | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| Distaccamento di Maglie — Maglie Detachment | 12 | 12 | 30 |
| Distaccamento di Ostuni — Ostuni " | 14 | 12 | 28 |
| TOTALE MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA | 346 | 255 | 248 |
| Negli altri Ministeri non militari In other non-military Ministries | 84 | 86 | 119 |
| TOTALE R.A.M. R A M Total | 430 | 341 | 367 |
| Battaglione granatieri (Guardie Reali) Grenadier Bn (Royal Guards) | 22 | 20 | |
| 1° Raggruppamento Guide 1st Guide Group | 47 | 77 | |
| Accademia (a) Academy | | | |

NOTA (a) - Riserva comunicazione dati.-
Data unit for Staff in Italy.

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| T O T A L E | 104 | 103 | 137 | 45 | 84 | 292 |
| della Guerra | | | | | | 961 |
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| | 14 | 12 | 28 | 6 | 10 | 5 |
| X | 346 | 255 | 248 | 74 | 204 | 375 |
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| Y | 84 | 86 | 119 | 39 | 69 | 218 |
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SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
L'AQUILA (LAQUILA)
G/6/1
5 May 44

SUBJECT:- Suggested move of MMIA, Ministry of War and GHQ to West side of ITALY

H.E. General Orlando,
Minister of War

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner A.C.C.
HQ A.A.I.
S M R E
Lt Col Quinsmith, Adv HQ Army Sub Comm, SALERNO
Army Sub Comm LO, c/o Main HQ A.C.C.
" " " " c/o XXXI CORPS
" " " " c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
" " " " c/o HQ 2 District

Your Excellency,

Reference above subject and the discussion thereon at my conference with you on Saturday 29 Apr.

I discussed the matter with Chief Commissioner A.C.C. and Chief of the General Staff A.A.I. and I am instructed to inform you that this move will NOT be permitted at this juncture.

Reconnaissances for the move therefore serve no useful purpose and will NOT take place.

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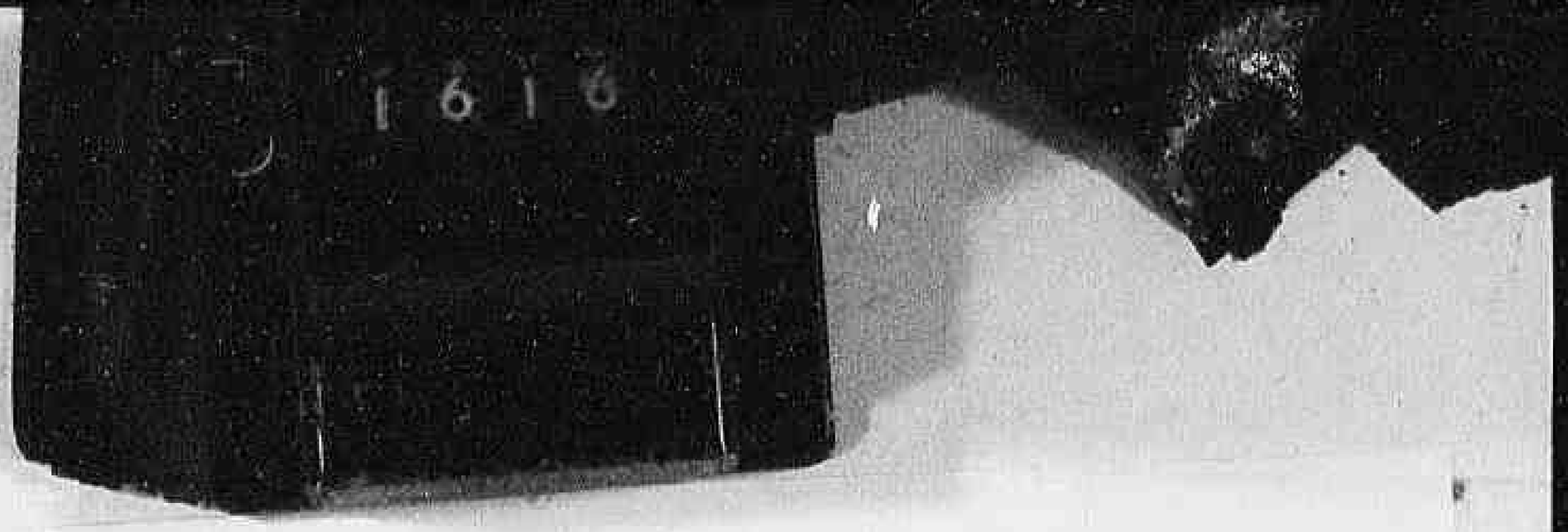
Army Sub Comm A.C.C. Maj Gen.



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Subject: Italian Armed Forces - Chain of Communication and Control

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MARS)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/C/1
3 May 44

My AAI

I forward herewith a proposed instruction defining the various channels of communication and control for dealing with the Italian Armed Forces, and request that it may be issued to the HQs shown on the distribution list at page 3.

The instruction has been approved by the Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

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

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary General

APO 394

SG 091.711 27 April 1944

Subject: Italian Armed Forces - Channels of Communication and Control.

To: Hq Army Sub-Commission, Lequile (Lecce).

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to say that he agrees with the draft instruction attached to your G/6/1/39 97 of 19 Apr 44 with one addition; namely, Region VII comes within the command of No. 2 District and should so be shown in paragraph 1.

Robert E Doe

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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G.O.C.

Secn 30/4 — amended instruction to be issued to AA, with confirmation that it has been effected

by HQ ACC 2. 30/4

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Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILLE (LECCE)
G/6/1/39
19 Apr 44

HQ ACC

I feel that the channels of communication and control of the Italian Army should be defined and issued as an instruction to all concerned.

This will obviate incorrect procedure and waste of effort.

Will you please say whether you agree that I should send attached paper to HQ AAI and ask them to issue.

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A. Browning

GSH

Major General
Army Sub Comm ACC

Subject:- Italian Armed Forces - Channels of Communication and Control

1. OBJECT OF THIS INSTRUCTION

This Instruction is issued to define the various channels of communication and control for dealing with the Italian Armed Forces situated on the Mainland of ITALY, in SICILY, in SARDINIA and in CORSICA.

The map at Appendix 'A' shews the areas of military and civil administration involved as follows:-

| MILITARY | | CIVIL | |
|---|---|---|---|
| under HQ A A I | | | |
| A | No 1 District and Island Base Section | Z | ACC Region 1 |
| B | No 2 District and Adriatic Base Depot | Y<br>U | do 2<br>do 4 |
| C | No 3 District | X | do 3 |
| D | Peninsular Base Section | W | do 5 |
| E | Allied Garrison SARDINIA | V | do 6 |
| - | | ~~T~~ | ~~do 7~~ |
| under A.F.H.Q. | | | |
| F | Northern Base Section | T | French Administration |

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2. CHAIN OF COMMAND for the above are as follows:-

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|---|---|---|---|
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| | under A.F.H.Q. | | |
| F | Northern Base Section | T | French Administration |

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2. CHAIN OF COMMAND for the above are as follows:-

(a) AFHQ to HQ AAI for ABCD and E

(b) AFHQ to HQ AAI to HQ ACC for ~~Z Y U X W V~~ ZYUXWV

(c) AFHQ direct to F and T.

3. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

(a) HQ AAI direct to Army Sub Commission (MMIA) on all questions of supply and control of issues to the Italian Armed Forces; also all questions of organisation, creation and transfer of units and formations of the Italian Army, except in so far as these affect policy with the Italian Government. Policy matters involving negotiations with the Italian Government will be addressed to Chief Commissioner ACC with copy to MMIA.

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3. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION(Contd)

(b) DISTRICT, BASE SECTION and ALLIED GARRISON HQ

The Italian Army is responsible for the discipline, pay, clothing and general administration of Italian units and formations wherever situated: and for their rationing, except in the Combat Zone where responsibility devolves on HQ AAI and HQ of Armies. Operational control, local administration and policy will be dealt with by District, Base Section and Allied Garrison HQs as follows:-

(i) Direct, for operational control and local administration, for all Italian units and formations shown as under command of District, Base Section and Allied Garrison HQ in Order of Battle G/11/32 issued fortnightly by MMIA.

(ii) To Italian Formation Commander through MMIA Liaison Officer, for local administration, for all other Italian units and formations within their boundaries.

(iii) To Army Sub Commission(MMIA)for all major matters and questions of policy: or emergency operational control.

4. CREATION AND TRANSFER OF ITALIAN UNITS AND FORMATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER COMMAND OF ALLIED FORMATIONS

HQ AAI decide and control priority in connection with this. All applications will therefore be addressed to HQ AAI, with copy to MMIA.

5. ADC REGIONS are concerned with the Italian Army only in so far as it affects civil government. Regional Commissioners will deal direct with the appropriate District, Base Section or Allied Garrison HQ on all questions; except in respect of general administration of such CARABINIERI

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5. ACC REGIONS are concerned with the Italian Army only in so far as it affects civil government. Regional Commissioners will deal direct with the appropriate District, Base Section or Allied Garrison HQ on all questions; except in respect of general administration of such CARABINIERI and GUARDIA FINANZA as may be under Regional control, which will be dealt with through ACC.

6. CORSICA is under AFHQ. MMIA therefore will hold merely a "watching brief"(by means of visits)as the liaison intermediary between the Italian troops in CORSICA on the one hand and the Italian General Staff and /or AFHQ on the other.

7. DISTRIBUTION

Sufficient copies of this Instruction are forwarded to allow for distribution to Sub Area HQ and equivalent.

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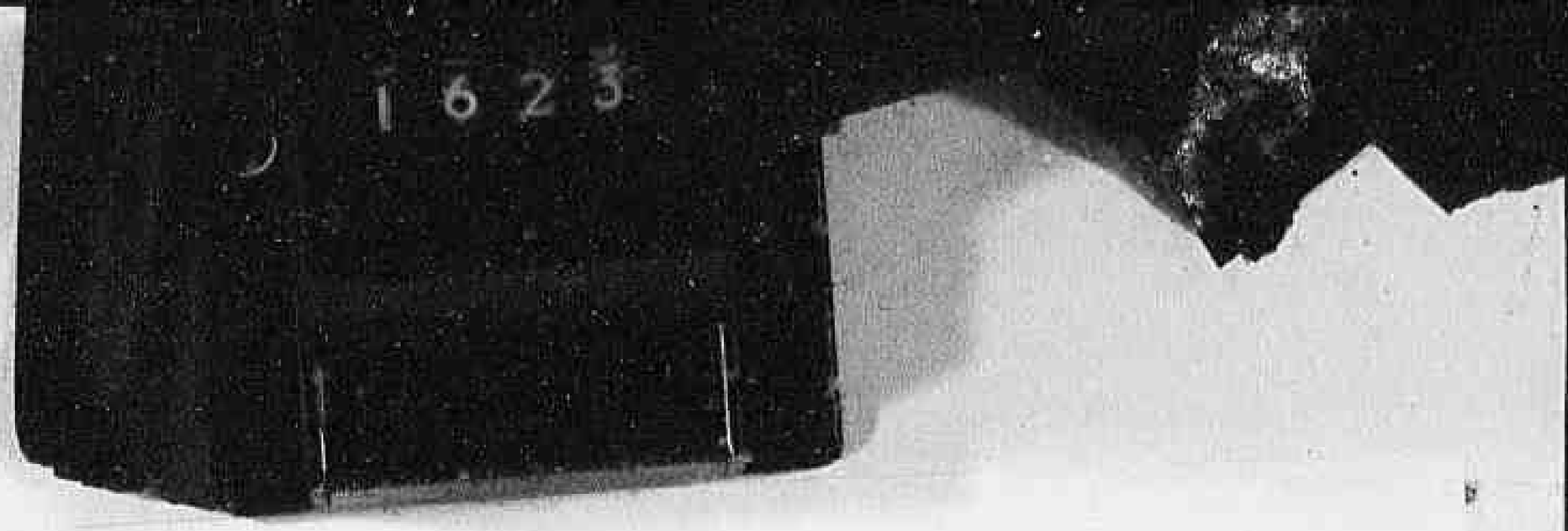


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DISTRIBUTION

AFHQ

HQ ACC

MMIA

No 1 District

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HQ ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

NORTHERN BASE SECTION

ISLAND BASE SECTION

ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT

HQ No 1 Region ACC

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APPENDIX. "A"

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For Action

TO SHAPE

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. 0376/G Secret G Reference [illegible] of [illegible] officers of the CINCSOUTH Directive to [illegible] of ITALY as [illegible] of the [illegible] disposal of the [illegible] TRUST territory entrusted

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS—EXCEPT WIRELESS

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FROM A A I ~~0144~~ 021730B

TO MMIA

INFO FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH

QQX GR ---

SD1590 RESTRICTED(.)

YOUR SD619 OF 1 MAYB CONFIRMED

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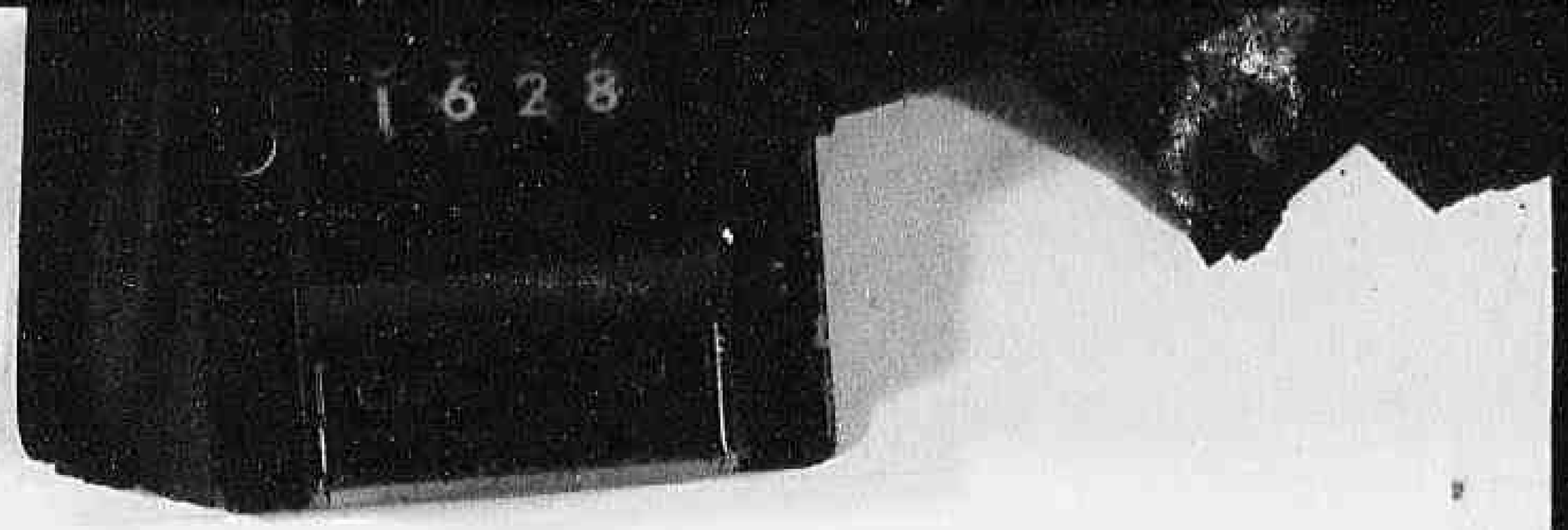


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TO (W) For Information (INFO)

FATIMA Rear for QUIN-SMITH

Originator's No. SD 619 — Message Instructions | GR

O Secret O Ref your SD 1157 of
10 Apr O Confirm 28 [225] to
ITALIAN OFFICERS at disposal of FUNEO Division
and to be attached on arrival ITALIAN military
ITALY

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TOP SECRET

SUBJECT:- Return of 228 offrs of CUNEO Div to ITALY

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECCE
G/6/1
7 May 44

S M R E

Copy to: Adv HQ Army Sub Comm
AAI (Your SD1159 of 10 Apr refers) } less Appx 'A'
Mov MMIA

Ref our SD/13/32 of 13 Mar 44, subject as above (NOT to AAI).

1. We are informed that 228 Italian officers from the CUNEO Div are due to disembark at TARANTO on 4 May. Details in Appx 'A' attached.

2. Please arrange to meet them, and notify this HQ of your arrangements, so that the responsible authorities at TARANTO may be informed.

3. It will be confirmed later that the 228 officers will be at the disposal of the Italian military authorities.

4. It is emphasised that this letter and its contents are TOP SECRET and will not be made known to any persons other than those directly concerned with meeting the a/m officers.

ABC

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

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SMRE copy by hand of offr

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Appendix 'A' to
G/6/1 of 1 May 44

| Officers | Personnel | Baggage | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | D I S C H A R G E T O | | |
| 100 | Berth 4 | Berth 4 | In PORTO MERCANTILE |
| 30 | TOBI Pier | PONTA NAPOLI | In MARE PICCOLO |
| 98 | Oil Jetty "B" | Berth 4A | In IL CHIAPPARO |

File - note new address 28 May

SUBJECT: Suggested Move of M.M.I.A., S.M.R.E. and M of W from LECCE Area to West Side of Italy. SECRET

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
30 Apr 44.

~~A.A.I.~~

~~Copy~~ To: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. The fundamental principle must be that the whole of M of W, S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A. must move together. To move parts of each and have an advanced and rear H.Q. is impossible. All three staffs are interlocked from top to bottom. A division of the staffs would mean even greater chaos and delay than exists at present.

2. While there would be a certain advantage in time and space in all these staffs being on the West side the following considerations weigh heavily against it.

(a) The whole business has been functioning as effectively from the LECCE - LEQUILE area as it would be on the West side, and the weather and roads will now be much better than hitherto. If any move had been desirable it should have happened before. The question has only now been raised by M of W., and S.M.R.E.

(b) A location on the West side would introduce Commando Supremo (really a fifth wheel of the coach) into the business. This would be a disadvantage, as M of W and S.M.R.E. would lean on Marshal MESSE and the latter would continually tend to appeal to A.C.C. and A.A.I. over the head of M.M.I.A. Marshal MESSE would become a bottleneck, with consequent further delay than at present. He is NOT in the picture as regards our activities, witness the reports I get from A.C.C. LO (Lt. Col. QUINSMITH) there.

(c) The whole West side accommodation is choc a bloc. To superimpose 400 officers and 2500 ORs with proper offices, messes, billets etc is not possible as the accommodation must be adequate and located in a limited area where proper communications exist.

(d) A suggested move to the SALERNO area with M.M.I.A. offices in the Palace of Justice, living accommodation at CAVA 12 miles away, a shuttle bus service to and fro and office hours 0900 to 1700 is

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(d) A suggested move to the SALERNO area with M.M.I.A. offices in the Palace of Justice, living accommodation at CAVA 12 miles away, a shuttle bus service to and fro and office hours 0900 to 1700 is impossible. In the state of flux we are in, M.M.I.A. works from 0815 till late into the night. I cannot accept the above state of affairs if M.M.I.A. is to do its job.

(e) A move to the West side would mean a hiatus of at least a fortnight while everyone was sorting out the other end and the proper rhythm of work was being re-established. We cannot afford such a hiatus at this juncture. Moreover to move to the West side and then (one hopes) within a limited period to move on to ROME, is not a proposition to produce efficiency and continuity.
(f)

(f) (i) I know privately that the vast majority of the M of W, and S.M.R.E. Senior and Junior officers are against any move till we go direct to ROME. It is only ORLANDO and BERARDI who are for the move and mainly to get under MESSE's wing, with all the advantages to them and the disadvantages to us (see para 2 (b) above.) It is significant that since I have addressed several strong letters to M of W and S.M.R.E. on the errors and delays that are occurring their anxiety to move has increased.

(ii) It is unnecessary for BERARDI to pay many visits to Commando Supremo (MESSE) and he has a D.C.S. at LECCE if he does.

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f (iii) ORLANDO's presence for Government meetings at SALERNO is more necessary but he too now has a Deputy.

(iv) Distance therefore does NOT make any great difference. To enable quicker transport from LECCE to SALERNO air travel can be used. Either Marshal BADOGLIO's private plane can be sent to the GALATINA (LECCE) airfield to fetch ORLANDO or BERARDI as necessary; or one of General PIACENTINI's two Italian private aircraft, operating from BARI or GALATINA can be reserved for M of W and S.M.R.E. I told ORLANDO this today and there should be no difficulty in arranging matters.

3. To sum up, I am convinced that:

(a) The existing set up and locations are the best possible for the present.

(b) Any move would be a grave disadvantage to the Allied war effort

(c) We can function more efficiently from the LECCE - LEQUILE area than by moving to the West side, with all the hiatus and loss of efficiency that involves.

4. I therefore urge that A.A.I. issue an order now that:

(a) No move is to take place at this juncture.

(b) The question will be reconsidered when we get to ROME.

This will stop all the subterranean and devious intrigues now being conducted by ORLANDO and BERARDI (and perhaps MESSE) against the wish of M.M.I.A. and even their own staffs.

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L. Browning

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

Chief Commissioner discussed with Gen. HARDING

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L. Browning

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

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Chief Commissioner discussed with Gen. HARDING on 30 Apr - + decided that there would be NO MOVE. PM. of W. + S.M.R.E. to be informed accordingly.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LECCE. (LECCE)
AG/2
28 April 44.

Ministry of War.

Copies to: "C" (G6/1/35 of 6 April)
CT.

Subject :- Inclusion of Fi[illegible]an and FS within the ration ceiling.

1. Reference your letter 3591/3 dated 25 April under subject " Directive for the Italian Army."

2. No decision has yet been given as to the inclusion of the F.S. and Vigili del Fuoco within the ration ceiling. Until such decision is received it is not possible to take any action to include these categories.

3. You will be informed immediately there is any change in the situation.

F. J. Norrell
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
BARI.

TO : Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.
(attention Wing Commander Barlas).

DATE : 26th April 1944.

REF. : AFSC/7/AIR.

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Col KERR (K) AB 29 Apr

CI Jm 29/4

UTILISATION OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE MANPOWER

Some little confusion has been caused by the receipt of signals from Headquarters, No.2 District, ordering 300 Italian Air Force personnel to proceed to Pantecagnano under Army arrangements, and it is felt that to avoid any future misunderstanding, the position of the Italian Air Force should be clearly stated.

2. The policy has been firmly established under authority of letter S.549/AFSC/HAC dated 5th October 1943, that the Italian Air Force is controlled by this Sub-Commission, which is the only authority for the movement, transfer, detachment or seconding, of Italian Air Force personnel, subject always to the direction of the Air Commander in Chief in Italy, as to the operational employment of the Italian Air Force.

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Subject:- Transfer of Italian Military to ITALY

Army Sub Commission, ACC 115
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/6/1
26 Apr 44

Lt Col QUINSMITH (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Comm.
SALERNO

Further to our G/6/1/44 dated 26 Apr 44.

1. Please ask the Comando Supremo to ensure that they do not apply for the return of unsuitable PW to ITALY, pointing out that they must carefully check all requests before passing them on to the Allies.

2. Col MANNO was described by MIDEAST as "Pro-German, Fascist and Anti-British".

Lt Col,
G.S.
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of the Italian Army - Exemption Policy for Conscripts. SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
29 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

(Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.)

1. Ref your 3110/A(O) of 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) of 20 Mar 44. I wish to raise the whole question of the exemption policy for conscripts of the Italian Army.
My G/6/1 of 22 Apr also refers.

2. If large numbers of exemptions are granted by the Allied authorities, S.M.R.E. will be unable to provide sufficient men by the call up of 1923 Class for the execution of your programme for the Italian Army.

3. (a) The most important aspect of the matter is the case of truck drivers.

(b) Large numbers of these of the 1923 class are being exempted (and presumably the same will apply to the 1920 - 22 classes in due course) as Allied formations desire to retain these men, now hired as civilians.

(c) The result will be, in increasing degree, that S.M.R.E. will be unable to replace wastage in Italian Army Driver units now working under Allied command. The only source of replacement is the men provided by the call up of classes. In time, these Italian Army Driver units will be so reduced as to be ineffective.

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(c) Such exemptions should be on a temporary basis, renewable monthly. Otherwise a man may get a year's exemption and disappear.

(d) Lists of exempted men liable to call up should be sent forthwith to M.M.I.A. who will arrange for these men :

(i) to be called up and remain where they are as soldiers where possible, or

(ii) to be replaced by soldiers to avoid mixed units of all arms.

5. (a) It is natural that, from the parochial point of view, Allied commanders should want to exempt and retain the men they know and who may be working well and willingly for them close to their own homes.

(b) BUT, from the wider aspect, my proposal in para 4 above would:

(i) eliminate injustice in the difference between soldier and civilian pay for the same work

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(b) (ii) ensure "mobility" of labour as necessary and replacement of wastage in Italian Army units working under Allied command.

(iii) cost the Allies less.

(iv) strengthen the prestige and control of the Italian Army.

6. I therefore request that you give approval at an early date.

R. Browning

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

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SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of the Italian Army - Formation of new Italian Units.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMLA)
[illegible] (LECCE)
C/6/1
27 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

1. Information has been received that the Marshal of Italy, MESSE, has authorised the organisation of a "DUCA D'AOSTA" battalion of Arditi from personnel of the Italian Air Force, and it is now organised and presented to the Allies for inclusion into the Italian Combat Division (CIL).

2. (a) During the process of organisation such personnel could not have been "in fact effective" personnel of the Italian Army Force within the meaning of FAM 336, unless the Italian High Command had been given permission by the Allies to proceed with organising this unit. Nothing is known here of such permission being granted by the Allies.

(b) In this case if one thousand men can be spared from duty with the Air Force, the strength of the Air Force exceeds by one thousand the number which is in fact effective. Such men cannot become effective until their services are desired by the Allies. That they have been so organised does not make them in fact effective.

(c) Moreover the inclusion of this additional Battalion in the CIL will increase the strength of that Division over the figure recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

3. Unless this practice is stopped forthwith, the process of putting Italian units to work in accordance with your programme will be seriously impeded, and M.M.I.A. will be unable to plan accurately or effectively. While it may be desirable to place more Italians in Combat or to work, it is clear that all action to organise new units must originate at your Headquarters, be approved by you and executed by M.M.I.A.

4. Therefore, in order to eliminate confusion, and to enable M.M.I.A. effectively to control the Italian Armed Forces, I urge that a general order be issued by you forthwith to all concerned that : -

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(a) no action will be taken to form new Italian units in future by any Allied or Italian authority until after approval is given by you.

(b) details of any units already so organised or in process of being organised which are not authorised by you (see App."A" to my G/6/19 "Priority List of Italian units required") will be submitted to you, forthwith for approval.

(c) The organisation of all new Italian units will be carried out through the one channel of M.M.I.A.

5. In this connection, my G/6/1 dated 22 Apr. also refers.

A. Brownjohn

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

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(Copy to: H.Q., A.C.C. - with reference to paras 3 and 4. I presume that all A.C.C. demands for new military units are put to H.Q. A.A.I. and NOT arranged unilaterally with M.M.I.A. You will agree that there must be one channel for such demands.)

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/43
26 Apr 44

H.E. General Berardi
Chief of the General Staff

Your Excellency,

I have been shown a copy of the minutes of our meeting on 23rd April and wish to make the following remarks thereon:-

1. "2nd Subject - first paragraph"

The shipment of NEMBO does not imply an agreement to increase the figure for C.I.L. above 14,100, which is the figure recommended by The Allied Commander in Chief to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. No decision has yet been reached or can be reached until the decision of the C.C.S. is known.

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The situation as regards formation of units for the Allied programme has in no way changed. Such formation of units as required by the programme must continue.

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O See Para 2 & 3
24 Apr.

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I suggest that SMRE be informed that the order for use of IVD by Regt is final and that in any case it will be carried out.

It appears that having made counterproposals on all subjects, and the counterproposals now having been accepted, that the matter is closed. The counter proposal not to use the IVD by Regt were dictated by a clear order to use it.

Don't Hesitate

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Ltr. Boots are furnished to the Station Surg. on the basis of need. Certain quantities of boots were authorized by the Navy Dept. and Hospital Corps for the Peking and Shanghai Detachments. The quantity authorized is more than sufficient to equip these two Legations. No allowance for the Tientsin Detachment will be authorized by the Navy Dept. The Tientsin detachment must be furnished necessary boots from the quantities already authorized. Steps must be taken by them at once to see that the Tientsin Detachment boots are received & distributed by Surgeon [illegible]

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Minutes of the meeting held on 23 Apr between Chief of Italian Gen Staff and Gen Browning, Head of the Sub-Commission of ACC.

The following three basic subjects were considered:-
1) - Rfts for Mot Bde
2) - Strength of Mot Bde
3) - The question of the 120 Inf Regt

1st Subject

The Mot Bde requires for its inf units about 600 rfts, some of which are in SARDINIA (bersaglieri) and some on the continent (inf). How can the losses in combat be replaced if the Anglo Americans do not permit rfts to be sent up, entrenching themselves behind the objection that the Mot Bde, with the addition of the Nembo will exceed the strength of 14.000 laid down.

The Bde now has a front of 14 km and cannot wait to replace its losses for the outcome of discussions which never end.

Gen Browning replies to the above saying that the Mot Bde is part of 8 Army and that requests for rfts are NOT a matter for Italian HQs, but for 8 Army, which has the responsibility of the line and of the emp of the tps deployed there. Therefore Gen Utile must make his requests to the British HQ under whose comd he is. If this HQ supports the request for rfts they will be made available; but a direct decision is outside the province of the Sub-Commission.

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- until the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is obtained he cannot reopen the question without compromising it;
- when the figure has been approved it will be possible to make further proposals to bring the strength up to 20.000; Further insistence in the matter would be useless at the moment as it is not up to the Sub-Commission to decide.
- The strength of the internal security divs is also a matter not to be re-examined just now, so as not to compromise the matter.
- The entire programme for the Italian Army is a plan based on figures which might be acceptable in Washington and which it is hoped will be accepted there.

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On the basis of the above, Gen Berardi insists on the need for a definite and clear-cut programme, and proposes a meeting to be attended by everyone interested so that we shall all be thinking along the same lines. He further states that he did not understand that the contents of the directive for the Italian Army had already been approved by Gen Alexander and consequently formally submitted for the consideration of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. In fact, no account has been taken in this plan of our requirements, (especially as regards territorial needs)

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At this remark Gen Browning confirmed that if for the time being nothing can be done, when the figures are approved it will be possible to consider whether alternative solutions cannot be put fwd. For the moment there can be no departure from them.

Gen Berardi then makes a formal protest at having been placed ina posn of having to submit to figures in which no account had been taken of his well-founded counterproposals and also at not having been formally infd that his counterproposals had NOT been accepted.

He requests that for the time being further orders are NOT issued by the Sub-Commission until the figures are approved, and this with the object of NOT compromising the future.

3rd Subject

In connection with the above Gen Berardi asks th at the 120 Regt shall NOT be touched and that the orders given be cancelled, inasmuch as they would compromise the efficiency of the Mantova and Piceno Divs as laid down in the Policy Letter.

The discussion can be summarised as follows:-

a) - Statement that the proposed figures have already left for Washington for approval and that they are NOT at the moment to be altered;

b) - Formal protest by the Cheif of Staff of the Army for the non-acceptance of his counter-proposals;

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As regards d), Gen Browning will make a decision after having consulted his Staff Offrs.

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RIASSUNTO DELLE QUESTIONI TRATTATE NELLA RIUNIONE DEL GIORNO 21.4.44. DAL CAPO DI S.M.R.E. E DAL GENERALE COMANDANTE CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO

Sono stati presi in esame tre argomenti fondamentali:

1) - complementi pel I raggruppamento motorizzato;

2) - forza del raggruppamento suddetto;

3) - questione del 120° rgt. fanteria.

1° ARGOMENTO

Il I raggruppamento motorizzato ha bisogno, per gli elementi di fanteria di cui dispone, di circa 500 complementi dei quali, parte è in Sardegna (bersaglieri) e parte in continente (fanteria). Come si fa a rimpiazzare le perdite dei reparti in linea se gli A.A. non consentono l'invio dei complementi, trincerandosi dietro l'opinione che il I raggruppamento, con l'aggiunta della "Mamba" verrà a superare la forza di 14.000 u. prescritti?

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2° ARGOMENTO

Nei riguardi della forza concessa per il Corpo Italiano di Liberazione è necessario chiarire la questione perchè si parla di 14.000 uomini ma intanto l'aver autorizzato l'arrivo della "Nembo" significa l'aver am-

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messo un aumento della forza al disopra di tale cifra (purchè si resti nella forza totale di 34.000 u. ammessi per Corpo Italiano di Liberazione più "Piceno" più "Mantova").

Il generale Browning chiarisce il suo pensiero così:

- la cifra di 14.000 u. è stata fissata dal generale Alexander nelle sue proposte ai Capi di Stato Maggiore di Washington;
- prima che non si sia ottenuto il benestare dei capi di S.M. non può tornare sulla questione a meno di comprometterla;
- quando la cifra sarà stata approvata si potranno fare successive proposte per portare la forza fino a 20.000 u.-

Sono inutili per ora altre insistenze al riguardo perchè non toccan alla Sottocommissione di concludere.

- Anche la forma delle divisioni per sicurezza interna è una proposta su cui per ora non si deve tornare per non comprometterla.
- L'insieme del programma per l'Esercito Italiano è uno studio che è stato fatto proponendo cifre che fossero accettabili a Washington e si spera che siano accettate.

Sulla base di quanto sopra il generale Berardi insiste sulla necessità di avere un programma chiaro e preciso e propone di fare una riunione cui partecipino tutti gli interessati perchè si possa, tutti, camminare sulla stessa via. Fa inoltre presente che non riteneva che quanto contenuto nelle direttive per l'esercito italiano fosse cosa già approvata dal generale Alexander e perciò già sottoposta definitivamente alla sanzione dei capi di S.M.- Infatti in esse non è stato tenuto alcun conto delle nostre possibilità (ciò specialmente nei riguardi delle neces-

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A tale osservazione il generale Browning conferma che se per ora non si può far nulla, si potrà vedere di prospettare altre soluzioni quando le cifre proposte torneranno approvate. Per ora non si può uscire da esse.

L'Ecc. Berardi formula allora formale protesta per essere stato messo nella condizione di dover subire cifre nelle quali non era stato tenuto alcun conto delle sue motivate controproposte e di non essere stato preventivamente informato che le sue controproposte non erano state accettate.-

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Chiede che non siano per ora, da parte della sottocommissione, impartiti altri ordini prima che quelle cifre tornino approvate e ciò per non compromettere il futuro.

3° ARGOMENTO

Allacciandosi a quanto sopra l'Ecc. Berardi chiede che non sia toccato il 120° reggimento fanteria e che si sopraseda agli ordini dati in quanto ciò comprometterebbe l'efficienza delle divisioni "Mantova" e "Piceno" come previsto dalle direttive.-

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In sintesi la discussione si riassume come segue:

a) - affermazione che le cifre proposte sono già partite per Washington per l'approvazione e non sono per ora suscettibili di modifiche;

b) - protesta formale del capo di S.M. dell'Esercito per la mancata accettazione delle sue controproposte;

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Per quanto in d) il generale Browning si riserva una decisione dopo aver consultato il suo stato maggiore.-

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TO MMIA

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SECRET ⊙

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Signed MACFARLANE.

(Dr
B/KERR) Seen 25/Apr
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Subject:- Officer Strength of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/42
23 Apr 44

Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
A.A.I. for General Hamblen

1. According to your strength state of 1 Apr 44, the number of officers in the Italian Army is 21263 and the number of other ranks is 317522. Therefore there is one officer for each 15 man.

2. The approved organisation of the Internal Security Divisions (Piceno) provides for one officer for each 21 men. On this basis the excess number of officers in the Italian Army is approximately 6000 at the present time.

3. It is understood that in the final organisation of the Italian Army a certain number of officers in excess of those troop units must be provided.

4. The present excess of officers will be further increased when cadet officers now included in the C.I.L. are commissioned.

5. In order to arrive at a definite policy regarding the number of officers to be retained in the Italian Army, it is desired that you advise me of your proposal as to the number of officers to be retained in the Italian Army and your plan for the elimination of such officers as are in excess of the number required.

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SUBJECT: A.M.G. Control of Italian 1923 Class in FOGGIA Area SECRET

G/6/1

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
23 Apr 44.

A.C.C.

1. I have been informed by the Italian Ministry of War that A.M.G. have still not allowed the recall of the 1923 Class to take place in the FOGGIA Area and have written a letter to this effect to the Italian Area H.Q. stating that the men involved are being employed as civilians on agricultural work.

2. Ministry of War desire that : -

(a) The men involved be issued with the agreed release from the Army permits by Local Resources Board or

(b) They are allowed to be recalled, A.M.G. submitting a request for labour to S.M.R.E.

3. General MATTIOLI (S.M.R.E. Labour Directorate) has informed Ministry of War that 120 men can be supplied immediately for such labour and a further number in the near future.

4. I am not clear as to A.M.G. powers in these matters or whether their embargo on this recall is really vital but (see my G/6/1 dated 26 April SECRET) I do feel that we should re-establish the prestige and authority of the Italian Army as soon as possible and obviously the above matter affects this.

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SUBJECT: Discipline an. Control of ITALIAN Army. S E C R E T

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
22 Apr 44.

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To Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. GENERAL.

The discipline of the Italian Army is a matter of grave importance to the Allies and to the Italian Government not only now but also for post-war. The prestige and authority of the Italian Army must, therefore, be re-established by every means possible and as soon as possible in order that it may function properly. Major factors in this are that : -

(a) Desertion and absenteeism from the Italian Army be reduced to the minimum.

(b) Unauthorised retention of Italian individuals by Allied Formations and Establishments be stopped.

2. TYPE OF CASE REPORTED.

Typical cases reported by the Italian General Staff allege that : -

(a) Italian soldiers on leave are employed by Allied units or individuals and the employment is continued after the leave expires. In some cases the Italian soldier has stated that his Allied employer would not permit him to return to his unit. In other cases the Allied employer has refused to surrender the Italian soldier to Italian officers who advised the Allied

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(b) Italian Medical Officers who returned to their homes on leave were retained there by A.M.G. officers to take care of the civilian population.

(c) Italian deserters employed by Allied formations were recognised by Italian officers and placed in jail awaiting return to their units; these deserters were removed from jail by Allied Intelligence personnel at once, have not been returned to their units, and have disappeared.

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3. ASPECTS.

(a) It is well understood that many Italian soldiers will go to great lengths to remain attached to Allied formations on account of the better living conditions, rations etc. No doubt the interest of the Allied officers in these individuals is to some extent inspired by these Italian soldiers themselves.

(b) Certain classes of Italian civilians are now being called or recalled to the Colours, either to fulfil Allied demands or to permit older men now in the Italian Army to be released from military duty.

(c) In a country where the Army is founded on universal conscription there is always the danger that only those men without influence, power or money, will be required to serve in the Army.

(d) The fact that many civilians now employed by the Allies will be exempted from the call-up on the certificate of the Allied employer increases the opportunity for certain Italians to evade the law, under the cloak of performing essential service for the Allies.

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5. CONCLUSION.

(a) I fully realise that under the conditions existing to date the situation as outlined above was bound to have occurred. But I am strongly of opinion that the whole business should be "tidied up" forthwith.

(b) I therefore request that you will issue orders at an early date that : -

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5. CONCLUSION. (Contd)

(i) All Allied officers at once examine all Italian personnel employed by them as "civilians" (i.e. not in authorised units) to ensure that all Italian officers and soldiers who are in fact absent without leave or in desertion are turned over at once to the Italian Army for return to their units.

(ii) Allied officers do not in future employ any Italian on any work until it is definitely established that such Italian is not a member of the Italian Army absent either with or without leave, or liable to recall.

(iii) Allied officers do not intervene with Italian authorities on behalf of Italian soldiers who have deserted or are absent from the Italian Army, in order to employ such soldiers or continue such absence.

(iv) A return be furnished forthwith (and thereafter monthly) to the Italian Government, through M.M.I.A. shewing : -

Numbers of Italians, not in authorised units, employed by the Allies.

Details in regard to each individual who has been given a certificate of exemption from Military service by any Allied Formation.

I could then take action to organise all such personnel into units and ensure that the issue of rations etc does not exceed the ceiling proposed by you to A.F.H.Q. for approval of the C.C.S. This at present I cannot do.



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# MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A Originator) Freedom GATE FHQCT

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TO AAI

For Action

(W) For information (INFO)

FMIA FATIFTA

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Army

To :- Maj Gen BROWNING

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With reference to your letter G/6/7 of 20 Apr 43IA. I bring to your notice the gravity of the notes which you have brought to my notice which make me appear contrary to the loyalty which I believe I have always achieved with regard to my obligations due to the trusts I have assumed from Italy with the Allied Nations.

For this reason I feel I must explain every point, making it clear that I believe I am not in the wrong with reference to the circumstances outlined in the abovementioned letter.

a (1) With ref to the verbal demands of the 16 Apr and those (written) on the 18 regarding the four Bns of the 'Piceno' and 'Mantova' Divs plus one Coy. The following verbal and written orders were issued, amongst which was included that of 17 Apr copy to your Mission.

In the two abovementioned letters no mention was made of the date on which the Bns were to be ready to move. However it was confirmed that the Coy was ready to move as from the 18 Apr (see signal 4138) and it was later agreed verbally by Major Baumann that the four bns would be ready as asked for by this Mission on the 24 Apr. On the 21 Apr, in agreement with Major Baumann, the demand for transport for the four Bns was signalled to the Mission.

a (2) The proposal to have the three Bns of the 'Piceno' and one Bn of the 'Mantova' stand by instead of two Bns from each was made in order to hasten the state of readiness in circumstances which it is not a matter of specifying here. It was thought that by so doing the wishes of the Allied Command would be fulfilled. However the counter proposals were not forthcoming nor did they come, delaying the date of preparedness as from 24 Apr.

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a (4) Seeing that the letter to which I am replying refers me to the failure to distribute boots, I would point out that - on the 25 Feb 2,450 pairs of boots which were destined to equip men still in civilian clothes were released. On 13 Mar 7,338 pairs of boots were released. These boots were held to:-

(1) make up the number required to equip 1,938 men still in civilian clothes.
(2) to equip 400 military personnel destined to guard the Silani installations, whose boots were worn out.
(3) to equip 5,000 men of various units of the XXXI C.A. whose boots were beyond repair: of these only 890 pairs were handed over to the Mantova Div in Calabria and not in Puglia.

On the 30 March 4,000 pairs of boots were released. These boots were to be issued to equip some of the men of the Piceno Div, while the number asked for at the time was fixed at 7,000 pairs.

All the above/.....

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All the abovementioned distributions were approved by the Sub Commission. It is true that the total number of boots released can meet the demand to equip the four bns; but since the necessity exceeded the allotment it can be clearly seen that some are still without boots. This happened with the Mantova Div which received the smaller quota. Col Kerr also admitted this yesterday, realizing the necessity for distributing 742 pairs of boots for the two bns of the Mantova Div.

(b) It is true that the original instructions to concentrate the Mantova Div in Calabria date from Mar 10, but the Sub Commission will remember that the transfer of the Mantova to Calabria was linked up with the problem of the transfer of the 211 Division and the participation of Italian troops serving the Allies in No 2 District. Regarding this, as you know:-

1) I waited many days for explanations from the Allies in respect of supply services for Calabria, explanations which were promised me by Brig Duchesne, which should have been furnished by Comd 2 Dist at a meeting which was to be attended by 31 Corps Comd, and which were given only on 27 March by your G/17/5.

To define the question more accurately it was necessary to send an officer of this SMFE to Calabria. On return of the officer, our 3755 of 6 April was sent to you, and it has not been answered.

2) At the same time, the question of collecting the MANTOVA in Calabria was dealt with at Salerno at a conference at the end of March with Marshal MESSE and General MACFARLANE.

The written decision to concentrate the Division in Calabria did not arrive, therefore it was indicated verbally that it was intended to use the transport destined for the MANTOVA for moving 211 Division.

3) At any rate the Regts of the MANTOVA are ready.

The order for movement rests with the Sub Commission. As soon as the order arrives it will be promptly executed. Until now it has not arrived.

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III CONCLUSION

Measures to ensure that the Bns of the MANTOVA and the PIOMBINO were ready not later than 24 April were taken before receipt of your Excellency's letter.

Prompt compliance with the orders given by the Allied C in C, through your Mission, will be assured, as in the past, when such orders are contained within the limits of reciprocal obligations.

(sgd) BERARDI

Col. KERR
I don't propose to discuss about details with BERARDI. I'll merely take the time that my staff (whom I trust fully & who have the same views as Chiri) told me all was not well. Here my letter. I said I was going to speak frankly & have I pleased with 2nd letter I say yes & question like the order. Thursday can't say until I have not had it!
1.13. 22 Apr.

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

~~1° REPARTO - Ufficio Telecomunicazioni~~

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P.M. 151, li 22 aprile 1944

N. 4345 prot. OE.

*Risposta al foglio N.* .....

*Allegati* .....

*del* .....

*OGGETTO:* impiego dell'Esercito Italiano.-

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AL M.GENERALE ~~CAN~~ OLEY BROWNING
- Presidente Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C. -

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a) (2) La proposta di approntamento di 3 btg. della "Piceno" e di uno della "Mantova", invece di due e due, fatto per agevolarne la rapidità di approntamento, date circostanze che qui non è il caso di specificare. Si riteneva con ciò di far cosa gradita al Comando Alleato. Comunque la contro proposta non veniva, come non venne, a ritardare la data di approntamento 24 corrente.

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paragrafo 3) della lettera a cui rispondo : occorre infatti ritirare uniformi a taluni soldati per distribuirle ad altri con operazioni di bonifica e di riparazione, a prescindere dalla indisponibilità di mezzi di trasporto.

a) (4) Poichè il foglio cui rispondo mi rivolge un richiamo di una mancata distribuzione di scarpe, preciso :
il 25 febbraio furono concesse 2.450 paia di scarpe che servirono per calzare gli uomini ancora in abito civile.
Il 13 marzo furono concesse 7.338 paia di scarpe che serviro_ no:
- per completare la vestizione di 1.938 uomini ancora in abito civile;
- per calzare 400 militari addetti alla difesa degli impianti di Milano che avevano le scarpe fuori uso;
- per calzare 5.000 uomini di varie unità del XXXI C.A. che erano con le scarpe fuori uso; di queste solo 890 paia furono date alla Divisione "Mantova", in Calabria e non in Puglia.

Il 30 marzo furono concesse 4.000 paia di scarpe che servirono per calzare parte degli uomini della Divisione "Piceno" mentre il fabbisogno alla data della richiesta era stato notificato in 7.000 paia.
Tutte le predette distribuzioni furono approvate da codesta Sottocommissione.
E' ben vero che il numero complessivo di scarpe concesse può essere sufficiente a calzare i 4 btg.; ma poichè il fabbisogno era superiore all'assegnazione è logico dedurre che anche una parte degli uomini sono ancora sprovvisti di calzature. Ciò venne precisamente nella "Mantova" che ne ebbe il minor numero.
Ciò fu ammesso ieri anche dal Colonnello Kerr il quale ri_ conobbe la necessità di distribuire 742 paia di scarpe per i due btg. della Divisione "Mantova".

b) - E' ben vero che gli ordini originali di concentrare la Divisione "Mantova" in Calabria sono del 10 marzo; ma codesta Commissione non ignora che il trasferimento della "Mantova"

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Ill.mo Signor Ministro,

Mi pregio segnalare all'Eccellenza Vostra che, in seguito alla recente crisi governativa, il Governo Italiano ha ritenuto opportuno di affidare l'interim degli Affari Esteri al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, On. Aldo Moro.

Voglia gradire, Signor Ministro, gli atti della mia più alta considerazione.

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore

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Dr 98

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1.

20 April 1944.

Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

Your Excellency,

1. GENERAL.

(a) On taking command of the Military Mission to the Italian Army I wish to bring to your notice certain examples of where the necessary and prompt co-operation between S.M.R.E. and my staff has NOT been effective.

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2. SPECIFIC CASES.

(a) (i) On Sunday, 16 April, you were informed verbally by my second in command (Colonel KERR) that it was required that two battalions of the PICENO Division and two battalions of the MANTOVA Division should be moved to specified locations for temporary guard duty; and that these battalions would be relieved from this duty when other battalions for this purpose were organised in SARDINIA and transferred to the Mainland. Written confirmation was furnished you on Tuesday 18 April.

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2. SPECIFIC CASES (Contd.)

(a) (ii) I am informed by my staff that to date the order has not been carried out, but, on the contrary three battalions of the MANTOVA Division and one battalion of the PICENO Division have been designated for this duty.

(iii) I would point out that Internal Security Divisions (e.g. PICENO and MANTOVA) are to be uniformed in Italian Army uniforms, NOT Allied battle dress. The four battalions required as above will, therefore, continue to wear Italian uniforms provided by you from stocks under your control. Such a stock is available to you as a result of the issue of Allied battle dress to Italian formations under command of the Allies. I have been advised that you have requested a complete issue of Allied battle dress for these four battalions, and state that the battalions will not be ready to move until the Allied battle dress is furnished. Inasmuch as the duty to be performed by these battalions is only temporary, no battledress will be issued. I cannot therefore accept delay in making the battalions ready for movement on this account. 1489

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(b) Nothing has been done to concentrate the MANTOVA Division in CALABRIA, though the original instructions for this were issued on 10 March and have been repeated several times since that date.

(c) Preparation of the 211 Div for inclusion in the Allied programme was ordered 10 March. Only one battalion has been made available from this Division to date, and this only on direct orders of this Headquarters.

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2. SPECIFIC CASES (Contd)

(c) Contd.

Nothing more was done by you until further instructions were issued to you on 9 April to form eight Smoke Companies from this Division. The result of this is that this Division will not be in the Allied programme until the end of May, some 80 days after the original instructions were issued.

(d) Preparation of all units of the Italian Army, not otherwise engaged for inclusion in the Allied programme, has been a slow process and units known to exist on the Mainland have not promptly been made available.

3. CONCLUSION.

It is desired therefore that you take necessary action to : -

(a) Have two battalions of the MANTOVA Division and two battalions of the PICENO Division ready for movement not later than 24 April to fulfil orders issued.

(b) Ensure prompt compliance with all instructions issued by the Allied Commander in Chief through this H.Q. to the Italian Army, particularly those specified above. 1488

I have instructed Col. KERR to visit your H.Q. tomorrow to receive reassurances on these matters and information on the action

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

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TO AFHQ and Mid-East MMIA.

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TO AFHQ rptd ACC 5th Army MMIA

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Originator's No. SD/322 "PRIORITY Ref F3290 of 15 Apr OD NOT recommend that DUCHESNE's letter be withdrawn since it is only concerned with details within framework of policy already notified to ITALIAN authorities in accordance with your AG 09 711-1 of 10th Feb and T/109 of 2nd Apr "PRIORITY" OSCEOND Consider it will meet present situation if ITALIAN authorities are informed that averages cited in DUCHESNE letter represent an interim policy subject to review and revision from time to time. Such revision may be necessary on receipt of letter referred to in para 2 of your AG 09-711-1 of 15 APRIL

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TO (W) For Information (INFO) HAI

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MMIA FOR DUCHESNE

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

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TO AAI ACC MMIA

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F 32903 ⊙SECRET⊙Signed C in C ⊙Letters signed by Brig E.C.DUCHESNE ref. policy-ITALIAN Army ACC G 61/35 2tel 6 Apr and added to C.O.S SMRE have just been recd in this HQ on 11 Mar our cablegram 63286 was sent to AAI requesting order of battle and proposed method of employment of Italian units which could be recommended to C.C.S under Terms of FAN 3380 The terms specified by the C.C.S. retaining? suitably stocks Italian Army was amplified in our letter AG 400-1 (Italian) GDS-AGM of 14th March ⊙This was followed up on 22 March by cable No. 12649 ⊙Report from AAI 1605/50/31 G(SD1), in possession of Italian Army dated the 3rd April was received ⊙This report gave AAI recommendations on the number of Italian Divs which they considered should be employed, however, it is NOT clear that this is the number to be considered as in fact effective under the limits imposed ⊙The size of the Italian Army to be supplied under terms specified by C.C.S is now under consideration and NO decision has been

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From MMIA

To AAI rptd FATIMA

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AG 993 (=) SECRET (*) signed BROWNING coml MMIA (*) SMRE were informed personally by DUCHESNE and understand that pending approval by CCS of exact figures the ration strength of the Italian Army purely as an interim basis to work on is limited to 341170 under categories recommended by AAI to AFHQ (*) This necessary in order NOT rpt NOT exceed the 500000 ration ceiling for Italian Armed Forces as now in operation and being shipped for their use (*) Limitation on issues to Italians as prescribed by DUCHESNE necessary as interim basis to work on pending decision on exact figures by CCS (*) Consider above action does NOT rpt NOT commit Allies to furnish supplies for specific numbers of Italians on a permanent basis (*) Explaining situation again in writing today to all recipients DUCHESNES G/6/1/35 dated 6 April (*) In view of all above shall I withdraw DUCHESNES letter as desired by AFHQ (*) If so on what basis can rations continue to be issued to Italian Armed Forces (*) My AQ Lt Col HOAKES arrives CASERTA Thursday twentieth morning (*) Suggest you discuss with him

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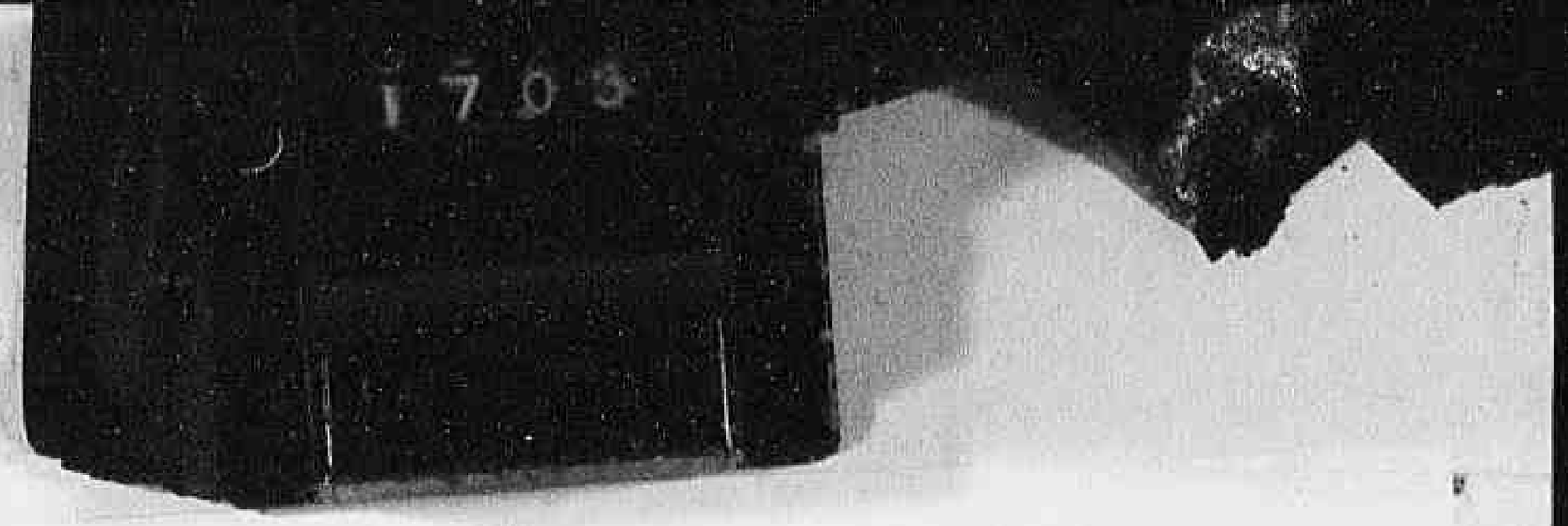


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SUBJECT:- War Establishm[illegible] of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/40
18 Apr 44

H.E. Marshal Messe, Comando Supremo
H.E. General Orlando, Minister of War
H.E. General Berardi, Chief of Staff, S M R E.

1. It is desired that you prepare and submit for action by this Headquarters a complete War Establishment (Table of Organisation) for the Central Organisations of the Italian Army as set out in para 1 Appendix 'C' to letter, this Headquarters, G/6/1/35 dated 8 April 44.

2. The War Establishment should be in sufficient detail so that the duty being performed by each officer and soldier may be determined, and must be within the ration ceiling specified in the above citation.

3. Prompt action is requested.

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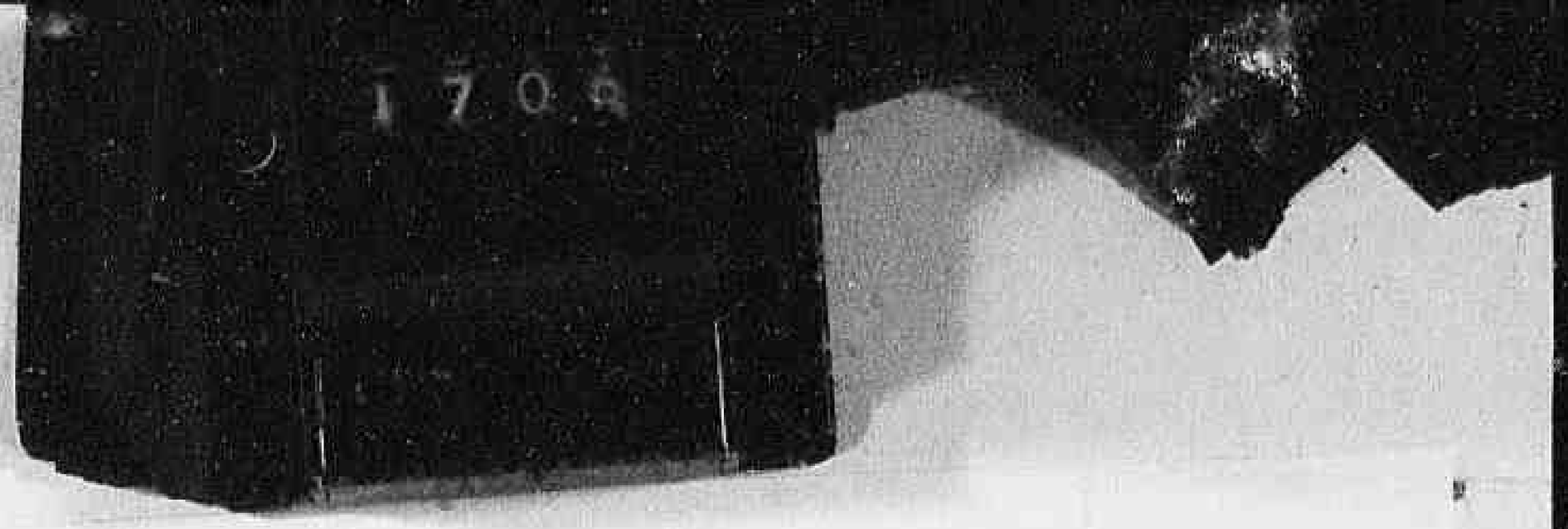

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( M M I A )
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
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12 Apr 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q ( M M I A )
LEQUILE ( LECCE )

SUBJECT:- Policy.

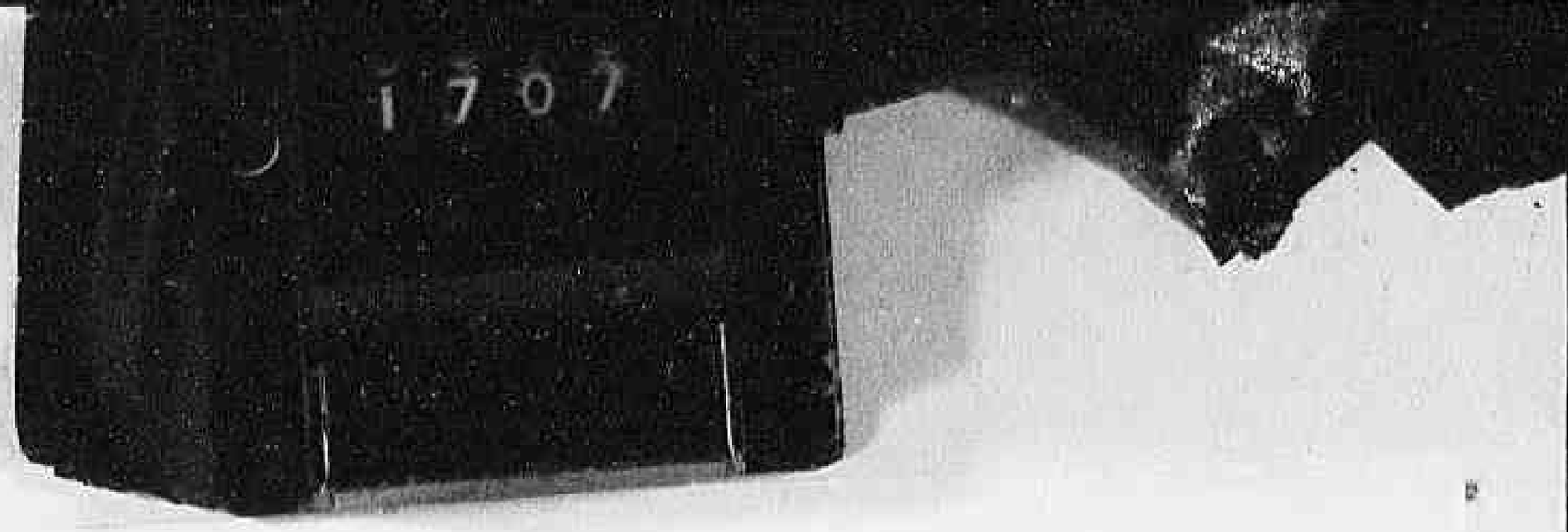
Reference your G/6/1/36 of 8 Apr 44.

Copies of letters G/6/1/35 of 6 Apr 44 and AQ/11 of 5 Apr 44 have not been received by this office.

M. Feldman

MILITARY MISSION.

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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TO MMIA INFO AAI AFHQ ACC

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| FLAMBO | SD472/29542 | — | — |

AFHQ have asked status of italian divs for SICILY O AAI have answered that vide their 1605/50/3/1/G(SD)1 of 3 april O One corps of three divs total 30300 will be used in SICILY O Please state what SOS units are included and confirm that these will be sufficient to take care of divs

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SUBJECT: Offrs - Surplus from CUNEO Div

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MGL)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/38
15 Apr 44

HQ AAI (for G(SD))

Copy to: HQ ACC NAPLES
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm (ACC) SALERNO

Further to our G/6/1/37 of 12 Apr 44.

1. Italian Supreme Command request that Colonel S M MANNO, formerly DCOS of 11 Army in GREECE, be included in the surplus offrs of the CUNEO Div being returned to ITALY.

2. May this request please be passed to the proper authority for action.

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

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Signed MACFARLANE SECRETO COMANDO SUPREMO requests
that COLONNELLO S.M MANNO formerly DCOS 11th Army in
GREECE be included in surplus offrs CLINED DIV being
returned to ITALY

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) NEWS FOR
A.C.C. REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE 14 APRIL 44

1. Major General L. BROWNING is now in process of taking over.

2. ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

Ration ceiling was reviewed at conference between Chief Commissioner and HQ A.A.I. on March 31: and recommendations for future strengths include Security Police and Fire Bde in addition to Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. If approved this will raise the ration ceiling to 537,000, compared with current authority for 500,000 and actual present strength 480,000.

3. SUPPLIES.

Since 25 March MMIA has supervised the issue of all Allied supplies shipped direct for Italian Armed Forces to the Mainland. In SARDINIA and SICILY the Allied Garrison is at present supervising these issues, and MMIA is organising the accounting through HQ A.C.C. Should like now to initiate liaison between MMIA Supply Supervisors at the various ports and those of FOOD Sub Commission.

4. MAINLAND.

Allied Armies now have 73,000 of the Italian Army under their command incl 9,000 Combat troops: the programme is to build this up to 194,000 including a Combat division of 14,000.

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6. SICILY.

HQ 12 Italian Corps commenced formation in PALERMO in mid March. It is carrying out a census of the inclusive 1912 to 1924 age classes who are legally liable for service and will then ask for permission to call them up within the ration ceiling.

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SUBJECT:- CUNEO Div

Army Sub Commission A.C./C.
Main H.Q.(MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/13/32
13 Mar 44

Chief of Staff SHAEF

Copy to: Adv HQ
Army Sub Comm
CALSERNO

1. I am informed that authority has been granted for 250 officers of the CUNEO Div surplus to requirements to be shipped to ITALY.

2. GHQ Middle East is arranging shipment and you will be informed in due course when these officers are likely to arrive.

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LIQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/37
12 Apr 44

SUBJECT: Offrs - Surplus from CUNEO Div

H.Q. A.I.I.

Copy to: H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES
Adv H.Q. Army Sub Commission (ACC) SALERNO

1. Ref MAI signal SD 1159 of 10 Apr.

2. There is no shortage of offrs in the Italian Army on the MAINLAND at present; and no specific employment is in view for surplus offrs from CUNEO Div.
There is therefore no urgency as regards shipping priority.

3. It is suggested that these offrs be shipped as and when convenient, to be absorbed or demobilised on arrival in ITALY as Italian Army Authorities consider necessary.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TO MMIA info FATIMA

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| FROM AAI | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number |
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SECRET ⊙ Ref AFHQ F28904 of 6 Apr and 61944 of 8 Apr Latter not to MMIA ⊙ Request you state whether Offs required and proposed employment ⊙ Will insert in shipping priority list accordingly

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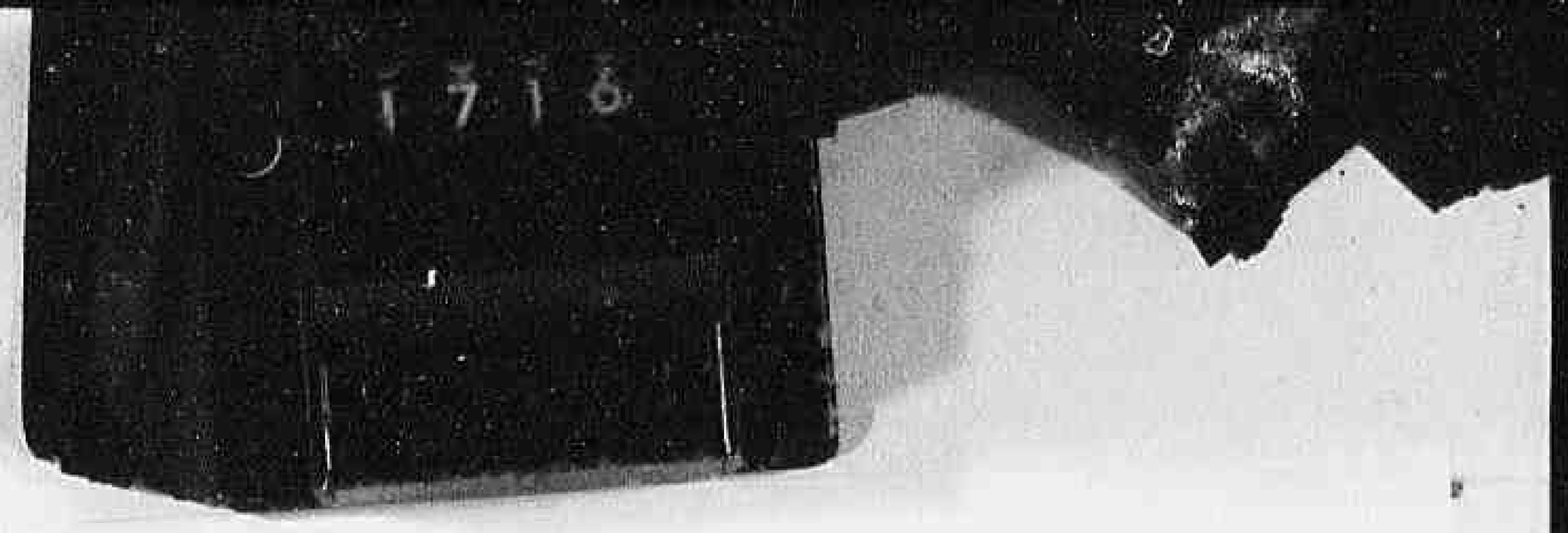

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Gen SOLDATI, L.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MTA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
12 Apr 44

AFHQ
Forward Counter Intelligence
Office of the AC of S, G 2
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Copy to: Adv HQ
Army Sub Comm ACC
SALERNO

(Your QS 221)
(of 8 Apr 44)
(refers)

Ref your B-389.506/70-B Adv of 5 Apr 44.

Your paras 1 and 3. It is regretted that this HQ is not in possession of AFHQ MGS 300 4 - 4 of 14 Jan and amendment. A copy has now been applied for.

Your para 2. Attached at Appx "A" is copy of AFHQ authority for his journey.

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

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Apdx "A" to G/6/1 of Apr 46

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TO: ACTION FARGO INFO MIDEAST
FLAMBO
FROM: AFHQ SGD CINC CITE FMGCT
50285

SIGS NO: 3618
IMPORTANT
MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET. DATED 29 JAN YOUR 6662. AS ALREADY DECIDED, CUNEO DIV WILL BE RETAINED IN PALESTINE AND PERSONNEL, EXCEPT SURPLUS OFFICERS, WILL BE EMPLOYED AS TRADESMEN WHERE PRACTICABLE AND BALANCE ORGANISED AS PIONEER COYS IN MIDEAST. AGREED GEN SOLDARELLI BE ALLOWED TO PAY VISIT OF 7 DAYS DURATION ONLY TO DIVISION IN PALESTINE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE DIV THE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ITS DISPOSAL. ARRANGE PASSAGE SOLDARELLI DIRECT ITALY TO PALESTINE AND IMMEDIATE RETURN AFTER 7 DAYS

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Passenger Departing with M.T.A.- General SOLDARELLI.

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

Attached letter is forwarded for action.

Reference your SMRE O 308 of 25 March & its answer from FATIMA REAR No. 2529 of 25 March:-

Following is copy of a cable which authorised passage:-

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TO : ACTION FARGO INFO MIDEAST FLAMBO
FROM: AFHQ SGD CINC CITE FHGCT 50285

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Forward Counter Intelligence
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
C.M.F.

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B-389.506/70-B Adv. 5 Apr. 44.

SUBJECT: Passenger Departing with M.T.A.-
Gen. SOLDARELLI.

TO : Army Sub-Commission,
Rear Echelon,
Allied Control Commission H.Q.

1. On 1 Apr. 44, General SOLDARELLI (Ital) departed BARI Airport for PALESTINE. He had Travel Orders issued 30 Mar. 44 by the Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C., Main Headquarters, but he was not in possession of a Military Travel Authorisation as laid down by the A.F.H.Q. letter ref. MGS.300.4-4 of 14 Jan. 44 as amended under same ref. dated 29 Feb. 44.

2. Would you please advise this office of the reason for this officer's journey and to whom he is reporting in Palestine. Was prior authority obtained from Palestine for his journey; if so may copy please be supplied.

3. May we also please be informed why no application for an M.T.A. was made on this person.

for S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, General Staff,
G-2 (C.I.) Section.

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Copy to: A.C. of S., G-2, A.F.H.Q.

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DATED 4th APRIL YOUR A5/88487. ADMIN ACCEPT ALL ITALIAN COBELLIGERENT SUBSTITUTES EXCEPT 69 CONSIDERED BY YOU AS UNCOOPERATIVE. ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN OUR 61944 OF 24TH (8th) MARCH WILL APPLY

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HEADQUARTERS
10 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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| Italian Co-Belligerent | Offs except by | considered by you as | | | (?) |
| cooperators ⊙ Attack | agreements made in our | 6 1944 of 8th | | | Year 1st |
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Subject:- Police [illegible] Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUHE (LECCE)
G/6/1/35
5 April 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ, ACC, NAPLES (2)
HQ, AAI for G(SD) (2)
HQ, AAI(Adm Mch) (2)
HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ, No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, ACC, SALERNO

for

information

Your Excellency

1. I am directed to inform you that the ration strength of the Italian Army, as defined below, shall be limited to three hundred and forty one thousand one hundred and seventy all ranks. This figure of 341,170 EXCLUDES:-

(a) CARABINIERI and GUARDIA DI FINANZA in civil employ(as opposed to those in Italian Army formations) whose ration strength on MAINLAND, SICILY and SARDINIA will be decided from time to time by discussion with HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

(b) ITALIAN ARMY required for Anti Aircraft Artillery and any Coast Defence Artillery in SICILY and SARDINIA. Also ITALIAN ARMY required in CORSICA. Both these categories are under review by Allied Force Headquarters who will announce a policy in due course.

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2. For your information I am to say that a proposal has been forwarded to AFHQ to amend the authorised ration ceiling to include Security Police(Polizia di Pubblica Sicurezza) and Fire Brigades(Reparti Pompieri). If this is approved it

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2. For your information I am to say that a proposal has been forwarded to AFHQ to extend the authorised ration ceiling to include Security Police (Polizia di Pubblica Sicurezza) and Fire Brigades (Reparti Pompieri). If this is approved it will be necessary for the Minister of Interior to furnish you, for inclusion in periodical strength states, the authorised totals entitled to rations as agreed from time to time with Public Security Sub Commission, ACC. Further information will follow in due course.

3. Attached hereto are details of the authorised breakdown of the figures given in para one as follows:-

Appendix 'A' Summary of Principal Categories (241,170)
Appendix 'B' Details of Combat & Internal Security Formations (115,300)
Appendix 'C' Details of Italian Army Administration (45,870)

4. I am to say that Future strength states should be organised under the headings shown in Appendix 'A'. A separate letter on this subject will follow.

[signature]
Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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APPENDIX 'A'

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

(All Categories include Officers and ORs (E.M.)

| | | | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | COMBAT DIVISION (G.M.) | 14,100 | Appx 'B' |
| 2. | INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS | 101,200 | Appx 'B' |
| 3. | UNITS EMPLOYED OR TO BE EMPLOYED BY ALLIES | 180,000 | |
| 4. | ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION | | Appx 'C' |
| | a) Central Organisation 4,470 | | |
| | b) Static Formation 15,000 | | |
| | c) Services 26,400 | | |
| | | 45,870 | |
| | TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY PROPER | 341,170 all ranks | |

Note A The above applies to MAINLAND, SICILY and SARDINIA and includes only those Coast Regts who are an integral part of formations.

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APPENDIX "B".

COMBAT AND TERRITORIAL SECURITY FORMATIONS (115,300) — SECRET

I MAINLAND

1. COMBAT DIV (CIL) — 14,100

2. Internal Security Formations -
NORTHERN and to SOUTH -

| | |
|---|---|
| CIL CORPS HQ | 500 |
| CIL DIV - PICENO | 10,000 |
| CIL DIV - MANTOVA | 10,000 |
| | 20,500 |

TOTAL CIL & INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND (NORTHERN AND TO SOUTH) (including CORPS & formations) — 34,400

NOTE A. The total for CIL, PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions will include:-
(1) replacement units for all three
(2) units earmarked for inclusion in all three wherever placed, e.g. CAVALRY.
(3) Corps troops assigned to all three.

NOTE B. Whenever personnel in excess of the approved W/E (T/O) is attached to or earmarked for CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of PICENO or MANTOVA Div accordingly.

NOTE C. The present agreed W/E (T/O) are as follows:-

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|---|---|
| CIL DIV (CIL) | 13,674 |
| PICENO DIV | 9,607 |
| MANTOVA DIV | 9,415 |
| Replacement Units | 1,404 |
| | 34,100 |

NOTE D. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE E. Troops not in 1, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational control of an Allied formation.

II SARDINIA

1. North of [illegible]

Corps troops — 500 — New in SARDINIA

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CARDINAL.

(i) Reinforcements assigned to all three.

NOTE 2. If overall personnel in excess of the approved W/E (T/O) is attached to or earmarked for CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of PIGEON or DUNCAN, as may accordingly.

NOTE 3. The present notional W/E (T/O) are as follows:-

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NOTE 4. [illegible] W/E (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE 5. Units [illegible] 4, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational command of an Allied Formation.

II [illegible]

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A. Needs of Theatre.

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| C.H.Q. Units (i) | 300 | Now in SARDINIA. |
| A Division | 10,000 | To be transferred to Mainland |
| B Division | 10,000 | as required. Should be organised |
| C Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA. |
| TOTAL FOR IMPERIAL GARRISON (Units, Base & L. of C.) (Including 30,000 in Sardinia) | 30,300 | |

NOTE 6. Composition of Units -

| | |
|---|---|
| Corps HQ | 300 |
| Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each) | 28,821 |
| Corps Replacement Unit | 1,179 |
| | 30,300 |

NOTE 7. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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III SICILY

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|---|---|---|
| 4. XII CORPS Hq | 300 | |
| SARDA DIVISION | 10,000 | |
| D Division | 10,000 | (see note L) |
| E Division | 10,000 | (see note L) |
| TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SICILY (including CORPS in formations) | 30,300 | |

NOTE J. Organization of Units -

| | |
|---|---|
| XII Corps HQ | 300 |
| Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each) | 28,821 |
| Corps Replacement Unit | 1,179 |
| | 30,300 |

NOTE K. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE L. Divisions now in SARDINIA.
To be sent to SICILY as required.
Should be organized now in SARDINIA.

IV SARDINIA

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| 5. ONE CORPS HQ | 300 | Personnel in SARDINIA and to be organised there. |
| F Division | 10,000 | |
| G Division | 10,000 | |
| TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including CORPS in formations) | 20,500 | |

NOTE M. Organisation of Units -

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|---|---|
| CORPS HQ | 300 |
| Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each) | 19,214 |
| Corps Replacement Unit | 786 |
| | 20,300 |

NOTE N. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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| Para IV | 20,300 |
| | 115,300 |

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APPENDIX "C" — SECRET

(Reference to Item 4 of Appendix "A". All figures include Officers and ORs/EM)

I. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION.

1. The Italian Administrative Organisation shown in this Appendix is to be examined in detail from time to time in order to effect all possible reduction of personnel assigned to formations in this category

2. A total ration ceiling for Italian Administration is 45,870 and changes in strength of formations shown in the Annex may be permitted on application within the ration ceiling of 45,870.

II. CENTRAL ORGANIZATION.

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| | | Officers. | E.M. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Comando Supremo | 72 | 565 | |
| (b) | Ministry Of War | 310 | 1239 | |
| (c) | Italian General Staff | 159 | 1091 | |
| (d) | King's Bodyguard | 18 | 254 | |
| (e) | 1st Guide Group | 34 | 730 | |
| (f) | Royal Military Academy | (40) | (450) | Note (o) |
| | | 593 | 3877 | |

TOTAL 4470.

NOTE (o)

Officers, Staff, instructors, cadets and other personnel, not to exceed 40 Officers, 250 cadets, and 180 ORs, (Total 470) to be included in Italian Administration formations with total ceiling of 45,870. To be shown on strength return under "Central Organisation" and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

NOTE P.

Variations of strengths of elements in para 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

II STATIC FORMATIONS.

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4. Total Ration Ceiling of personnel to be employed in Static formation is 15,000

NOTE 'Q'

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (c) | Italian General Staff | 455 | 2092 | |
| (d) | King's Bodyguard | 16 | 254 | |
| (e) | 1st Guide Group | 34 | 730 | |
| (f) | Royal Military Academy | (40) | (450) | Note (c) |
| | | 595 | 3877 | |
| | TOTAL | | | 4472. |

NOTE (c)

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NOTE B.

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II STATIC FORMATIONS.

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NOTE 'C'

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria.
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

NOTE 'R'

Organisation and maximum strengths :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Area Headquarters, | each | 350 |
| District " | " | 220 |
| Depots | " | 220 |
| Transit Camps | " | 50 |

NOTE 'S'

Italian General Staff to designate(a)number of each organisation.
(b) Location of each organization.



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NOTE 'T'

Variations in strengths, and locations from Notes R, and S above as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE 'U'

Organizations for other territories will be considered as required.

III SERVICES.

5. Total Ration ceiling of personnel to be employed in Services is 26,400.

NOTE V.

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria.
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

NOTE W.

Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within ration ceiling.

NOTE X.

Services include :-

Supply.
Medical (including Hospitals for units shown in Annex 'B' 1
Artillery.
Engineers.
Vet and Remount.
Motor Transport.
Transportation.
Port Operation.

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NOTE V.

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria.
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

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Port Operation.

NOTE Y.

1 Service units organically assigned to Corps and Division are not included.

NOTE Z.

(1) Personnel for operation of hospitals (Nuns) may be included in Services.

(2) All hospitals for Italian Army personnel of all categories are included.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

MILITARY MISSION
Date 8 Apr 45
to
ITALIAN ARMY

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| ACC CENTRE ENC | : AIO/05 | DATE/TIME RECD | : APR 05/0225 |
| CLASSIFICATION | : SECRET | DATE/TIME SENT | : APR 04/2200 |
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SECRET. REF A 5/77960 6 MAR AND YOUR 61944 7 MARCH. WE HAVE RECHECKED FIGURES AND HAVE 277 REPAT 277 CO-BELLIGERENT OFFICERS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS. OF THESE 66 REPAT 66 ARE EX CUNEO DIV OF WHOM 11 ARE CONSIDERED UNCO-OPERATIVE. 211 ARE FROM UNITS OTHER THAN CUNEO DIV AND OF WHOM 58 ARE UNCO-OPERATIVE. CAN YOU ACCEPT ANY IN ADDITION 5 CO-OPERATIVE EX CUNEO DIV

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SUBJECT:= Policy

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Med n H.q. (MMIA)
Le Mans (LECE)
G/6/1/35
8 Apr 44

MMIA LO
Rear EIGHTH ARMY

Ref your letter of 3 Apr 44. Copies of letters G/6/1/35 of 6 Apr and AG/11 of 5 Apr have been sent to you already.

AEC

for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.

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M.M.I .
Rear HQ
EIGHTH Army

3 April 44

TO : Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main HQ (MMLA)
Lequile (LECCE)

May copies of circulars dealing with changes of policy during March 44, be sent to this office as soon as possible.

M. Fieldman

Major ...
M.M I.A. L.O.

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H) AAI (ARMY ROH)
G&P
2521/G(SD)
31 Mar 44.

Notes for Conference 31 March 44.

Att at Appx 'A' is present distribution of Italian Army.

Att at Appx 'B' is proposed distribution of Italian Army.

1. Examine requirements in number of Italian security divs. One Combat div and ten security divs are shown in Appx 'B'.

2. Approve the agency through which G in C's orders are transmitted to Italian Army.

   (a) suggest strengthened MMIA, additions to be made especially to U.S. side.

   (b) MMIA to be under control AOC as heretofor but G(SD) and G (incl G4) to issue orders direct to MMIA (copies to AOC).

3. AAI and AAI (Adm Hqs) to re-examine units on priority list 3 with a view to -

   (a) releasing Br and American units for service elsewhere

   (b) dilution.

4. MMIA to re-examine necessity for such heavy Italian overheads.

5. Italian Navy?

6. Italian Air Force?

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Appendix 'A' to 2553/G(CD)
dated 31st Mar 44.

ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN ARMY

| AS AT 15 MAR 44. | PERSONNEL |
|---|---|
| 1. Allies are employing in ITALY (incl Depins Bde 8000, but excl Carabinieri(serial 3 below)) | 65700 |
| 2. Employed under Italian control incl Mantova Div 8500 ) Pistoia Div 8500 ) (this incl Italian services, Depots, Area tps etc.) | 55600 |
| 3. Carabinieri and Customs (Italian control) | 15500 |
| | 136800 |
| 4. On Mainland unallotted and available to be reorg to meet Allied requirements on List 3. | 32700 |
| Total Mainland of ITALY | 169500 |
| 5. Total Army in SARDINIA of which 10000 are being employed by Allies on gds, Lab, Airfd Constr. | 162000 |

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|---|---|---|
| 3. | Caribinieri and Customs (Italian control) | 15500 |
| | | 136800 |
| 4. | On Mainland unallotted and available to be reorg to meet Allied requirements on List 5. | 32700 |
| | Total Mainland of ITALY | 169500 |
| 5. | Total Army in SARDINIA of which 10000 are being employed by Allies on gds, Lab, Airfd Constr. | 162000 |
| | N.B. Shipping available during Apr to bring over 10000 personnel. | |
| 6. | Total Army in SICILY, incl Sardoda Div, 11000 | 21000 |
| 7. | Total Army in CORSICA | 6000 |
| | Total Italian Army | 359500 |

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Appendix 'B' to 2533/6(SD)
dtd 31 Mar 44.

## ITALIAN ARMY up to line PISA - RIMINI

| PART | | STRENGTH | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| I A | FIELD FORCE FORMATIONS | | |
| | (a) GERMAN DIVISION | 12,000 | |
| | (b) REINFORCEMENT UNIT | 2,000 | |
| | (c) ADV RAILHEAD GHQ ZT | 100 | Token figure |
| I B | FORMATIONS under ADSEC | | |
| | (a) ON MAINLAND | | |
| | 51 Corps HQ | 300 | South of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all there now |
| | MANTOVA Division | 10,000 | |
| | PISTOIA Division | 10,000 | |
| | X Corps HQ | 300 | North of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all now in SARDINIA |
| | A Division | 10,000 | |
| | B Division | 10,000 | |
| | C Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft CALABRIA | 900 | Token figure. Now on mainland. |
| | (b) IN SICILY | | |
| | V Corps HQ | 300 | now forming |
| | SABAUDA Division | 10,000 | now in SICILY |
| | D Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| | (c) IN SARDINIA | | |
| | Z Corps HQ | 300 | |
| | E Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| | F Division | 10,000 | |
| | G Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft | 2,000 | Token figure. Now in SARDINIA. |
| II | UNITS under HQ AAI | | |
| | (a) At present employed | 81,800 | Order of Battle dated 15 March |
| | (b) To be employed | 100,900 | Priority List 3 less units delivered up to 15 March |
| | (c) Traffic control & Train Guards | 2,700 | Under Italian Control. |
| III | PERSONNEL in mixed units | | |
| | 7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Bpt Coy: | | |
| | Cmdo | 1,300 | |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Mobile Division | 10,000 | Now |
| | X Corps HQ | 500 | |
| | A Division | 10,000 | North of line MURGE |
| | B Division | 10,000 | FOGGIA and all now |
| | C Division | 10,000 | in SARDINIA |
| | Anti-Aircraft SARDINIA | 500 | Token figure. Now on mainland. |
| (b) | IN SICILY | | |
| | V Corps HQ | 500 | now forming |
| | SASSARI Division | 10,000 | now in SICILY |
| | D Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| (c) | IN SARDINIA | | |
| | Z Corps HQ | 500 | |
| | R Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| | F Division | 10,000 | |
| | G Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft | 2,000 | Token figure. Now in SARDINIA. |
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| (a) | At present employed | 82,800 | Order of Battle dated 15 March |
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| (c) | Traffic control & Train Guards | 2,700 | Under Italian Control. |
| III | PERSONNEL in mixed units | | |
| | 7 Mtn Regts 50 Pack Tpt Coy: CMTO | 1,200 | |
| IV | ADMINISTRATION | | |
| | Central organisations | 4,470 | |
| | Static formations | 15,000 | |
| | Services | 23,400 | |
| | CARABINIERI etc | 30,000 | |
| | TOTAL | 377,070 | incl CARABINIERI |

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TO : ACTION AGWAR FOR CCS AND USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFO AGWAR PLANBO UNITY LONDON

FROM : SIGNED WILSON 60970 04

SECRET. THIS IS NAF 642, FAN 228 REFERS. PARA ONE. DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE DECLARATION OF WAR ON GERMANY BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE RECEIPT OF AN 338, PLANS WERE ADOPTED FOR FORMATION OF ONE ITALIAN DIVISION FOR COMBAT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, AND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ITALIAN DIVISIONS TO BE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FOR COMBAT AT A LATER DATE DEPENDING ON REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL SUPPLY SITUATION. THESE THREE DIVISIONS WERE TO BE EQUIPPED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT ESSENTIAL DEFICIENCIES WERE BEING REPORTED WITH A VIEW TO SECURING YOUR APPROVAL FOR ISSUE TO ITALIANS. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ITALIANS DO NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY TRANSPORT, ARMAMENTS OR AMMUNITION TO BECOME OPERATIONAL FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. ITALIAN MOTORIZED FDS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED OPERATIONALLY IN THE LINE IS BECOMING SHORT OF EQUIPMENT OWING TO INABILITY TO REPLACE WASTAGE AND IDE IS IN DANGER OF BEING WITHDRAWN FOR THIS REASON. TWO. ACMF HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PROCEED WITH THE FORMATION AND EQUIPPING OF ONE ITALIAN DIVISION FOR COMBAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE USING ITALIAN EQUIPMENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PRACTICAL. THIS DIVISON MAY HOWEVER REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT( INCLUDING COMBAT EQUIPMENT) IN ORDER TO BECOME FULLY OPERATIVE. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE LIST OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS ONE DIVISION OPERATIONAL AND SUBMIT SAME TO YOU FOR APPROVAL FOR ISSUE TO ITALIANS. SOURCE OF SUCH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT CAN BE DETERMINED ON BASIS OF ALLIED THEATRE STOCKS AT TIME LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL ANTICIPATED WITHDRAWAL OF US AND FRENCH TROOPS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS MAKES IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE ONE ITALIAN DIVISION AVAILABLE FOR COMBAT. IN VIEW OF FAN 338 NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE OF ANY COMBAT EQUIPMENT FROM ALLIED SOURCES TO THE TWO ADDITIONAL ITALIAN DIVISIONS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH ONE UNTIL ( POSSIBLE GROUP MISSING) WHAT SUCCESS WE HAVE WITH THE ONE DIVISION. PARA THREE. IN ORDER TO RECOMMEND THE SCALE OF SUPPLY AND THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN TROOPS THAT ARE EFFECTIVE, INFORMATION IS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER ANY ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT (NON COMBAT EQUIPMENT) MAY BE ISSUED TO ITALIAN TROOPS WHERE SAME IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES. THERE ARE CASES WHERE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CERTAIN ITEMS OF NON COMBAT EQUIPMENT IS THE DETERMINED FACTOR OF THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT TROOPS ARE EFFECTIVE.

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TO MAIA

FROM MAIA LO DISTWO. | Originator's Number PL92 | Date 1 | In Reply to Number

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Soldavelli | left Bari | 0650 hrs | 1 April | | | |

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To:

Cmdr. [illegible]

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SHAPE are keeping to finish so as
to proceed with AFCENT with AFNORTH.
29 hours Est.

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TO MFIA INFO FLAMBO FATIMA FOR OFFENHAUER FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH

FROM AAI

Originator's Number SD1034

Date —

In Reply to Number —

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Ref your SD424 of 24 mar be released at prejudice to accommodation evening hrs for initial formation o'clock at PAGANI can only

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SUBJECT : POLISH ITALIAN ARMY

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Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main Hq (MMIA)
Leguile (LSCCC)

G/6/1/30

31 Mar 44.

To: Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MACFARLANE.

Hq A.A.I. for (CSM) ) For information
Hq A.A.I. (ADMSCH) )

Further to my G/6/1/30 of 23 March.

1. Chief of Staff Italian Army has forwarded for discussion.

(a) Estimated extra supply, Medical etc. personnel required up to line PISA - RIMINI at Appendix "A"

(b) Statement of fixed administrative organisation for normal conscription at Appendix "B"

2. (a) The above are extra to the 377,870 quoted in a/m letter. As regards the conscriptive organisations, it appears that present conditions are too fluid and uncertain to deduce whether an advance North may not bring in sufficient Italian Soldiers to allow a policy of demobilisation of the older age groups, rather than a mobilisation of the young.

2. (b) There are however reported to be in Sicily a considerable number of disbanded Soldiers who are still legally liable for military service, who should for reasons of morale and discipline be rounded up to allow older men to be released in their place. Some form of organisation is required for this.

3. As regards longer range planning, it may well be that the numbers required for Italian Air Force and Italian Navy will diminish as their Aircraft and Ships wear out. If so the decreases so obtained could be off set against increases required for conscriptive organisations; and it is suggested that this problem be reviewed in a few months time.

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4. For present purposes some administrative organisations are required for SICILY, where an Italian Corps HQ is now in process of being set up. A total of 3000 would allow the district HQ and some of the depots set forth in Appendix "B". This would amend previously quoted figures to

| | |
|---|---|
| Italian Army Proper | 347,000 |
| add as above | 3,000 |
| Carabinieri etc at present strength | 30,000 |
| Total | 380,000 |

Brigadier
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

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EXTRA SERVICES

APPENDIX "A"

| | Supply | Med | Arty | Genie | Vet | MT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SICILY | 600 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 50 | 300 |
| LAZIO | 250 | 500 | 300 | 300 | 50 | 200 |
| ABRUZZI/MOLISE | 150 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 50 | 100 |
| TOSCANIA | 250 | 300 | 250 | 250 | 50 | 200 |
| UMBRIA/MARCHE | 100 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 50 | 100 |
| TOTALS | 1350 | 1600 | 1250 | 1250 | 250 | 900 |

STATIC FORMATIONS

APPENDIX "B"

| | District Hq B | Transit Camps C | Depots D | Personnel | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SICILY | 1980 | 200 | 3080 | 98 | 40 | 140 |
| LAZIO | 1100 | 200 | 3300 | 50 | 40 | 150 |
| ABRUZZI/MOLISE | 1100 | 150 | 1760 | 50 | 30 | 80 |
| TOSCANIA | 2200 | 200 | 3520 | 100 | 40 | 160 |
| UMBRIA/MARCHE | 1320 | 250 | 1980 | 60 | 50 | 90 |
| Plus Additional in SARDINIA | | | 660 | 30 | | |
| CALABRIA | | | 440 | 20 | | |
| APULIA | | | 660 | 30 | | |
| CAMPANIA | | | 2420 | 110 | | |
| TOTALS | 7700 | 1000 | 17820 | | | |

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Requested

SUBJECT: Recall to Colours of Illegal Absentees of Classes 1920 - 24.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AG/30
2 : Mar. 44.

The procedure for obtaining exemption for personnel liable to recall to the Italian Army as laid down by H.Q. AAI (ADM ECH) in 3110/A(O) of 17 Mar and 20 Mar, also Signal, A 26138 of 28 Mar. is attached at Apnx 'A'.

tvn. FJM.

[illegible] Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT: Recall to Colours of "Illegal Absentees" of Classes 1920 - 24.

S E C R E T

H.Q. AAI (ADM ECH) LETTER NUMBER 3110/A (O) of 17 Mar AS AMENDED BY 3110/A(O) of 20 Mar and Signal, A 26138 of 28 Mar.

" 1. In accordance with arrangements made with the Italian Military Authorities illegal absentees of the following Classes are being called up for military service in the Italian Army : -

1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924 classes.

2. A number of Italians eligible to be called up are at present employed as civilians with the Allied Forces, and in order to avoid undue dislocation of labour it has been decided to call up only one class at a time.

3. It is also appreciated that certain technical personnel employed as skilled labour may be more valuable to the war effort in continuing their present work for the Allies than in the Armed Forces.

4. In such cases employing units etc., of Services concerned may make application for exemption. These exemptions will be considered and decided by the under-mentioned authorities whose decision will be final ;

(i) Comds of Districts, Base Sections, or equivalent formations.
(ii) FOWIT, AAFSC/MTO and Adv HQ 21A Group, RAF.

Any cases of dispute will be referred to A Branch, H.Q. AAI (ADM ECH). 1447

The exempting authority will complete col. 9 of the pro-forma in respect of all personnel classified (a) or (b), indicating whether or not exemption has been granted and the pro-forma will be signed in such cases.

Where exemptions are authorised the employing unit will be informed and will give a certificate (See Annexure 'A') to each exempted Italian as evidence for production to the Italian Military Authorities

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The exempting authority will complete col. 9 of the pro-forma in respect of all personnel classified (a) or (b), indicating whether or not exemption has been granted and the pro-forma will be signed in such cases.

Where exemptions are authorised the employing unit will be informed and will give a certificate (See Annexure 'A') to each exempted Italian as evidence for production to the Italian Military Authorities.

5. Italian PW employed by the Allied Forces are not affected by this order.

6. In order that call up of these Classes may be properly enforced and applied to all eligible Italians employed by the Allied Forces, the attached pro-forma will be completed by all units employing Italian male nationals of the Classes affected.

7. Pro-formas will be forwarded through the normal channels to the HQs, Armies, Corps and Districts who will despatch to Col. NEGRONI Italian Liaison Officer, H.Q. AAI.

8. Pro-formas will show clearly : -

(a) Skilled men to be retained and for whom exemption is required.
(b) Unskilled men who are useful but could be recalled to military service on replacement by other Italian personnel.
(c) In the case of personnel under (a) and (b) the nature of their present employment will be clearly stated. "

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Annexure 'A' to AAI
3074/A(O) of 20 Mar 44.

DICHLARAZIONE.
(Certificate)

A Comando del Distretto Militare di.....
(To the Command of the Military District of)

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Si dichiara che il Sig.....(Nome e cognome)
(This is to certify that) (Name)

della classe .....presta servizio presso.....(occupazione)
(is employed by) (occupation)

Si prega volerlo esonerare dal richiamo alle armi.
(It is requested that he be exempted from Military Service.)

Bollo FF.AA Campania.
(Italian FQ Stamp)

Firmato .....
(Signed)

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Napoli.....(data)
(date)

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PRO - FORMA

PARTICULARS OF ALL ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED.

by.....(Unit of HQ of formation.
and liable

| 1. SURNAME. | 2. CHRISTIAN NAME. | 3. MILITARY NO | 4. MILITARY CLASS. | 5. NAME OF LAST UNIT WHICH SOLDIER SERVED. | 6. MILITARY DISTRICT TO WHICH SOLDIER BELONGS. |
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Note:- Col. 7 will be completed where applicable by inserting (a) or (b) denoting: -
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Col. 8 will only be completed in respect of personnel classified in col. 7.

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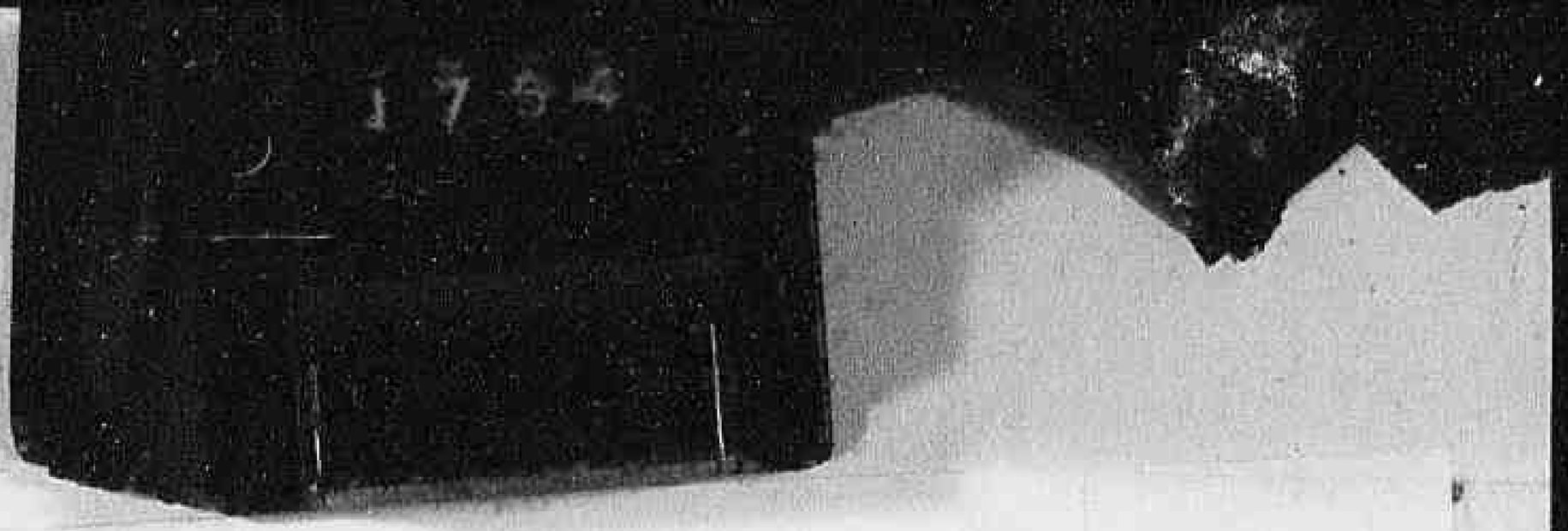

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MESSAGE FORM

From MAIA

To MIDEAST rptd AFHQ
FATIMA REAR

T O O
T H I

O 314 (°) SECRET (°) Ref AFHQ 50285 cite FHQCT of 12 Feb (°) Gen SOLDARELLI due CAIRO by air 1930 hrs 1 April en route for PALESTINE (°) please arrange return by air to BARI after 7 days

May be sent as written except ( ) wireless
To be sent in Cipher if liable to interception

(AUTHENTIN T.)

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Visit of General SOLDARELLI to PALESTINE

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (BARI)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/6/1/34
30 Mar 44

Chief of Staff SHAEF

Copy for: Gen SOLDARELLI

1. Authority is granted for Gen SOLDARELLI to pay a visit of seven days duration only to the CUNEO Div in PALESTINE.

2. Movement order is attached.

3. Air ticket must be collected from Lt TOWNSEND (Movements BARI) at Room 31, HQ 2 District between 1500 - 1600 hrs tomorrow 31 March.

4. The time of departure of the aeroplane on 1 April is uncertain, but probably 0700 hrs arriving CAIRO 1930 hrs same day. Gen SOLDARELLI should be at BARI airport at 0600 hrs on 1 April.

1 Apr 44

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

AEC

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MOST IMPORTANT 61

ACTION

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To

C- (for Lieutenant)

General SOLDARELLI

1) Movement order attached

2) General to collect car Trent- from Lt TOWNSEND (Movement, Base) at Room 31, 2 Dorset- bldg between 15th- 16th hrs February 31 March 44

3) General to be at- ISAR Canfield- at 0600 hrs 1 April

4) Time of plane departure 1 April Eventually, probably 0700 hrs — according CAIRO 1930 hrs same day

5). General will probably be given Priority Two passage

6) Treasurer on service CAIRO to PRESTWICK 1443

7) Warning signal to PASSENGER to REPORT at his quarters ?? BACH 3613

C →

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Funeral Solonnelle

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Movement Order attached.

Ticket to be collected from Movements Bari (Le Torrette)

at 1000 Hrs 31/3/44.

The Passengers Should report to Bari Airport at 0600 Hrs

on 1st April

The time of departure of Aldis Varies from day to day &

the Passenger at present cannot be guaranteed also to

what weather time Movements hope to give definite

information to Passengers by Noon

Move Card

× Bari (Rear)

1240 Hrs 30/3/44

Moody

Cpl. 30.3.44

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio Operazioni
IV REPARTO - Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

E/1 59

P.M. 151 li 28 marzo 1944

N. 3363 / Op. prot.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Scuola di Pagani.-
Schools at PAGANI

COLONNELLO KERR
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione Esercito -

L e q u i l e

Riferimento foglio G/6/1/33 57 datato 26 corrente.- 1440

1°) Ho comunicato all'Ecc. BASSO di non occuparsi della questione finché non riceverà ordini da questo S.M.-

2°) La questione deve essere trattata dal Comando Supremo italiano col Capo Missione di Controllo.-

3°) Fino al momento in cui saranno raggiunti gli accordi e Voi ed io avremo avuto ordini, la questione non può essere trattata.=

Ref. y. G/6/1/33 of 26 inst. — Folio 57

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione Esercito -

Reale

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Ref. y. G/6/1/33 of 26 inst. — 78507.

1°) I sends instructions to Gen. BASSO not to deal with that question until orders will be send from this S.M.R.E.

2°) The question must be dealt with by the Italian Supreme Comd with the Chief of A.C.C.

3°) Until orders will be received by you and myself, the question cannot be settled.

Gen. BERARDI

2nd in Comd

File - Reply not to be sent to Comd in Chief in Italy - 29/mod 2 Oct.

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TRANSLATION

From: SMEE Mob Dept Ref 3080/Mob

To : M.M.I.A. File_____ Date 27 3 44

Subject: Directive for the Army

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Sir:

Replying to your G/6/1/29 of the 23rd inst.

1. It is the first time that the Allies have attempted a thorough break down of the Italian Army with the object of attaining a comprehensive programme, even if only from a "supply" point of view.

Up to now there had only been requests as to the numbers and employment of troops on the mainland, which did NOT take into account present or future demands on Italian occupation troops.

The calculation to be made is quite simple: once the forces required for Italian interests have been established and the total arrived at of the forces already being used by the Allies in one way or another, it can be deduced from the margine within the pre determined ceiling of 390,000 what part can still be made available as auxiliary troops for the Allies.

2. The letter of the Army Sub Commission divides the 366,840 men approximately who today constitute the Italian Army into 5 main categories:

1. Combatant (I - A plus III)
2. HQs and troops employed in Italian interests (I - B)
3. Auxiliary troops already employed in Allied interests (IIa plus IIc)
4. Additional auxiliary troops to be employed in the future in the interests of the Allies (IIb).
5. Admin troops for all the above categories (Districts and depots-services-CCRR-RGF) (IV).

Of these 5 categories: -

1 and 3 are known quantity, 2 and 5 have been fixed more or less arbitrarily and are subject to discussion bearing in mind present and future requirements.

4 should be the balance and therefore cannot be established beforehand.

3. The Sub Commission letter does not allow for the forces required for Sicily and other regions to be liberated as far as the line Pisa-Rimini (?adm services?-translators note) and gives no exact figures for the forces required for the coastal defense of Sardinia (which the local Allied HQ intends to maintain) and for Anti-aircraft defences.

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4. In order to solve the problem it is necessary, above all, to clarify certain figures. And this is what the SMRE has done in appx 2, which repeats in revised and corrected form the figures given in the Sub Commission's App 'A', for which the following factors have served as a basis:

(a) Provision of the following corps HQ up to the Pisa-Rimini line: 1 Sicily, 1 Sardinia, 1 Puglie, 1 Campania Calabria, 1 Marche-Abruzzo, 1 Lazio, 1 Toscana. In total the seven already existing (13th, 12th, 9th, Armed Forces Campania, 31st, 51st and 7th).

(b) The Divisions required to garrison Italy up to the line Pisa-Rimin are the following: -
4 Sardinia , for as long as a Coastal Defence is required.
(2 Coastal - 1 Inf and 1 Armoured).
2 Sicily
1 Calabria
1 Puglia
1 Campania
1 Abruzzo
1 Marche
1 Lazio
1 Toscana

13 instead of 10 foreseen by the Sub Commission.

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These Divs could be the following : CREMONA, FRIULI, BARI, CALABRIA, GRANATIERI, ARMOURED, PICENO, MANTOVA, SARDUDA, 211th (for Calabria), 205th(for Sicily), and 203rd and 204th (for Sardinia).

(c) The figures shown in the Sub Commission's letter should be modified as follows; -
Each Corps HQ 400 instead of 300.
Each Div has been calculated at 9000 instead of 10000 (on the same basis as the Piceno and Mantova Divs).
Administrative troops and Divisions which have been omitted by the Sub Commission have been taken into account (Sicily and regions not yet liberated) because they will be already in existence at the time of liberation, which would not be the case if the Allies were to employ them in their own way.

5. The suggestion of a reduction in the number of districts and depots is NOT acceptable both because their duties cannot be suppressed (as explained in appx 1) and also because the amalgamation of two or more districts and depots into one would not result in any appreciable reduction in personnel. In fact there would be no reduction in the number of men to be administered and consequently no reduction in the volume of clerical work to be done. Furthermore the staff required at each depot should be estimated at 500 and NOT 220, bearing in mind the garrison coy required by each depot.

6. When these figures are added up the results obtained are as follows: -

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|---|---|---|
| Cat 1 (A plus III) | 21, 750 men ) | |
| Cat 2 ( I B ) | 133, 550 men ) | Total 359, 203 |
| Cat 3 (IIA plus IIC) | 74,270 men ) | |
| Cat 5 ( IV ) | 129, 633 men ) | |

| | |
|---|---|
| The approved total is | 390,000 men |
| Deduct categories 1,2,3, and 5 | 359,203 men |
| Balance available for Cat 4 | 30,797 men |

7. It is evident that the problem is a weighty one in which fundamental questions are involved. It cannot be dealt with by me with the head of the Army Sub Commission.

I will refer it to my Ministry and to the Chief of the Supreme Staff (General) with the suggestion that they should negotiate in this matter with the head of the Allied Control Commission.

(Sgd) B. BERARDI

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TRANSLATION

Encl. 1

## Districts and Depots

DISTRICTS Constitute the documentation and administrative centres through which citizens enter the Army or other Armed Forces.

Without Districts there would be no organised Armed forces.

Their essential functions are:-

machinery of conscription and calling up of classes due for service.

records, control and recall and demobilisation of reserves.

Various forms of assistance to families of men who are killed, taken prisoner or missing.

secondary duties such as guarding stores, RTOs, Censorship, garrison work.

A district today has a responsibility for up to 150,000 men, as of 100 districts which originally existed in ITALY, only 20 remain today, and including SICILY and territory up to the PISA – RIMINI line, 55.

Since the majority of citizens today are under arms, in one way or another, a slowing up of the work to be done by the districts would deprive thousands of citizens of any link with the state.

DEPOTS Constitute the organisation through which the Regiments (incl those taken prisoner or dispersed) are formed, administrated and demobilised.

The rights of citizens under arms are recorded in the documentation and records held by the depots. This also applies to the administration of Army stores.

Only by availing themselves of the permanent organisation of the Depots can those Regiments continue to function which, owing to the turn of the war or the dispositions of the Allies have to live scattered around the countryside deprived of officers or stores.

For example the Depot of the 47th Inf Regt of LECCE has formed

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remain today, and including SICILY and territory up to the PISA – RIMINI line, 5%.

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For example the Depot of the 47th Inf Regt of INFCE has formed 60 units for a total of 3,000 officers and 90,000 ORs.

To slow down the work of these Depots would entail depriving both the fighting troops and those who work for the Allies of their means of livelihood and would create chaos for all.

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SUBJECT:= Correspondence

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/33
26 Mar 44

To His Excellency
The Chief of Staff,
General BERARDI
S. M. R. E.

Your Excellency,

1. I have to draw your Excellency's attention to the attached copy of a letter written by General BASSO to Allied Force Headquarters.

2. All communications to Allied Command should be referred through the Allied Control Commission.

3. I am instructed to request that General BASSO shall not take such unilateral action in future.

4. I have to point out that this Headquarters has not been consulted officially regarding the matter referred to.

ABC

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES OF CAMPANIA
INTENDENZA

N. 4422/prot

9 March 1944

SUBJECT : School-house in PAGANI.

To: A.F.H.Q.

NAPLES

The H.Q. of the Italian General Staff is to be transferred to the area PAGANI-NOCERA INFERIORE.

As a result of a reconnaissance in the area the only building suitable for the purpose would be the school at PAGANI, which is at present occupied by the 216th Field Ambulance (British). Owing to the impossibility of finding other convenient premises, I should be grateful to your Command if the school of PAGANI would be made available to the Italian H.Q.

signed A. BASSO
Lt General
Commanding

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HQ AAI (Adm Echelon). C/6/1

Subject: Italian Armed Forces. C.M.F. 52

HQ ACC, APO 374
Secy Gen.
Rec'd 21 Mar 1945
By ...

2032/12/62.

18 Mar 45.

G(SD) AAI.

Attached is copy of a letter received from the Italian Armed Forces. Nothing is known here of the move of the Italian General Staff, however if the General Staff agree to the proposal HQ 3 District will be instructed to investigate the accomodation situation.

(Files 40 + 41 refer to the move)

Brig. Deputy

Ted Barnes and to Lt Col Thomas in Rome.

C. Thomas Rowe
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- ACC
3 District
MMA Army Sub Commission, ACC.

1:34 .

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Sec. Y. No. 51
Rec'd 21 Mar. 0925
By

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES OF CAMPANIA
LUCANIA

F. 4422/pr.6

9 March 1944.

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(Sgd) A. [illegible]
Lt. General
Commanding.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. C&C/

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TO MMIA

FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE | Originator's Number 2529 50 | Date | In Reply to Number

Confidential ⊙ Reference your SMRE 0308 of 25 mark to FLAMBO ⊙ I confirm that it is approved

Signed MACFARLANE

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MESSAGE FORM

To :- PILOT repeated PRIORITY for OPERATIONS
PRIORITY REPEAT for INTELLIGENCE

From:- M M I A

SD 424 (.) Your 001910 of 20th (.) FIRST (.) Italian War Office consists of Ministry of War strength 1550 plus General Staff strength 450 totalling 2000 all ranks (.) Apparently they have been reconstituting to move to SORRENTO area hence stated request for school at PARIS (.) Position is that any split is NOT (NOT) acceptable and they should either move completely or stay where they are (.) ADVISED (.) DEPARTMENT to inform General BADOGLIO and INTELLIGENCE to inform Marshal MESSE accordingly (.)

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SUBJECT:- Italian Ar Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/31
23 Mar 44

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
HQ A.C.C. NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. COMBINED CHIEFS of STAFF My action to produce Order of Battle asked for is attached (G/6/1/30 of 23 March). It is based on policy declarations since last October and I have put it out to Italian discussion as shewn mainly for the definition of administrative units in Part IV. It goes up to the line PISA/RIMINI, so LUSH's estimate for CARABINIERI etc should do the same and he should include GUARDIA FINANZA if you have agreed with my recent signals on the subject. I asked you to issue formal orders for similar Naval and Air Force statements in my 0.303 of 21 March.

2. SUPPLY ORGANISATION Ministry of War are feeding the Italian Armed forces on the Mainland as from 25th March. SARDINIA have been issuing direct shipped supplies as from March 1st and SICILY is starting during the next few days. PIDSLEY will be taking action in about a week's time to start organising SARDINIA and SICILY accounting on to A.C.C.

Marshal MESSE has written a letter on shortage of supplies for GARIBALDI division about which we are getting in touch with Force 133. Our AFHQ instructions do not include MONTENEGRO but we will find out. I have not yet met OXILIA.

3. NAVY Nor have I yet met Admiral MORGAN, newly arrived; but sent to him my AQ/8 of 15 March at Appendix 'A'. Proposals for sailors on port labour are not going well and a counterpart of ourselves dealing with the Ministry of Marine is wanted to get results.

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4. SICILY Is there any decision yet as to status of POW there?

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5. SARDINIA I have booked to fly from NAPLES on Sat 25th with QUINSITH. Have acquired from AFHQ for SIMMONS staff a Major EGDLEY K.R.R. who was on the Mission to CORSICA till recently: he has just had an interview with BERARDI, and I will send him to tell you his knowledge of Franco Italian relations before he departs. I hope to make a quick visit to CORSICA if practicable and plan to be back in NAPLES about 28 or 29.

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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SECRET and PERSONAL

SUBJECT:- POLICY - ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H. .(MMIA)
LE QUIRE (LECOR)
G/G/1/29
13 SEPT 44

M.S. GENERAL MCNARNEY, CHIEF OF STAFF A.C.C.

R.S. MARSHAL MACKO, COMANDO SUPREMO
R.S. GENERAL ORLANDO, MINISTER of WAR
Lt General SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, H. M.C.C. NAPLES
H. A.A.I. (for G(SD)

} for information

Your Excellency,

1. POLICY In confirmation of our conversation I have to inform you that policy instructions have been received from the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff to the effect that Allied supplies are to be limited to those Italian troops who are in fact effective for the prosecution of the war. With this in view they instruct that a list of effective Italian troops be furnished setting forth justification and method of employment. They stress that the fact that troops may be available does not justify their inclusion in the list: and require that an Order of Battle, showing proposed method of employment, be forwarded to them under the following sub heads:-

PART I (A) COMBAT DIVISION (incl non divisional troops). 1129
I (B) FORMATIONS to be employed under ... on internal security duties in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

PART II ITALIAN UNITS to be employed by H. A.A.I.

PART III ITALIAN PERSONNEL to be employed in mixed allied units.

PART IV ITALIAN UNITS required for the administration of the Italian Army: including all CARABINIERI.

2. PROCEDURE I forward herewith at Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E' the draft framework of proposed policy statement, under the above sub heads, designed to cover up to the line PISA - RIMINI. Part I(A) is self explanatory.

3. PART I(B) follows the general policy for the civilian use of [illegible]

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justification and method of employment. [illegible] The fact that troops may be available does not justify their inclusion in the list: and requires that an Order of Battle, showing proposed method of employment, be forwarded to them under the following sub heads:-

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PART I (A) COMBAT DIVISION (incl non divisional troops).
PART I (B) FORMATIONS to be employed under [illegible] or internal security duties in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

PART II ITALIAN UNITS to be employed by [illegible].

PART III ITALIAN PERSONNEL to be employed in mixed [illegible]

PART IV ITALIAN UNITS required for the maintenance of the Italian Army: including all CARABINIERI.

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3. PART I(B) follows the general policy for ten divisions of 1 AF & troops set forth in Allied Control Commission Memorandum of 17 October addressed to General ALEXANDER. Allotting 5 CBs to the Combat Div as already agreed, this will utilise seven out of the nine divisions now in SARDINIA, leaving the surplus available for bringing existing divisions up to strength. Token figures are included for anti aircraft defence in SARDINIA and SICILY, the policy for which is now under review.

4. (a) PART II is based on the units now actually under Allied command: plus those to be raised on the programme forwarded under my G/5/19 of 17 Feb as amended to date.

(b) For employment on Lines 1 of C under Italian control are included an estimate of seven Road Traffic control units of 300 each, on scale of one per Mainland area set forth in Appendix 'C': and Train Guards on scale of two units of 300 South of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA and two units North of it.

(c) So far as it is defined to date, future policy is for troops under Allied command to remain as such; at any rate up to the line PISA - RIMINI.

/5. PART III....

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Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/I/30
23 Mar 44

HQ AAI
Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE)
HQ ACC NAPLES ) for information

1. Ref your M605/30/3/I/G (SDI) of 14 March. I forward herewith copy of my G/6/I/29 of 23 March addressed to Chief of Italian Army Staff. It is based on estimated requirements up to the line PISA RIMINI and the following are the salient points:

(a) It follows the general lines of AFHQ letter F/H09 of 3 October 1943 addressed to Deputy President Allied Military Mission (now ACC) which were communicated generally to Italian Supreme Command under their memorandum of 17 Oct to General AMBROSIO.

(b) The only essential difference from the distribution of internal security divisions set forth in above is that one more is allotted to SICILY and one less to the Mainland South of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA. No change in total.

(c) The figure of 10,000 for internal security divisions includes all arms, as in the case of the MANTOVA and PISTOIA divisions already authorised at this strength.

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(d) SICILY is being taken over and an Italian Corps HQ is now being established in PALERMO. The next step will be to set up administrative organisations.

(e) The same process of setting up administrative organisations will be progressively necessary up to the line PISA - RIMINI as indicated in Appendix C.

2. The total of 377,070 Italian Army plus Carabinieri shown in Appendix A compares with an actual strength on I March of 359,250.

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2. The total of 377,070 Italian Army plus Carabinieri shown in Appendix A compares with an actual strength on 1 March of 359,250.

3. When completed Parts I to IV will be forwarded to HQ ACC for incorporation of CARABINIERI figures and for marrying with Parts V and VI on Italian Navy and Air Force.

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Army Sub Comm ACC

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3. PART III is self explanatory.

4. (a) PART IV should contain all units required for the administration of the Italian Army, as listed in Parts I to III listed above. The necessary Corps HQ for the Internal Security divisions have been included in Part I(B). Now that the coastal defence divisions have served to other work it is suggested that static headquarters like IX and XXXI Corps should merge with territorial Commands (Command Territorialehmer some such name as Area Headquarters: Appendix 'C' is framed with this in view.

(b) It would be difficult to justify that all personnel of district and depots is effectively employed for the prosecution of the war effort. A full pendo time organisation is at this stage of the war too extensive in character and a more economical system will have to be devised.

The substitution for depots of one or more central record offices and moving reinforcement units is for consideration. Men recalled to the Army and new classes eventually to be called up should only be documented at districts and posted forthwith for equipping and training to the formation in which they are going to serve.

(c) Appendix 'D' shows services at their present strengths. Would you please define how these should be redistributed to provide requirements in SICILY. And recommend in what measure the remainder can be reduced to be in fact effective for the active prosecution of the war.

(d) Appendix 'E' shows COMMANDOS and RANGER UNITS at their present strengths. Overall requirements up to the line PISA - RIMINI should be crystallised in consultation with either Brigadier LOCKHART, A.D.C. MARLES or Colonel KIRK at [illegible] A.C.G. SICILY.

7. [illegible]

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(a) No account is taken in this letter of the call up of new classes and the question of their training. Conditions are too fluid and uncertain and it may well be that during the advance North sufficient Italian soldiers will be acquired to allow a policy of demobilisation of the older age groups rather than a mobilisation of the young.

8. I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's views for transmission

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7. [illegible]

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8. I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's views for transmission to Lt Gen Sir [illegible] MACFARLANE. In view of the time these proposals will take to reach the Combined Chiefs of Staff through the appropriate offices I am to request that you will do so at the earliest date practicable and if possible by 30th March.

C.E. Jackson

Brigadier,
Army and Comm A.A.G.

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APPENDIX 'A'
TO G/S/1/29 of 29 Mar 44

## ITALIAN ARMY up to line PISA - RIMINI

| PART | | STRENGTH | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| I A | FIELD FORCE FORMATIONS | | |
| | (a) COMBAT DIVISION | 12,000 | |
| | (b) REINFORCEMENT UNIT | 2,000 | |
| | (c) ADV RAILHEAD SUPPLY | 100 | Token figure |
| I B | FORMATIONS under SHAEF | | |
| | (a) ON MAINLAND | | |
| | 5I Corps HQ | 300 | South of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all now there. |
| | MANTOVA Division | 10,000 | |
| | PISTOIA Division | 10,000 | |
| | X Corps HQ | 300 | North of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all now in SARDINIA |
| | A Division | 10,000 | |
| | B Division | 10,000 | |
| | C Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft CALABRIA | 500 | Token figure. Now there. |
| | (b) IN SICILY | | |
| | 7 CORPS HQ | 300 | now forming |
| | SABAUDA Division | 10,000 | now there |
| | D Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| | (c) IN SARDINIA | | |
| | 2 CORPS HQ | 300 | |
| | E Division | 10,000 | now there |
| | F Division | 10,000 | |
| | G Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft | 2,000 | Token figure. Now there |
| II - | UNITS under HQ AAI | | |
| | (a) At present employed | 81,800 | Order of Battle dated 15 Mar |
| | (b) To be employed | 100,900 | Priority list 3 less units delivered up to 15 March |
| | (c) Traffic control & Train guards | 2,700 | Under Italian control |
| III - | PERSONNEL in mixed units | | |
| | 7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Tpt Coy: CSDIC | 1,000 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| | B Division | 10,000 | North of Line NAPLES ROMA |
| | C Division | 10,000 | and all now in SARDINIA |
| | Anti-Aircraft CALABRIA | 500 | Token figure. Now there. |
| (b) | IN SICILY | | |
| | V CORPS HQ | 300 | now forming |
| | SABAUDA Division | 10,000 | now there |
| | D Division | 10,000 | now in SARDINIA |
| (c) | IN SARDINIA | | |
| | Z CORPS HQ | 300 | |
| | E Division | 10,000 | now there |
| | F Division | 10,000 | |
| | G Division | 10,000 | |
| | Anti-Aircraft | 2,000 | Token figure. Now there |

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| | (c) Traffic control & Train guards | 2,700 | Under Italian control |
| III | PERSONNEL in mixed units | | |
| | 7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Tpt Coy: CSDI | 1,000 | |
| IV | ADMINISTRATION | | For Parts I, II and III |
| | Central organisations | 4,470 | App B at present strengths |
| | Static formations | 15,000 | App C |
| | Services | 23,400 | App D at present strengths |
| | CARABINIERI etc | 30,000 | App E at present strengths |
| | TOTAL | 377,070 | incl CARABINIERI |

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APPENDIX 'B' to G/6/I/29 dated 23 Mar 44

CENTRAL ORGANISATIONS (strengths on 1 March 1944)

| | Off | Enlisted Men | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| COMANDO SUPREMO | 72 | 563 | SALERNO |
| MINISTRY of WAR | 310 | 1239 | LECCE |
| ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF | 159 | 1086 | LECCE |
| KING'S BODYGUARD | 18 | 254 | |
| 1st GUIDE GROUP | 34 | 730 | SALERNO. Guards to Govt Depts |
| MILITARY ACADEMY | - | - | Cadet officers, Not yet reconstituted |
| | 593 | 3872 | |

TOTAL 4465

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APPENDIX 'C' to G/6/I/29 dated 23 Mar 44

STATIC FORMATIONS EXISTING 1 MARCH (NOT at present strengths)

| | AREA HQ (A) | DISTRICT HQ (B) | TRANSIT CAMP (C) | DEPOTS (D) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SARDINIA | 350 | 660 | 400 | 2640 | IA 3B 8C 12D |
| SICILY | | | | | |
| CALABRIA | 350 | 660 | 150 | 1320 | IA 3B 3C 6D |
| APULIA/LUCANIA | 350 | 1540 | 350 | 2420 | IA 7B 7C 11D |
| CAMPANIA | 350 | 1540 | 150 | 1760 | IA 7B 3C 8D |
| LAZIO | | | | | |
| ABRUZZI/MOLISE | | | | | |
| TOSCANIA | | | | | |
| UMBRIA/MARCHE | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 1400 | 4400 | 1050 | 8140 | |

TOTAL 14,990

STRENGTHS: AREA HQ at 350; District HQ at 220; Transit Camps at 50
Depots at 220 all ranks.

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APPENDIX 'D'
to G/G/1/29 of
23 March 44

ITALIAN ARMY SERVICES (strengths on 1 March 1944)

| | Supply | Medical | Arty | Genio | Vet & Remount | M. T. | TPT | Part Working |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SARDINIA | 1,500 | 1,000 | 950 | 1,250 | 150 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 600 |
| SICILY | | NIL | AT | PRESENT | | | | |
| CALABRIA | 350 | 2,100 | | | | | | |
| APULIA/LUCANIA | 1,400 | 3,600 | 450 | 850 | 200 | 1,500 | 700 | |
| CAMPANIA | 300 | 3,000 | 850 | 200 | 250 | | | |
| LAZIO | | NIL | ENEMY | OCCUPIED | | | | |
| ABRUZZI/MOLISE | | " | " | " | | | | |
| TOSCANIA | | " | " | " | | | | |
| UMBRIA/MARCHE | | " | " | " | | | | |
| TOTALS | 3,650 | 9,700 | 2,250 | 2,300 | 500 | 3,000 | 1,400 | 600 |

TOTAL ..... 23,400

APPENDIX 'D' to
G/G/1/29 of
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAMPANIA | 340 | 3,000 | 850 | 400 | 150 | | | |
| LAZIO | KIL | ENEMY | OCCUPIED | | | | | |
| ABRUZZI/MOLISE | " | " | " | | | | | |
| TUSCANIA | " | " | " | | | | | |
| UMBRIA/MARCHE | " | " | " | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 3,650 | 9,700 | 2,250 | 2,300 | 500 | 3,000 | 1,400 | 600 |

TOTAL ..... 23,400

ATTACHED to
G/G/1/29 of
23 March 44

CARABINIERI and GUARDIA FINANZA ( strength on 1 March 1944 )

| | CARABINIERI | | GUARDIA FINANZA | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Offr | O. R. | Offr | O. R. |
| MAINLAND | 194 | 10,868 | 111 | 4,383 |
| SARDINIA | 51 | 3,105 | 51 | 1,049 |
| SICILY | 118 | 9,046 | 19 | 1,040 |
| TOTALS | 363 | 22,959 | 181 | 6,472 |

TOTAL ..... 29,975

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To FARGO rptd FILPOT

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FATIMA REAR for GUINNESS and KIRK

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O 303 (°) Personal for MACFARLANE from DUCHESNE (°)

FIRST (°) PIDSLEY arrived yesterday (°) SECOND (°)

Shall visit NAPLES Friday twenty fourth with draft Order of Battle required for Italian Army referred to in FILPOT letter 1505/50/3/1/GSBI of 14 March (°) This will raise policy question of future numbers of CARABINIERI required and whether GUARDIA FINANZA are to be regarded as integral part of Italian Army in same way as CARABINIERI (°) At present they are drawing Italian Army rations on the assumption that they are being used as CARABINIERI and are now asking for boots and clothing (°) Policy decision required (°) Am taking NO (NO) action on order of battle for Italian Navy and Air Force as stated in my O 301 of 20 March to you (°) THIRD (°) Propose flying to SARDINIA on Saturday twenty fifth with GUINNESS

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From: Min. of War Brussels TRANSLATION Ref. 1053/c to
TO: OPMI/FI 14 MAR. WW

Subject: Location of the WAR. MIN. & SMRE G/61 D

Difficulty of communication between the Govt., the Supreme Command and the War Min, SMRE and the necessity for the War Minister to be absent during several days every week in order to contact afm. Adm. interfere with the normal routine works of the Ministry and S.M.R.E.

The Minister then is examining the possibility of a transfer of the War Min & SMRE nearer to the Govt. Location.

We cannot put in officially a request as far as all the possibilities have not been all examined.

Even though the question is under the form of a project we would like to inform you of the fact.

C/Dept. G. Lt. Col. GILBERT 14/20

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 1053/C. P.M. 107 li 14 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Sede del Ministero della Guerra e dello S.M.R.E. Location of Min. of War & SMRE.

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.
- Main HQ (M.M.I.A.)

= R E S U L E

Le difficoltà di comunicazione col Governo e col Comando Supremo e la necessità per il Ministro di assentarsi per metà della settimana dalla Sede per trattare col Governo, portano intralcio al funzionamento del Ministero e dello Stato Maggiore del R.Esercito.

Il Ministro si orienta pertanto ad esaminare l'opportunità di avvicinare Ministero e S.M.R.E. alla Sede del Governo.

La questione non può essere ufficialmente impostata fin quando non si abbiano elementi per giudicare la possibilità di una sua realizzazione.

Tuttavia, anche se la questione è allo stato di intenzione, si desidera che la Sottocommissione ne sia informata per suo orientamento.

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GENERALE ALBERTI

Giusto

Le difficoltà di comunicazione col Governo e col Comando Supremo
no a [illegible] delle sedi
delle Sedi dell'Esercito, [illegible] del Governo, portano inevitabilmente
sempre più [illegible] del Governo e dello Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito
Il Ministero ritiene [illegible] opportuno che [illegible]
[illegible] sia [illegible]
La situazione militare non può essere ulteriormente [illegible]
Il Governo è [illegible]
Badoglio, [illegible]
ritiene che la [illegible]

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CONFIDENTIAL TELEPRINTER MESSAGE..IN FOLIO NO 05049
5 MARCH 44

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TO.....GSD ACMF TOR 1712A.05
ORIG NO.....SD101/20999

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IN REPLY TO MMIA 0266 OF 2 MAR. FLAMBO COMBINED BRITISH AND AMERICAN VIEW IS THAT MMIAS PROPOSAL IS STILL UNACCEPTABLE. MY SD892/18829 OF 24 FEB STILL HOLDS. REQUEST IS FOR UNTRAINED SOLDIERS WHO WILL BE TRAINED UNDER MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS. SPECIALIST CIVILIANS ARE BEING AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE HIRED.

SMC 1745A.05
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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIN)
LIAISON (LIAISON)
G/6/1/26
11 Mar 44

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
HQ A.C.S., MAIRIS

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. ACMF PROGRAMME General BERARD are agrees that he can release over 27,000 from the Mainland for the programme which is satisfactory. In addition to this ACMF have ruled that all Coastal Division from southern CALABRIA be made available which will raise the figure to nearly 30,000: they rule MANTUA Division to concentrate in CALABRIA as originally intended. Col KERR is about to begin an examination of the arms and ammunition situation for the three divisions for planning purposes with ACMF. Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that all Italian rearmament must be from Italian resources, so production from local ammunition factories will now become important.

2. TRUCK COYS for AGC I inspected 1001 G.T. Coy on 5th and found it in a deplorable state with sixty six trucks ineffective. My report forwarded under AG/5 of 9th addressed MAIRIS copy to you gives facts and recommendations. It left by air to ALGIERS on morning of 10th.

3. SUPPLY ORGANISATION MAIRIS are pressing for us to start rationing the Italian Forces as from March 15th. For the Mainland this is not possible owing to the stocking situation and I have replied that we can try as from 24th, but still lack directives from them, in particular as to whether twenty or thirty days reserve should be held. We do not know the position in SICILY and SARDINIA and have signalled to ask. FREEDOM have signalled that they want following for a few more days and I am signalling him to contact the appropriate officers in ALGIERS before he starts.

4. SICILY General MARIOTTI is to leave on March 15th to take up his duties as MARIS Comd. I am giving him letters of introduction to N° 1 District, N° 1 Region and I.B.S. Is there any decision yet as to status of P.C.I. there ?

5. SARDINIA According to FREEDOM there are nearly four thousand animals there, of which 1,250 required by the Allies should have forage until April 7: the remainder must graze. I have signalled Col SLOANE to confirm the figures and recommend policy. I propose to fly over there as soon as Col KINSLEY has arrived and will take it

1:16

3. SUPPLY ORGANISATION FREEDOM are pressing for us to start rationing the Italian Forces as from March 15th. For the Mainland this is not possible owing to the stocking situation now I have replied that we can try as from 24th, but still lack directives from them, in particular as to whether twenty or thirty days reserves should be held. We do not know the position in SICILY and SARDINIA and have signalled to ask. FREEDOM have signalled that they want Col [illegible] for a few more days and I am signalling him to contact the appropriate officers in ALGIERS before he starts.

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4. SICILY General MARIOTTI is to leave on March 14th to take up his duties as CORPS Comd. I am giving him letters of introduction to N° 1 District, N° 1 Region and I.B.S. Is there any decision yet as to status of P.W.E. there ?

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6. I am flying to SARDINIA on March 11th to visit AGWF and have told SMITH to telephone me there after letting you know

C.C. Clarke

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comd A.F.H.Q.

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MOST SECRET

SUBJECT:- GEN GARIBALDI

Liaison Officer,
Army Sub Commission, AAC
C/o 2 District
Ref:- MF/98
08 MAR 44

ARMY SUB COMMISSION, ACC (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

1. Ref your verbal enquiry, I have obtained the following information from Tac HQ, Force 133 (VIA DANTE, 43, BARI).

2. Force 133 are organizing the return of GEN GARIBALDI to ITALY as soon as it can be arranged.

3. Any supplies that the Italian High Command wish to drop for the GARIBALDI DIV have to be forwarded through Force 133, they are then dropped to the British Liaison Officer with Partisan 2 Corps.

2 Corps split up these supplies between Partisans and Italians in accordance with the original agreement that all supplies and stores should be shared on a fifty-fifty basis. or as necessity dictated

4. NO stores may be dropped direct to the Italians.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 8 March.
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Capt.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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Serial No. 5[illegible]

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TO MMIA INFO FLAYBO Q

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FROM ACHF 31 | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

SD1746 3 Ref 0246 of 24 Dec Q If volunteer civilians are subject to Italian military law we are NOT clear as to difference between them and Italian conscripted soldiers apart from higher rate of pay Q Request you send to us ref earliest with full infon of details of your proposals to Lt Col Dunlop Discuss. I think you might offer

Rewrite & brief 6/3 Col

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SUBJECT: Calling up of Classes.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AG/30
1 Mar 44.

Ministry of War.

Copy to : S.M.R.E.
HQ., ACMF (ANCONA)
MMLA LO FLORENCE
" " W. 2 District.
" XXXI Corps.
" " A.A. Eighth Army.
G.

1. I am directed to inform you that, in order to prevent undue dislocation of labour, the classes 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 are to be called up one class at a time throughout the mainland.

All classes should be registered at once and the 1920 class called up for Service. This HQ should be notified when this has been done and we will then mutually agree on the date for calling up the 1921 class.

2. It will be found that certain technical personnel will be more valuable to the War effort in their present work for the Allies than in the Armed Forces. In order to obtain a uniformity of decision as to which personnel should be exempted from the call-up it has been decided by HQ., ACMF (ANCONA) that the decision of the A.F.H.Q. Local Resources (ITALY) Board shall be final.

All applications by Allied services for exemption of personnel should be passed to the local MMLA LO who will forward for the decision of the Local Resources Board.

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Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.O.

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File 32

Subject: Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/6/1/26
1 Mar AA

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane
HQ ACC NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. CONFERENCE with Marshal MESSE. My agenda for the conference puts up that 32,000 men should be available in reply to which Gen BERARDI will offer 18,600 as set forth in Appendix 'A'. He is trying to keep in being various Corps Artillery etc units which are properly speeking at ACMF disposal and I consider that he should reasonably be able to produce about 25,000. The 211 Coastal Div in Southern CALABRIA is for consideration.

2. General ORLANDO should by now have seen you about parcels for Italian prisoners of war in NORTH AFRICA. I put the matter in QUINSWITH'S hands by signal on 29th.

3. TRUCK COYS FOR ACC My emissary Major LENTZNER has signalled me from NAPLES that organisation for the Military GT Coy from 2 District and QM Truck Unit from PBS should now be satisfactory. He should have seen Brig LUSH about it.

4. CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS for ARMY paid at civilian rates by Allies, subject to Italian Military Law, and officered from Italian Army. FLAMBO have turned this down for truck drivers in signal reproduced at Appendix 'B', so soldiers will now have to be trained.

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6. AIR FORCE. Air Commodore FOSTER was over the other side when I visited on 28th. I promised them 4,000 pairs of boots. No reply yet about release of General OXILIA from FORCE 133 whom I have reminded by signal: they are probably asking TITO.

7. SARDINIA. Col SIMMONS reported 240 mules died of starvation between first and seventeenth Feb. I signalled FREEDOM on 29, copy to you, asking them to state their policy to you.

8. SUPPLY ORGANISATION. I made a useful visit to ADRIATIC BASE SECTION in BARI on 28th in connection with some confusion there about first shipping arrivals. Situation is that we shall be building up a thirty days reserve this month before we start direct issues on Mainland. Estimated position with reference to AFHQ ration ceiling of 500,000 is given at Appendix 'C'.

Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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APPENDIX 'A'

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Italian Army (including Carabinieri) | | 170,261 |
| Reorganisation Camps | 3,552 | |
| Volunteers | 500 | |
| Officers School(to be disbanded) | 2,077 | |
| | 6,129 | 6,129 |
| Effective strength for employment | | 164,132 |
| Employed by Allies | | 78,142 |
| | | 85,990 |
| PICENO, MANTOVA and 211 Div | | 25,038 |
| | | 60,952 |

GENERAL BERARDI'S PROPOSALS

| | Now under Italian Command | I.A.desires to return under It. Command | To Allied Programme |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Ministry of War,General Staff, Kings Bodyguard, Comando Supremo = | 4,303 | 4,303 | |
| b. Corps Headquarters | 2,655 | 2,155(?) | 500 |
| c. Armoured Car Battalion | 294 | 294 | |
| d. 108 Motorcycle Company | 64 | 64 | |
| e. 2 Regts Corps Artillery | 2,210 | 1,410(?) | 800 |
| f. Corps Signals Units | 2,471 | 1,871(?) | 600 |
| g. 31 Corps Wireless Company | 400 | 400 | |
| h. 31 Corps Chemical Company | 188 | | 188 |
| i. Corps Drivers Regt | 2,252 | 1,852(?) | 400 |
| j. 31 Corps Repair Shop | 203 | 203 | |

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| j. 51 Corps Repair Shop | 203 | 203 | |
| k. Corps Medical, Commissary and legal | 876 | 876 | |
| l. 25 Depots | 16,644 | 12,644(?) | 4,000 |
| m. 17 District Headquarters | 3;365 | 2,365(?) | 1,000 |
| n. 11 Transit Camps | 2,670 | 1,670(?) | 1,000 |
| o. Territorial Service Units | 14,172 | 12,172(?) | 2,000 |
| p. Brindisi Garrison | 1,217 | 17 | 1,200 |
| q. Airport and Antiparachute Defence | 1,788 | | 1,788 |
| r; Engineer Units forming | 1,518 | | 1,518 |
| s. 212 Div(Movement ordered) | 3,662 | | 3,662 |
| | 60,952 | 42,296 | 18,656 |

1,411

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APPENDIX 'B'

The following is copy of FLAMBO Signal SD892/18829 dated 24 Feb.

From: FLAMBO 241700A

To : MMIA

INFO: ACMF

SD892/18829

Ref your AC531 of 9 Feb regret do not agree (.) Drivers should either be in army and get army rates of pay or be civilians and get civilian rates of pay

BT 1945

APPENDIX 'C'

RATION CEILING 500,000

| | MAINLAND | SARDINIA incl CORSICA | SICILY |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARMY incl CARABINIERI | 172,000 | 179,000 | 23,000 |
| NAVY | 61,000 | say 10,000 | say 2,000 |
| AIR FORCE | 24,000 | say 7,000 | say 1,000 |
| | 257,000 | 196,000 | 26,000 |

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Estimated total 479,000 which would increase to 497,000 if Army call up of classes increases its strength to 190,000

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MESSAGE FORM

From AMA TOO

To ACF rptd FLAMBO THI
FANGO for MACFARLANE
FATIMA for QUINCITH

0 266 (°) FLAMBO signal SD892/18829 of 24 Feb lays down that civilian volunteer specialists on civilian rates of pay subject to Italian Military Law and under Italian officers are NOT (NOT) acceptable (°) This will have two results (°) FIRST (°) production of drivers will be slow since untrained soldiers must be trained (°) SECONDS Eleven thousand engineers included in ACF third priority list as required after March can NOT (NOT) be supplied as no such specialists exist in the Army

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Plotted Lawrence Dunlop Asst

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MESSAGE FORM

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To : S.M.R.E.

From : M.M.I.A. O 264 1

Personal for General BERARDI from Brig DUCHESNE (°)
Conference with General MASON MACFARLANE will be at 1100 hours on SATURDAY MARCH fourth in SALERNO (°) Lt Col MORIARTY will arrange air passage for you plus whoever you wish to accompany you (°) Will you please say when you wish to leave and return (°) Can you conveniently arrange your own motor transport from GAUDO airfield or do you wish me to do so query

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(By Hand)

Sgd _____

Sgd _____

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M E S S A G E  F O R M

To: FARGO rptd FATIMA for QUINSMITH

From: M M I A 0.262 01 123. A

Personal for MACFARLANE (.) If conference with MESSE and BERARDI practicable on March fourth suggest hold it either NAPLES or SALERNO since both DUCHESNE and KERR plus possibly ORLANDO will be NAPLES side on third (.) Can probably arrange for BERARDI to fly from here if you confirm intentions (.) Reply today if possible stating NAPLES or SALERNO

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# M E S S A G E  F O R M

Date Time

From: M.M.I.A.

To: Chief of Staff SMRE

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0253 Personal from Brig DUCHESNE to Gen BERARDI (.) Under authority Allied Force Headquarters 50285 of 11 Feb transmitted to yourunder my G/6/20 dated 18 Feb General SOLDARELLI is to proceed to PALESTINE for one week and air passage has been arranged for tommorrow Feb 22 (°) I have had no information from your Excellency to the contrary and assume that General SOLDARELLI is proceeding as arranged (°) Will you please confirm that this is the case

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COPY FROM ADV HQ
CABLE

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TO : OZ IBS, ACC, G(SD) MAIN ACMF, MMIA, DISTWO, DISTHREE (ACTION
FROM: FLAMBO
REF : SD 659/18657

Dated 25 Feb 27

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In reply MMIA signal 0241 of 17 Feb. Ruthless application is unacceptable owing dislocation present civilian labour commitments. There is no objection to all men reporting but skilled men having reported should continue their present service subject to their having certificate. Details of issue of this certificate will be arranged by Labour Sub Committee of Local Resources Board. Unskilled men will be taken back into military service one class at a time at rate dependant on replacement by other Italian personnel.

File C.

MILITARY MISSION
Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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MESSAGE FORM

File 6/6

From: M M I A

Date Time

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To : Adv HQ Force 133

02bo (.) Following is repeat of our 0620 of 22 (.) SECRET (.) General OXILLA urgently needed for high appointment in ITALY (.) Italians propose leaving General NIVALDA in command GARIBALDI Div (.) Is this relief acceptable to you and TITO query (.) request immediate reply

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Sgd [signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

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To : Adv HQ Force 133

From : M.M.I.A. 0620. 22 1030 A

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| Sgd _____ | Sgd Col Clarke Comdg | IMMEDIATE |

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TO PARIS FOR DUCLESCLE

| FROM FATIMA from QUINDRE TH INTERPRETE SIGNAL | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number |
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SUBJECT:= Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/25
24 Feb 44

Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. CONFERENCE with Marshal MESSE. I sent you a copy of my G/6/24 of 22 Feb to him. The questions therein are designed to lead up to the main point of a definite statement of what they will provide for the ACMF programme from the Mainland by the end of March. This means combing their Army tps and depots which SMRE are really only now beginning to tackle in earnest under KERR's probing technique. I feel that we must get this as straight and definite as possible, or the conference will not get us anywhere on its main subject. I will signal you in due course.

2. SUPPLY ORGANISATION My AA & QMG Lt Col NOAKES has gone to ALGIERS, with FLAMBO agreement, to amend an AFHQ draft directive. I signalled to you on 20th that Col PIDSLEY might profitably contact him in ALGIERS if likely to come to us on loan.

Col GRAFFTEY SMITH sent an emissary to me yesterday with a proposition that he was proposing to use an Italian shipping form to handle civil supplies and could it not handle Italian military supplies as well. Italian Army can and do handle from Main Depot onwards, but this seems to offer experts (if trustworthy) in place of amateurs ex ship to depot and I have replied suggesting conference in NAPLES with my emissary and FLAMBO. If agreed it would mean that Allied supplies for both Italian civil and military would be handled into the country by the same organisation and that Italian Army accounting would start on receipt at Main Depot.

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5. General OXILIA from GARIBALDI Div in MONTENEGRO is asked for to be assistant Chief of Staff to Gen BERARDI. I signalled Force 133 on 22 Feb asking if they agree to his release, and to leaving Gen NIVALDA in Comd GARIBALDI Div in his place.

6. CORSICA AFHQ in their AG 383.6-4 GCT AGM have sent Marshal BADOGLIO's letter of complaint of 28 Jan about French treatment of Italians to Allied Adm officer there to straighten out quietly direct with French General MARTIN.

7. SARDINIA We have just had a signal from FLAMBO to say that the three Italian cruisers employed on bringing ten thousand troops monthly to ITALY have been diverted temporarily to other work. This is not so good for the ACMF programme and makes the obtaining of men from the Mainland all the more important.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

ABC

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SUBJECT:= USE OF ITALIAN NAVY ON SHORE

APPENDIX 'A'

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
L'AQUILA (L'ECCE)
G/1/59
22 Feb 44

F O T A L I, NAVY HOUSE, TARANTO

1. In confirmation of conversation (Admiral MACGREGOR — Brig DUCHESNE) on 21 Feb. I should be glad if you would arrange for personnel of the Italian Navy on shore to take over port labour at TARANTO and BRINDISI to the greatest possible extent.

2. There are at present employed at TARANTO three thousand five hundred Italian Army personnel: and at BRINDISI five thousand Army plus one thousand Navy, making six thousand in all. The object of the operation would be to release an equivalent number of Army for the ACMF programme (for which we are short of men on the mainland), and the accommodation at present occupied by soldiers would be available on relief if desired. The idea was discussed early in Feb at TARANTO between my Lt Col MORIARTY and Commodore LEROLI who may have already made preliminary investigations.

3. Control of military port labour is at present exercised by the Inspector of Labour, General MATTEOLI, who has a Colonel in charge of each port. The sailors at present working at BRINDISI come under him and it would be desirable to continue this system of top control which is working well. This we can discuss.

4. I should like also to enquire whether Italian Naval labour could be made available at NAPLES and SALERNO.

5. There are two other current questions affecting naval personnel

(a) Two thousand port operating personnel for PIOMBO as outlined in their letter reproduced at Appendix 'A'. I am not now directly concerned, but am interested on an 'information only' basis.

(b) Truck drivers, for which I have been given a programme for 1,100 raising eight thousand on a rather impossible time basis. You have already told me that the Italian Navy is unlikely to be a fruitful field, but I should like to pursue investigations with a view to training men if necessary and transferring them to the Army.

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signed C. C. DUCHESNE.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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to ITALIAN ARMY.

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- ✓ For your information
- For comment
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

: SECRET :
: Auth: C-in-C AF :
: Initials: [illegible] :
: 16 Februery 1944 :

AG 383.6-4 GCT-AGM

16 Februery 1944

16 Feb

SUBJECT: Treatment of Italian Troops in CORSICA.

TO : Allied Administrative Officer, CORSICA.

1. Following a recent liaison visit to your headquarters, Colonel TORRENCE reports, that you have agreed to the Italian forces allotted to the French in CORSICA remaining under French Command. This is considered the most desirable solution in the light of General MARTIN's present directive and the cordial relationship which exists between yourself and General MARTIN.

2. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Marshal BADOGLIO to the head of the Allied Control Commission. It is desired that you informally investigate the matters reported by Marshal BADOGLIO, and tactfully take up with General MARTIN, those matters that, in your opinion, need correction. It is hoped that the entire affair can be handled locally on an informal basis between yourself and General MARTIN, and that it will be unnecessary to initiate letters from this headquarters through channels to the French Commander in CORSICA.

3. It is desired that an early report be made to this headquarters concerning the results of your actions as outlined in paragraph 2 above.

By command of General WILSON:

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J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl.
Incl. #1
Letter No. 303 di prot dated 26 January 1944
from Marshal BADOGLIO to General MACFARLANE.

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Encl. #1 to letter
AG 383.6-4 GCT-AGN
dated 16 February 1944

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INCL. #1

TRANSLATION

Chief of Government

No. 303 di prot.

January 28, 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

The arrogant attitude of French officers and soldiers towards Italian troops has produced unpleasant incidents in Corsica.

General Lazzerini, commander of the Italian troops, has protested to the Allied commander of the Island, General Stronge. Evidently the latter suggested to General Martin, French commander, that orders be given to avoid such incidents.

The French General did so however in such a way as to aggravate the situation. He has sent a note to his subordinate commanders, a copy of which was also sent to General Stronge, in which while advising French commanders to see that their men behave with military correctness towards Italian "laborers and specialists" (thus he defines our troops) he attributes the maintenance of Italian soldiers in Corsica to two motives 1) to repair the damage caused by the unjustified Fascist aggression of November 1942 and by the German invasion brought about by this aggression, 2) to compensate for the harm which cannot be undone by cooperating with the efforts of the Allies and the French to defeat the Germans.

This is not in keeping with the truth.

The ACC (in note of 27 October 1943) asked that about 3000 Italian soldiers (the number was later raised to 6000) should be left in Corsica for the repair and defense of airports, stating that such troops would be considered as Allied troops operating under the orders of the commander of the Allied air forces. This Government consented.

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The arbitrary interpretation of General Martin, who considers these Italian troops solely laborers and specialists and attributes their remaining to a fanciful reason, (the first) and prefixing the second with the phrase "compensate for the harm which cannot be undone", cannot be accepted.

I ask you, therefore, dear General

1) To ask General Martin to rectify in another "note" his inaccurate statements.

2) In order to avoid further incidents, to put the Italian units directly under General Stronge or to repatriate them so that they may be employed in the Italian theatre in direct cooperation with Anglo-American units.

Very cordially

Inclosure No. 1 (1 Page)

/s/ Badoglio

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Subject:- POLICY for ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MEDIA)
IRQUILIR (LECCE)
C/6/24.
12 Feb 44.

His Excellency Marshal [redacted]
Chief of Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency,

1. Further to my letter C/6/19 of 17 Feb, and to your proposed agenda (see Appendix 'A') handed to me this evening by General INFANTE: certain further details of your proposals are desirable in order that Lt General Sir [redacted] may have an opportunity of studying them prior to the conference. These refer mainly to items A, B and C and are as follows:-

A. A list of the units designated for the proposed Combat Division, with a statement of their strengths. I understand that this is now under preparation by General BERARDI.

B. The same for PADUNO and MANTOVA Divisions. In his letter 1795/UNO of 12 Feb to me General BERARDI detailed the infantry formations proposed but artillery and other arms have not yet been listed. Strengths should be stated.

C. A statement of the extent to which the programme requirements up to the end of March can be met from Mainland resources.

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2. In view of the move of your office I presume that you will designate General BERARDI to furnish the above details and a copy of this letter is therefore sent to him with this in view. On receipt I will arrange the meeting with Lt General Sir [redacted] at the earliest date possible.

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Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Copy to - Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC NATIONS
General BENARDI, Chief of Staff S.H.A.E.

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Appendix 'A'

AGENDA OF MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING WITH GEN SIR HOW. MASON MACFARLANE.

A) Italian Combat Division:- (designation, composition, gradual eqp in relation to arrival of AMMBO Div, allotment of Alpini Bn, Artill and pack bty units to 1 Mot Div in relation to area of eqp).

B) Situation of Pinerolo and Mantova Divs and their opposition for internal security duties (deficiencies in the conditions and numbers of animals).
Deficiencies in the event of their eqp as combatant funs (Mortars, Arty, Sem, MT, MG)

C) Programme for the eqp of available Italian personnel:- acceptance of the requests up to the end of March (about 40,000) - difficulty as regards personnel required after March (64,000) especially the specialists.

D) The situation in SICILY :- composition of Sabauda Div, recalling to the colours and reorg of 'Aosta' with all liabilities, the question of Fgs.

E) Clothing eqpt and rations for Italian tps.

F) Navy:- total strength and eqp.

G) Air Force:- total strength and eqp

H) Propaganda against Italian armed forces.

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AGENDA OF MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING WITH GEN Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.

A). Italian Corps of Liberation:- (designation, composition, gradual emp in relation to arrival of NEMBO Div, allotment of Alpini Bn, ~~Battle Bn~~ (Arditi) and pack tpt units to I Mot Bde in ~~accordance~~ relation to area of ops).

B). Situation of Piceno and Mantova Divs and their composition for internal security duties ( deficiencies in the conditions and numbers of animals ).
Deficiciencies in the event of their emp as combatant fmns (mortars, arty, amn, WT, MT )

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E). Clothing eqpt and rations for Italian tps.

F). Navy:- total strength and emp.

G). AirForce:- total strength and emp.

H). Propaganda against Italian armed forces.

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AGENDA PRINCIPALI ARGOMENTI PER LA RIUNIONE CON IL GENERALE
Sir NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE.
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A). Corpo Italiano di liberazione (denominazione, costituzione, graduale impiego in relazione alla affluenza Div. "Nembo", assegnazione Btg. Alpini e Btg. Bafile e assegnazione Gruppi someggiati al 1° Raggruppamento in relazione al terreno di impiego).

B). Situazione Divisioni "Piceno" e "Mantova" e loro costituzione per la sicurezza interna (deficienza qualitativa e quantitativa in quadrupedi?

Deficienze nell'eventualità di impiego come grandi unità combattenti (mortai, artiglieria, munizionamento, radio, automezzi).

C). Esame programma impiego personale italiano disponibile: adesione per le richieste entro marzo (40.000 circa) - Difficoltà per personale richiesto dopo marzo (64.000) sopratutto per specialisti.

D). Situazione Sicilia: costituzione "Sabauda", richiamo ed inquadramento sbandati soggetti vincoli militari, questione prigionieri.

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E). Vestiario, equipaggiamento e razione viveri per le truppe italiane.

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F). Marina. Forza compessiva ed impiego.

G). Aeronautica. Forza complessiva ed impiego.

H). Propaganda contro le FF.AA.italiane.

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MESSAGE FORM T O O 23-925

From MELA T H I

To FARGO rptd FATIMA for QUINSMITH

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O 257 (.) Personal for MACFARLANE from DUCHESNE (.) FIRST (.) Visiting NAPLES by air tomorrow twenty fourth for evening conference with FLAMBO accompanied by QUINSMITH (.) Open-minded about staying but propose otherwise spend night either NAPLES or with QUINSMITH and return LECCE by plane from SALERNO afternoon twenty fifth (.) SECOND (.) Situation here is discussion with Italians for analysis their mainland resources to meet programme (.) Recommend delay conference until results of this toothpulling competition are apparent as it is really the main item for discussion

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Lt Col Buchanan-Dunlop.

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TO FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH

FROM MMIA

| Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number |
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HAVE 505 63 YOU RECEIVED FULL FREEDOM SUBJECT POW CLEAR

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

13 February 1944.

Ref/9/30/CA.

SUBJECT: Italian P.O.Ws.

TO : Brig. Duchesne, Land Forces Sub-Commission.

Reference your G/6/16/70 of 21 Jan 44, the question of transfer of Italian P.O.W. from North Africa is still one for political negotiation, but Cable 50563 of 13 Feb. 44 from FREEDOM, copy of which has been sent to you, appears to answer most of your questions. (Not yet received)

for Duffield Fiske
Major G.S.

for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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From [illegible] Exon DUCLSTN T O O 22 1345 Z

To [illegible] ACT THI

FM [illegible] for QUINLAN

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O 254 (°) Your 04 1919Z cite FLAMEN 136 (°) See my signal O 241 of 17 Feb to you (°) Situation is that Italian Army strength on the mainland has been reduced by demobilisation to less than 170,000 (170,000) and call up of alleged absentees has been ordered to bring strength back to 190,000 (190,000) (°) Broadly speaking civil labour market will lose less than it has already found but agreed special arrangements necessary for essential industries employed by Allies (°) Request elder meeting to 17.00 (17.00) hrs Thursday 24 February to enable DOUGLAS to fly from [illegible] (°) Capt [illegible] to attend (°) Is there any chance of increased shipment for Italian troops fro[illegible] Navy

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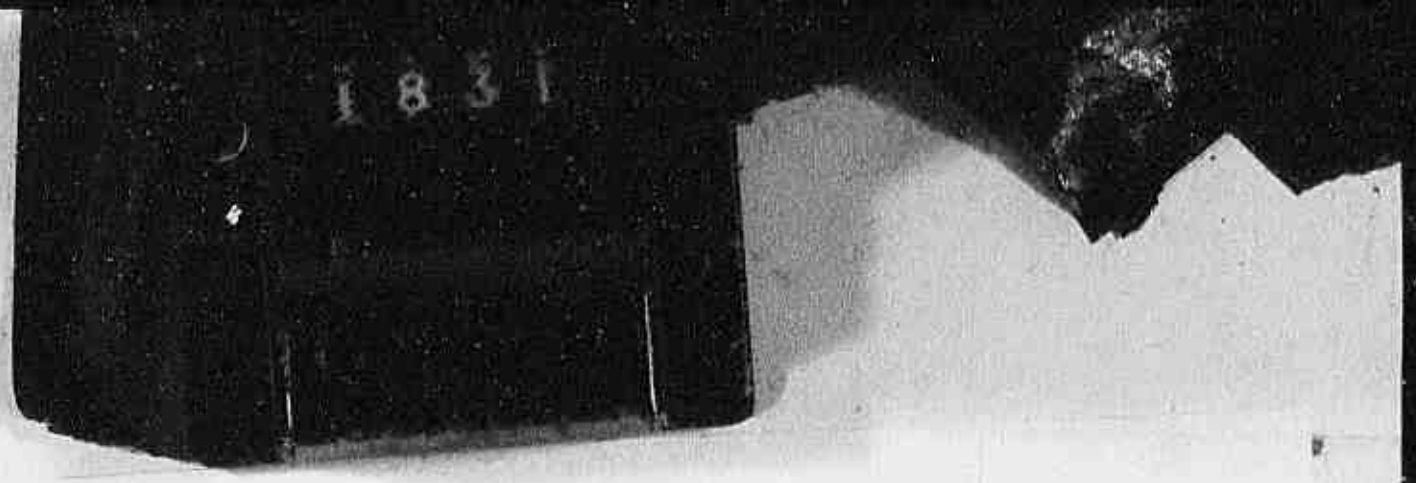


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FROM FLAMCO 211500A

TO MMMIA

INFO ACC FOR MILITARY SUB-COMMISSIO

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CITE FLAMFOR 126 X REPORTED THAT ITALIAN ARMY CALLING UP
ADDITIONAL DRAFTS INCLUDING DESERTERS X IN VIEW FACT
PROBABLE MANY SPECIALISTS NO EMPLOYED S ++ AS CIVILIANS BY ALLIED
FORCES MAY BE AFFECTED CM ++ CNA A MEETING WILL BE HELD
AT FLAMCO AT 1445 HOURS WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY X REQUEST ATTENDANCE ~~ATTENH+ ATTE~~
BRIGADIER D U C H E S N E WITH FULL INFORMATION
IN ORDER METHODS TO RETAIN ESSENTIAL TECHNICIANS AS
CIVILIANS WITH ALLIES MAY BE ~~ADPTed+~~ ADOPTED
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P.M. 151,    22 febbraio 1944

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AT COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione Esercito -
Personale per Gen. Duchesne

N° 1991/OP. di prot.ALT

ESSENDO NECESSARIO CONCRETARE ANCORA ALCUNI PARTICOLARI RELATIVI MISSIONE GENERALE SOLDARELLI, ECCELLENZA MESSE HA STAMANE ORDINATO A GENERALE SOLDARELLI DI RITARDARE SUA PARTENZA DI QUALCHE GIORNO. HO DATO PARTECIPAZIONE DI QUANTO SOPRA AL CAPITANO DAVRANE PREGANDOLO DI INFORMARVI. VI CHIEDO SCUSA SE NON HO CONFERMATO PER ISCRITTO, RITENENDO CHE COMUNICAZIONE ORALE FOSSE SUFFICIENTE. VI SARO' GRATO SE VORRETE CONTROMANDARE IL POSTO IN AEREO. GENERALE BERARDI

preso gli ordini dall'Ecc. za Berardi

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)

[signature]

STATO MAGGIORE R.E.

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(SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen.di Div. A.Marotti)

STATO MAGGIORE R.E.

TRANSLATION.

SMRE to ACC ARMY SUB- COMMISSION

Personal for Brig DOCHESNE.

As it was necessary to finalise certain details relative to Gen SOLDARELLI's mission, His Exc MESSE to-day ordered Gen SOLDARELLI to delay his departure by a few days. I infd Capt BAUMANN of above and requested him to inform you. I apologize if I have NOT confirmed this in writing, in the belief that the verbal message would be sufficient. I shall be obliged to you if you will have the seat in the plane cancelled.

Gen BERARDI

under instructions of Exc BERARDI

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
A. Marotti

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# MESSAGE FORM

From: M.M.I.A.

Date Time

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To: Chief of Staff SMRE

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0253 Personal from Brig DUCHESNE to Gen BERARDI (.) Under authority Allied Force Headquarters 50285 of 11 Feb transmitted to you under my G/6/20 dated 18 Feb General SOLDARELLI is to proceed to PALESTINE for one week and air passage has been arranged for tommorrow Feb 22 (°) I have had no information from your Excellency to the contrary and assume that General SOLDARELLI is proceeding as arranged (°) Will you please confirm that this is the case

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FROM M.I.A from DUCHESNE T H 1

To FLAMBO rptd DISTRO, DENMARK

0 248 (°) For SD and G are DDL (°) DDI FLAMBO signal LAB/17455 of 17 crossed my 0 241 of 17 (°) For AC/F programme it will naturally be necessary to send specialists from Italian army units employed on labour (°) In particular four Docks Operating Coys serial numbers 1095 and 1071 on programme will come entirely from Dock labour at [illegible] and TARANTO as this is the only way of raising them (°) At some time it will be my responsibility to provide replacements within labour ceilings laid down (°) Request your revised ceilings for AFHQ and SACMED

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 20 1300

FROM MEDIA from DUCHESNE

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To FARGO rptd FATIMA for QUINSMITH

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0 249 (°) Personal for MACFARLANE (°) FIRST (°) So far Italian reaction is slight to policy letter delivered to MESSE on 18 Feb (°) MESSE moves SALERNO 24 Feb (°) At your convenience proposed conference could best take place either in APULIA before 24 or in SALERNO after (°) SECOND- (°) You stated possibility Col PIDSLEY being made available temporarily from AFHQ to help set up supply organisation (°) Lt Col NOAKES flew yesterday to ALGIERS in this connection and it would be desirable for PIDSLEY to contact him before he is coming to me

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Col Duchesne

Duty

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Army Sub Commissi A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
C/6/22
19 Feb 44

Copy N° 12 of AFHQ letter AG 091.711-1 (Italian) GCT-ACM of 10 Feb is forwarded herewith for your information and retention.

Lt Col
GSO 1

Lt Col G.W. QUIN-SMITH
HQ Army Sub Commission A.C.C.,
S A L E R N O

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SUBJECT:- CUNEO DIV

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (AMMA)
MEQUILE (TRCOE)
G/5/20
18 Feb 44

His Excellency, Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency,

1. I forward herewith copy of instructions received from Allied Force Headquarters :-

"As already decided CUNEO Div will be retained in PALESTINE and personnel, except surplus officers, will be employed as tradesmen where practicable and balance organised as Pioneer Coys in MIDEAST. Agreed Gen SUDARELLI be allowed to pay visit of 7 days duration only to Division in PALESTINE to communicate to the Div the instructions regarding its disposal. Arrange passage SUDARELLI direct ITALY to PALESTINE and immediate return after 7 days."

2. If you will confirm that Gen SUDARELLI is immediately available I will arrange air passage.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N° 11981 /Op. di prot.

P.M. 151, 18 febbraio 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE DUCHESNE
CAPO DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.

L E Q U I L E

O G G E T T O : Divisione "Cuneo".

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Prendo atto di quanto mi avete comunicato circa l'impiego disposto dal Comando Forze Alleate per la divisione "Cuneo" e l'invio in Palestina del Gen. Soldarelli.

Dato l'impiego non di combattimento previsto per la divisione, ritengo opportuno il rimpatrio degli ufficiali esuberanti alle nuove necessità e delle bandiere dell'8° raggiungimento fanteria e del 27° raggimento artiglieria.

In tal senso ho dato disposizioni allo S.M.R.E. e al Gen. Soldarelli che può senz'altro considerarsi disponibile per la partenza.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

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