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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM AFHQ. SIGNED SAC,
 REFERENCE NO. FX 41452.
 DATE TIME RECEIVED 202351 A
 DATE TIME GROUP 201720 A
 TO: 5TH ARMY.
 ACTION:
 INFO: HQ AAI, MMIA, PBS,

SECRET

PRIORITY

CLASSIFICATION

PRECEDENCE

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CITE FHGOT: DATED 18 OCTOBER YOUR 4095 FOR ANSWER TO
 QUERIES RAISED SEE AAI CABLE SD 943 OF 19 OCTOBER WHICH
 HAS APPROVAL THIS HEADQUARTERS,

Phone AAI
regarding

SECRET

SD 943. Was told all it stated
 was a confirmation to 5 army that
 their ceiling for Phoban military
 was 12,000 & not up
 NOT 14,000.

A PG 25
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TOP SECRET
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

6/6/45
Reg 10

TO: ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS INFO: CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED KINGDOM BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPORTS *** SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 54/24
FROM: AFMA SIGNED WILSON CLASSIFICATION:
REFERENCE No: FX 43062 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 24/1942 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FJGT

*** (CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES) STAFF AND ACC FOR LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, USFOR, TROOPERS, ALL.

TOP SECRET. MAF 773 is reference.

1. Principles and ceilings established in MAF 773 are now operating in this theatre although your official approval not yet received. Request confirmation of policies and decisions contained in this cable.
2. All Italian troops at present allocated to international category under division into categories ordered in your FAX 991, are at present fully employed on internal security and similar duties. Any increased commitment as envisaged in MEDCCS 201 will

1. Principles and ceilings established in JAF 773 are now operating in this theater although your official approval not yet received. Request confirmation of policies and decisions contained in this cable.

2. All Italian troops at present allocated to international category under division into categories ordered in your JAF 391, are at present fully employed on internal security and similar duties. Any increased commitment as envisaged in JEDCCS 201 will require additional troops, which can most easily be made available from Italian manpower, and will involve an additional increase in ceiling.

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TOP SECRET

OCTOBER 25/0910

DATE and Time of RECEIPT

Distribution:

ITI - ITI CATEGORIES AS OF 5 OCT 44

Category

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

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cc: Col Pidsley
 G-1
 AQ
 Lt Col Shipley
 ST
 Major Rose
 Surgeon
 Engineer
 DADL
 Ordnance

This breakdown of ITI-ITI Categories
 is furnished for your information.

17 Oct 44
24 Oct

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator ALPHET MOIA LO SIDIEZ	Date/Time of Origin 3010/00
	For Action MOIA	
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions Copy passed ACP

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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Originator's No. **813/1** (.) **RESPECTED** (.) **REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ISSUE 2 BUREAU PATENTERS TO HEADQUARTERS**
ASSIGNED HELIPAD NO. 2000 IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING (.)
KEEP YOUR G/1/1/F ON 15 AUGUST A.) **TRAINING UNIT OF SEVENTH AIRBORNE DIVISION EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER**

628 *will be returned*

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BY ANY MEANS WIRELESS

IF CAPABLE TO DECRYPT OR TO
READ WITH ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Personnel attached to HQ Region VI A.C.C.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
G/6/1/E

23 Sep 44

A.A.I.

Copy to:- AGC SARDINIA for Col SIMONS (Ref your letter of 17 Sep 44)

1. 9 ofrs and 36 OR's of the Italian Army are at present on duty with HQ Region VI, A.C.C., in CAGLIARI.
2. Please state if you agree that these 45 personnel should be charged against the 3,000 ceiling given to A.C.C. under Internal Security tps - Appx "A" to your 1605/50/36/G(ED1) dated 13 Aug 44 refers.

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G. Cox Capt
Major General
M.M.I.A

ABC
c.4

*Should have made all go thru
Establishment branch - This allotment
would overdraw all allotment*

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

MAIL ROOM	G
FILE REF	G/1/R
Date Recd	22/9/44

17 September 1944

Reg 22/a

SUBJECT: A.C.C. Personnel, Italian

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq (AMIA), APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to the fact that nine (9) officers and thirty six (36) enlisted men (Italian) are on duty with Region VI Allied Control Commission.

In accounting, this personnel should not be charged to the Comando Militare della Sardegna Administration nor services, but against the three thousand (3000) list for ACC in paragraph 5, appendix "A", AMIA letter G/6/1/R dated 15 August 1944.

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F. L. Simmons 1813

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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will be interested to know above. Suggest we do as Colonel SIMMONS suggests

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Please make AAI of the above not too pressing a letter

22/9/44

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

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n° 6961 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 12 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Trasformazione df. "Calabria" in divisioni sicurezza in-
terna.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO (MMIA)

Alleg. 1.-

M.M.A.	G/61	F	R O M A
FILE REF			
Date Recd	19/9/44		

In relazione a quanto stabilito da codesta Sottocom-
missione con il foglio G/6/1/F del 15 agosto u.s. e con i
fono SD/1279 e SD/1290 rispettivamente in data 7 e 10 ago-
sto scorso, si trasmette copia del foglio n° 6780/Ord. 18124
del 12 corrente, contenente disposizioni per la trasforma-
zione della df. "Calabria" in divisioni di sicurezza inter-
na.-



In relazione a quanto stabilito da codesta Sotto-commissione con il foglio G/6/1/F del 15 agosto u.s. e con il fono SD/1279 e SD/1290 rispettivamente in data 7 e 10 agosto scorso, si trasmette copia del foglio n° 6780/Ord. 18124 del 12 corrente, contenente disposizioni per la trasformazione della df. "Calabria" in divisioni di sicurezza interna.



*Full report being
with Prof. Ray 16
to be incorporated
in the CALABRIA Division
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 6780/Ord. di prot.

P.M. I51, 12 sett. 1944

OGGETTO : Trasformazione df. "Calabria" in divisione sicurezza interna.

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
(seguito f°6124/Ord. del 21 agosto 1944)

P.M. 50

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DEL I AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI
S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GEN. DEL REGNO

SUA SEDE

- Segreteria Militare -
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

P.M. I51
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- Ufficio del Sottosegretario Eco. Oxilia -
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI ED UFFICI AUTONOMI DEL
MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

LORO SEDE
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AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA

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P.M. I79
S E D E
P.M. I51

ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" DELLO S.M.R.E.
ALLA DELEGAZIONE "T" DELLO S.M.R.E.
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARTIGLIERIA
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

ALL'UFFICIO DEL I AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI
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 AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CO.RR.
 ALL'ISPettorato TRUPPE AUSILIARIE
 A TUTTI GLI UFFICI DELLO S.M.R.E.

SUA SEDE

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1. - Dispongo la costituzione, sotto la data del 25 corrente, della divisione per sicurezza interna "Calabria" mediante trasformazione dell'attuale di. "Calabria".

.. Organizzazione e nominativi della nuova divisione : come da allegato 1.

In detta divisione sono inclusi il 236° reg. ftr., il I/526° ftr., il btg. "guardia linee" (di recente costituzione), i quali reparti devono pure assumere la formazioni e gli organici di cui al seguente n. 2.

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Il comando del 359° rgt.ftr., i comandi di btg. ed i comandi di gruppo che si rendono disponibili, dovranno essere sciolti sotto la data del 25 corrente.

2. - Formazioni ed organici, risultano dall'allegato 2 (1).

3. - Centri di mobilitazione: quelli attuali dei reparti, con le eventuali modifiche che codesto comando riterrà di proporre.

4. - Forza:

Gli organici allegati devono essere riferiti alla forza effettiva dei reparti secondo il nuovo criterio di forza effettiva stabilito dal Ministero Guerra - Dires.Gen.Leva Sott. e Truppa - con circolare che sarà prossimamente diramata (2).

5. - Dislocazione:

Sarà definita da codesto comando, in relazione ai nuovi compiti delle divisione.

6. - Personale:

Sarà utilizzato quello dell'attuale di. "Calabria", del 236° rgt.ftr., del I/526° ftr. e del "btg. guardia linee", sulla base del progetto di massima di cui all'allegato 3.

Nella costituzione dei nuovi comandi e reparti occorre-

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effettiva dei reparti secondo il nuovo criterio di forza effettiva stabilita dal Ministero Guerra - Direz. Gen. Leva Sott. e Truppa - con circolare che sarà prossimamente diramata (2).

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Nella costituzione dei nuovi comandi e reparti occorrerà:

- a) -- escludere i militari che avessero eventualmente diritto a congedo o licenze illimitate; essi devono essere subito smobilitati. Qualora si opponessero difficoltà di trasporto, riunire detti militari in un reparto di formazione, dando subito comunicazione a questo S.II.;

(1) Onesto per gli enti cui il presente foglio è diretto per conoscenze; ed essi è stato già inviato specchio riepilogativo.

(2) In tale circolare è stabilito che devono essere esclusi dalla forza effettiva tutti i militari la cui assenza si protrarrà per un periodo superiore ai 30 giorni (assenti arbitrari, militari in licenza straordinaria, militari in licenza trimestrale, militari in licenza di convalescenza ecc.).

b) - provvedere, d'intesa col Ministero Guerra, ad effettuare i necessari passaggi di arma per gli elementi di frontiera da immettere in reparti di altre armi;

c) - riunire in reparti di formazione il personale esuberante, distinguendo:

- volontari per reparti combattenti
- specializzati
- rimanenti elementi.

} delle classi del 1915 e più giovani

Detti reparti devono essere tenuti a disposizione di questo S.K.

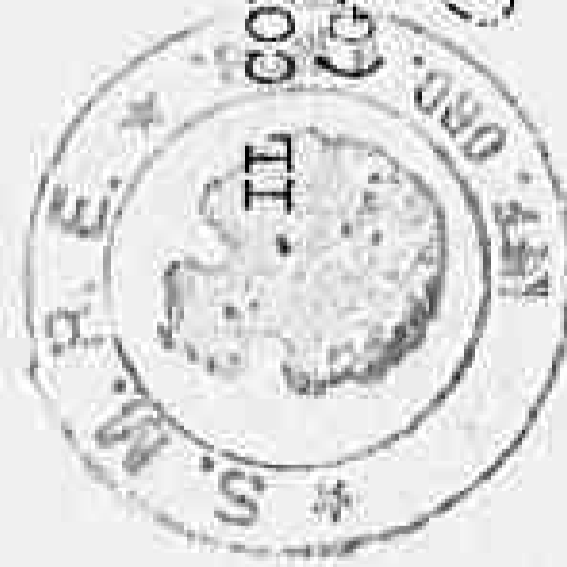
- affidare il comando di btg. o di reparto corrispondente ad ufficiali in s.p.c., inoltrando eventuale richiesta al Ministero Guerra - Direzione Gen. Pers. Ufficiali. Gli ufficiali superiori di complemento dovranno essere ricollocati in congedo secondo le disposizioni in vigore; gli appartenenti a territori non ancora liberati, siano segnalati disponibili al Ministero Guerra.

-- rimanenti clementi.

Detti reparti devono essere tenuti a disposizione di questo S.M.

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7. - Entro il 30 corrente comunicare i prescritti dati per la definitiva sanzione.



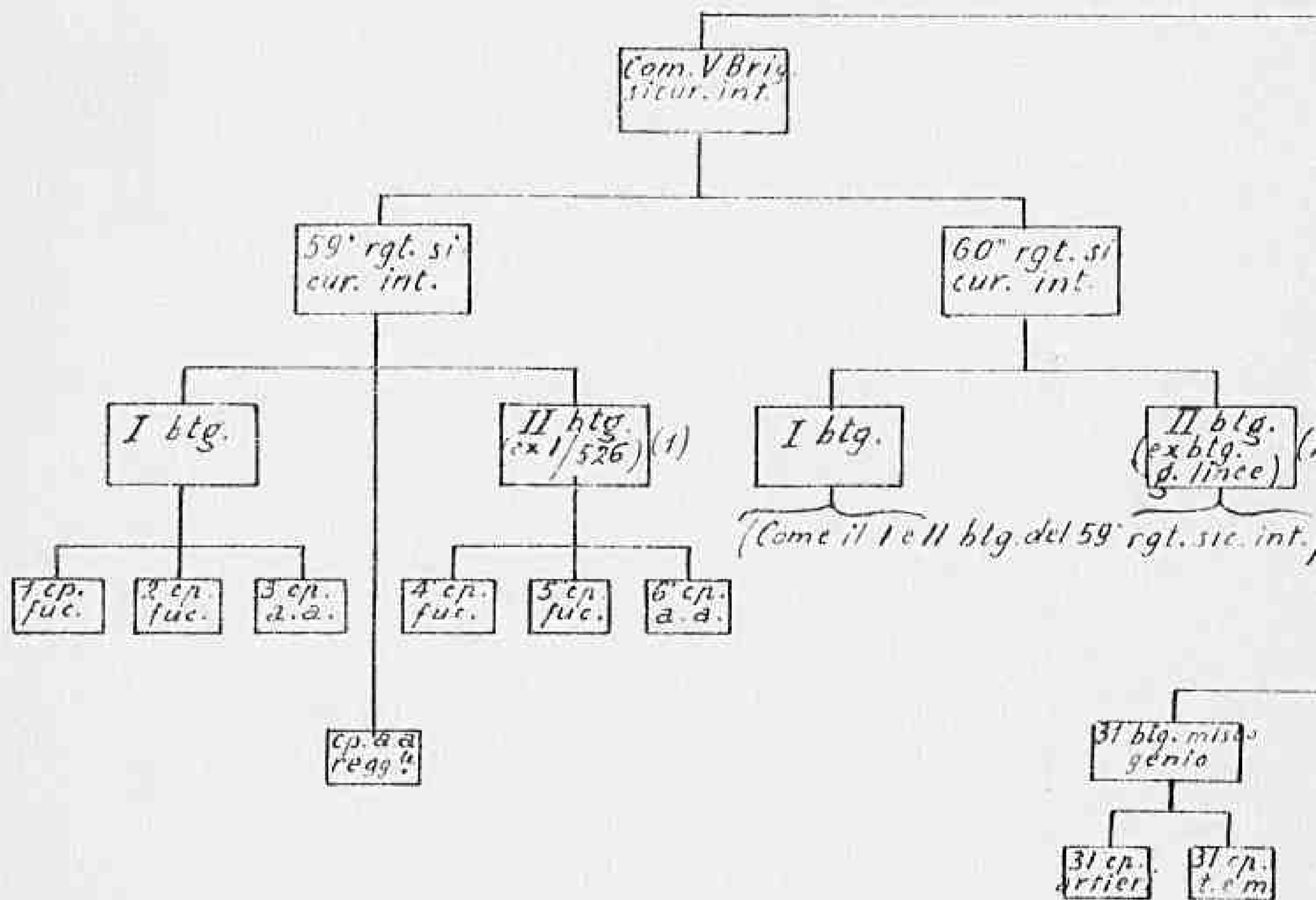
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IL COLONNELLO C.A.P.O. UFFICIO
(Guido Chiarino)

Chiarino

IL CAPO DI STAFFO MAGGIORE
F.to P. Berardi

SCHEMA DI ORGANIZZAZIONE DELLA DIVISIONE S

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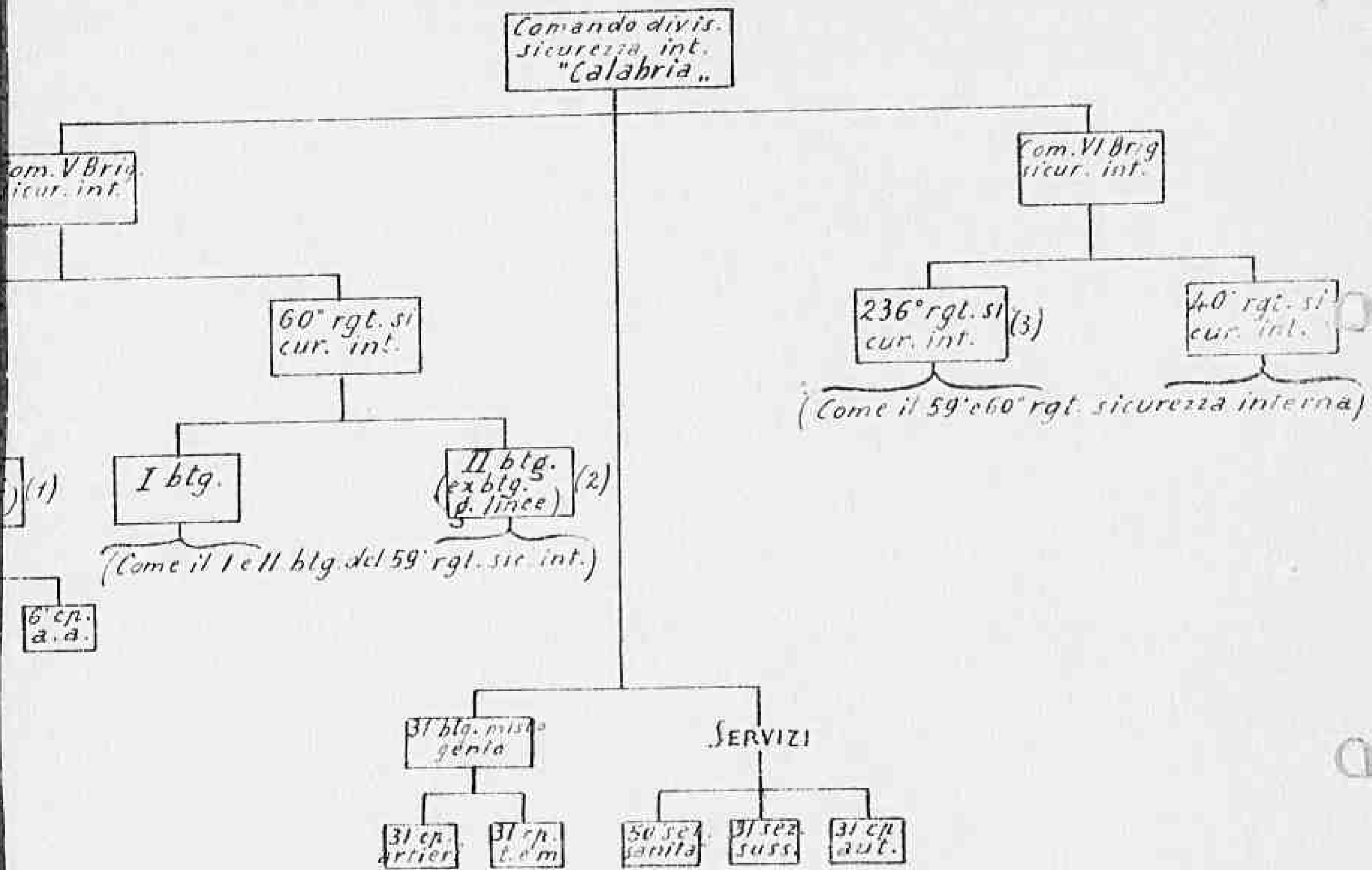


- NOTE**
- (1) Costituito dal 1/526 ftr.; continuerà ad essere adibito alla difesa de
 - (2) Costituito dal btg. "guardia linee", di cui conserva gli attuali comp
 - (3) Conserva gli attuali compiti

Il 236° ftr., il 1/526° ftr. ed il btg. "guardia linee" dovranno essere
e gli organici previsti per i reparti di sicurezza in

Allegato 1. al foglio 6780 del 12-9-44

ORGANIZZAZIONE DELLA DIVISIONE SICUREZZA INT. "CALABRIA"



NOTE

...vera ad essere adibito alla difesa del porto di Cagliari
...nce, di cui conserva gli attuali compiti.

...26° str. ed il btg. "guardia linee" devono assumere le formazioni
...previsti per i reparti di sicurezza interna.

Allegato n°3 al f° 6780/Ord. del 12/9/44.

COSTITUZIONE DELLA DIVISIONE SICUREZZA INTERNA "CALABRIA"
 (za più recenti in possesso di questo Stato Maggiore)

A (1)				Forze secondo gli organici per div. sic. int. (v. all. 2)				Differenze			
I/526 oftr.		big. guardia linee		TOTALE				in più		in meno	
Uff.	Sott. e tr.	Uff.	Sott. e tr.	Uff.	Sott. e tr.	Uff.	Sott. e tr.	Uff.	Sott. e tr.	Uff.	Sott. e tr.
-	-	-	-	21	94	22	78	-	16	1	4
34	573	22	529	332	6469	179	3135 (2)	153	3334	-	-
-	-	-	-	83	1663	57	1031 (3)	26	632	-	-
-	-	-	-	5	157	12	311	-	-	7 (4)	154 (5)
-	-	-	-	5	130	7	68	-	62	2	-
-	-	-	-	4	15	3	22	1	-	-	7 (5)
-	-	-	-	3	71	3	72	-	-	-	1 (5)
34	573	22	529	453	8599	283	4717	180	4044	10	162
-	-	-	-	1	44	1	48	-	-	-	4 (6)

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- (1) - Sono considerati soltanto i presenti al reparto e gli aggregati o in presso altri reparti. Ciò in relazione al nuovo criterio di forza stabilito dal Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale Leva Sottufficiali con circolare che sarà prossimamente emanata.
- (2) - E' la forza corrispondente agli organici di 2 brigate sicurezza interna 1 rgt. da costituire con elementi provenienti dall'artiglieria.
- (3) - E' la forza corrispondente agli organici di 1 rgt. sicurezza interna
- (4) - Da richiedere al Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale Personale Uff
- (5) - Da trarre dal personale di fanteria eccedente, con conseguente trasferimento d'arma.
- (6) - Da richiedere.

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reparti. Ciò in relazione al nuovo criterio di forza effettiva sta-
Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale Leva Sottufficiali e Truppa -
che sarà prossimamente emanata.

corrispondente agli organici di 2 brigate sicurezza interna, meno
stituire con elementi provenienti dall'artiglieria.

corrispondente agli organici di 1 rgt. sicurezza interna.

e al Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale Personale Ufficiali.

Il personale di fanteria eccedente, con conseguente trasferimento

e.

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from MOW
to M 1917

Transf. from
of 10/10/6/1000
Sept 15, 44

Subject: Strength of the Indian Army

In reply to letter of 8/1/44 dated 9/19-44.

① I have checked contents of a few letters. The next strength returns will be complete in accordance to instructions.

② Regarding the employment of the personnel that will result in excess owing to the reduction of strength of the 15th category, I have ordered that the personnel is to be ^{reduced} ~~reduced~~ 1805 ^{reduced} ~~reduced~~ as available to meet other requirements.

I think it advisable to inform you that, the considerable reduction in category 1 from 4500 officers to 2700 will cause ^{with} ~~with~~ those difficulties of career time ^{to be} ~~to be~~ placed with ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ new organization.

will result in excess funds to the reduction
of strength of the 1st category, I have advised
that the personnel is to be immediately 1805
reduced as available to meet other requirements
months.

I think it advisable to inform you that,
the considerable reduction in Category 1 from
4500 officers to 2700 will cause ^{with} those
difficulties of excess funds which will place
in the change over to the new organization.
The required military personnel should be
allocated to arrange the former form & departure
of the reinforcement's echelons in order to
achieve the costs of the various territorial
units to the minimum. It is understood that
that the territorial units will arrange acco-
mpanying most expeditiously.

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It is to be borne in mind that a certain quantity of personnel (agents & clerks) will be available only after their replacement with civilians whose employment is no easy matter.

③ Referring to what has been said above I think that it will not be possible to forward transport requests until since the various reinforcements will with the returns of the Stranville to the 19th of September.

As soon as we shall receive the Stranville returns we will forward with the utmost possible haste the transport requests.

CARALLOTTI

DX 14117

MJ	4	G/S/I/F
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 2006 / G.A.

P.M. 151

n. 13

settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Forza esercito italiano -

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

ROMA

Risposta foglio G/S/I/F del S.S.C.A.

1804

1) Ho preso atto di quanto comunicato col foglio in riferimen-

to. Assicuro che la prossima "situazione forza" sarà compilata conformemente a quanto indicato nel foglio stesso.

2) Per quanto si riferisce all'impiego del personale che si renderà esuberante per effetto della riduzione della forza nella categoria I, ho disposto che il personale stesso sia dato immediatamente disponibile per altre esigenze.

Ritengo però opportuno far presente che, data la rilevante entità della riduzione apportata nella categoria (da 45.000 u. a 27.000) sono inevitabili difficoltà di vario genere nel passaggio alla nuova organizzazione. Occorrerebbe pertanto lasciare ai singoli comandi militari di regione la facoltà di regolare la formazione e la partenza...

Per il no 83

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

R O M A

Disposta foglio 9/8/1/F del 9.9.44.

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Occorre a tale riguardo tener presente che una aliquota del personale (depositi e distretti) si renderà disponibile solo in conseguenza della sostituzione in corso con elementi civili, l'assunzione dei quali, come è noto, non è scevra di difficoltà.

3) Per quanto sopra ritengo che non sia possibile inoltrare tutte le richieste trasporti relative ai vari contingenti di complementi, contemporaneamente all'inoltro degli specchi situazione forza al 19 settembre.

Assicuro, comunque, che l'inoltro delle richieste trasporti di cui si tratta avrà inizio appena nota la situazione forza e proseguirà con la massima celerità possibile.

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

G. Oxilia

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 6625 /Ord. di prot.

P.N. 151, 10 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti da trasferire in Sicilia.
Unità da trasferire

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.N.I.A.)

ROMA

Stampa: 129/10
G/47/12

Risposta al foglio G/6/1/F del 3 corrente.

1.- I dati relativi ai reparti di cui si è richiesto il trasporto dalla Sardegna in Sicilia, sono i seguenti: *Reg.*

Forza	Quantitativo materiali (in quintali) (1)	Automotomezzi			
		Autovetture	Autoc. Legg.	Autoc. pes.	Motociclette
100	70	3	1	-	8
75	50	-	-	(2)3	-
25	50	-	-	-	3

C/do af. "Bari"
33^a sez. sanità
33^a sez. sussis.

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100	70	3	1	-	8	3
75	50	-	-	(2)3	-	3
25	50	-	3	-	-	3
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C/do df. "Bari"

33^a sez. sanità33^a sez. sussis.

(1) trattasi di materiali veri di reparto.

(2) tra cui 1 autobus ed 1 rimorchio.--

2.- Porto di sbarco per tutti : Palermo.--

3.- Il comando militare Sardegna è stato interessato di tenere detti reparti pronti per l'imbarco.--

4.- Allo scopo di effettuare ordinatamente il previsto sdoppiamento della df. "Sabauda", si sarebbe grati se il trasporto di cui sopra venisse effettuato fra breve.--

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Subject:- Strength of the Italian Army

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

9/6/47
9 Sep 47

Max Intelligence

Copy to:- MR BARBERA for SIS/MI

Ref type "D" of our 9/6/47 of 15 AUG 47.

Note the following addition to Italian type "Under ARMED Control (ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION)"

"Det ITALIAN Army with
100 Radio CARRIAGE (50)

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Major General,
Army Sub Commission (OSIA)

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Internal:- File 80/11/2
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Translation

From: M of W. Ref 30047/CA.
To: M M I A. Dat 7 9 44 80

Subject: Strength returns as at Aug 15th

Re your G. 61 F. dated August 30th last.

In reply to the message sent you in your letter, and enclosing the para. for your info and understanding by separate ~~letter~~ ~~of 11/9/44~~ ~~you are invited~~

The "Guide" Brigade was disbanded and its personnel used to form the Pache Tpt. units. The unit was disbanded in the return for Aug 15th because it was then in the process of being disbanded. In fact the Pache Tpt units were only formed on August 1st.

The remark made by CIL regarding the "Guide" Brigade refers only to rfts. sent from the 1001.

It is possible that said rfts., for traditional reasons, have been put together in some sort of a formation pending part of the 9th Assault Unit. In particular since this Ministry has not advised the formation of any special unit, the personnel of said ~~squad~~ is considered to be part of the 9th.

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in para 2 was included in the return on Aug 15th.
because it was then in the process of being disbanded.
In fact the Packe Tpt. units were only formed on August
15th.

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Squad refers only to rpts. sent from the 1801
Brigade to the 9th Assault Unit.

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have been put together in volume but of information
forming part of para 2 of the 9th Assault Unit
formation since this Ministry has not advised the
formation of any special unit the personnel of said
squadron is considered to be part of the 9th
Assault Unit.

2) Quoted in para 2 (d).

For administrative and disciplinary reasons
CIL has included the "Grade" and "Bafis" Bus under
one Command "S Marco R.N. Bgt". No report has been
made on the subject as for practical reasons, it
was considered better policy to give the H.Q. in the
support a free hand.

The two supporting Batteries are -
- The antitank Bty formed by C.I.L. with elements
of the 20 m/m Park Pks section which formed
of the two 60 m Bus.

In the case of these Btys no time followed
the policy referred to above.

(K)

3) Changes in para 3 (b) of strength stipulated in the return for Aug 15th. as at that time in any of these reductions were still being made.

Reduction of strength of Army Internal Admin. units is now taking place. This operation was subject not only to the distribution contained in my own AA/R of July 29th, but also the amendments to same contained in my C.G.I.F. of Aug 15th. as well as other verbal amendments issued until the end of August.

Need the responsibility to include such reductions in our return for Aug 15th. I wish to point out however that said reductions are now taking place with all possible speed.

4) In order to impress upon all units concerned the importance of the ex-militate and punctuality of such returns I have called a meeting of the chiefs of staff of the various units and officers in charge of receive returns. I will personally explain the importance of these documents during the meeting.

I have invited Maj Baumann to be

Review the information in the attached memo
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I have invited Maj. Baumann to be
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on the 4th inst. at 10:00 hrs.

5) As regards the actual sending of the
strength returns, I would suggest the
advisability of extending the period between
the date of the strength and date on which
it has to be delivered from 10 to 15 days.
Thus the return as at the 15th. would be delivered
on the 30th. Sept.

The reason for this request is based
mainly on station of units, difficult means
of communication, detachment, contours,
casualties, disbandment and alteration of units, etc.
which all tend to reduce accuracy and

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practicality when the margin of time is so small:

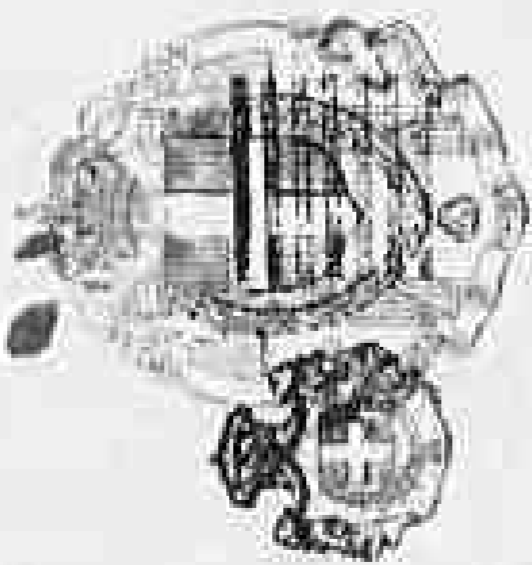
Nevertheless everything possible will be done to adhere to limits of time stipulated and of the remarks contained in para 9 of your G. H. I. dated 2nd. Wst will be borne in mind.

(Sgd.) General OXLEY.



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OGGETTO: Situazione della forza al 15 agosto -
Strength unknown on Aug 15
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

R O M A

Riferimento lettera G.6.1.F del 30 agosto u.s.

In relazione alle richieste fatte da cotesta Sottocommissione con la lettera in riferimento, comunico quanto segue, servendomi, per brevità e migliore comprensione, degli stessi paragrafi adoperati nella citata lettera:

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- il "Reggimento Guide" è stato sciolto ed i suoi elementi destinati a costituire i noti reparti salmerie. Detto reparto è stato ancora incluso nella situazione del 15 agosto u.s. in quanto a tale data erano in corso le operazioni di scioglimento, difatti, i reparti salmerie, sono stati approntati il 21 agosto u.s.;
- la segnalazione fatta dal C.I.L. nei riguardi dello "squadrone guide" si riferisce unicamente ai complementi inviati dal reggimento "guide" al IX reparto d'assalto.

Probabilmente detti complementi, per ragioni di tradizione, saranno stati riuniti in una formazione facente parte del IX reparto d'assalto. Comunque, non essendo stata disposta da questo Ministero alcuna co-

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2o) - Questione di cui al paragrafo 2 (d):

- per necessità di carattere disciplinare ed amministrativo il C.I.L. ha inquadrato i due battaglioni "Grado" e "Bafilo" in un comando di "Pgt. N.S. Marco". Non è stato fatto alcun rilievo in proposito in quanto, per piccole questioni di carattere pratico, si è seguito il criterio di lasciar fare ai comandi in posto;

- le 2 btr. accompagnamento sono:

- la btr. da 65/17, autorizzata.

- altra btr. costituita dal C.I.L. con gli elementi delle sezioni contraeree da 20 mm. che facevano parte dei due btg. suddetti.

Anche per questa batteria si è adottato il criterio sopra espresso.

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3c) - Questione di cui al paragrafo 3 (b):

- nella situazione riferita al 15 agosto non si è potuto tener conto di tutti i provvedimenti relativi alla riduzione della forza alle armi perchè molti di essi sono in corso di attuazione;

- la riduzione della forza degli enti e comandi per l'amministrazione interna dell'Esercito è in atto. Tale movimento ha dovuto tener conto non solo del contenuto della lettera AQ/8 del 29 luglio scorso, ma anche di quello, che sostanzialmente lo modifica, della lettera G.6.1.1. del 15 agosto u.s.; nonché delle altre segnalazioni verbali concrete successivamente fino alla fine di agosto u.s.

Da ciò è conseguita l'impossibilità di includere tale riduzione, nello specchio della forza al 15 agosto.

Informo però che la riduzione di cui trattasi è in corso con la maggior possibile sollecitudine.

4o) - Per chiarire l'importanza e la necessità della precisione degli specchi della situazione della forza, si è indetta una riunione dei capi di stato maggiore delle varie unità e degli ufficiali addetti alla compilazione degli specchi in questione. In questa riunione spiegherò, personalmente, tale necessità ed importanza nonché quella della puntualità del documento.

La riunione avrà luogo il 14 corr. alle ore 10 e ad essa ho invitato ad intervenire anche il Magg. Bauman di cotesta A.S.C.-

5o) - Nei riguardi però della trasmissione degli specchi della forza, mi permetto rappresentare l'opportunità di estendere, da 10 a 15 giorni, il tempo decorrente tra la data di riferimento dello specchio (es. 15 settembre) e quella del suo recapito (es. 30 settembre).

Le ragioni di tale richiesta sono basate soprattutto nel fatto che, le dislocazioni dei reparti, i limitati mezzi di comunicazione, gli svariati distaccamenti, i continui trasferimenti, scioglimenti e trasformazioni dei reparti stessi, ecc., incidono sul ristretto margine di tempo assegnato e vanno a scapito della precisione del documento.

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Tuttavia sarà fatto quanto possibile per rimanere nei limiti di tempo desiderati e sarà tenuto conto di quanto è stato segnalato al capo 9 della lettera G.11.1 in data 2 corrente mese di codesta Sottocommissione.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen. G. P. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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Army Staff Commission, MIA, 78
H.Q. A.C.F. 78

MEMO.

C/Ch/AFK
9 Sept. 44. 9

Ministry of War.

1. Maj. EAD AMM attended a meeting of the War Ministry on 6th. Sept. on the subject of the max. strength return of the Italian Army, due at this H.Q. on 15th. Sept, and then is to confirm what was said at the meeting.
2. The authorized ceiling of 209,000 fixed for the Italian Army will be the ~~maximum effective strength~~ of all units. Its effective strength is meant the total personnel assigned against the authorized establishment of all units. This effective strength of 209,000, as defined above, will not be exceeded.
3. According to the latest strength return the effective strength on 5th. Aug was substantially in excess of 209,000, even allowing for a very large number of men who are stated to be on the effective strength for book-keeping purposes only.
4. The consequences of the situation for the War Ministry becomes more evident in an examination of the six categories. The figures quoted below are "action strengths" - the only basis of comparison available. Strictly speaking the comparison should be made with effective strengths.

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Category	Actual Strength 5 Aug.	Ceiling by Categories.	Over Strength.	Order Strength.
(1)	45,036	27,000	18,036	
(2)	51,220	57,000		2,480
(3)	322,420	160,000		34,571
(4)	5,073	9,000	673	
(5)	37,032	28,000		368
(6)	27,655	10,000	17,655	

In brief, the Allies require 40,000 men to complete their programme, but are unable to do so without exceeding overall ceiling as set for Italy. Italy has 20,000 excess personnel in categories (1) and (6) according to the latest

4. The consistency of the attention for the War "Industry" becomes more evident in an examination of the six categories. The figures quoted below are "total strengths" - the only basis of comparison available. Strictly speaking, the comparison should be made with effective strengths.

Category	Section Strength 5 Aug.	Strength by Category	Over Strength	Under Strength
(1)	45,000	27,000	18,000	2,402
(2)	40,000	50,000		39,570
(3)	100,000	110,000	670	
(4)	5,000	5,000		268
(5)	87,000	28,000		
(6)	27,000	10,000	17,000	

In total, the Allies receive 27,000 men to complete their program. They are unable to do so without excessive central calling on the War Industry staff, but this process is being corrected by 25th Aug and excess personnel available for the Allied programs that date.

5. It is suggested that these returns are now over one month old, but in view of the U.S. change of July (see 11th), Sept. July (see 11th) and 9th July (see 11th) that information should have been corrected by 25th Aug and excess personnel available for the Allied programs that date.

6. It is essential that the new strength program be on 10th, Sept. The effective strength of category (1) does not exceed 27,000. Units within this category should conform with the estimate made 11th Aug in our A/R of 29th July. Unless there is more similar projects in **adhered** to, it will not be possible for the industry to keep within the ceiling of 27,000.

7. Personnel in excess of unit establishments in category (1) will not be shown in this category in the next strength return, but will appear in category (6) as reinforcements (shown by units locations) awaiting to be employed for the Allied program.

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8. (a) All personnel shown as reinforcements in category (6) will be made available forthwith for the Allied program and transport requests submitted simultaneously with the strength return on 15th. Sept. This E.O. will decide on eventual destinations.

(b) Should any part of these lifts not be made available physically for the Allied program a corresponding number of rotations for the period 1 - 9 Oct will subsequently be withheld and deducted from future rotation indicators.

9. Apart from reinforcements and men in hospital no other personnel will be shown in category (6). Any units in the process of being formed for the Allies will be shown in the appropriate sub-paragraphs of category (3).

10. Personnel shown as attached and detached (columns 12/13 and 15/16) will be self balancing within each category.

11. The seriousness of the situation shown in para 4 cannot be exaggerated. It is requested that in communicating receipt of this letter you confirm that the forthcoming strength state will be compiled exactly as required by this letter and that any surplus personnel will be made known immediately available for employment by the Allies.

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D. Browning

Major General,
Army Sub Com. A.C.F.

86.CFB.

Reference attached letter from Edward SE

I spoke to Comdr Lawler and told him our records were available to him to look at whenever he called at this office.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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M.A.I.A.	<i>68</i>
FILE REF	<i>111</i>
Date Recd	<i>3/9/11</i>

2 September 1944.

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SUBJECT: Personnel Strength of Italian Armed Forces. *77 D*

TO : Air Sub-Commission,
Army Sub-Commission, ✓
Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Information has been furnished this office to the effect that approved personnel strength tables are established setting forth the maximum permitted strength, for the armed forces.

2. Since the payment of salaries and allowances, food, clothing and other items based on personnel strength are controlled by monthly budget estimates, a more effective control, to the mutual benefit of all, can be effected if the information set forth in paragraph 1 is furnished to this office.

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3. In the absence of knowledge of the period covered by each approved personnel strength table, the information should be maintained as current with notification of each amendment.

4. Your cooperation is requested.

See note above
Acting
J. J. Lavender
Lieut. Colonel, U.S. C.A.R.
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT:- Internal security Divisions in SICILY

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
G/6/1/F
5 Sep 44

War Ministry

Ref SMRE signal 6339/ord of 31 Aug 44.

1. Your proposals are agreed, providing an equivalent number of personnel in SICILY are demobilised.
2. please submit your usual transport request giving details of strengths, stores, vehicles and destinations.
3. AAI will then be asked to allot Serial numbers on Shipping List 7. 1794

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Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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From: S.M.R.E. *San Antonio* Ref: *Ref No. 6339/AM*
to: *ASACIA* Dated: *31/5/60*

Telephonic message

To confirm verbal communication with Major Beumann

This I.M. would be grateful if the HQ infantry division "Bani" assumed the Command of the 2nd internal security div for liberty forces in letter G/51/E of the 15th inst. Appendix C of M.A.I.A. 1793

Moreover we will be grateful if the M.A.I.A. would authorize the transfer to liberty of the following Companies and units now in Gardinia

- Command infantry division "Bani" strength 100 men*
- 32nd Medical section " " 75 men*
- 33rd Recon section (only) " " 25 men*

with all material and motor transport
(3) we will later point out the most
desirable debarkation locality for the ap-
units.

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R. Mansfield

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO. ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

FONOGRAFICA A MANO

AT M.M.I.A.

RPS 3/9

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No 6339/Ord. - 31 agosto 1944 -

A conferma comunicazione verbale al Magg. BAUMANN.

- 1°) - Questo S.M. gradirebbe che il comando d.f. "Bari" assumesse il comando della seconda divisione di sicurezza interna per la Sicilia prevista dal foglio G/6/1/F del 15 c.m. appendice <sup>61</sup> "CGI" codesta M.M.I.A..
- 2°) - Pertanto si sarà grati se codesta M.M.I.A. vorrà autorizzare il trasferimento in Sicilia dei seguenti comandi e reparti attualmente in Sardegna:

|                                       |              |                                              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| - comando d.f. "Bari"                 | forza 100 u. | } oltre ai materia<br>li e automotonez<br>zi |
| - 33 <sup>a</sup> sezione sanità      | " 75 u.      |                                              |
| - 33 <sup>a</sup> sezione sussistenza | " 25 u.      |                                              |

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codesta M.M.I.A.

20) - Pertanto si sarà grati se codesta M.M.I.A. vorrà autorizzare il trasferimento in Sicilia dei seguenti comandi e reparti attualmente in Sardegna :

- comando d.f. "Bari"                    forza 100 u.            } oltre ai materiali e automezzi
- 33^ sezione sanità                    "        75 u.                }
- 33^ sezione sussistenza                "        25 u.                }

30) - Riserva di precisare la località ove sarebbe desiderabile che dette unità venissero sbarcate.

*Gen. J. Guida*



E. C. C.  
\* IL TEN. COL. in S.S.M. CAPO SEZIONE  
(Giovanni Guida)

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FROM MALA

TO COL ALBERT MALA LO WITH HQ SICILY REGION HQ ACC

RPTD MINISTRY OF WAR

23375 (\*) CONFIDENTIAL (\*) Reference your 683/2 (\*) RATION (\*)  
Rations to be issued in SICILY effective one September will be limited to the  
number specified in our C/6/1/F of 15 August (\*) Any rations issued in  
excess will be recaptured by underissue in future (\*) No rpt no authorized 30  
for extending date (\*) No rpt no delay will be permitted in the operation  
of this order regardless of the number of men who do not get rations (\*)  
\*\*\*\*\* SEC END (\*) Both Internal Security Divisions when organized will

Orders to be issued in WILLY effective on September will be limited to the number specified in our 0/6/2/E of 15 August (\*) Any orders issued in excess will be recaptured by underlines in future (\*) No rpt no authority for extending date (\*) No rpt no delay will be permitted in the operation of this order regardless of the number of men who do not get rations (\*) EXCELLENCE AND (\*) Both Internal Security Divisions when assigned will remain under command 56 Area (\*) THIRD (\*) SF is abbreviation for SUPPORT

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Your G/6/1/F of 15 August, received 30 August. ?

Immediate instructions sent to Military HQ Sicily to put same ~~in~~ into effect. Military HQ Sicily received no rpt no instructions from Ministry of War to date. Extended date in Para 12 of 789 September, which date may be impracticable due to dispersion of troops over island and operational assignments. Will SABAUDA Div when reorganized remain under command 56 Area? Request ~~xxxx~~ clarification of quote SP quote in REGT SP CO Appendix B

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Subject: Strength Return as of 15th August.

Army Sub Commission, HQIA  
R.O. A.C.C.

DATE: *30* 9/16/48  
Aug. 48.

To: Minister for War

Reference your Strength Return as of 15th August.

1. (a) It is noted that the figures carried on your return for the C.I.L. agree with the strength return submitted by C.I.L. to you as of 5th August with the exception that under "IX Reporto Diassalto" the C.I.L. return carried "Squadrons Guide" separately while your return shows the "Squadrons Guide" included in the total for IX Reporto Diassalto.
  - (b) It is evident that C.I.L. carries the Squadrons Guide as a separate organization. Authority was issued to you as *1708* reinforcement from the Guide Group to the C.I.L. No separate was granted for a separate organization of the Guide Groups in C.I.L. Later, the Guide Group was ordered to P.B.S. and subsequently converted into Pale Companies. Therefore the Guide Group does not exist, and the separate unit called "Squadrons Guide" in the C.I.L. will be abolished and the personnel thereof will be absorbed in the IX Reporto Diassalto as was originally ordered.
  - (c) Why have orders not been complied with?
2. (a) It is also noted that the C.I.L. return shows "Regt. B.I.S. Marco CC. NR." while your return shows "Regt. 5. Marco B.I.S. 1 Cdo 6. No. 2 Btr. accept."
  - (b) Authority has been issued for two battalions and one battery of the San Marco to be in the C.I.L.
  - (c) As now shown, a regimental Headquarters has now been organized.

Included in the total for 13 Regiments D'Assault.

(b) It is evident that C.I.L. carries the Squawonee Guide as a separate organization. Authority was issued to send reinforcements from the Guide Group to the C.I.L. to maintain C.I.L. later, the Guide Group was ordered to P.B.S. and subsequently converted into the 1st Regt. Company. Therefore the Guide Group does not exist, and the separate unit called "Squawonee Guide" in the C.I.L. will be abolished and the personnel thereof will be absorbed in the 13 Regiments D'Assault as was originally ordered.

(c) Why have orders not been complied with?

2. (a) It is also noted that the C.I.L. return shows "Regt. B.S. Marco CC. 31" while your return shows "Regt. S. Marco B.S. 1. Cdo e No. 2 Btr. 50000."

(b) Authority has been issued for two battalions and one battery of the Sen Marco to be in the C.I.L.

(c) As now shown, a regimental Headquarters has now been organized.

(d) Why?

3. (a) The return shows the strength of the Army, including CC. 31, to be in excess of 47,000, with about 55,000 on leave. Instructions have been issued to reduce the strength of the Army to 364,000, including 55,000 CC. 31. The strength of the Army, including sick, and absent for any reason will not exceed the figure of 369,000 for the Army and 55,000 for the CC. 31.

(b) When will the strength of the Army be reduced to the proper number?

4. (a) Instructions were issued over 60 days ago for the Imperial Administrative units of the Army to be reduced to 27,000 and that not more than this number would be employed in this category. On your strength return you carry 45,000 as present and drawing returns in this category.

(b) Why?

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5. I must inform you that strength returns must be submitted promptly and correctly. It will be permissible to submit your return to this H.Q. on the 1st, and 15th, of each month, based on the returns submitted to you by your units on the preceding 20th, and 5th. The allowance of 10 days for the unit to submit return to you and for consolidation by you is sufficient. Therefore it is desired that you issue the necessary instructions to this effect.

6. Replies to the questions in paragraphs 1(c), 2(d), 3(b) and 4(b), will be treated as urgent.

Gh. Bob.

*Richard*  
Major General, A.C.S.  
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Subject :- Strength of Italian Army.

To :- Col. SIMONS, SARDINIA.  
Copy to Ministry for War.  
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A.G., M.M.I.A.  
Movements, M.M.I.A.

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Army Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.  
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With reference to note on Appendix D, M.M.I.A. letter G/6/1/F of 15th August, 1944, the following recommendations of the Ministry for War have been approved.

(a) In addition to the "Services" shown add the following (Category 1).

Vet and Remount Personnel 50  
Rail and Port Movements Control 20

(b) The following personnel destined for the mainland will be allowed to remain on the Island as long as possible. 1755

M.I. personnel for H.C. SARDINIA 40 (1 Section)  
Medical Personnel 160

Vet and Rescort Personnel 50  
Reil and Port Movements Control 20

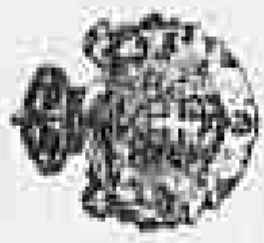
(b) The following personnel destined for the Mainland #785  
be allowed to remain on the island as long as possible

A.T. personnel for H.C. SANDLEA 40 (1 Section)  
Medical Personnel 160

(c) The Workshops Unit now numbering about 500 men and engaged in repair and reclamation of vehicles will be gradually cut down to about 250 men. It is intended that these men be among the last to be sent to the Mainland. However, if useful work remains to be done when it comes time to send these men, please review the position and send your recommendations as to any number of men for this work to be retained as an addition to the Garrison until the repair and reclamation of vehicles is accomplished.

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

**URGENTISSIMO**



**MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA**

**GABINETTO**

N. di prot. 300/25 /C.A.

P.M. 107 h 21 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Forza dell'Esercito Italiano - presidio della Sardegna. -



ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) R O M A  
e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO S E D E

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Riferimento lettera n° G/6/1/F del 15 agosto. -

1°) - In conformità di quanto contenuto nella lettera in riferimento, sono in corso di diramazione a cura dello Stato Maggiore R. Esercito le disposizioni di competenza relative alla riduzione della forza in Sardegna.

2°) - Questo Ministero, prima di emanare le disposizioni relative alle riduzioni da apportarsi agli organi amministrativi dell'Isola (formazioni territoriali e servizi), ritiene opportuno precisare quanto in appresso specificato:

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Formazioni territoriali: nell'allegato "D" al foglio in riferimento è stato omissa il personale indispensabile per il funzionamento di:

- 3 distretti e 7 depositi dell'Isola; computando un minimo di personale militare di 10 u. per ciascun ente, occorrono in totale 100 u.;

- tribunale militare; 24 u.

Servizi:

a)- sanità: tenuto conto della particolare situazione dell'Isola (malaria) e dal fatto che sugli stabilimenti sanitari del R.Esercito viene a gravare anche il personale dei cc.rr., della r.guardia di finanza ed anche (aliquote) della R.Marina, si ritiene che il personale sanitario dell'Isola non possa essere ridotto al di sotto di 90 ufficiali e 750 sottufficiali e truppa.

Naturalmente l'eccesso di 160 u. rispetto all'aliquota fissata da codesta A.S.C. (680 u.) verrebbe compensato da una corrispondente riduzione nel personale in penisola in modo da non superare le 8.000 unità fissate in totale per il servizio di sanità.

La sezione autoambulante può essere ridotta da 41 a 32 unità.

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- b)- motorizzazione e trasporti: è stato omezzo. Occorrerebbe:
- riparazioni, recuperi, depositi c.l.: 650 u. che possono però essere ridotti a soli 250 u. allorchè sarà ultimato il ripristino dei forti blocchi di automezzi da tempo raccolti;
  - autotrasporti: 1 autosezione, almeno, a disposizione del Comando Militare dell'Isola (40 u.) oltre ai 2 pl. automobilistici assegnati alla 205<sup>a</sup> divisione;
  - delegazione trasporti 610<sup>a</sup> ed ufficio imbarchi e sbarchi: 50<sup>20</sup> u.
  - c)- artiglieria: è stato omezzo. Attualmente assorbe 1100 u. per 8 depositi munizioni e 5 magazzini di materiali di artiglieria. Il personale potrà essere ridotto gradatamente a 150 u.: occorre però avere il tempo ed i mezzi di trasporto per potere accentrare tutto questo materiale in modo da risparmiare elementi per la vigilanza e manutenzione.
  - d)- genio e collegamenti: è stato omezzo. Sarebbe indispensabile lasciare per comando genio, direzione lavori, magazzino e laboratorio, deposito 13<sup>o</sup> reggimento genio, e per la manutenzione delle linee telegrafiche almeno 400 u..
  - e)- Ippica e veterinaria: è stato omezzo. Occorrerebbe poter mantenere in vita, sia pure con massima parte di personale civile, il centro rifornimento quadrupedi di Bonorva ed il deposito cavalli stalloni di Ozieri; il personale militare sarebbe ridotto rispettivamente a 20 e 40 unità: totale 60 u..

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Qualora codesta A.S.C. accedesse alle proposte modifiche, si otterrebbe una maggiore aderenza dell'organizzazione dell'Isola alle reali necessità in tale campo, senza peraltro apportare un rilevante aumento (complessivamente 1130 u.) alla quota totale fissata per la guarnigione italiana.

Naturalmente gli aumenti di cui sopra che verrebbero apportati in Sardegna rimarrebbero comunque compresi entro le quote stabilite per ciascuna categoria da codesta A.S.C. complessivamente per tutto il territorio (continente ed isole).

Andria (Calabria)  
 150 -  
 160 -  
 650 / 250  
 40 -

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

*G. Oxilia*

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Minister for War

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Col Simmons, SARDINIA

Lt Col Albert, SICILY

Maj Fielden

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Reference Appendix "B", NSIA letter G/6/1/P of 15 August.

The item "2 Sign Co (150 x 2) -- 300" will be changed to read

"2 Support Companies (150 x 2) -- 300"

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Maj Gen  
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MSG Center No : 11/23  
Classification : SECRET  
Precedence : PRIORITY  
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To : AFHQ (ATTN: LIAISON OFFICERS)

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Dated 3 Aug year 1605/50 /36/G (SDI) rec'd cables from combined chiefs of staff necessitate a revision of the existing figure for ITALIAN armed forces personnel to be considered as effective under terms of FAN 338. This study now being made at the HQ. At this time no revision had to be made therefore in the figure for internal security formations as instructed in one FX 1,02 of 3 July.

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Provisional plans for wind-up of man-power situation  
in SARDINIA

Based on Gen MATTIOLI's report of 15 Aug and MMIA  
directive G/6/I/F of 15 Aug.

Strength on 5 Aug: 69,143

1. Main categories to remain in SARDINIA:

- HQ and services
- + Delegatione trasporti
- + V and R ests
- CALABRIA Div
- 205 Div under Allied comd
- AA and CD

(+) 5388 less 350 naval personnel (MADDALENA) and 189 men with 20mm guns already incl in 205 Div.

2. Units destined for mainland:

HQ VII Corps  
BARI Div

CREMONA Div  
GRANATIERI Div

MATTIOLI's proposals

4900  
  
7600  
9000  
4849  
  
26349

Amended instrs to be issued by SMRE

1180  
20  
50  
5000  
9000  
4849 (+)  
1,121  
  
20099

to be disbanded  
6400 eight ga bns  
160 four regt HQ  
100 Div HQ for SICILY  
270 spare  
8000 mainland  
2145 to FRIULI  
4000 ~~four~~ ga bns  
80 two rest HQs

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*Gen. P.*

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2. Fms destined for mainland:

- HQ VII Corps
- BARI Div

347  
6930

to be disbanded  
6400 eight gd bns  
160 four regt HQ  
100 Div HQ for SICILY  
270 spare  
8000 mainland  
2145 to FRIULI  
4000 ~~four~~ gd bns  
80 two regt HQs  
454 avrs for F and C Divs

- CREMONA Div
- GRANATIERI Div

8000  
6679

3. CONGEDANDI

3000

4. Available for employment:

- Inf and arty personnel
- Alpini (older classes)
- cav (serials 209/350)
- enars (? serials)
- CW
- med sups
- personnel of avr regts (incl non-dvrs)
- MT mechanics
- TC personnel (already left)

7400  
95  
300  
2300  
225  
1040  
800  
940  
300  
224

These figures to be amended as a result of reductions in para 1.

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Notes: Inf and arty personnel; less 506 serials 108B  
do 1466 " 202  
remainder " 305/307  
dvrs : less 290 serial 106A

STA. J MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie  
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15 agosto 1944

TRUPPE RECUPERABILI DALLA SARDEGNA

Riferisco qui appresso circa la mia missione in Sardegna:

Secondo le indicazioni della M.M.I.A. le forze che debbono restare in Sardegna debbono essere costituite dalle seguenti aliquote:

- a) Divisione "CALABRIA" N° 1780
- b) Contingente a disposizione degli alleati
- c) Truppe per la difesa c.a. e costiera
- d) Elementi costitutivi dei comandi e servizi dell'Isola.

A) - Divisione "CALABRIA"

La M.M.I.A. ha comunicato:

- in detta divisione non debbono essere più considerati i reparti della divisione stessa impiegati nello scaglione B) di cui appresso (circa 3.000 u.);
- per compensare tali perdite debbono essere inclusi nella Divisione il 236° rgt. ftr. adibito alla difesa della Maddalena (1.900 u. circa) ed il btg. adibito alla difesa del porto di Cagliari (900 u. circa).

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Sta però di fatto che il Comando Militare della Sardegna, per ripianare i vuoti prodottisi nella divisione per il trasferimento di unità a disposizione degli alleati, ha nei giorni scorsi disposto il rinforzo di detta divisione con l'afflusso di complementi tratti da reparti sciolti, portandola ad una forza di circa 4800 uomini.

Ne deriva che, aggiungendo a tale forza quella del 236° rgt. ftr. e quella del btg. difesa porto Cagliari, gli effettivi complessivi della divisione risultano di 7.600 u. circa.

Di tale forza però 500 u. sono impegnati, a richiesta del Col. Simons -rappresentante della M.M.I.A. in Sardegna-, per la creazione di reparti guardia linee a disposizione degli alleati, i quali -come lo stesso Simons ha specificato- non debbono figurare nel contingente B). Di più la divisione "Calabria" deve fornire ancora 250 u. per protezione impianti, voluti dagli alleati ed anche questi da non includere nel contingente B).

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B) Contingente a disposizione degli alleati.

Esso é stato costituito con unità indicate dagli stessi alleati, ripartite in 5 gruppi e dipendenti dal Comando 205<sup>a</sup> divisione: forza complessiva 9.000 u. circa.

C) Truppe per la difesa c.a. e costiera.

La M.M.I.A. ha consegnato un elenco delle unità destinate a tale compito, con un effettivo complessivo (uff. e truppa) di 5.388 u. Nei riguardi di tale elenco, il Col. Simmons ha notato che, a quanto gli risultava, non era ancora nota la decisione definitiva che secondo lui spetta all'A.F.H.Q. (Comando in Capo del Mediterraneo) e non all'A.A.I.

Comunque l'elenco é stato preso a base dei calcoli, escludendo però nel computo della forza:

- le 14 sezioni da 20 mm., poiché già comprese nel contingente B):  
totale 189 u.
- le unità dislocate alla Maddalena, in quanto appartenenti alla R. Marina: totale 350 u.

Dato ciò, la forza di questo scaglione da considerare nei calcoli é effettivamente di 4.489 u.

D) Elementi costitutivi di comandi e servizi assegnati all'isole.

Il Comando Militare della Sardegna ha ricevuto finora gli organici di ciò che deve restare nell'isola, soltanto per una parte dei servizi.

Dato ciò, per quei servizi per i quali mancano ancora dati sicuri, si son dovuti stabilire -in linea approssimativa o presuntiva- le aliquote che potranno essere assegnate all'isola sulla forza complessiva comunicata dagli alleati. Tale scaglione comporta una forza di

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 Dato ciò, la forza di questo scaglione da considerare nei calcoli è effettivamente di 4.489 u.

D) Elementi costitutivi di comandi e servizi assegnati all'isola.  
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FORZA RECUPERABILE PER IL TRASFERIMENTO IN CONTINENTE

Nel calcolo di tale forza si è assunta come base la situazione al giorno 5 agosto, dalla quale risulta una forza vettovagliata di 68.579 uomini, più 564 in breve licenza: TOTALE 69.143.

Detraendo da tale forza i seguenti scaglioni (uff. e truppa):

1. truppe che restano nell'isola
- |                          |      |        |   |
|--------------------------|------|--------|---|
| comandi e servizi        | 1020 | 4900   | ) |
| divisione "Calabria"     | 5000 | 7600   | ) |
| - a disposizione alleati | 1000 | 9000   | ) |
| difesa c.a. e costiera   | 5388 | 4849   | ) |
|                          |      | (-539) | ) |

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2. G.U. destinate in continente

|                                                                               |      |        |                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|----------------------------|
| comando VII C.A.                                                              | 347  |        |                            |
| divisione "BARI" (compresi<br>530 u. del Com. Div., ge-<br>nio e servizi (1)) | 6930 | 21.956 | 100<br>160<br>+ 1000 + 100 |
| divisione "Cremona"                                                           | 8000 |        |                            |
| divisione "Granatieri" (2)                                                    | 6679 | (5 km) | 4000 + 1000 + 100          |
|                                                                               |      |        | + 6 in Italia              |
| 3. <u>Congedandi</u> (adempiti a presentazione)                               |      | 3.000  |                            |

6679  
1500  
4579

resta disponibile per l'impiego in continente una forza complessiva di 13.757 u. (di cui un migliaio di ufficiali) cui vanno aggiunti i recuperabili di 4081 ammalati che non è possibile per il momento precisare.

I recuperabili risultano, nel complesso, così ripartiti:

|                                                                       |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| - elementi di fanteria ed artiglieria utilizzabili<br>come lavoratori | 7.400 (-506)  |
| - alpini (quasi tutti di classi anziane)                              | 95            |
| - cavalleggeri                                                        | 300 (1778.6)  |
| - genio                                                               | 2.300 - 7     |
| - chimici                                                             | 225           |
| - sanità                                                              | 1.040         |
| - sussistenza                                                         | 800           |
| - autieri (compresi elementi dei servizi reggimen-<br>tali)           | 940           |
| - meccanici automobilisti                                             | 500           |
| - movieri                                                             | 224           |
|                                                                       | <u>13.624</u> |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| - alpini (quasi tutti di classi anziane)                    | 95            |
| - cavallegeri                                               | 300           |
| - genio                                                     | 2.300-7       |
| - chimici                                                   | 225           |
| - sanità                                                    | 1.040         |
| - sussistenza                                               | 800           |
| - autieri (compresi elementi dei servizi reggimen-<br>tali) | 940           |
| - meccanici automobilisti                                   | 300           |
| - movieri                                                   | 224           |
|                                                             | <u>13.624</u> |

Tale forza era disponibile il giorno 5 agosto; alla data odierna sono già partiti per il continente i seguenti scaglioni:

- cp. movimento stradale 224 u.
- conducenti 506 u. (attinti agli elementi di ftr. e artiglieria)
- autieri 290 u. (106 H)

L'aliquota di 7400 lavoratori suindicata -già ridottasi dei 504 conducenti partiti per il continente- non é sufficiente per fornire i contingenti di lavoratori richiesti dagli alleati (1466+ + 7500). La M.M.I.A. dirà se, a tale scopo, é possibile attingere anche agli elementi del genio, della sanità, della sussistenza, ecc.

NOTE: (1) Alla data odierna sono già partiti per l'Italia 1007 uomini (u ficiali e truppa);

(2) Alla data odierna sono già partiti per l'Italia 2145 uomini (ufficiali e truppa)



Tutto il personale ora detto potrà essere inviato in continente in un conveniente lasso di tempo, dato che occorre disimpegnarlo dai servizi nei quali è attualmente impiegato e recuperare gli ammalati ed i convalescenti.

In particolare si può prevedere il seguente ritmo di partenze:

- entro il mese di agosto 4000 uomini
- entro il mese di settembre 7000 "
- entro il mese di ottobre il resto

Tale ritmo non può essere accelerato perché si tratta ormai degli ultimi recuperi che possono venire effettuati a piccoli nuclei, i quali debbono affluire dalle più svariate provenienze.

Sulle conclusioni ora dette concorda sia il gen. Brunetti sia il col. Simmons.

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IL GENERALE ISPETTORE  
(E. Mattioli)



From: SA RE.

Translation

Date 18 July

TROOPS THAT CAN BE RECOVERED  
IN SARDINIA.

Remember results of my mission in Sardinia -  
According to MMIA stipulations the force which is  
to remain in Sardinia is to be formed by the  
following elements: -

- a) "CARRERA" Div.
- b) Units at the disposal of the Allies.
- c) Ack Art + Coastal Defense Units.
- d) H Q and Service Units if the Island. 1.76

A) - "CARRERA" Div.

MMIA states that units employed as per b) shall no longer be considered as primary part of the Div. (about 3000 men). In order to compensate for this loss the 236th Inf Bgt. (employed in the defense of Maddalena) (1900 men) and the Bn. employed in the defense of the port of Cagliari (900 men) will be included in the Div.

The last is through the Sardinia

HQ and Division units of the Island. 1.76

A) "CABABIA" Div.

MMIA state that units employed as per b) shall no longer be considered as forming part of the Div. (about 3000 men). In order to compensate for this loss the 236th Inf. Regt. (employed in the defense of Madrasina) (1900 men) and the Reg. employed in the defense of the port of Cagliari (900 men) will be included in the Div.

The fact is, though, that Sardinia this Command, in order to make possible losses due to transfer of Div. units to the Allies, have, during the last few days, moved to the to be deduced from disbanded units, bringing the strength of the unit up to about 4800 men.

Consequently if the strength of the 236th Inf. Regt. and the Cagliari Port Defense Bn., are added the total strength of the Div. will be brought up to about 7600 men.

If this strength, however, 500 men have

been allotted to a line guard unit at the request of Col. Simons - MMIA representative in Sardinia - but by order of said Col. Simons these 500 men although employed by the Allies must not be included in Contingent (b). Further, more 250 men must be supplied by the "Calabria" Div. for vital points duty for the Allies and these must also NOT be included in Contingent (b) -

B) Contingent at disposal of the Allies.  
This contingent is provided by units nominally by the Allies. It is divided into 5 groups under HQ. 205 Div. Total strength about 9000 men.

C) TROOPS for ACEC ACEK and Coastal Defense  
MMIA have issued a list of the units allotted to these duties, with a total strength (off + ORs) of 5,380 men. Regarding this list, Col. Simons, that as far as he knows a definite

5 groups under H.Q. 205 Div. Total strength about 9000 men.

### C) TROOPS for AOK AOK and Coastal Defense

MMIA have issued a list of the units allotted to these duties, with a total strength (off. + OES) of 5,380 men. Regarding this list, Col. Simpson, pointed out, that as far as he knew, a definite decision has not been reached and such decision must come from AFHQ. (Colonel E. M. Ford) and not AF1.

The list however does not include in the total strength:-

14, 20 m/m sections, as they are already included in Contingent B) with a total strength of 189 men. Units stationed at Maddalena, since they belong to the Navy. Total 350 men.

Being this in mind the strength of this contingent to be taken as a basis for calculation should be 4,489 men.

D) HQ's and Services to the Island  
 Cavalry Mil Command has no for  
 received W.C. for only part of the services  
 which showed remain on the Island.

The services for which no definite data  
 has yet been received, should be  
 considered, bearing in mind the total  
 strength communicated by the Allies, to  
 require a strength of 4900 men, approx.

STRENGTH that can be received for transport  
 to Maunabo 1175

As a basis for calculating the above  
 strength we have used strength return of  
 troops fed on the island as at Aug 5th, i.e.  
 68,579 men. plus 564 on short leave = 69,143 total

STRENGTH that can be recovered for Tramper 1175  
to Mawland.

As a basis for calculating the average strength we have used strength returns of troops fed on the island at Aug 5th. i.e. 68,579 men, plus 564 on Short leave = 69,143 total

If we subtract from said strength the following contingent (off + ORs): -

1. Troops remaining on the Island

|                       |      |   |       |
|-----------------------|------|---|-------|
| H G's + Seivours      | 4900 | } | 26349 |
| "Calabria" Div.       | 7600 |   |       |
| RT disposal of Allies | 9600 | } |       |
| A A & Coastal Defense | 4849 |   |       |

2. Drs. allotted maintain

|                                                              |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| HQ. 7th Army Corps                                           | 347.    |
| "Bain" Div (inc. 530 men of<br>Div H.Q., Hq. + Services) (1) | 6930.   |
| "Gumora" Div.                                                | 8000.   |
| "Paratree" Div. (2)                                          | 6679.   |
|                                                              | 21,956. |

## 3. To be released

3000.

Thus there remain available for employment on the maintain a total strength of 13,757 men (of which about 1000 officers to which are to be added those who can be recovered out of the 4081 sick the number of which cannot be recovered at present.

Thus recoverable ~~to~~ can be divided:

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Inf. + Art. available for labour | 7,400 |
| Albans (nearly all old)          | 95    |



Employment on the mainland a total strength of 13,757 men (of which about 1,000 officers to which are to be added those who can be recovered out of the 4,081 sick the number of which cannot be reckoned at present.

Those recoverable ~~it~~ can be divided:

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Inf. + Artillery available for labour | 7,400         |
| Alpines (nearly all old)              | 95            |
| Cavalry                               | 300           |
| Eng...                                | 2,300         |
| Chemists                              | 225           |
| Medical                               | 1,040         |
| Supplies                              | 800           |
| Drivers (inc. those in Regt. series)  | 940           |
| Motor mechanics                       | 300           |
| T.C. personnel                        | 224           |
|                                       | <u>13,624</u> |

NOTES: (1) 1,007 men (off. + ORs) have been left for mainland  
 (2) 2,145 men (i. i.) " " " "

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The above strength was available on Aug. 5th. Up to today the following groups have left for the mainland:

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Reed Coy        | 224 men.                      |
| Drivers (Quads) | 506 " (Person from Inf + Art) |
| Drivers         | 290 "                         |

The 7400 laborers mentioned above - now reduced by 504 drivers sent to the mainland - is not sufficient to meet Allied laborer requirements (14666 + 7500). M M I A will have 1574 pay whether in order to reach that figure it is possible to draw from the Eng., medical, Engineer, etc. personnel.

All personnel referred to can be shipped to the mainland within a reasonable period of time, bearing in mind that such personnel has to be released from its present duties and it is necessary to recover such and consistent

may indicate in order to reach that figure it is possible to draw from the log, medical, supplies, etc. personnel.

All personnel referred to can be shipped to the mainland within a reasonable period of time, bearing in mind that such personnel has to be released from its present duties and it is necessary to recover sick and convalescent.

One may estimate the following departures:

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| During August | 4000 men.      |
| " Sept.       | 7000 "         |
| " Oct.        | the remainder. |

This rate of shipment cannot be accelerated since recovery would of the lost men would have to be made from small units stationed in remote areas.

Both Gen. Remetti and Col. Ammirato agree with these conclusions. (Sqd) Gen. MATTIOLI.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie  
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P.M. 151, li 17 agosto 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.  
Per il Signor Capitano Selby R o m a

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Come d' intesa col Maggiore Bauman si trasmette copia di  
una relazione presentata dal Generale Mattioli circa la forza  
recuperabile in Sardegna.



GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Santi)

*Alexandro Santi*

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SUBJECT:- Employment of the Italian Armed Forces

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: PHLPOF 73

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22 Aug 44

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1. With reference to the visit of Major Barnes, the views of AAI on cables RAN 720, RAN 307, Troopers 67588 and RAN 321 are attached in the form of minutes of the meeting held at this HQ on 21 Aug 44.
2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form.

*Done*  
*[Signature]* 23/8  
*[Signature]*  
General,  
Commander in Chief.

*(K)*

\* With paraphrases of cables in para 1.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING ON CCS PROPOSALS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE  
ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ON A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BASIS, HELD

AT HQ AAI AT 0930 HRS ON 21 AUG 44

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: - PULFOT 73

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22 Aug 44

Chairman

Brigadier COOCHER

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Present

Brigadier-General

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Brigadier

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Chairman

Brigadier COOPER C(SD)

Present

|                   |          |       |
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| Brigadier-General | HAJELM   | DCAO  |
| Brigadier         | RITCHIE  | DQMG  |
| Colonel           | JONES    | Q(AE) |
| Colonel           | KERR     | MBIA  |
| Colonel           | FIDUSLEY | MOIA  |
| Colonel           | WELCH    | A     |
| Lt-Col            | McQUEEN  | G(SD) |
| Lt-Col            | NOAKES   | MBIA  |
| Major             | ELWES    | APHQ  |
| Major             | MORGAN   | G(SD) |
| Major             | WARREN   | MOIA  |
| Captain           | GRAHAM   | G(SD) |
| Captain           | PASCAREL | Q(AE) |

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1. The meeting discussed the interpretation to be placed on certain points raised in the following signals between CCS, AFHQ and the War Office:-

RAF 720

FAN 387

TRAGERS 67588

FAN 391

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INTERPRETATIONS

Interpretations were as follows:-

(a) The CCS proposals mean that with effect from a date to be laid down later the Italian Army employed by the Allies will be split into three categories, namely:-

- (i) Personnel serving US exclusively
- (ii) Personnel serving British exclusively
- (iii) Personnel serving both Allies and therefore employed "internationally".

(b) That as a result of 1 (a) above the supply of US and British categories becomes the sole responsibility of the US and British respectively and that the supply of the "International" category is continued as before under the terms of PIN 538.

(c) That the term "supply" in PIN 591 covers the provision and issue of all items of equipment, rations, clothing, medical stores etc.

(d) Reference para 2 of PIN 587, it is assumed that the term "US origin" applies only to articles which are owned by US Forces in this Theatre. 1770

2. BRANION OF THE CEILING

The meeting approved the breakdown of the ceiling of the Italian Army attached at appendix 'A'.

(a) It was considered that, in view of the need for issuing personal arms and equipment to reinforcements immediately after arrival at reinforcement depots, it will be necessary to provide backing for reinforcements in each category. The allotment of reinforcements to each of the three categories will be made by JAJ.

(b) It was agreed that in order to keep units up to 75/70 strength the following reinforcement ceilings would be necessary:-

(i) For combat groups ..... 10%

(ii) For all other units  
excl Carabinieri ..... 5%



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(b) That as a result of (1) above, the categories becomes the sole responsibility of the US and British respectively and that the supply of the "International" category is continued as before under the terms of FMN 338.

(c) That the term "supply" in FMN 351 covers the provision and issue of all items of equipment, rations, clothing, medical stores etc.

(d) Reference part 2 of FMN 357, it is assumed that the term "US origin" applies only to articles which are owned by US Forces in this Theatre.

2. BREAKDOWN OF THE CEILING  
The ceiling approved the breakdown of the ceiling of the Italian Army attached at appendix 'A'.

(a) It was considered that, in view of the need for issuing personal arms and equipment to reinforcements immediately after arrival at reinforcement depots, it will be necessary to provide backing for reinforcements in each category. The allotment of reinforcements to each of the three categories will be made by IAI.

(b) It was agreed that in order to keep units up to WE/TO strength the following reinforcement ceilings would be necessary:-

(1) For combat groups ..... 15%

(2) For all other units  
excl Carabinieri ..... 5%

No reinforcement backing is required for Carabinieri.

This amounts in effect to a reconsideration of the recommendations made to IAW in this HQ SD 1112 of 17 Aug that an overall reinforcement ceiling of 10% would be required.

(c) The figure of 27,000 for Italian Administrative Installations would provide sufficient depots and overheads for the administration of all the Italian Armed Forces under the terms of FMN 338. As a result of detailed examination of the problem it will be possible to reduce Italian Administration but in view of the additional loads imposed on the US and British administrative installations certain increases will be required as administrative backing in the US and British ceilings.

(d) The figure of 14,400 provides for eighteen guard battalions which will be employed on fixed installations and vulnerable points. The distribution of these battalions will vary from time to time according to the movement of installations and assessment of the threat to vulnerable points, and it is therefore considered that in view of the need for flexibility these battalions should be an international commitment.

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- (e) In view of the decision that the Italian Combat Groups will be equipped from British sources it was agreed that the Combat Groups should be included in the British ceiling. If such groups were temporarily employed under US command, their supply and maintenance would remain a British responsibility.
  - (f) The meeting considered the fact that a small proportion of the Carabinieri is employed in a military role. It was decided, however, that all Carabinieri should be an international commitment.
3. Principles and system of administration
- (a) It is essential that all categories of the Italian Army should be subject to a common standard of treatment, and that discipline and G-1 matters should be the responsibility of the Italian Army authorities as at present. The acceptance of this principle implies a standard ration scale and standard scales of personal equipment and clothing. The principles of command and administration set out in 1605/50/19/C(SDI) dated 6 July would continue to apply to the Italian Army.
  - (b) The meeting noted the last two sentences of para 5 of FMN 337, and decided that:
    - (i) a common scale applicable to all categories would be essential
    - (ii) Recommendations on this scale would be submitted separately
  - (c) Items of clothing in FMN 338 should be issued as a first priority to the international category, any balance would then be available for the national categories.
4. British administrative implications
- The meeting felt that the proposed changes will have wide administrative repercussions so far as British administration in this theatre is concerned. It is not possible to set these out until detailed examination has taken place and the views of the British administrative staffs at AFHQ are known.

(b) The Meeting noted the last two sentences of para 3 of the 30.12.58 and decided that:-

(1) A common scale applicable to all categories would be essentially  
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(ii) Recommendations on this scale would be submitted separately

(c) Items of clothing in PIN 338 should be issued as a first priority to the international category, any balance would then be available for the national categories.

4. British administrative implications

The Meeting felt that the proposed changes will have wide administrative repercussions so far as British administration in this theatre is concerned. It is not possible to set these out until detailed examination has taken place and the views of the British administrative staffs at JFHQ are known.

5. All items of Italian equipment incl recovered equipment will be distributed by JFHQ under the direction of JAI. A committee composed of representatives of G(AB) - G(Inf), G-4 and G(SD) will be set up to establish the policy and allocation of equipment.

6. The status of JAI remains unchanged in view of the continued application of PIN 338 to the international category but as the result of the decrease in the extent of their responsibilities, reduction in staffs should be possible.

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Secretary.

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/63/G(SM1)  
dated 22 Aug 44

BREASTON OF CEILING OF BRITISH ARMY

Units under US Comd

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| FRS        | 53000 *       |
| Fifth Army | 12000 *       |
| SARDINIA   | 9000 ✓        |
| CORSICA    | 5000 ✓        |
| Afts       | <u>3950 *</u> |

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Units under British Comd

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Service Units | 93000 ✓        |
| Combat Groups | 57000 ✓        |
| Afts          | <u>10350 *</u> |

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International Commitment

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Italian Adm Installations | 27000 ✓ |
| AA & CD                   | 9000 ✓  |
| ACC                       | 3000 ✓  |

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Units under British Comd.

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Service Units | 53000 ✓      |
| Combat Groups | 57000 ✓      |
| Hqts          | <u>10350</u> |
|               | 160350       |

International Commitment

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Italian Air Installations | 27000 ✓              |
| Ad. & CD                  | 9000 ✓               |
| ASC                       | 3000 ✓               |
| Col Bns                   | 14400 ✓              |
| SIR                       | 1500 ✓               |
| Two divs in SICILY        | 10000 ✓              |
| One div in SARDINIA       | 5000 ✓               |
| Internal Security         |                      |
| Tps                       | 4100 ✓               |
| Hqts                      | 3700 ✓               |
| Carabinieri               | <u>55000 ✓</u>       |
|                           | 132700               |
| Total                     | <u><u>376000</u></u> |

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6/6/44

Subject: Clothing and Rations.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)  
E.G., A.C.C.  
R O M E  
AC/S

21 AUG 44

KPK

To: Col. F. L. SIMMONS.

Dear

1. The C.G. wished me to set out the broad outline of rations and clothing issues. We shall then both be shooting at the right target.
2. NAVI. We have no clothing or equipment responsibility for the Navy in any way whatsoever. At present we issue them with the correct quantity of rations.
3. AIR FORCE. No clothing or equipment is issued to the Air Force until after checking here with the Air Forces Sub Commission. Will you refer anything to us. Rations we issue to the Air Force in the correct quantities.
4. CIVILIANS, of any description, are NOT our concern, with the exception of one or two in hospitals about which you know.
5. 205 DIV ~~etc~~ working for the Allies under Allied Comd are fed and clothed by us according to the proper scale.
6. CALABRIA DIV. Should NOT have dyed battledress or other Allied outer uniform, but Italian uniform. We do issue to Internal Security Divs the absolute minimum of boots and even under great pressure a small quantity of underclothes if absolutely essential. As they are probably coming to the Mainland shortly we will re-equip here

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6. CALABRIA Div. Should NOT have dyed battledress or other Allied outer uniform, but Italian uniform. We do issue to Internal Security Divs the absolute minimum of boots and even under great pressure a small quantity of underclothes if absolutely essential. As they are probably coming to the Mainland shortly we will re-equip here as needed.
7. CREMONA Div. We will definitely equip them here to the maximum extent. Please issue from your stocks only the very smallest possible amount, i.e. just sufficient to get them over here without being indecent.

FIN  
Col. F. L. SIMMONS,  
Thru Allied Garrison Comd.  
SARDINIA.

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6/24/47

TO : AMEMB, ROME

INFO: DIA, WASH DC

FROM: DIA, WASH DC

SUBJECT: Year 1948 of US Army

1. Fully appreciating the necessity of keeping to a minimum the total number of Italian Army personnel employed as effectives it is the intention to form three divisions within into self contained groups totalling approx 57000 incl auxiliary units (:): for outline org see WJ CGS/522 of 27 Jul (:): additional units specifically for the groups are unnecessary (:): essential however that org is based on three British Divisions (:): is here planned and commensal to organize and train on this basis (:): REQUISITE (:): Requirements for auxiliary artillery III (:): for service units as follows (:): three 24 pk coy (:): 37 SP (:): three gen 2pt coy one HQ (:): medical (:): four gen hqps total 2200 beds six 100 bed expansions one adv depot med stores (:): Gen (:): one mob laundry coy four mob bath units (:): Provost (:): one I of C provost coy (:): Mine (:): two transit equip one rft sig depot one CRU (:): Total Italian Army personnel 5500 approx (:): estimate org can be completed two months after receipt of full scale eqpt (:): this time may be reduced dependent on scale of eqpt available beforehand (:): 300000 (:): Ceiling of 50,000 for Italian Army will cover all requirements for forward units which amount to 35,000 total strength (:): combat formation requires ten per cent of 57000 to cover rfts sick etc (:): this leaves only 16,000 to cover rfts etc for all other units which is quite inadequate and means inevitably that units will always

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Army Sub Commission (MIA)  
H. No. 1, G.C.C.  
ROME

6/6/1/2  
15 AUG 44

Subject:- Strength of ITALIAN Army

1. Herewith Copy No. <sup>44</sup>..... of our 6/6/1/2 of 15 Aug 44, addressed to Minister of War and Chief of Staff S.M.P.E. for information.
2. This is a registered document and will be treated as SECRET.
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SUBJECT: Strength of Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.  
E. G., A.C.C.

EXRE.

C/6/2/3  
15 Aug 44.

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

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

2. Administrative Installations - Category 1

- a. Normally under Italian command.
- b. Includes troops for administration, supply etc., as specified in letter this Hq, 40/8 dated 29th July.
- c. Limitations prescribed in letter, this Hq, 40/2 dated 23rd. June, apply to following units:
  - War Ministry
  - GRANATIERI Battalion acting as guard and escort of Royal Household.
  - Royal Military Academy.
  - Comando Supremo (SMC) less SM units carried under Category (5c.)

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

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

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b. Includes troops for administration, supply etc., as specified in letter this Hq, A2/3 dated 29th July.

c. Limitations prescribed in letter, this Hq, A2/2 dated 22nd. June, apply to following units :

War Ministry  
GEMMETER Battalion acting as guard and escort of Royal Household.  
Royal Military Academy.  
Command Supreme (SMG) less SIM units carried under Category (5c.)

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

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

3. Combat Formations - Category (2)

a. The ceiling includes all troops, detachments, or individuals, assigned to or embarked for inclusion in Combat Formations, including C.I.L., as presently constituted.

b. Includes personnel undergoing training.

c. Includes 185 Parachute Bn, REPECO.

d. Includes Delegation 'E' and attached troops.

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

a. General.

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

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4. Service Units Under Allied Command - Category (2) (Contd.)

a. General (Contd.)

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

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

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

c. British Command - Category (3b.)

Includes troops now assigned to:

- 4. F.H.Q.
- 4. I. I.
- EIGHTH Army.
- FOLCORPS.
- 1. District.
- 2. District.
- 3. District.

5. AA & CD - Category (4)

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

6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5)

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

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

b. Allied Garrison Sardinia - Category (2c.)

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

c. British Command - Category (2d)

Includes troops now assigned to:

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

5. AA & CD - Category (4)

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

6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5)

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

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

b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b.)

18 Guard Battalions - strength 800 all ranks -

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

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

b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b.) (CONTD.)  
(4) (CONTD.)

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| 550 Train Guard Coy | 6     | 146   |
| 107 Bn Territoriale | 27    | 171   |
| 5 Coy 120 Regiment  | 6     | 155   |
| 500 Guard Company   | 5     | 77    |
| 3er Unit.           | 5     | 202   |
|                     | ----- | ----- |
|                     | 49    | 751   |
|                     | ----- | ----- |

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

c. SIN - Category (5c)

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

d. No Divisions - SICILY - Category (5d.)

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

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Operational Command, the structure of the Reg  
imental HQ will be administrative only, and the  
assignment of battalions to regiments will vary  
according to the actual location of the battal  
ions.

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c. SIM - Category (5c)

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

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

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

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

- (1) See Appendix "D" for organization of Garrison in SARDINIA.
- (2) Division to be organized in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present CALABRI. DIV and will include personnel of the:  
Tort Security Battalion, CAGLIARI,  
296 Inf Regiment.

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

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

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6. Internal Security Troops - Category (A) (CCMTR)

f. Internal Security Troops - Category (SF.) (CCMTR.)

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

7. Infanteriegarde - Category (A)

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

8. CC, RR - Category (T)

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

9. Garrison in SICILY.

Reference Appendix "C":

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

10. Garrison in SARDINIA.

Reference Appendix "D":

- (1) Various categories of parts of the Garrison are shown in Appendix "D".
- (2) All personnel in SARDINIA surplus to the ceiling fixed will either:

a. Be earmarked for inclusion in the other

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

8. CC.RR. - Category (7)

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

9. Garrison in SICILY.

Reference Appendix "C";

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

10. Garrison in SARDINIA

Reference Appendix "D";

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

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

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

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12. (CONED.)

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

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

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*J. B. [Signature]*  
Major General,  
Army Sub Com, A.C.C.

APPENDIX "A" to  
MIA Letter 6/6/1/E  
dated 15 Aug 14

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ITALIAN ARMY

|                                                                                                                                      |                |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1. Administrative Installations                                                                                                      | 27,000         |  |
| 2. Combat Formations, including G.I.L.                                                                                               | 57,000         |  |
| 3. Service Units under Allied Command                                                                                                |                |  |
| (a) P.D.S.                                                                                                                           | 51,000         |  |
| (b) NINTH Army                                                                                                                       | 10,000         |  |
| (c) Allied Garrison SARDINIA                                                                                                         | 9,000          |  |
| (d) Allied Garrison CORSICA                                                                                                          | 5,000          |  |
| (e) British Command                                                                                                                  | 93,000         |  |
| 4. A.A. & C.D.                                                                                                                       | 2,000          |  |
| 5. Internal Security troops, including:                                                                                              |                |  |
| (a) A.C.C.                                                                                                                           | 3,000          |  |
| (b) 18 Guard Battalions (800)                                                                                                        | 14,400         |  |
| (c) S.L.M.                                                                                                                           | 1,500          |  |
| (d) 2 Divs SICILY                                                                                                                    | 10,000         |  |
| (e) 1 Div SARDINIA                                                                                                                   | 5,000          |  |
| (f) Internal Security troops                                                                                                         | 4,100          |  |
| 6. Reinforcements, sick in hospital, not assigned to units, and unassigned personnel, including Liaison Officers, Interpreters, etc. | 10,000         |  |
| 7. CC.BR, including CC.BR assigned to Military Command Formations                                                                    | 55,000         |  |
|                                                                                                                                      | <u>361,000</u> |  |

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IMPORTANT NOTES

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

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APPENDIX "B" to  
MFA letter 6/5/1/5  
dated 15 Aug 41.

INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION

ORGANISATION

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

|                                          |             |            |      |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------|
|                                          |             | 100        |      |
|                                          |             | 50         |      |
| Div H. (HQ and Staff) (excluding SC. HQ) | 25          |            |      |
| 2 Brigade HQs (HQ and HQ Platoons) each  | 34          |            |      |
| Infantry Regiment (HQ and HQ Platoon)    | 88          |            |      |
| 2 Inf Bns (HQ and HQ PL x 2)             | 496         |            |      |
| 4 Rifle Co (120 x 4)                     | 300         |            |      |
| 2 <del>8</del> Co (150 x 2)              | 170         |            |      |
| 1 Regt Sq Co (6 MG and 6 Mortars)        |             |            |      |
|                                          | <u>1088</u> |            | 1760 |
| Total 4 Inf Regts                        |             | 4352       |      |
| Engineer and Signal Bn HQ                | 15          |            |      |
| Ingr Company                             | 146         |            |      |
| Signal Company                           | 162         |            |      |
|                                          | <u>323</u>  |            | 323  |
| Medical Unit                             |             | 75         |      |
| Supply and Ordnance Unit                 |             | 25         |      |
| H.T. Unit                                |             | 75         |      |
|                                          |             | <u>500</u> |      |

ANNEX "B" to  
MIA Letter C/C/A/S  
Dated 15 Aug 44

ITALIAN Army Garrison in SICILY (less CC.RI)

Under BRASILEN Comd

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

SERVICES - Cat (1)

Commissariato

|                              | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ORV</u> |    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----|
| Sussistenza. One Regional HQ | 15              | 30         | 45 |
| with attached officers       | 3               | -          | 3  |
| One Sussistenza Coy          | 2               | 18         | 20 |
| One Bulk Supply Depot        | 3               | 30         | 33 |
| One Bakery                   | 2               | 8          | 10 |
| Three Distribution Depots    | 2               | 18         | 60 |

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|                 |      |   |    |    |
|-----------------|------|---|----|----|
| Vestario        | } (- | 8 | 45 | 53 |
| Cucinaggio      |      |   |    |    |
| Equipaggiamento |      |   |    |    |

Medical

|                                    |    |     |     |
|------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Details will be advised separately | 50 | 350 | 400 |
| One M.F. Ambulance Section         | 1  | 40  | 41  |

Under ALLIED Comd

|                     |   |          |     |
|---------------------|---|----------|-----|
| 900 Lav Artieri Coy | - | Cat (30) | 152 |
| 145 A.L. Group      | - | Cat (4)  | 150 |

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

ATTENTION "D" to  
 MIL. letter G/6/1/2  
 dated 15 Aug 44

ITALIAN Army Garrison in SARDINIA  
 (Less CO, RR)

Under ITALIAN Command

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

SERVICES - Cat (1)

Commissariato

|                             | Offrs | GRS |             |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-------------|
| Susintenza. One Regional HQ | 15    | 30  | 45          |
| with attached officers      | 4     | -   | 4           |
| One Susintenza Coy          | 2     | 12  | 20          |
| One Post Detachment         | 2     | 15  | 17          |
| One Bulk Supply Depot       | 3     | 30  | 33          |
| Three Distribution Depots   | 2     | 10  | 20          |
| One Bakery                  | 2     | 8   | 10          |
|                             |       |     | <b>1758</b> |

Vertricio  
Colonnatico  
Requisizionamento

10 36 46

Medical

Details will be  
 advised separately  
 One M.T. Ambulance  
 Section 1 40 41

Motor Transportation

(Att to COG Div) Two M.T. Platoons 1 36 74  
 Rail + Ports Movement Control (Category) 20  
 50

Under ALLIED Command (ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION)

COG Div - Cat (50) 9,000

LA & CO - Cat (6) 5,338

Inf. Station Army with PW & CAGLIARI (54) 50

20,688

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



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

G/6/1/F  
15 AUG 44

My Dear Captain STONE

Attached is a copy of my G/6/1/F of 15 August, Subject,-  
Strength of Italian Army, which has been issued in accordance with an AAI  
directive.

I do not wish this document to be given general circulation,  
so would you please treat this copy as being for your personal information.

cc/

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Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm, ACC

SECRET

SUBJECT:-- Demobilization of Italian Army Personnel

HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.  
1605/50/36/G(SD1)

MMIA (3)

10 Aug 44

1. Ref 3/6/1/F of 10 Aug, attached at Appendix 'A' is a theoretical breakdown of a ceiling of 364,000 for the Italian Army. Immediate steps should be taken to reduce the Italian Army to that figure by 31 Aug. The Italian General Staff should be informed that

(a) The distribution of personnel to categories is under review and that a firm statement cannot be issued for some time.

(b) The breakdown at Appendix 'A' is to be regarded solely as a basis for planning demobilization.

2. Ref para 3 of your letter, demobilization should be effected in such a way that

(a) Minimum numbers of personnel in Service units and CIL are demobilized. The numbers should not exceed 5% of present strength of units.

(b) Minimum numbers are demobilized in SARDINIA. You are requested to inform A.I. early of the numbers you propose should be demobilized in the Island in order that resulting delay in shipment of List Seven units may be studied.

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for some time.

- (b) The breakdown at Appendix 'A' is to be regarded solely as a basis for planning demobilization.
2. Ref para 3 of your letter, demobilization should be effected in such a way that
- (a) Minimum numbers of personnel in Service units and CIL are demobilized. The numbers should not exceed 5% of present strength of units.
- (b) Minimum numbers are demobilized in SARDINIA. You are requested to inform AAI early of the numbers you propose should be demobilized in the Island in order that resulting delay in shipment of List Seven units may be studied.
3. Personnel surplus in a particular category may be retained, counting as just deficiencies in other categories. Thus, any surplus existing temporarily in Fifth Army may count against British Service unit personnel deficit.
4. Fifth Army have been informed that the ceiling of Service units is 10,000.
5. Army in. not yet replied to the representations of AAI that the ceiling should be higher than 364,000. AAI will continue to press for an increase. If the ceiling is raised after 31 Aug. it will be necessary to arrange for the speedy call up of personnel to fill a higher ceiling.

*W. J. King*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:- MA to JCS  
DCAC  
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G(Inv)

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/30/36/0(SUL)  
dated 13 Aug 44

THEORETICAL BREAKDOWN OF CEILING OF ITALIAN ARMY  
(FOR DEMOBILIZATION PLANNING)

Adm Installations 27,000  
Combat formations 57,000

SERVICE UNITS

PES 51,000  
Fifth Army 10,000  
SARDINIA 9,000  
CORSICA 5,000  
British Comd 93,000  
AA & CD 9,000

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Internal Security

ACC 3,000  
Cd Bns 14,400  
SIA 1,500  
The dive SICILY 10,000  
5,000

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| CORSICA                  | 5,000   |
| British Comd             | 93,000  |
| AA & CD                  | 9,000   |
| <u>Internal Security</u> |         |
| ACC                      | 3,000   |
| Cd Bns                   | 14,400  |
| SIM                      | 1,500   |
| Two divs SICILY          | 10,000  |
| One div SARDINIA         | 5,000   |
| Internal Security Tps    | 4,100   |
| CCRA                     | 55,000  |
| Edts etc                 | 10,000  |
| Total ceiling            | 364,000 |

APPENDIX 18 of 118 - Aug 44  
**SECRET**

**SUBJECT:- Italian Army Ceiling**

Army Sub Commission (MMA)  
 H.Q. A.C.C.  
 R O M E.  
 9/6/44  
 10 AUG 44

A.A.I. for G(Ops), G(SD) and DCAO

reference AFHQ PA76867 of 30 July, signed SACMID.

1. It is proposed to order the Italian Military Authorities to reduce the strength of the Italian Army, less CC.RR (55,000) to 309,000 by 31 Aug 44.

2. The following categories will be prescribed :-

|                                                                                        |          |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| ARM                                                                                    | 27,000   | 27,000         |
| Combat Formations incl CIL                                                             | 50,700   | 50,700         |
| Under U.S. Command                                                                     |          |                |
| P.B.S.                                                                                 | - 51,000 | 1754           |
| 5 Army                                                                                 | - 10,000 |                |
| A.G. SARDINIA                                                                          | - 9,000  |                |
| CORNICA                                                                                | - 5,000  | 75,000         |
| Under British Command                                                                  | 93,000   | 93,000         |
| AA & CD (Note 1)                                                                       |          | 9,000          |
| Internal Security                                                                      |          | 44,300         |
| Including A.C.C.                                                                       | - 3,000  |                |
| Guard Bns                                                                              | - 14,000 |                |
| S.I.M.                                                                                 | - 1,644  |                |
| 2 Divs of 10,000                                                                       | - 20,000 |                |
| (SICILY & SARDINIA)                                                                    |          |                |
| Misc in hospitals, not assigned to units,<br>unassigned personnel, reinforcements etc. |          | 10,000         |
|                                                                                        |          | <u>309,000</u> |

Note:- Includes AFHQ allotment plus Gen WEBSTER's request which has not yet been acted upon by A.F.H.Q.

3. It is imperative that the Italian military authorities be given sufficient time to effect the reorganisation and reduction of the Army prior to 31 August and it will be necessary for certain demobilisable personnel now in SARDINIA to be shipped to the Mainland. Therefore the matter is urgent.

4. It is requested that 5 Army be informed that the maximum number of Italian troops under their command will not exceed 10,000 and that decision will be made by them as to what excess personnel will be withdrawn prior to 31 Aug.

5. It is also proposed that the Italian Army be directed to reduce the garrison in SICILY to 10,000, plus certain service troops. This does not include the 505 Cd Bn, the AA units and the 903 Lav Art Unit, all of which are under Allied command at the present time and are not a part of the SALVATORE Div.

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6. In SARDINIA, pending direction on the number of troops required for internal security, one division of 10,000 has been allowed for. The total number of troops in SARDINIA will therefore not exceed :-

One Division - 10,000

Under A.C.SARDINIA - 9,000

plus necessary Adm troops, AA & CB and CC.RR.

All other Italian personnel in SARDINIA must therefore be shipped to the Mainland for employment or demobilisation.

7. Your approval or alternative instruction is requested as soon as possible.

*d. Brownin*

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Major General  
Army Sub Commission ACO  
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SUBJECT: Strength of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, A.M.I.A.  
H.C., A.C.C.

ROME.

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G/6/1/F  
12 AUG 44.

To: Minister for War.

1. With reference to your letter of 11 August on the subject of call up in the VITERBO, AQUILA and SULMONA Districts.
2. Authority for further registration and call up of men cannot be granted for the following reasons:
  - a. The strength of the Army, according to the last return submitted, is some 32,000 in excess of that authorised.
  - b. Sufficient personnel for replacements is available from the Rome Area, where it is reported that 10,000 have been registered and only 200 called up.
  - c. Authority has been granted for picking up volunteers, which supplies reinforcements for the Combat units, **751**
  - d. Previous instructions have been issued, and are still in effect, that no new military headquarters, depots or districts will be established or reactivated by the Italian Army.
  - e. Instructions will shortly be placed in your hands for a reduction of the Army, prior to 31 August, to a total maximum strength of 309,000



- b. Sufficient personnel for replacements is available from the RME Area; there it is reported that 10,000 have been registered and only 200 called up.
- c. Authority has been granted for picking up volunteers, which supplies reinforcements for the Combat units, 751
- d. Previous instructions have been issued, and are still in effect, that no new military headquarters, depots or districts will be established or reactivated by the Italian Army.
- e. Instructions will shortly be placed in your hands for a reduction of the Army, prior to 31 August, to a total maximum strength of 209,000

3. Therefore considering all factors, it is unwise at this time to further complicate the problem by registration of new personnel.

*h.B.*

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

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Translation

From: M. of W.

Ref: ?

To: M M I A.

Date: 11.8.44.

Subject: Report for Maj. Baumann.

Further to conversation of day before yesterday, it is the Ministry's opinion that men of the 1914-1924 classes of the Viterbo, Aquila and Sulmona districts could be called up like those of Rome districts I and II.

Men of Lazio belonging to the Districts of Littoria and Frosinone would not be called up bearing in mind the particular conditions prevailing in these areas and the fact that the districts which held the records of classes released were destroyed.

Similarly, as regards the Abruzzi, the districts of Teramo and Chieti, will be excluded bearing in mind the circumstances of the local population and that the area is comparatively forward from an ops. point of view.

On the hand it was intended to call up the men of the District of Foggia exempted so far by order of the Allies.

In order to carry out this call up, though,

It is no way to form the Districts of Viterbo, Aquila and Sulmona (Foggia is not necessary since it is already functioning) with a W-2 of 10 men each, i.e. an increase of 30 daily rations.

It is estimated that the districts of Viterbo, Aquila and Sulmona should yield about 20,000 men and if Foggia is included the call up should yield an approximate total of 30,000 men.

(Sgt) General OXLEY.

~~S/S.~~



Ministero della Guerra  
IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Roma, li 11 agosto 1944

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ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)  
R O M A

n° /ox di prot.

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG.MAGG. BAUMANN

In relazione alla conversazione di avant'ieri il Ministero pensa che si potrebbe provvedere al richiamo, come già avvenuto per i distretti di Roma I<sup>a</sup> e II<sup>a</sup>, degli uomini delle classi 1914-24 dei distretti di Viterbo, Aquila, Sulmona.-

Per tal modo non verrebbero richiamati i militari del Lazio appartenenti ai distretti di Littoria e Frosinone tenute presenti le condizioni particolari delle zone in questione e la distruzione dei distretti che conservavano tutta la documentazione relativa alle classi in congedo.-

Analogamente per gli Abruzzi sarebbero esclusi i distretti di Teramo e Chieti, tenuto conto della situazione locale della popolazione e trattandosi di territorio relativamente avanzato rispetto la zona di operazione.-

Sarebbe invece intenzione di richiamare anche i militari del distretto militare di Foggia, fino ad ora esentati per ordine degli Alleati.-

Per effettuare le operazioni di richiamo si rende però necessaria la costituzione dei distretti di Viterbo, Aquila e Sulmona (non occorre Foggia - che già funziona) con un organico di 10 militari per ciascuno, cioè con un aumento di 30 razioni giornaliere.-

Si prevede che il <sup>residuo</sup> ~~numero~~ del distretti di Viterbo, Aquila e Sulmona si aggirerà sui 20.000 uomini, includendo anche Foggia è da prevedere un <sup>residuo</sup> ~~numero~~ complessivo della chiamata di 30.000 uomini (dati approssimativi).-

*G. De L...*

Col. WARR.

O.K. I agree. I had toyed with the idea of allowing further areas to have the conscription law applied so as to get engineers. But we have 700 now from SARZINIA. Also, we won't do any more until the proficiency is reached.

Would you draft a letter to H. B. for me, saying "No" + why.

H. B.

12 Aug

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G.O.C.-

I strongly recommend that no further registration or call ups be permitted, and that no authority be given for the establishment of additional military by any place. In fact, we have written the War Ministry previously and told them that they could not open the depot at Subirana, for which they are now asking.

The latest strength shows 341,000/17 in the Army. This is 32,000 too high.

The registrations in Rome totaled 16,000. We ordered 2,200 called up. So far they have produced only 290. We have more men registered and in the Army than we will ever need. It is important that we cut down.

(K)

12/8.

6/25/46

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SUBJECT: Italian Army and Air Force Ceilings

HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.  
1605/50/36/G(SDI)

9/6/46

3 Aug 44

AFHQ (5)

1. Ref AFHQ signal FX 76867 of 30 Jul which transfers 9000 personnel from Internal security formations to the Italian Air Force, and conversation Gen Gammell- Gen Harding on 1 Aug 44.

2. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a statement of requirements which must be charged against the Internal security formation ceiling. It will be seen that on a ceiling of 44,300 there is a deficiency of 23,271. On the original ceiling of 53,300 the deficiency is 14,271. It had been hoped to cover the original deficiency of 14,271 by the reduction of the commitment in SARDINIA (which is now being examined), and by a possible cut in the number required for the combat groups after detailed examination, the balance being found from a reduction in the number of Italian Army Labour Coys. It was anticipated that the reduction in labour coys would have been small. It will be impracticable to find the additional 9000 deficiency from any source other than a cut in service units ceilings which are already insufficient (both British and American) to meet demands.

3. At Appendix 'B' no provision has been made for internal security troops proper. It was intended that three divisions (30,000 personnel) would be stationed on the Mainland, and that a proportion of units from these formations would provide guards for Allied installations, the balance being available as a reserve in case of civil disturbance. During the next few months Allied troops and installations will move from the South to the North of Italy and it will probably be essential to station Italian troops in the South of Italy.

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4. It will be noted that at Appendix 'A' it has been assumed that the 8213 naval personnel required for 'A' units at Appendix 'B' to CG 319.22 GCT-0 of 10 Jul will count against the ceiling of the Italian Navy.

5. In view of the comments at Appendix 'A' which must be met it is recommended that the decision to transfer 9,000 personnel from the Army to the Air Force ceiling should be reconsidered. If an increase to the Air Force is necessary it is requested that application should be made to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for authorization for additional troops.

Copy to: MA/CGS  
DCGS  
DCMO  
DAG  
DMAC

*W. H. ...*  
Commander



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|                                     | (a) | (b)    |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| 8 Additional AA & CD                |     | 1,671  |
| 9 Italian Intelligence Organisation |     | 1,200  |
|                                     |     | <hr/>  |
| Total                               |     | 67,571 |
|                                     |     | <hr/>  |
| Deficiency on 44,300                |     | 23,271 |

Original allotment to AA  
1605/50/3/G(SDI) of 19 Ju  
of 10 Jul requirement was  
that the 8,213 naval pers  
the Naval ceiling.

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(b)

1,671

(c)  
Original allotment to AA & CD at serial 3 of Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/3/G(SD1) of 19 Jun was 5,000. In AFHQ AG. 319.22 GCT of 10 Jul requirement was stated to be 6,671. It is assumed that the 8,213 naval personnel required will count against the Naval ceiling.

1,200

67,571

23,271

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REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET FROM THE CEILING OF 44,300 FOR INTERNAL SECURITY

| Serial | Category<br>(a)                                                                                     | Strength<br>(b) |                                                                                   |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | I.C.C.                                                                                              | 3,000           | This commitment                                                                   |
| 2      | Additional Carabinieri                                                                              | 5,000           | It is probable th<br>inadequate and th<br>required.                               |
| 3      | One division SARDINIA                                                                               | 10,000          | After further exam<br>figure.                                                     |
| 4      | One division SICILY                                                                                 | 10,000          | This is considered<br>possible that addi                                          |
| 5      | Eighteen bns for gd duties on Allied<br>Installations on Mainland                                   | 14,400          | This figure is less<br>Army 2; Indcp Corp                                         |
| 6      | Tps for CALABRIA (gds on VPs incl SILEN<br>Power plant, communication duties, keeping<br>rds open). | 7,000           | Until recently 15,<br>Further study may                                           |
| 7      | Completion of Italian combat tps                                                                    | 15,300          | The total commitmen<br>Ceiling available:<br>Additional ceiling:<br>720 of 16 Jul |

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Appendix 'A' to  
1605/50/36/G(SD1)  
dated Aug 44

FROM THE CEILING OF 44,300 FOR INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS

| Strength<br>(b) | Remarks<br>(c)                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3,000           | This commitment is likely to increase.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5,000           | It is probable that the existing ceiling of 55,000 will prove inadequate and that 60,000 as originally demanded will be required.                                                                  |
| 10,000          | After further examination it may be possible to reduce this figure.                                                                                                                                |
| 10,000          | This is considered to be the irreducible minimum and it is possible that additional tps may be required.                                                                                           |
| 14,400          | This figure is based on following scale: Fifth Army 2; Eighth Army 2; Indep Corps 1; PBS 4; 1, 2 and 3 Districts each 3.                                                                           |
| 7,000           | Until recently 15,000 tps have been employed on these tasks. Further study may show means of reducing commitment below 7,000.                                                                      |
| 15,300          | The total commitment for Italian combat tps incl CIL is 66,000<br>Ceiling available: CIL 25,000<br>Additional ceiling demanded in HAF<br>720 of 16 Jul 25,700 50,700<br>Balance to be found 15,300 |

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FOR: ACTION AAI INFO HQ MAAP, ACC FOR LAND AND AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACKED

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EX76867  
JULY 30/0110

ONE. FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS AT THIS HQ THE FIGURE FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE TO BE CONSIDERED AS EFFECTIVE AND SUPPLIED UNDER THE TERMS OF CGS PAN 338 IS RAISED TO 31000.

TWO. IN CONSEQUENCE OF ABOVE DECISION AND TO KEEP WITHIN THE FIGURE OF 470000 RECOMMENDED AS EFFECTIVE TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THE FIGURE OF 53300 SHOWN IN APPENDIX B OF YOUR 1605/50/3/ /G(301) OF 19 JUNE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONS WILL BE REDUCED TO 44300.

THREE. AS MAAP HAVE AS YET EFFECTED NO DEMOBILISATION YOU ARE AUTHORISED TO ISSUE SUPPLIES TO A FIGURE OF 479000 ITALIAN ARMED PERSONNEL UNTIL 31 AUGUST 1944 OR UNTIL DEMOBILISATION TO THE FIGURE OF 470000 IS EFFECTED, WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER.

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That's that!

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

SUBJECT: Italian Forces 1 August 44 to 5 August 44

*6/6/44*

AP: 2 sub Commission ACC  
Ho (CIA)  
TC: 2  
AQ/2/7  
25 July 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Authority is given for the issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces on the following maximum strength only for the period 1 August thru 5 August 1944.

2. TOTAL STRENGTH

a. Daily ration strength will NOT exceed

|        |       |           |       |      |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|------|
| ARMY   | NAVY  | AIR FORCE | CGHR  | CGFF |
| 312000 | 75000 | 31000     | 56000 | NIL  |

TOTAL:- 479000

*175*  
*75*  
*31*  
*56*  
*179*

b. Separate instructions are being issued to reduce the total strength to 470000.

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c. My letter AQ/2 of 25 July 1944 Subject: "Nations Italian Air Force" is rescinded.

3. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Rations will NOT be issued to troops in Italian Administration exceeding 27000. The issue within the ceiling of 27000 will be in accordance with the categories and strengths defined in my AQ/8 dated 29 July 1944 Subject: "Strength of the Administrative HQ and services of the Italian Army"

4. POLICY OF ISSUE

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4. POLICY OF ISSUE

a. Rations will be issued in accordance with the policy laid down in my AG/2 of 23 June 1944 Subject: "Italian Army"

b. Rations will NOT be issued to:

- e. Any civilian personnel.
- f. Personnel on leave.
- g. Personnel absent without leave
- h. Red Cross personnel.
- i. Personnel confined in civil jails (My letter AG/3 of 23 May as amended by letter of 27 May refers)
- j. Royal Forestry Guards
- k. Guardia di Finanza.

FVV/jra

COPIES TO: (OVER)

CLAYTON P KEAR  
Colonel  
for Maj. Gen.  
Army Sub Commission ACC

See Source 19  
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Subject: Strength of the Administrative HQ and Services of the Italian Army.

Army Sub-Commission, C.C.O.  
 120000  
 120000  
 120000

To: ARMY OF HQ

1. The Allied Command has decided that the number of Officers and other ranks employed in the Administrative HQ and Services shall NOT exceed twenty seven thousand (27000)
2. The primary task of the Administrative Services is to ensure that the best possible use is made in the Allied cause of the large quantity of supplies which the Allies have made available.
3. In order that this may be carried out the Administrative Services (General) for the Mainland of Italy, Sicily and Sardinia will comprise 23200 all ranks. The balance of 3000 being used for Central and Territorial HQ upon such organization as you decide.
4. The total of 23200 allotted for the Administrative Services will be allotted as under :-

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|                                                                        |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (a) Medical Services - including authorized Red Cross Nurses and Nuns. | 3000 |
| (b) Commissariato :                                                    |      |
| Sussistenza                                                            | 5300 |
| Vortario                                                               | }    |
| Coscienze                                                              |      |
| Equipaggiamento                                                        |      |
| (c) Artiglieria                                                        | 1500 |
| (d) Engineers and Signals                                              | 5000 |



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3. In order that this may be carried out the Administrative Services (General) for the Island of Italy, Sicily and Sardinia will comprise 23200 all ranks. The balance of 3000 being used for Central and Territorial HQs upon such reorganisation as you decide.

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4. The total of 23200 allotted for the Administrative Services will be allotted as under:-

|                                                                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (a) Medical Services - including supervised Red Cross Nurses and Wrens. | 8600  |
| (b) Commissariats:                                                      |       |
| Sustentanea                                                             | 3300  |
| Vortorio                                                                | 300   |
| Commissario                                                             | 1500  |
| Equipaggiamento                                                         | 3800  |
| (c) Artiglieria                                                         | 300   |
| (d) Engineers and Signals                                               | 1610  |
| (e) Veterinary                                                          | 600   |
| (f) Motor Transport Services                                            | 206   |
| (g) Decks Operating Coys and Perovvia                                   | 74    |
| (h) Labour Coy under Command Commissariats (now in WRETS)               | 23200 |
| (i) Guard Platoon (now in WRETS)                                        |       |

The breakdown in general is given in the attached Appendix. Further points concerning the breakdown in detail will be discussed with you through Staff channels.

5. I am directed to inform you that the necessary reorganisation in accordance with this letter will be made forthwith.

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 For Major General L. ...  
 For Sub-Commission, ...  
 For Div IV (2)  
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Annex "A" to AG/S of 22 Jul 44.

1. The breakdown in general of the Administrative Units as set out in para 4 of AG/S of 28 July will be as under.

2. Medical Services.

|                                | Number of Units. | Unit Establishment. |             | Total. Offs. ORs. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                |                  | Offs.               | ORs.        |                   |
| General Hospitals (17000 beds) |                  | 900                 | 6000        | 6900              |
| Convalescent Depot (1500 beds) |                  | 14                  | 140         | 154               |
| Medical Depot Stores           | 3.               | 32                  | 240         | 272               |
| Hygiene Services               |                  | 14                  | 350         | 364               |
| Hospital Trains                | 2.               | 4                   | 12          | 16                |
|                                |                  | <u>967</u>          | <u>6762</u> | <u>7729</u>       |
| Unalotted                      |                  | 16                  | 238         | 254               |
|                                |                  | <u>1000</u>         | <u>7000</u> | <u>8000</u>       |

3. Commissariate - Sussistenza.

|                                                | Number of Units. | Unit Establishment. |             | Total. Offs. ORs. |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                                |                  | Offs.               | ORs.        |                   |
| Regional HQ                                    | 12               | 20                  | 30          | 210               |
| Sussistenza Coys                               | 12               | 2                   | 18          | 24                |
| Bakeries                                       | 13               | 2                   | 3           | 26                |
| Bulk Supply Depots                             | 13               | 3                   | 30          | 39                |
| Distribution Depots                            | 70               | 2                   | 18          | 390               |
| Port Detachments                               | 15               | 2                   | 15          | 140               |
|                                                |                  | <u>22</u>           | <u>30</u>   | <u>225</u>        |
| Unalotted (incl replacements for sickness etc) |                  | 459                 | 2190        | 2649              |
|                                                |                  | <u>61</u>           | <u>250</u>  | <u>311</u>        |
|                                                |                  | <u>560</u>          | <u>2740</u> | <u>3300</u>       |

4. Artilleria.Detailed recommendation to be submitted by Ministry of War. 1500 ORs5. Engineers & Signals.

3. Commissariato - Succesione.

|                     | Unit Establishment. |      | Total.<br>Offs. ORS |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
|                     | Offs.               | ORS  |                     |
| Regional HQ         | 20                  | 30   | 240 360             |
| Assistenza Coys     | 2                   | 18   | 24 516              |
| Bakeries            | 2                   | 3    | 26 39               |
| Bulk Supply Depots  | 3                   | 30   | 30 390              |
| Distribution Depots | 2                   | 16   | 140 1260            |
| Port Attachments    | 2                   | 15   | 30 225              |
|                     | 499                 | 2490 | 499 2490            |
|                     | 61                  | 250  | 61 250              |
|                     | 560                 | 2740 | 560 2740            |
|                     |                     |      | 3300                |

Unallotted (incl replacements for sickness etc)

4. Artilleria.

Detailed recommendation to be submitted by Ministry of War. 1500 (4)

5. Engineers & Signals.

|                                    | Offs. | ORS. | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Comandi Genio and Direzione Lavori | 297   | 724  | 1051  |
| Magazzini                          | 33    | 781  | 614   |
| Laboratori                         | 16    | 322  | 340   |
| Riservato del Genio                | 25    | 150  | 175   |
| Signal Units                       | 64    | 1414 | 1414  |
|                                    | 437   | 3397 | 3797  |
| Unallotted                         |       | 6    | 6     |
|                                    |       |      | 3800  |

6. Veterinary.

Detailed breakdown to be submitted by Ministry of War. Total all ranks. 300

7. Motor Transport Services.

|                                    | Total all ranks. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Workshops and Repair Organisations | 2300             |
| Drivers and M.T. Units             | 1500             |
| Delassemblage Transport            | 540              |
|                                    | 4340             |

8. Doctors Quarantine and Pharmacy.

Detailed recommendation to be submitted by Ministry of War. Total all ranks. 600

9. Labour Coy under Command of Commissariato (Now in NAPLES).

|  | Offs. | ORS. | Total. |
|--|-------|------|--------|
|  | 6     | 200  | 206    |
|  | 4     | 50   | 54     |
|  |       |      | 54     |

10. Guard Platoon.

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JULY 30/0110

HEADQUARTERS  
30 JUL 1944  
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MESSAGE FORM

20 July 44  
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FROM AAI

TO MEMIA (BY ELS)

FPTG MAAF AAFSC/MTC FOTALI SCS NATOSIA  
AFHQ

64-382

CONFIDENTIAL X TOTAL AUTHORIZED RATION STRENGTH FOR ALL ITALIAN  
ARMED FORCES EFFECTIVE ONE AUGUST IS 470,000 X BREAKDOWN CLN  
NAVY 75,000 CMA AIRFORCE 22,000 CMA ARMY INCLUDING ALL CATEGORIES  
373,000 XX INFORM ALL OPERATING AGENCIES UNDER YOUR OR ITALIAN  
MILITARY CONTROL TO ASSURE ISSUES AND STOPPAGES CONFORM X NAVAL  
RATIONS TO BE REPAYED IN KIND BY DELIVERY AT TARANTO OR OTHER 1739  
AGREED LOCALITY X THIS SIGNAL AMENDS PREVIOUS CEILING  
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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME *2220*



FROM : MAIN AAT

TO : MIA

INFO : ACC

ORIG NO: SD 1562

RESTRICTED (.) spoke HAMPTON McQUEEN (.) as decided at meeting of 1430 hrs 17 JUN and recommended subsequently to AFHQ total strength CARABINIERI will not exceed FIFTY FIVE thousand (.) 1605/50/3/C(SD1) of 19 JUN refers

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TO Main Atr. MAAF

Originator's Number  
1170631

Date  
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In Reply to Number

FROM London

*Signed source in Cuba and subject possible to hearing of 22000 for Italian Air Force was suggested by our memo of 11 June as part of general reduction of Italian armed forces. Figure of 22000 appears in affl "A" to your 1405/150/2/2(12) dated 19 June. This answers your 1212 of 8 July which refers to MAAF message 972 of 4 July. D New Para.*

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AIR FORCE BRANCHES, AND MESSAGE  
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TO

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

The combined chiefs of staff were notified on 14<sup>th</sup> June of our accommodation that a total of 444,000 Italian Gps (Army Navy and Air) be supplied under terms of PAN 338 directive. Your recommendation for a figure of 500,000 Italian Gps is still under consideration here.

This Message may be sent BY ROUTE OR BY AIR MAIL

If a letter is to be transmitted, all the necessary details of this Message must be sent by CIPHER

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| TO                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         | CG AAI info MMIA AFHQ MAAF RAFCMFA in force sub<br>Commission of ACC                      |        |                                                  |          |                    |                   |
| FROM                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         | Originator's Number                                                                       |        | Date                                             |          | In Reply to Number |                   |
| CG AAFSC/MTO                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         | E-127-G                                                                                   |        | 10 <sup>th</sup>                                 |          |                    |                   |
| <p>Secret @ Survey just completed &amp; used for ITALIAN military personnel in USAAF/MTO indicate absolute necessity for attention of ITALIAN Air Force ceiling at 31000 @ Ref message O-972 of 7 July from HQ MAAF RAFCMFA</p> |         |                                                                                           |        |                                                  |          |                    |                   |
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SECRET 0 In reply to FX70631 - unnumbered @ First figure of 22000 was included in appendix to our 1605/50/316 (SDI) of 19<sup>th</sup> June as informed verbally by Brig COOPER AFHQ (SD) citing for AIR FORCE and NAVY was NOT of our concern and figures shown in your memo of 11<sup>th</sup> June were to be taken as firm @ Second 0 Request that ARMY

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*orders for manpower (only) for BRITISH and US forces are NOT apt NOT reduced and that any additional AIR FORCE requirements be found at expense of ITALIAN NAVY etc.*

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RESTRICTED (.) FIRST (.) It is confirmed that ceiling of Internal Security Tps will be reduced to 53200 forthwith (.) SECOND (.) Strength of Italian Administration and Services will be reduced to 45870 by 31 July including relative to personnel in hospital and on leave (.) Rations will NOT rpt NOT be issued in excess of 45870 until 31 July (.) THIRD (.) Request to consider plans to reduce rds and Services to 40000 if further cuts are made in ITALIAN Army ceiling

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MESSAGE FROM  
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SD 1122 (.) RESTRICTIONS (.) PLANS to our SD 1118 of 5 July (.) The authorized strength of Italian administrative use 45570 was increased 15000 reinforcements to be available for reinforcing any unit of the Italian Army including those under Allied Command as directed by staff (.) This number 32570 to be employed by you in Italian Administration and Services (.) In case further restriction to a total of 40000 is ordered, the figure for reinforcements will remain at 13000, and Italian Administration and Services will be reduced to 27000 and plans should be made accordingly

Key to unit as written must be sent in cipher if  
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : MAIN AAI

DATE, TIME

TO : MMIA

ORIG NO : SD 1053

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RESTRICTED (.) instruct Italian General Staff that strength of Italian Administration and Services will be reduced to ceiling figure of 1,5370 by 31 Jul and to be prepared for reduction to 40,000 if cuts are made in Italian Army ceiling

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIN AM  
TO : AFHQ  
ORIG NO : SD 1051

- TOPREQ (.) ref your # 61325 into FBDS and FBCT of 19 Jun (.)
- FIRST (.) taking no steps to implement demobilization till reply received our  
1605/50/3/4(SD) of 19 Jun and SD 1771 of 21 Jun (.)
- SECOND (.) it is assumed that army ceiling is 347300 Air force ceiling 22000 (.)
- THIRD (.) anticipate strength Italian Army without demobilization will be  
406000 on 31 Jul (.) required reduction is therefore 53700 (.)
- FOURTH (.) distribution of troops will be approx CORSICA. 5000 SARDINIA. 105190  
SICILY 23340 MAINLAND 267470 (.)
- FIFTH (.) maximum number that may be demobilized on MAINLAND and SICILY without  
disrupting Italian service units with US and British forces and CIL  
and maintaining bare minimum for Internal Security is 35000 (.) balance  
18700 must come from SARDINIA (.)
- SIXTH (.) with present shipping arrangements estimate 12000 a month only can be  
moved (.) to complete demobilization would require six weeks provided all  
dilution programme for US and British was suspended (.) this is NOT  
acceptable in view withdrawal other troops (.)
- SEVENTH (.) if our recommendations are not accepted and ceiling has to be reduced  
consider impracticable to reduce to 347300 by 31 Jul unless lift for  
18700 additional to 12000 arranged from SARDINIA in July (.)

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Fifth (.) maximum number that may be demobilized on Mainland and Sicily without disrupting Italian service units with US and British forces and CIL and maintaining bare minimum for Internal Security is 35000 (.) balance 18700 must come from SARDINIA. (.)

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SIXTH (.) with present shipping arrangements estimate 12000 a month only can be moved (.) to complete demobilization would require six weeks provided all dilution programs for US and British was suspended (.) this is NOT acceptable in view of withdrawal of other troops (.)

SEVENTH (.) if our recommendations are not accepted and ceiling has to be reduced consider impracticable to reduce to 347500 by 31 Jul unless lift for 18700 additional to 12000 arranged from SARDINIA in July (.) request provision of rations be made on phased basis to cover troops awaiting shipment from SARDINIA (.)

EIGHTH (.) demobilization of 18700 ex SARDINIA is dependent on rate they can be moved to Mainland (.) dilution program absorbs all known shipping for next four months (.) consider therefore provision must be made to ration exd air force 366000 (356000) for Aug Sep Oct and 354000 (354000) for Nov

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FROM : MAIN AAI  
TO : MMIA  
INFO : AGC SARDINIA for SIMONS ACC MAIN for OFFENHAUER

ORIG NO: SD 1020

SECRET (.)

FIRST (.) inform Italian General Staff that Internal Security formations ceiling will NOT exceed 53300 irrespective of decision on reduction of Italian Army total ceiling still awaited (.)

SECOND (.) possibility of further lift for 11000 personnel from SARDINIA about 7 Jul makes it essential that units for serials 161 165 180 202 260 301 on list seven be nominated and alerted immediately (.) personnel for demobilization will NOT rpt NOT be shipped until specific orders issued (.)

THIRD (.) serials at para two will be filled by existing formed units less personnel for demobilization

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: *Jrot* : *MMIA and SARDINIA*

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SUBJECT:- Command and Administration of Italian Army  
Formation, and Units.

HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY,  
1605/50/58/G(SD1).

27 Jun 44.

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1. Attached at Annex A is a draft instruction which covers the command and administration of all Italian Army troops.
2. While differences in policy, administration and procedure between US and British Armies mean that Italian Army units cannot be subject to the same treatment in every respect by US and British formations, it is essential that as far as possible a common procedure should be adopted.
3. A meeting will be held in Room 835, HQ Main AAI, Air Ministry Building, RCME at 1430 hrs, 30 June, to discuss the attached draft. Please attend or send a representative.

*K. M. ...*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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**D R A F T**  
Appendix "A" to 1605/50/G(SM)  
dated Jun 44  
**COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION OF ITALIAN ARMY FORMATIONS & UNITS**

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1. This Instruction governs the relationships between Allied and Italian Army formations on questions of command and administration.

The Instruction is divided into the following parts :-

- Part I - General Organisation of Italian Army and relationship with Allied Command.
- Part II - Organisation and Command of Italian Army units under command of the Italian General Staff.
- Part III - Command, organisation and administration of Italian Army units serving under Allied command excluding CIL.
- Part IV - Command, organisation and Administration of CIL.
- Part V - Supply, Maintenance and Hospitalisation of Italian Army.

Note :- No part of this Instruction applies to Italian Cooperators (or Prisoners of War).

PART I - General organisation of Italian Army, administration and relationship with Allied Command

General

- 2. The Italian Army is at the disposal of AAI for the performance of such tasks as may be allotted from time to time.
- 3. For the purposes of command and administration Italian Army formations and units may be divided into the following categories :-
  - (a) Service units or sub units working directly under Allied command

Part V -- Supply, Maintenance and Hospitalisation of Italian Army.

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PART I - General organization of Italian Army administration. 5  
and relationship with Allied Command.

General

2. The Italian Army is at the disposal of AAI for the performance of such tasks as may be allotted from time to time.

Command and administration

3. For the purposes of command and administration Italian Army formations and units may be divided into the following categories :-

- (a) Service units or sub units working directly under Allied command
- (b) The GIL
- (c) Formations and units under Italian command.

In principle the ~~Italian~~ <sup>Italian</sup> General Staff is responsible to AAI through

\*The Army Sub Commission (AMIA) for the administration of all three categories. The administrative procedure which applies to each category is set out in Parts II, III, IV and V of this instruction.

Army Sub Commission (AMIA)

The role of the AMIA is as follows :-

*W. L. S. Hill*  
*W. L. S. Hill*

- (a) transmission and interpretation of Allied requirements to the ~~AMIA~~
- (b) supervision of administration of Italian Army
- (c) supervision of distribution and use of Allied supplies allotted to the performance of the Italian Army.

*Italian military*

(a) representation of the SMRE's views to MAI. or ACC.

Relationship of Allied formations with Italian Army.

In the area of each Allied formation <sup>142</sup> immediately subordinate to MAI

an Italian administrative headquarters has been set up which is responsible

(a) to the SMRE for such aspects of command and administration of Italian troops in the area as are reserved to it.

(b) to the Allied formation on all questions arising from the presence of Italian Army troops in the area and from the fact that certain of them are under Allied command.

An MIA liaison officer is or will shortly be assigned to each administrative headquarters and <sup>MIA</sup> Allied commanders will deal through this liaison-officer.

PART II Organisation and command of Italian Army units under command of the Italian General Staff.

Organisation

These units are divided into three categories :-

- (a) Internal security formations whose principle functions are :- 1124
- (i) acting as a force to support the civil power.
  - (ii) providing gds for Allied installations.

(b) Administrative depots and services

The size, numbers and organisation of these units are determined by the SMRE under the direction of MIA.

(c) Para-military personnel i.e. Carabinieri, Guardia Finanza, the majority of whom are subordinate to the civil administration.

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- (b) Administrative depots and services

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7. Command

Except for units allotted to Allied formations for g'd duties, these formations and units are under command of the SMRE. If a state of emergency arises (such as the intervention of the enemy in the area concerned) these units will come under command of the Allied formation in whose area they are located.

8. Relations with Allied commanders

Allied ~~formations~~ <sup>units</sup> in whose area these units are located will be responsible for allotment of accommodations <sup>when the units are accommodated</sup>. Units will be subject to orders which concern them as a result of their presence in the area e.g. curfew and road movement.

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Army units serving under Allied command excluding GIL

9. Provision of Units

The entire resources of personnel of the Italian Army with the

exception of units in COSICA are at the disposal of AII. *M. AI through the*

MAIA allots Italian Army units and personnel to Allied formations. *(C. Ross)*

10. Organisation

(a) Units or sub units serving under British Command

are organised on US as decided by AII.

(b) Units serving under US Command

are or will be organised on provisional EOS as decided by EBS,

Fifth Army or Allied Garrison Sardinia. AAI will be informed

of any changes made in organisation or NOs of units.

*US HQ concerns*

11. Command and Punishment

(a) All Allied commanders are given power of command over Italian

formations or units which may be placed under Allied command.

(b) All personnel of the Italian Army will be subject to Italian

Military Law which will be administered by Italian officers in accordance <sup>1</sup> 23

with the Italian code. Where there is no Italian officer competent

to deal with an offence in the unit concerned, the offender will be

sent to the nearest Italian authority competent to act. Allied commander

will be informed of the action taken, cases of inaction or inadequate

action being reported to the higher Allied authority.

(c) Orders under (a) as far as circumstances permit will be carried



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- (c) Orders under (a) as far as circumstances permit will be carried out under the direction of the appropriate Italian channel of command.
- (d) Details for disciplinary action or the removal and replacement of unsuitable Italian officers will be made in the first place by the relevant Allied commander to the Italian commander concerned. If the action taken by the Italian authority is unsatisfactory, the Allied commander will refer through normal Allied channels to the Army, Independent Corps, Base Section Allied Garrison, or District HQ, who will refer the matter to the Italian Army Administrative HQ concerned. If, after this reference, satisfactory action is not taken, details of the case will be sent to the Army In-Commander who will give the necessary instructions to the Italian General Staff.

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*e. Lists as above. Ref to each & ASG.*

12. Arrest.

(a) Allied military authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody Italians alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by Italian law, pending investigation and handing over the offender for trial by the Italian authorities.

(b) Italian personnel will not be arrested by Allied personnel other than Allied Military Police except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. (The term "Allied Military Police" includes the Provost organisation of the Allied Navy, Army and Air Forces).

13. Leave

(a) If the military situation permits, leave may be given to Italian Army personnel for a period of seven days, exclusive of travelling time, not more than once in six months. Under present circumstances, Italian Army personnel will not be given leave to places more than 200 miles from the location of their unit nor to places outside the Base Section or District boundaries. Personnel in SICILY or SARDINIA will not be granted leave to visit places outside those Islands. Similarly, personnel on the Mainland may not proceed on leave to places outside the Mainland.

(b) Compassionate leave may be given in proper cases by a superior Italian Military authority for fourteen days exclusive of travelling time.

(c) Not more than five percent of a unit may be away on privilege or compassionate leave at one time.

(d) Agricultural leave will be the subject of special orders from time

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14. Appointment of Officers

The Italian Army authorities are responsible for the appointment and posting of all Italian Army officers subject to such restrictions as may be imposed from time to time.

15. Reinforcement/Replacement personnel Reinforcement Depot

For the purpose of reinforcing formations and units employed directly under Allied command a Central Reinforcement Depot will be established in an area to be determined later. This Depot will be organized to hold a maximum of 8,200 personnel. ? percentage

The Depot will be supervised by an Allied staff provided by the IIMAs.

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The executive staff will be found by the Italian Army.

The Allied staff will be responsible:--

- (a) for demanding from AAI replacement personnel to maintain the holding authorized by AAI. AAI will issue to MIA instructions for the provision of these personnel.
- (b) for ensuring that demands for reinforcements from units are not in accordance with priorities as laid down by AAI, and that suitable personnel are provided to meet demands.
- (c) for ensuring that adequate arrangements are made for the training of reinforcements, particularly in regard to specialist personnel.
- (d) for providing AAI with statistical information on the state of units reinforced by the Coyotes.

**16. Demands.**

Demands to make good deficiencies in units will be made by Italian Army units direct on the Central Reinforcement Depot. The demands will be despatched weekly on Fridays on a proforma to be issued later and a copy will be sent to the MIA.

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**17. Hospitalised personnel**

A patient will remain on the strength of his unit while in hospital. After 30 days he will be struck off the strength of the unit and of the Italian Army for the purposes of the Italian Army column. The unit ~~will~~ then demand a replacement for him.

Personnel discharged within 30 days ~~will~~ be returned to their units.

**16. Finances**

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16. Depots

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~~Depots~~

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18. Expenses

(a) Whenever possible the Italian Government will be responsible for the payment of Italian Army personnel and for meeting such other expenses as are necessary.

(b) Where (a) is inapplicable the procedure will be as follows:  
Units serving under British Command  
(i) Italian units will draw bulk advances from the nearest British field or Area Cashier.

(ii) In diluted units the senior Italian officer will draw monies from the nearest British field or area cashier. Such amounts will not appear in the imprest accounts of the British units concerned.

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(iii) All advances will be in a bulk sum.

(iv) A list of authorized units will be supplied by AII to the Command Paymaster No 8 Command Pay Office GAF. In the case of diluted units the British Commanding Officer will nominate the Italian officer to whom payment should be made.

Units directly under US Control

(v) Expenses will be subject to special instructions issued by US formation concerned.

19. Welfare

Welfare will be the responsibility entirely of the Italian Government. Allied commanders may assist in the welfare of Italian units under command provided welfare of Allied troops does not suffer. Limited allotment of amenities may be made by Allied formation to Italian troops serving under them at their discretion.

Part IV - Command, Organisation and Administration of the CIL 120

20. Organisation

The CIL is a combat formation similar in organisation to an Allied division. It is organised on Italian WEs in accordance with the requirements of AII.

21. Command, Discipline, Leave, Welfare.

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(b) The provisions of paras 11, 12, 13, 14 and 19 apply to the CIL.

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22. Administration and Maintenance

(a) The SIME are responsible for the administration of the CIL and as far as is practicable for its maintenance.

(b) Equipment is provided from Italian sources and will only be supplemented by such items from Allied stocks as are necessary for the accomplishment of the task allotted to the formation. <sup>As long as</sup> While the CIL is a British responsibility, issues of important items will not be made from British stocks without authority from AAI.

(c) Separate and detailed instructions are being issued on administration of CIL.

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Part V - Supply Maintenance and hospitalisation of Italian Army  
23. The Ceiling

An effective ceiling of manpower has been authorised by the Allies for the Italian Army. The Allies have undertaken to maintain this number of personnel on certain scales of clothing, equipment and rations.

24. System of Maintenance

Except where stated otherwise below, items from Allied resources are handed over to the SIME in bulk for distribution to Italian troops through Italian channels. MIA is responsible for the supervision of issues and the proper application of supplies. *(in accordance with AI. 205 24 1744. S.P.B.)*

25. Rations

(a) In Area Area

Rations will be provided from Allied stocks at railhead. Compensating supplies will be demanded from Army Sub Commission by ST AAI and FBS each month and each 10 days respectively.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army or Indian Corps Boundary

Distribution of supplies from Italian Depots to Italian units and detachments located in rear of Army boundaries will be an Italian responsibility. In isolated cases or in an emergency Italian units and detachments may be supplied from Allied Depots, compensating supplies being demanded as in para 1, 19

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(a) above.

(c) NO KFI or FX supplies will be issued to Italian troops.

(d) Tobacco and cigarettes for all Italian forces will be provided from Italian sources.

26. POL

Italian units (and units diluted with Italians) serving the Allies in Army areas or elsewhere, and which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle will be supplied as if they were Allied units through the normal Allied maintenance system. All other issues of POL to the Italian Army will be as laid down in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 11 dated 23 Feb 44.

27. Coal

Italian units serving with US or British forces will be supplied through FBS and ST this headquarters respectively.

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28. Postal

(a) Correspondence posted by Italian troops in Allied Army and Corps Areas

(i) All mail posted by Italian forces will be censored by the unit in accordance with instructions issued by Italian Supreme Command and will be posted at Italian Field Post Offices.

? where none. ?

(ii) Private correspondence for members of the Allied Forces serving behind areas specified above will continue to be posted at Italian Civil or Military Post Offices as at present and will NOT be accepted by Allied Post Offices.

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(b) Correspondence addressed to Italians in Allied Army and Corps Areas  
Private mail addressed to Italian personnel serving in the above areas may be posted by Italian civilians at Italian civilian or military Post Offices, which are authorized to be open and will be confined to postcards and letters NOT exceeding 90 grams in weight.

(c) Censor stamps may be obtained from the Censura Centrale Militare Base Censor 7 C.F.P.

(d) Full details of the postal service have already been issued to all concerned.

29. Clothing and Equipment

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29. Clothing and Equipment

*NO.* Pending the receipt of full and final instructions from AFHQ, clothing and equipment will only be issued from Allied stocks to units covered by Parts III and IV of this instruction. *SEPE* will be responsible for the provision of all other clothing and equipment required.

30. Medical

(a) Italian military sick (including Carabinieri) will be treated *as usual.* in Italian hospitals.

(b) Italian Base Depots of Medical Stores will be responsible for the provision of medical supplies to the Italian Forces and for supplying Italian military medical units which are accepting cases from formations/units to which this instruction applies.

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*NO.*

(c) Italian Military Authorities will be responsible for the disposal of patients discharged as unfit for further military service and for the rehabilitation of all others.

31. Hospital Supplies

These items will be supplied from Italian sources wherever possible. Failing this they will be supplied from <sup>Allied</sup> ~~British~~ stocks direct to Italian Depots. Detailed distribution will be under the supervision of MMIA.

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Army Sub Commission,  
M.M.I.A. (Adv),  
HQ A.C.C.,  
Ref: G.109.  
25 Jun 44.

Italian Military Authority in Rome.  
(Palazzo Capiare).

Copy to :- M.M.I.A. (Main).  
A.A.I. (Adv).  
A.C.C. (Sec Gen).  
Navy Sub Commission (Adv).  
Air Sub Commission (Adv).

Subject :- Italian Armed Forces in Rome.

Reference M.M.I.A. G.109 of June.

1. The authority of Gen BENCIVENGA, as defined in the above quoted letter, will apply to all military personnel who were in Rome before 4 Jun 44 (i.e. including Italian Army, Navy and Air Force) or who have since come under I.M.A.R. control. His authority over Navy and Air Force personnel will be confined to local administration.

2. Similarly Gen BENCIVENGA's authority over representatives of War Ministry and S.M.R.E. now in Rome will be confined to matters of local administration affecting the Italian Armed Forces in the Rome Area.

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*W. P. ...*

Colonel, for  
Major General, Director,  
Army Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.).

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FROM (A)

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For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

AP2526 Confidential @ your GH-322 of

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@ This alters our SD 492 of 22 June only

by decreasing number in 3425:171A by five

thousand, and adding four thousand to

total number of troops under Allied command

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Date should have

been 31 July



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by decreasing number in SA-100 from five  
thousand, and adding five thousand to  
total number of troops under Allied command

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Date changed to and  
then 31 July

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**AAI** For Action.

**TO** rptd: AAI ADMAR CO HAMMERS  
ACC (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. **GR**

~~SD 993 (\*) STAMP (\*) Reference line 1 6129 Give panel of 15 units~~  
 Originator's No. (\*)  
 (\*) Subject: Italian ceiling of Italian Army and desobilization of excess personnel (\*)  
 In view of AAI letter 1-05/5/2/0(SRI) of 19 June that the ceiling may not be reduced and reduction must be completed by 13 July propose action as follows (\*)  
**FIRST** (\*) Deducing CC RR and Air Force from total Italian ceiling allowed leaves the total Italian ceiling of Italian Army series at 200,200 rpt 252,500 (\*)  
 This action ceiling must not be exceeded after 13 July and all excess personnel must be demobilized (\*)  
**SECOND** (\*) Estimates of strength of Italian Army on 13 July based on present shipping schedule being maintained from SARDINIA are as follows (\*) Located on COMBICA 4568 rpt 4868 (\*) Located on SARDINIA 108109 rpt 108109 (\*) Located on SICILY 10800 rpt 10800 (\*) On Mainland under Allied Command are including combat troops 147478 rpt 147478 (\*) **THIRD** (\*) Total of Italian Army in above paragraph is 272555 rpt 272555 (\*) **FOURTH** (\*) Deduct from total ceiling leaves 20745 rpt 20745 (\*)  
 This **20745** is total number which can be allowed to draft Italians on the Mainland in

(\*) Subject nation ceiling of Italian Army and demobilization of excess personnel (\*) In view of AAI letter 1606/3/21 (801) of 19 June that the ceiling may rise to 17013 persons to take no action until decision is received (\*) However if the ceiling is reduced and reduction must be completed by 13 July please advise as follows (\*) FIRST (\*) Deducing CC RR and Air Force from total Italian ceiling allowed leaves the total nation ceiling of Italian Army equal to 290,300 rpts 500,500 (\*) SECOND (\*) This nation ceiling must not be exceeded after 13 July and all excess personnel must be demobilized (\*) THIRD (\*) Estimated strength of Italian Army on 13 July based on present shipping schedule being maintained from SARDINIA are as follows (\*) Located on CORSIKA 4258 rpts 4268 (\*) Located on SARDINIA 102409 rpts 102409 (\*) Located on SICILY 10200 rpts 10200 (\*) On Mainland under Allied Command are including combat troops 127478 rpts 127478 (\*) Total of Italian Army in above paragraph is 272555 rpts 272555 (\*) Deducing from nation ceiling leaves 20745 rpts 20745 (\*) This 20745 is total number which can be allowed to draw rations on the mainland in addition to troops listed in para 3 (\*) Of this number 9000 are non-Italians in hospitals (\*) 5745 (\*) This leaves number of effectives to operate all Italian Administration on Mainland at 12745 rpts 12745 (\*) It is proposed to allow them as follows (\*) To operate Italian Hospitals and all Italian medical services not assigned to units listed in para 3 a total of 3000 rpts 3000 (\*) To operate nation supply services a total of 3000 rpts 3000 (\*) To operate clothing warehouses, ammunition dumps, and furnish necessary guards a total of 2520 rpts 2520 (\*) To operate Railroad and road transportation services 2000 rpts 2000 (\*) To Italian General Staff including HQ and signal personnel 500 rpts 500 (\*) To operate Ministry of War including HQ and signal personnel 500 rpts 500 (\*) To operate Grande Esercito 70 rpts 70 (\*) For the Kings Service total 65 rpts 65 (\*) For the Kings background total 275 rpts 275 (\*) Transit camps and personnel troops 225 rpts 225 are Royal Military Academy 470 rpts 470 (\*) SEVENTH (\*) The balance of the Italian Army on the Mainland which numbers 55600 rpts 55600 will have to be demobilized (\*)

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SACHIN (\*) The effect of this will be, first, that any additional troops to be placed under Allied command will be dependent on shipping from SARDINIA after 12 JULY (\*) Second one that the three internal security divisions planned for use in SARDINIA will have to be shipped from SARDINIA (\*) Third one that while Italian administration is seriously cut and can only be reinforced by shipment of troops from SARDINIA the cut will serve to remove from the Italian Army a large number of uneffectives which MIA has been attempting to root out for a long period (\*)

SACHIN (\*) Orders have been issued that no personnel belonging to units under command of the Allies will be demobilized until a replacement is actually presented to take over (\*) This will serve to stabilize such units at present strength (\*) persons during advance there will be a turnover of personnel extending over a period of months (\*) SACHIN (\*) in view of the reduction and to produce the largest number of effectives within the ceiling to direct the demobilization of all Italian Generals in excess of 25 serving in Italian Administration Service (\*) The 45 General actually commanding troops will be retained on present assignment (\*)

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Since the number of days before 13 July are few and Italian Administrative machinery is slow in starting one it is requested that the matter be treated as immediate in order that necessary instructions can be issued by MIA and otherwise it will be impossible to reduce the ration strength to the proper figure at the proper time

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Signed: *W. J. ...*

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HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY  
1605/50/3/G(SDL)

19 June 44

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army

AFHQ (5)

1. Reference your memo of 11 Jun 44 on "Employment of Italian Army."
2. A meeting was held at HQ AAI on 17 Jun to examine the breakdown shown in the Appx attached to your memo. The following were represented:-

HQ AAI  
Comd - MILI  
AOC  
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3. Previous to the meeting, Comd MILI had had an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, who had instructed him to inform the meeting that he, the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief, considered that the original demand submitted by HQ AAI (in letters 1605/50/3/1/G(SDL) of 3 Apr and 4 May) was sound and that no reduction should be made in those figures. Attached at Appx 'A' is a table showing the original demands of 3 Apr and 4 May and certain increases which are the result of continued detailed study of requirements since that date (coln (C)). This revised ceiling amounts to 540,481 for the Navy, Army and Air Force.

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4. The meeting considered that in case it should prove impossible to obtain the agreement of the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the larger figure, the proposed breakdown of the ceiling figure of 444,300 in your memo of 15 Jun should be examined and recommendations submitted. These recommendations are embodied at Appx 'B' attached and have the concurrence of the Organizations represented at the meeting. The following paragraphs are in amplification of Appx 'B'.

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 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.

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SARDINIA, CORSICA, ALBA CD

6. In the AFHQ memo of 11 Jun no allowance was made for the following categories of personnel which exist at present:

|                           |     |               |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Service units in SARDINIA | ... | 20,000        |
| Service units in CORSICA  | ... | 5,000         |
| AA and CD                 | ..  | <u>8,000</u>  |
|                           |     | <u>33,000</u> |

It was assumed, however, that this commitment must be catered for within the ceiling total of 547,300. AA and CD and CORSICA are AFHQ responsibilities and it is recommended that this requirement should be carefully scrutinised with a view to reduction.

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ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES

7. The figure of 27,000 for Italian Administration and Services in the AWHQ memo is considered to be too small. If the Administration is to work efficiently, the bare minimum requirement is 40,000. In this connection it is felt that as the Italian administrative machinery serves both Navy and Air Force, 5,000 should be allotted from the Navy and Air Force ceilings to the Italian administration which would thus consist of 45,000 personnel.

US AND BRITISH REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE UNITS

8. As a result of the commitments described above, and in order to keep within the ceiling figure of 347,000, it has not been possible to meet in full US and British demands for Service units.

Bids have in effect been reduced - British from 100,000 to 93,000 and US from 96,000 to 71,000.

9. This Headquarters has impressed on all concerned the urgent need for utilising to the full the Italian personnel available, and thus to economise in Allied manpower, and that is being done. However if the ceiling is reduced as you propose, the effect will be inevitably the retention of Allied manpower on tasks which could otherwise be performed by Italians.

CONCLUSION

10. In view of the above, it is submitted that the best interests of the Allied war effort will be served by the maintenance of the Italian Forces at the ceiling recommended by AII at Appx 'A' attached - namely 540,481. 1/10

*A. F. H. H. H.*  
General  
Commander-in-Chief



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AAI ORIGINAL AND REVISED DEMANDS

|   | Category<br>(A)              | Original AAI<br>Proposal of 3 Apr<br>as adjusted<br>(See Note 1)<br>(B) | AAI's<br>Revised<br>Requirement<br>(C) | Remarks<br>(D)                                                                                     |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Service units for US         | 96,813                                                                  | 96,813                                 | Includes PBR, FIFTH Army, SAN                                                                      |
| 2 | Service units for British    | 84,528                                                                  | 100,000                                | Coln (B) excludes AA & CD, SMC<br>Coln (C) includes SMC and RI<br>personnel for guard duties which |
| 3 | AA & CD                      |                                                                         | 8,000                                  | These units are under AFHQ. I<br>required will amount to approx                                    |
| 4 | CORSIKA                      |                                                                         | 5,000                                  | This is the strength of Italian<br>AFHQ control.                                                   |
| 5 | Italian Combat Tps           | 14,100                                                                  | 25,000                                 |                                                                                                    |
| 6 | Internal Security Formations | 101,200                                                                 | 93,798                                 | Coln (C) includes an element t<br>etc. These formations will ha<br>Allied installations as well    |

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dated 19 Jun, 1944

AAI ORIGINAL AND REVISED DEMANDS

| AAI's Revised Requirement | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (C)                       | (D)                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 96,815                    | Includes PPS, NINTH Army, SARDINIA                                                                                                                                                            |
| 100,000                   | Coln (T) excludes AA & CD, Smoke and Rly construction units.<br>Coln (C) includes Smoke and Rly construction units and excludes personnel for guard duties which will be found from serial 6. |
| 8,000                     | These units are under AFHQ. It is understood that the total required will amount to approx 8,000.                                                                                             |
| 5,000                     | This is the strength of Italian Service units in CORSICA under AFHQ control.                                                                                                                  |
| 25,000                    |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 93,798                    | Coln (C) includes an element to cover wastage, sick, reinforcements etc. These formations will have the dual role of guard duties on Allied installations as well as internal security.       |

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| 4  | CORSICA                             |         | 5,000   | This is the strength of Italian AFHQ control.<br><br>Coln (C) includes an element etc. These formations will include Allied installations as well. |
| 5  | Italian Combat Tps                  | 14,100  | 25,000  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6  | Internal Security Formations        | 101,200 | 93,798  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7  | Italian Administration Services etc | 45,870  | 45,870  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8  | Carabinieri                         | 60,000  | 60,000  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9  | Security Police                     | 20,000  |         |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10 | Fire Edes                           | 10,000  |         |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11 | Total Italian Army                  | 432,511 | 434,481 |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12 | Navy                                | 75,000  | 75,000  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 13 | Air Force                           | 31,000  | 31,000  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14 | Total Italian Forces                | 538,511 | 540,481 |                                                                                                                                                    |

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NOTE 1. See Annex 'A' to my 1605/50/3/1/G(SBL) of 3 Apr and Annex 'A' to 1605

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|         | 5,000   | This is the strength of Italian Service units in GORRICA under AMIC control.                                                                                                                           |
| 14,100  | 25,000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 101,200 | 93,798  | Coln (C) includes an element to cover <del>casualties</del> , sick, reinforcements etc. These formations will have the dual role of guard duties on Allied installations as well as internal security. |
| 45,870  | 45,870  |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 60,000  | 60,000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20,000  |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10,000  |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 432,511 | 434,481 | 1.08                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 75,000  | 75,000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31,000  | 31,000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 538,511 | 540,481 |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Appx 'A' to my 1605/50/3/1/c(SDI) of 3 Apr and Appx 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/c(SDI) of 4 May

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PROPOSED PRE-KNOWLEDGE OF CALLING OF 10,000

|   | Category<br>(A)                     | Proposed Strength<br>(B) | Remarks<br>(C)                                                                            |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Service units for US                | 71,000                   | Includes IBS, ICS, FIFTH Army, SARDINIA                                                   |
| 2 | Service units for British           | 93,000                   |                                                                                           |
| 3 | AA & CD                             | 5,000                    |                                                                                           |
| 4 | CORSICA                             | 5,000                    | 5,000 is present strength. It is understood therefore should not count against the Italia |
| 5 | Italian Combat Troops               | 25,000                   | is accepted, 25,000 <sup>2,500</sup> should be added to each                              |
| 6 | Internal Security Formations        | 53,300                   | ACC requirements will be met from these divisi                                            |
| 7 | Italian Administration Services etc | 40,000                   |                                                                                           |
| 8 | Carabinieri                         | 55,000                   |                                                                                           |
| 9 | Security Police                     |                          | Non-military commitment                                                                   |

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Appendix "B" to 1605/50/3/G(SDL)  
dated 19 June, 1944

LOSS OF KNOWLEDGE OF CEILING OF 14 1/2 500

Remarks  
(C)

Includes IBS, IES, 10TH Army, SARDINIA

5,000 is present strength. It is understood these men are Yugoslav and therefore should not count against the Italian Army ceiling. If this is accepted, 25,000 should be added to each of serials 1 and 2.

ACC requirements will be met from these divisions

Non-military commitment

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|    |                                     |         |                         |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 7  | Italian Administration Services etc | 40,000  |                         |
| 8  | Carabinieri                         | 55,000  |                         |
| 9  | Security Police                     |         | Non-military commitment |
| 10 | Fire Bdes                           |         | Non-military commitment |
| 11 | Total Italian Army                  | 347,300 |                         |
| 12 | Navy                                | 75,000  |                         |
| 13 | Air Force                           | 22,000  |                         |
| 14 | Total Italian Forces                | 444,300 |                         |

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Non-military commitment  
Non-military commitment



ATTENTION: Provisional Arrangements  
for Italian Army in Rome

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MHL)  
LACIE (LACIE)

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19 Jun 44  
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1. Set-up in Rome:

- a. Italian Military Authority in Rome (I.M.A.S.):  
For organization see Appendix "A"  
Gen. BENCIVENGA in authority.
- b. Military and other personnel:  
See Appendix "B".

2. Problems:

- a. The "take-over" between I.M.A.S. and LACIE authorities.
- b. Action in connection with personnel shown in Appendix "B".
- c. Accommodation for M.H.I.S., M of W, and S.M.R.S. when they come to Rome; and date of move to Rome.
- d. The ration problem.
- e. Channels of control.

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3. As regards 2a:

- (a) Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., and American C.G. Rome area approve provisional continuance of Gen BENCIVENGA as Italian Military Authority in Rome pending the arrival and take-over by M of W. Justice and consideration must be given to BENCIVENGA in view of his good work. There must be no ruthless or aggressive assumption of power by M of W. The business is a matter of careful, tactful handling and wholehearted cooperation between the existing Italian Army authorities and the temporary "Rome military authority", for the good of Italy.
- (b) Advance parties from M of W and S.M.R. in Rome will work under the command of BENCIVENGA in the closest liaison with MHL, who will be the agency for issuing the policy approved by the Allied C in C.
- (c) Later, when (it is hoped) M of W and S.M.R. move to Rome officially, a date will be fixed on which command of the whole Italian Army will be unified, and M of W and S.M.R. will assume executive control of the Italian Rome garrison and responsibilities.

4. As regards 2b - see Appendix "B":

- (a) Chief Commissioner, A.C., and American C.O. ROMA area approve provisional continuance of Gen BERTY BDA as Italian Military Authority in ROMA pending the arrival and take-over by M of V. Justice and consideration must be given to BERTY BDA in view of his good work. There must be NO ruthless or aggressive assumption of power by M of V. The business is a matter of careful, tactful handling and wholehearted cooperation between the existing Italian Army authorities and the temporary "BDA military authority", for the good of ITALY.
- (b) Advance parties from M of V and BDA in ROMA will work under the command of BACIVANGA in the closest liaison with MILA, who will be the agency for issuing the policy approved by the Allied C in C.
- (c) Later, when (it is hoped) M of V and BDA move to ROMA officially, a date will be fixed on which command of the whole Italian Army will be unified, and M of V and BDA will assume executive control of the Italian ROMA garrison and responsibilities.

4. As regards 2b - see Appendix "B":

- (a) CC.FF and CC.M to be enrolled officially as such. Enough vacancies exist within provisional ceiling of 60,000. These can then be issued with Army scale rations.
- (b) Agents of Public Security Corps--civilians and a matter for A.C.C. as regards organisation, feeding on civilian scale etc.
- (c) Sick in hospital--are A.C.C. responsibility for care and feeding.
- (d) Members of partisan bands whose families are NOT in ROMA--these count as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, enrolled officially into the Army.
- In addition, it is understood that there are a further 2,500 partisans who are living with their families in ROMA. These to be dealt with similarly to the other partisans.
- (e) Garrison forces--until "screened", and where desirable officially enrolled into effective Italian Army controlled by M of V and BDA. These to be counted as civilians for feeding, but to continue their work under BERTY BDA and MILA.
- (f) Navy personnel--to be counted as civilians for feeding until "screened", and where desirable, officially enrolled into existing Navy controlled by Minister of Marine.
- (g) Air force personnel--as for (f), mutatis mutandis.
- (h) Central mess--M.I.A. have secured permission to retain this--feeding a civil matter for A.C.C.
- (i) P.A.I.--MIA not concerned; a civil matter.

ACTION REQUIRED NOW ON THE ABOVE:

- (j) M of V and BDA to send advance parties now, each of up to 15 officers plus

small number of clerks and administrative personnel. Same party under Gen. GALLIA. To be located in M of W building, MMIA. See also paragraph 3(b) and 5(e).

(k) MMIA to send advance party, as detailed, including wireless for link with LOMIA, to arrive ROME by Friday evening, 23 June. M of W to set up forthwith a further "screening" agency in MMIA to screen personnel other than officers as in para 4(a), (d) and (e). This personnel to be dealt with in accordance with HQ MMIA G/19, dated 3 June, in conjunction with Carabinieri, as regards trading individuals, etc.

(a) The numbers of officers in existing Italian Army have been reduced, but are still overstrength. Several thousand more have been found in ROME. More will undoubtedly be found as we advance North. The total strength of the Italian Army has not yet been decided by COS, so it is not possible to give a firm figure of the eventual total number of officers which will be authorized. Nevertheless, it is essential to act now to reduce the numbers of surplus officers, selection for retention being on the basis of past record combined with future potentiality.

To examine the cases of Majors and below, boards will be constituted and set up under the direction of M of W, who will take action on the boards' recommendation, reporting to MMIA on the lot of each month the totals retained or discharged, by ranks.

For Lt Cols and Colonels, a central board will be constituted and set up by M of W in M of W building. An MMIA officer will attend as representing the Allied C in C.

For Generals--recommendations agreed by Comando Supremo will be submitted by M of W to MMIA for approval by Allied C in C.

Figures to work to in the first instance will be:

|                   |   |       |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| Lt Cols and below | - | 14700 |
| Colonels          | - | 500   |
| Generals          | - | 70    |

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This will permit of the addition of a number of officers who will become available as we advance further.

L.M.A.S. will be represented on the board for Lt Cols and below in ROME area, and on central board, so that these may know of the I.M.A.R. officers' recent activities and conduct.

(n) Examination by MMIA and AAF of the matter of the development of the Italian Armed Forces' supply system for the whole area North of the original line prior to the present advance. This plan should envisage the whole of ITALY.

5. As regards 2c:

(a) The permission and date for MMIA, Comando Supremo, M of W and SIME to move to ROME completely has not yet been given. Meanwhile preparations will be made.

(b) MMIA offices will be located in the Ministry of Corporations building

also see remainder of AAF.C.

or discharged, by rank.

For Lt Col's and Colonels, a central board will be constituted and set up by M of W in H of W building. An MIA officer will attend as representing the Allied C in C.

For Generals--recommendations agreed by Comando Supremo will be submitted by M of W to MIA for approval by Allied C in C.

Signatures to work to in the first instance will be:

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5. As regards 2c:

- (a) The permission and date for MIA, Comando Supremo, M of W and SARE to move to ROME completely has not yet been given. Meanwhile preparations will be made.
- (b) MIA offices will be located in the Ministry of Corporations buildings alongside remainder of A.I.C.
- (c) MIA officers and MS will be housed in hotels already designated.
- (d) All the offices of the Italian Military Authorities (including temporary I.M.A.R.) will be in the H of W building. Housing of these officers and men will be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, with assistance (if necessary) of MIA.
- (e) Advance party of MIA will arrive in ROME as per para 4(k), and of M of W and SARE as per para 4(j). Remainder will move when further orders are received from A.A.I. (see paragraph 5(a) above).
- (f) "MIA Advanced" representative in ROME will be Colonel PIERLEY, who will deal direct with I.M.A.R.
- (g) A decision has been secured by MIA that NO War Ministry real estate in ROME will be requisitioned without reference to "MIA Advanced".

6. As regards 2d:

As specified in paras 4(a) to 4(i), the principle to be followed is that until military personnel are officially enrolled in the Italian Army under Allied command, they count as civilians for ration purposes. The policy is laid down in HQ MIA G/19, dated 3 June, in order to obviate issue of rations on Army scale above the provisional ceiling of Italian Army personnel. (150 Army scale rations authorized for I.M.A.R.)

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7. is regards 2e1

- (a) For Italian Military Authority in Rome, see para 3(a).
- (b) An advanced echelon ("MIA Advanced") has been set up in the Ministry of Corporations building in Rome under Colonel F. MELBY. All matters of relevant local importance will be referred to and dealt with by him, direct with I.M.A.R. and MIA Rear at LOMELI. He is also authorized to deal direct with A.A.I. where necessary.

Signed L. BROWNING.

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

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Signed L. BROWNING.

Major General  
Director, Army Club Commission, A.C.C.

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 Lt Col to Colonel 500  
 Generals 70

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TABLE NUMBER: ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND IN ROME

General BUCCHIGNANI \*

General ZANARDI  
Commander of Force Carabinieri  
(Deroga, hospitals, etc.)

Legal Governor of Rome for interim period between withdrawal of the German and entry of Allies. (Approved by Fifth Army.) Now recognized by agreement MONTI-PICCOLI as temporary Military Commander of Italian Armed Forces in Rome (not under command of Allies) until positively systemized by arrival of Ministry of War and S.E.R.E.

Col. PACINETTI \*  
Chief of Staff and Liaison  
Officer BUCCHIGNANI-UDA III.

General GALETTI  
At disposal of COMUS  
for examination of plans.

Lt. Col. DE PETER \*  
Capo della Segreteria.

Col. MILEANI  
LSCOE representative of  
Ministero della Guerra.

Col. SANFIO  
LSCOE representative  
of S.E.R.E.

\* Officers engaged in clandestine front movement in Rome prior to arrival of Allies.

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GENERAL GOVERNOR OF ROME AND ITALIAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN ROME

General INDIVENTA C

General Governor of Rome for interim period before withdrawal of the Germans and entry of Allies. (Approved by Fifth Army.) Not recognized by agreement between Allies as temporary Military Gov under of Italian Armed Forces in Rome (not under command of Allies) until position systemized by arrival of Military of War and S.A.S.F.

General CECILE C  
Semi-representative of S.A.S.F. and carrying out task of examining records of all Army personnel remaining in Rome during German occupation.

General ...  
Staff and Liaison

General ...  
At disposal of Allies for examination of material.

General ...  
Artillery Services & salvaging of War material.

General ...  
Engineer Services & Communications, radio etc.

General ...  
Secretaria

Col. ...  
LHC representative of S.A.S.F.

Government in Rome prior to arrival of Allies.

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APPENDIX A



APPENDIX "D"

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No. 5/55 01 prot.

Rome, 16 June 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH ARMY

Requirements for Colonial Forces

A problem of the utmost importance is that of feeding the numerous personnel who are hospitalized, forming part of the Public Safety Forces, or belonging to military units whose existence is essential for carrying on of the partisan bands and individuals without units.

The following sets out the numbers in each category:

Infantry Requirements:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 2. Grenadiers di Firenze .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,000         |
| 2. Carabinieri (total, those brought by 5th Army) ..                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7,000         |
| 3. Agents of Public Security Corps .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10,000        |
| 4. Sick in hospital .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,500         |
| 5. Members of partisan bands whose families are not in Italy .....                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2,500         |
| 6. Garrison Forces (personnel from the Districtal Military, Carabinieri, 2 Reorganization Corps providing for the concentration and re-forming of military personnel not living in Italy, hospital personnel, and personnel of demobilization centers) ..... | 6,000         |
| 7. Navy personnel of the same categories .....                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1,000         |
| 8. Air Force personnel of the same categories .....                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1,000         |
| 9. Central area for penniless civilians and the families of officers who are prisoners in Poland or Germany, providing 2,000 meals a day .....                                                                                                               | 2,000         |
| 10. R.A.I. - Italian Colonial Police now being disbanded and concerning which orders are issued .....                                                                                                                                                        | 2,500         |
| <b>Totals .....</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>55,000</b> |

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A total of 55,000 daily rations are involved which will be reduced as and when the partisan bands and those who have lost their units are sent home.

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 2. Crabsider (incl. those brought by 5th Army) ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7,000  |
| 3. Agents of Allied Security Corps .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 19,000 |
| 4. Sick in hospital .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,500  |
| 5. Members of partisan bands whose families are not<br>in S.M.F. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2,500  |
| 6. Garrison forces (personnel from the Districts<br>Military, Communist, 2 Reorganization Camps<br>providing for the concentration and re-forming<br>of military personnel not living in S.M.F., hos-<br>pital personnel, and personnel of demobiliza-<br>tion offices) ..... | 6,000  |
| 7. Navy personnel of the same categories .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,000  |
| 8. Air Force personnel of the same categories .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1,000  |
| 9. Central men for families of prisoners and the<br>families of officers who are prisoners in Poland<br>or Germany, providing 2,000 meals a day .....                                                                                                                         | 2,000  |
| 10. R.A.F. - Italian Colonial Police now being<br>disbanded and converting which orders are<br>available .....                                                                                                                                                                | 2,500  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/>  |
| Total .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 55,000 |

A total of 55,500 daily rations are involved which will be required as and when the partisan bands and those who have lost their units are assembled.

Up to 20 days the rations for the above total are available, unless the Allied requisition (and this procedure has already begun) obtains not only for the grants.

As from the 20 days, the problem to be faced is either:

- a. to furnish rations from Allied sources, or
- b. to authorize requests to provide the rations needed from those authorized for the city of S.M.F.

W. G. GARDNER  
 El Ciego Al Estado Mayor  
 (Col. G. FACCHINI)

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S E C R E T

1605/50/3/e(SD1)

19 Jun 44

Minutes of a Meeting on Ceiling of Italian Army and Acceleration of provision of personnel for FBS, held at 1430 hrs 17 Jun, Main HQ AAI

Present:

|               |           |                               |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Brig          | STAYNER   | - EGS (SD & T) (Chairman)     |
| Major-General | BROWNING  | - Comd MIIA                   |
| Brig Gen      | HAEBLEK   | - DCAO                        |
| Brig          | PATON     | - DAC                         |
| Brig          | RITCHIE   | - DMB                         |
| Col           | ALLBRICHT | - ACC                         |
| Col           | FARREN    | - ACC                         |
| Col           | GLASSFORD | - SD(US)                      |
| Col           | LEWIS     | - FBS                         |
| Lt-Col        | McQUEEN   | - G (S) (Secretary)           |
| Major         | LUIE      | - ACC - Asst Sub Commission   |
| Major         | KILMER    | - ACC - Industry and Commerce |
| Major         | MUSSELL   | - Q (S)                       |
| Capt          | GRANAM    | - C (SD)                      |

PART I - ITALIAN ARMY CEILING

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Views of Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief

1. Comd MIIA stated that prior to the meeting he had an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief at which had been discussed :-
  - a) AAI's original proposals.
  - b) The new reduced ceiling in the AAIQ Memo of 14 Jun.
- SAC considered the original proposals to be sound and that no reductions should be accepted. He instructed Comd MIIA to inform the Meeting accordingly.
2. DCAO said that he had had unofficial information that US authorities were opposed to the original numbers.

- ACC
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- SI (US)
- PDS
- G (SR) (Secretary)
- ACC - Food Sub Commission
- ACC - Industry and Commerce
- G (AC)
- G (SD)

- Col ALLERIGHT
- Col WALLEN
- Col GLASGOW
- Cpt LAMBE
- 1st-Lt McQUEEN
- 1st-Lt LITTLE
- 1st-Lt NUTTALL
- 1st-Lt MUSSELL
- Capt GRAYSON

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PART I - ITALIAN ARMY CEILING

Views of Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief

1. Comd. MILA stated that prior to the meeting he had an interview with the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief at which had been discussed:

- a) AAI's original proposals.
- b) The new reduced ceiling in the AFHQ Memo of 11 Jun.

SAC considered the original proposals to be sound and that no reductions should be accepted. He instructed Comd MILA to inform the meeting accordingly.

2. DCAO said that he had had unofficial information that US authorities were opposed to the original numbers.

Reply to AFHQ Proposal

- 3. It was agreed, therefore, that the reply to the AFHQ Memo should include:
  - a) Mention of the interview at para 1 above.
  - b) AAI's revised version of the original proposals of 3 Apr and 4 May.
  - c) A proposed breakdown of the reduced ceiling of 444,500.

4. The meeting then proceeded to examine the figures at coln (c) of Annex 2 of the Agenda.

Maintenance of Personnel in excess of ceiling

- 5. a) Chairman explained that it had been suggested that certain categories of personnel might be maintained in excess of ceiling by the Italian Government from resources at their disposal.

...../b) ACC

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- b) ACC stated that while rations on a modified scale could be produced for such personnel, it would be impracticable to find boots, forest green clothing, eqpt etc.
- c) After discussion it was agreed that the retention of such personnel on the strength of the Italian Army would be impracticable. Accordingly "ineffectives" (i.e. sick, reinforcements, personnel in transit) must be covered within the ceiling figure.

Breakdown of the Ceiling figure of 444,300

6. The breakdown at Appendix 'A' attached was agreed. The following points and decisions were made in the course of discussion.

Service Units

- a) British - out from 100,000 to 23,000.
- b) US - out from 26,000 to 71,000.

DJMG accepted this unwillingly.

DCAO stated that he would provide breakdown for IBS, PBS, AGS and Fifth Army.

PES stated that they could accept a reduction provided four gds were provided from Internal Security formations.

ACC

8. ACC rep pointed out that in order to carry out functions in the fed areas, personnel in uniform must be provided. In view of the fluctuating and indefinite nature of the ACC requirement, it was decided that the figure for Internal Security formations should include an element for ACC and that the latter's requirements would be met from the Internal Security formations.

AA and CD

9. The original figure of 8,000 was based on a draft letter received from MGAM and CD. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to examine this commitment with a view to reductions.

7. a) British - cut from 100,000 to 93,000.  
DQIG accepted this unwillingly.
- b) US - cut from 96,000 to 71,000.

DCAO stated that he would provide breakdown for IBS, PBS, AGS and Fifth Army.

PES stated that they could accept a reduction provided four gds were provided from internal security formations.

ACC

8. ACC rep pointed out that in order to carry out functions in the fwd areas, personnel in uniform must be provided. In view of the fluctuating and indefinite nature of the ACC requirement, it was decided that the figure for Internal Security formations should include an element for ACC and that the latter's requirements would be met from the Internal Security formations.

AA and CD

9. The original figure of 6,000 was based on a draft letter received from MAM and CD. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to examine this commitment with a view to reductions.

CORSICA

10. 5,000 represents present strength. It was believed that these personnel were of Yugoslav origin and on this basis AFHQ were to be asked that the commitment should not be included in the ceiling of the Italian Army. If this were agreed, then 2,500 would be added to each of Serials 1 and 2.

Internal Security Formations

11. a) These represent a reserve for AAI. Serials 1 and 2 make no allowance for gd duties on Allied installations. Internal Security formations would provide units for these duties. G (SD) AAI would review requirements and make the necessary allocations in due course.

b) In principle, in view of the reduction in numbers, the best Italian tps will be retained in the internal security divs.

Italian Adm and Services

12. The figure has been cut to 40,000 which the meeting considered to represent the bare minimum required for efficient adm. It was agreed to ask

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AFHQ to allot 5,000 from Navy and Air Force ceilings to Italian Army admin on the grounds that the latter covered the entire Italian Armed Forces.

Carabinieri

13. Cut from 60,000 to 55,000. If subsequent events prove that 60,000 are essential the additional 5,000 will be provided at the expense of the Internal Security formations.

PART II - ACCELERATION OF PROVISION OF UNITS FOR PBS

14. Rep PBS referred to a letter from Gen WILSON (CG PBS) to HQ AAI which stressed the urgency of providing immediately Italian Army personnel for PBS. In this letter PBS recommended inter alia that :-

- a) Shipping lift from SARDINIA should be increased.
- b) Priorities be reviewed.
- c) Outstanding engr, medical and truck-driver units be shipped immediately.
- d) Six labour regts now awaiting shipment be assigned to PBS.
- e) The CROMONA Div be assigned to and moved to PBS.

15. It was agreed that :-

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- a) 2 (mov) and PBS should signal AFHQ and COMUSMACV respectively stressing the need for provision of additional shipping for 25,000 personnel from SARDINIA to meet British and US needs.
- b) Priorities would be reviewed by DONG and DCAO and a proportion of labour regts in SARDINIA would be allotted to PBS.
- c) A division in SARDINIA to be selected by...

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- a) Shipping lift from SARDINIA should be increased.
- b) Priorities be reviewed.
- c) Outstanding engy, medical and truck-driver units be shipped immediately.
- d) Six labour regts now awaiting shipment be assigned to FBS.
- e) The CREMONA Div be assigned to and moved to FBS.

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15. It was agreed that :-

- a) Q (Mov) and PBS should signal AFHQ and COMUSMACV respectively stressing the need for provision of additional shipping for 25,000 personnel from SARDINIA to meet British and US needs.
- b) Priorities would be reviewed by DQMG and DCAO and a proportion of labour regts in SARDINIA would be allotted to FBS.
- c) A division in SARDINIA to be selected by MIA in conjunction with SURE would be allotted to FBS.

16. Summary and action required

See Table at Appx 'B' attached.

*L. McArthur*  
Lt-Col G.S.  
(Secretary)

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| ACC     | (2) |
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| DAG     |     |
| DQMG    |     |
| Q (Mov) |     |
| ACC IO  |     |



SECRETAppendix 'A' to  
1605/50/3/G(SM)  
dated 19 Jun 44Breakdown of ceiling figure  
of 444,300 for Italian Forces

| <u>Serial</u> | <u>Category</u>              | <u>Strength</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1             | Service units British        | 93,000          |
| 2             | Service units US             | 71,000          |
| 3             | AA and CD                    | 5,000           |
| 4             | Corsica                      | 1,000           |
| 5             | Italian Combat Tps           | 15,000          |
| 6             | Internal Security formations | 53,300          |
| 7             | Italian Adm and Services     | 40,000          |
| 8             | Carabinieri                  | 55,000          |
| 9             | Total Italian Army           | 347,300         |
| 10            | Navy                         | 75,000          |
| 11            | Air Force                    | 22,000          |
| 12            | Total Italian Forces         | 444,300         |

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SECRETAppendix 'B' to  
1605/50/3/G(SD1)  
dated 19 Jun 44SUMMARY OF MAJOR DECISIONS AND ACTION REQUIREDPART I - Italian Army Ceiling

| Para                       | Decision                                                                                                       | Action                                                           |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.                         | Revised AAI bids and breakdown of new figure of 444,300 will both be included in reply to AFHQ Memo of 11 Jun. | G(SD)                                                            |
| 4.                         | No personnel will be held in excess of ceiling                                                                 |                                                                  |
| 6.                         | Breakdown of 444,300 will be as at Apx 'A'                                                                     |                                                                  |
| 7.                         | Bids for service units US and British will be cut.                                                             | 1099<br>DCAG will inform G(SD) breakdown of US figure of 71,000. |
| 8.                         | AOC requirements will be met from IS fms.                                                                      |                                                                  |
| 9.                         | AFHQ will be asked to reduce Aa & OD                                                                           | G(SD)                                                            |
| 10.                        | AFHQ will be asked to allot CORSICAN ceiling to service units                                                  | G(SD)                                                            |
| 11.                        | IS fms will be employed on gd duties on Allied installations                                                   | G(SD) will examine allotment of fms to fms                       |
| 12.                        | AFHQ will be asked to allot 5000 of Navy and Air Force ceiling to Adm.                                         | G(SD)                                                            |
| <u>PART II - PBS Needs</u> |                                                                                                                |                                                                  |
| 15 (a)                     | Request to be submitted for more shipping for movement from SARDINIA                                           | PBS and Q(Mov) to signal CG and USA and AFHQ respectively.       |
| (b)                        | Priorities of allotment of Service units will be reviewed.                                                     | DCAG and DQMG.                                                   |
| (c)                        | Division in SARDINIA will be allotted to PBS                                                                   | MMIA to make recommendations.                                    |

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S E C R E T

Maj Gen L. Browning  
Army Sub Commission A.O.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILLE (LECCE)

15 Jun 44

Dear

Herewith some notes we have made  
for the Conference at 1430 hrs 17 June at A.A.I. on Italian  
Army ceiling.

You will probably like to have a look at them in advance.

Yours

*L.B.*

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Lt Col K.W. McQueen  
G(3D) H.Q., A.A.I.

*P.S. Your letter dated 13 June just in.  
I had prepared attached before. I feel  
personally that we should press for  
figures as per attached*

*(5)*  
*or*

*Signed LB 1900 hrs 15 June*

SUBJECT: S.B. of Italian Army.

SECRET

| Serial. | Category                                    | Now Proposed (MHI) | Original Proposal (MAI)                                               |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | Combat Div.                                 | 50,000             | 14,103                                                                |
| 2.      | Internal Security Plans                     | 50,300             | 101,200                                                               |
| 3.      | Units employed or to be employed by Allies. | 180,000            | 4.e. 105,000<br>by British<br>75,000<br>by Americans<br><u>30,000</u> |
| 4.      | Italian Adm                                 | 27,000             | 45,870                                                                |
| 5.      | C.O. IR Etc.                                | 60,000             | 60,000                                                                |
| 6.      | Security Police                             | NIL.               | NIL.                                                                  |
| 7.      | Fire Bases.                                 | NIL.               | NIL.                                                                  |
| 8.      | Navy                                        | 75,000             | 75,000                                                                |
| 9.      | Air Force                                   | 22,000             | 51,000                                                                |
|         |                                             |                    | 1697                                                                  |

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|    |                                             |              |                                                |                |
|----|---------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 3. | Units employed or to be employed by Allies. | 100,000      | i.e. 105,000 by British<br>75,000 by Americans | 45,870         |
| 4. | Italian Arm                                 | 27,000       | 24,170                                         | 60,000         |
| 5. | U.S. M. Fts.                                | 60,000       |                                                | Mil.           |
| 6. | Security Forces                             | Mil.         |                                                | Mil.           |
| 7. | Fire Bdes.                                  | Mil.         |                                                | 75,000         |
| 8. | Navy                                        | 75,000       |                                                | 31,000         |
| 9. | Air Force                                   | 22,000       |                                                |                |
|    |                                             | <b>TOTAL</b> |                                                | <b>507,170</b> |

++ Not considered as "effective" for feeding on Army Scale.

Sheet 2.

MEMO FOR A.A.I. COMMEMOR. 17 JUNE

ON ITALIAN ARMY OFFICER.

Army Sub Commission, A. G. C.  
Main HQ (AMIA)  
LIVORNO (LIVORNO)

June 1944.

1. ITALIAN ARMY less CC. NR Etc.

| State                 | Proposed Originally | Now Proposed | Reduction |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|
| U. S.                 | 341,170             | 287,300      | 53,870    |
| Strength as at 25 May | 341,420             | 287,300      | 54,120    |

2. CC. NR Etc.

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| State                  | Proposed Originally | Now Proposed | Reduction or Shortage. |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| U. S.                  | 60,000              | 60,000       | No Change              |
| Strength as at 25 May. | 57,455              | 60,000       | 22,545 shortage.       |

3. NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

Originally proposed that Navy be reduced from 75,000 to 50,000

| State                  | Proposed Originally | Now Proposed | Reduction or Shortage. |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| U.S.                   | 60,000              | 60,000       | He Change.             |
| Strength as at 25 May. | 37,455              | 60,000       | 22,545 shortage.       |

### 3. NAVI AND AIR FORCE.

Originally proposed that Navy be reduced from 75,000 to 50,000

Originally proposed that Air Force be 51,000 compared with 22,000 now proposed.

### 4. L.S. FORMATION.

- (a) Reduced from 101,200 to 50,300 i.e. only 5 L.S. Divs left.
- (b) Distribution = one SARDINIA, one SICILY, one SOUTH of NAPLES, two North of NAPLES ?
- (c) Chief Commissioner wants two Divs in SICILY. This would need a Corps H.Q.
- (d) Three L.S. Divs for all ITALY up to PISA-MILANO would mean wide dispersion. Could not be controlled by one Corps H.Q. We have no reserve for emergencies or if more than 180,000 wanted for employment by Allies or if we find we sweep beyond PISA-MILANO Idno.

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4. I.S. FORMATIONS (Contd.)

(d) (Contd.)

Difficulty and delay in getting going again to procure more Italian units, if we have reduced to bare minimum and we find in the changing and unforeseeable course of the war that we need more Italian soldiers for I.S. or to replace Allied manpower. Therefore ..... should err on the generous side.

Answer is to have one Corps of two I.S. Divs South of NAPLES and ditto North of NAPLES.

- (e) SARDINIA can remain with only one I.S. Div. No Corps H.Q.
- (f) Therefore 7 I.S. Divs and 3 Corps H.Q. required - 71,000 personnel.

5. CASUAL DIV.

Now about 20,000 strong. No equipment for more. With "extras" required by 5 Corps and 10th Reinforcements, 25,000 ought amply to suffice. 1695

6. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION (See "State of Italian Army", 9/11)

(a) Central Directing Organization.

Comando Supremo, II of 7 and S.M.R.M. are running an Army of 34,000 with a scratch staff; nebulous foundations as regards documents, data etc; and continually changing and growing commitments as we advance to FERRA-KIMMI Line and perhaps (probably?) beyond.

Moreover, we want an adequate central organization ready now to enable the Italian Army (the ultimate foundation on which Govt. rests) to cope with the peace time and post-war problems.



5. COMBAT INF.

Now about 20,000 strong. No equipment for more. With "extras" required  
1695  
by 5 Corps and 10th Reinforcements, 25,000 ought amply to suffice.

6. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION (See "State of Italian Army", 9/41)

(a) Central Directing Organisation.

Comando Supremo, M of W and S.M.P.E. are running an Army of 341,000 with a scratch staff; nebulous foundations as regards documents, data etc; and continually changing and growing commitments as we advance to PISA-RAVINE line and perhaps (probably?) beyond.

Moreover, we want an adequate central organization ready now to enable the Italian Army (the ultimate foundation on which Govt. rests) to compete with the peace time and post-war problems.

Comando Supremo not required. Civilian Minister of War and Air. Navy under CIMEH. Air Force under M.A.A.F. S.M.L.S. has been dealing direct and effectively with M of W and S.M.P.E. for months. Comando Supremo unnecessary extra complication and bottleneck. ~~Remove~~ ~~102~~ ~~editors~~ ~~and~~ ~~553~~ ~~6.2a.~~ Strongly advocate retention of original figure of 4,470 (say 4,500) for M of W and S.M.P.E. together, including Intelligence (S.L.M.) ex-Comando Supremo.

(b) Static Foundations.

The figure for Area HQs, Depots, Transit Camps etc., originally proposed was based on the minimum W.F. for staffing these organizations

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6. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION (Contd.)

(b) Static Formations. (Contd.)

and calculated on existing Depots, Districts etc., SOUTH of line NAPLES-FOGGIA and in SICILY and SARDINIA. The figure did NOT include any allowance for rifts.

It was intended that as the line moved fwd, additional organizations would have to be provided at the expense of the existing ones.

Consider that original figure of 15,000 is, if anything, on the low side in view of additional commitments.

(c) Services

The figure for Medical personnel <sup>alone</sup> ~~shown~~ on British scale of 3 1/2% comes to 11,800 for the 57,000 proposed by AFM. Only 1,650 are under command of the Allies so the remainder has to be carried in the Italian Area category. **1694**

Italian % of ~~total~~ <sup>total</sup> is liable to be higher than Allied owing to shortage or lack of medical supplies (e.g. malaria preventatives.)

Consider the figure of 26,400 (say 26,500) originally proposed, by no means excessive, in view of the wide dispersion, shortage of M. T. and communications.

(c) Services.

The figure for Medical personnel <sup>alone</sup> on British scale of ~~350~~ comes to 11,800 for the 337,000 proposed by AFM. Only 1,650 are under <sup>1094</sup> command of the Allies so the remainder has to be carried in the Italian Admin category.

Italian % of ~~350~~ <sup>354</sup> is liable to be higher than Allied owing to shortage of lack of medical supplies (e.g. malaria preventatives.) Consider the figure of 26,400 (say 26,500) originally proposed, by no means excessive, in view of the wide dispersion, shortage of M.P. and communications.

NOTE: Could any captured German M.P. be provided and an order issued that all Italian M.P. be returned to the Italians? This would help them to cut down decentralisation which is at present necessary but uneconomical.

7. REINFORCEMENTS.

- (a) We need an A.S.U. to hold, train and equip 9,000 men to cover normal wastage of 5% on 180,000 "troops employed by Allies."
- (b) Combat Div will have 10% reinforcements in its own Advanced Depot.
- (c) Reinforcements for L.S. Divs (71,000) and Italian Administration (46,000) on a 5% basis requires 5,800 (say 6,000)
- (d) Carabinieri reinforcements out of their 60,000.
- (e) Allowance for reinforcements as above will partially offset the permanent shortage shown in para. 8 below.

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OTHER ASPECTS (See NY 49/8 dated 27 APR.)

(a) Sick

On a basis of 4% sick in figure proposed of 287,500 we lose the services at any one time of 11,500 men (13,000 in hospital now.)

(b) Leave

Assuming 5% on ordinary, agricultural or compassionate leave at any one time (10 days every 6 months including travelling time) = 1000 14,000.

(c) Smiling Population

There are always a number of men "in transit", changing jobs, moving owing to reorganization or the advance North etc. = lose say 1,000.

(d) Crime

Add another 1,000 deserters or absentees, or men undergoing punishment or awaiting trial.

(e) Total (a) to (d)

27,500 men inevitably not available (10% of the total Army of 287,500 proposed) i.e., a different complexion on the apparent paper figures.

(f) Italian Navy

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(c) Coring

Add another 1,000 deserters or absentees, or men undergoing punishment or awaiting trial.

(e) Total (a) to (c)

27,500 men inevitably not available (10% of the total Army of 267,300 proposed) i.e., a different complexion on the apparent paper figures.

(f) Italian Navy

Not reduced at all on original figure of 75,000 though reduction to 50,000 anticipated. Italian Navy much more centralized and operating under more stable conditions than Italian Army.

2. A.P.H.C. ITALIAN ARMY.

Not legislated for i.e.

| Nature              | Officers  | O. Re.       | TOTAL.       |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| A.A. & C.D.         | 607       | 14,018       | 14,625       |
| Rly. Constr. Units. | 72        | 1,971        | 2,043        |
| Doors Op. Coys.     | 32        | 1,539        | 1,571        |
| <u>COSSICA</u>      | <u>73</u> | <u>4,790</u> | <u>4,863</u> |
| TOTALS              | 789       | 22,318       | 23,107       |

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Sheet 6.

10. ITALIAN ARMY REQUIRED therefore

A.A.L. ITALIAN ARMY.

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| (a) Combat Div .....                                | 25,000  |
| (b) L.S. Formations .....                           | 71,000  |
| (c) Italian Administration:                         |         |
| M of W and S.M.S.E. ....                            | 4,500   |
| Static Formations .....                             | 15,000  |
| Services .....                                      | 26,500  |
| Reinforcements for (b) & (c) .....                  | 6,000   |
| (d) Units employed or to be employed by Allies..... | 130,000 |
| plus Reinforcements .....                           | 9,000   |
| (e) Carabinieri                                     | 60,000  |

TOTAL A.A.L. Italian Army

397,000

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A.F.F.S. ITALIAN ARMY.

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| (f) As per para. 3 above .....     | 25,000 |
| (g) Add reinforcements at 5% ..... | 1,000  |

TOTAL A.F.F.S. Italian Army

26,000

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397,000

TOTAL A.S.L. Italian Army

A.F.H.Q. ITALIAN ARMY.

(f) As per para. 3 above ..... 25,000

(g) Add reinforcements at 5% ..... 1,000

TOTAL A.F.H.Q. Italian Army 24,000

GRAND TOTAL (a) to (g) ..... 421,000

*d. Browning*

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

Wm. LB.

*308 15/6*

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army

TOP SECRET

HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY  
1605/50/3/1/G(SM)

13 Jun 44.

Comd, Army Sub Commission

The attached copy of AFHQ memo dated 11 Jun on - Employment of Italian Army, is forwarded for info.

You, or a representative, are requested to attend a meeting in WEC Room HQ AAI (Caserta Palace) at 1430 hrs 17 Jun to discuss the allocations of personnel to categories at Appendix "A". Please confirm by signal or phone that you or your representative will attend this meeting.

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*K. M. Milburn  
J. B. J. for*

Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

*AT*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Chief of Staff

11 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR : AAI

TOP SECRET

SUBJECT : Employment of Italian Army.

Reference your 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 3 April 44.

It has been decided that the maximum number of Italian troops which can be recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as effective will be 444,300. The breakdown of this figure is given in the attached appendix.

The figures for Internal Security are intended to provide a total of five divisions with one Corps HQ as follows:-

1 Sardinia  
1 Sicily  
1 Naples Area } These two divisions to be  
1 Rome Area } combined into a Corps.  
1 Bologna or Florence area.

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Security Police and Fire Brigades are not included as they are not military organisations and their functions are essentially civil in character. They cannot be classified as effective troops merely because they wear uniforms.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff have decided as a matter of policy that combat equipment will not be provided for Italian troops. Will you please take the total figures as fixed and say as soon as possible whether you agree to the breakdown.

(SGD) J. A. H. GAMBELL,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of Staff.

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TOP SECRETAPPENDIX "A"

| <u>CATEGORY</u>                                        | <u>TO BE RECOMMENDED TO OCS</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED BY AAI</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Combat Personnel                                    | 30,000                          | 36,100                    |
| B. Internal Security:                                  |                                 |                           |
| Divisions                                              | 50,300                          | 101,200                   |
| Carabinieri<br>Guardia di Finanza }<br>Security Police | 60,000                          | 60,000                    |
| Fire Brigades                                          | Nil                             | 20,000                    |
| Fire Brigades                                          | Nil                             | 10,000                    |
| C. Italian Administration and Service Units.           | 27,000                          | 45,870                    |
| D. Italian Navy and Air Force :                        |                                 |                           |
| Navy                                                   | 75,000                          | 75,000                    |
| Air Force                                              | 22,000                          | 31,000                    |
| E. Service Units under Command British.                | 105,000                         | 101,000                   |
| F. Service Units under Command American.               | 75,000                          | 57,000                    |
| TOTALS:                                                | 144,300                         | 537,170                   |

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Organisation DSG, Rear Hq, ACC

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Rank W.O.

Organisation Adv. H.Q.

Army Sub. Comd 1607

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces  
when serving sentences or awaiting trial in jail.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
AQ/S  
22 May 44.

To: H.E. General ORLANDO,  
Minister of War,

Your Excellency.

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NCI-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.

2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:

either (a) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. *01055*  
completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instituted as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:

either (a) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on ARMY Scale and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. **025**  
On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on ARMY Scale.

or (b) Released on parole and returned to his unit or sent to a Re-organisation Camp for immediate drafting to units working for the Allies.

4. (a) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.

(b) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you

5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

(a) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.

(b) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from Civil prisons.

tvs. FUN.  
copy to: H.Q. AAI (2)  
H.Q. ACC (2)

see **L3 BROWNING**

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

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Army Units  
and Personnel with British Forces

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMA)  
L. QUILE (LCCO)  
G/C/I/F  
27 May 44

Chief Commissioner A.C.C., NAPLES.  
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm MC, SALESNO.

Herewith, copy of AFHQ letter HSD/424 dated 8 May, subject  
as above, requested in Adv HQ Army Sub Commission signal 2796  
of 22 May 44.

Also attached, copy of AFHQ letter HSD/424 dated 16 May.

ATC

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

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For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

*J.A.H. Gammell*  
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 Lieutenant-General,  
 Chief of Staff.

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For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

*M. G. D. [Signature]*

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For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean *J. A. H. Gallell*

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SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units  
and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

TO : HQ AAI (Copies 1 - 5)

1. The following policy regarding the employment of ITALIAN Army Units and personnel, excluding Prisoners of War, is in amplification of the policy laid down in this HQ letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-AGM of 2 January 1944, and deals in detail with the conditions of service of the units, and general policy of the above letter as it applies to Italian Army Units and personnel serving with the British Forces.

2. Priority of Employment.

The priority of employment of units of the Italian Army will

be :-

- (a) to complete the existing British Order of Battle requirements.
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For all S.D. matters, Italian Army Units (except for those in Italian formations), and units diluted with Italian personnel serving with British Forces, will be treated in a similar manner to units of the British Army.



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4. Establishments.

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Where whole units of the Italian Army are employed, the Italian War Establishment or its equivalent will be used for those units as far as is possible. Where no suitable ITALIAN Establishment exists for a body which is to be entirely ITALIAN, ACC is empowered to produce in conjunction with ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND a suitable organization, which need only be submitted to AFHQ for approval if it involves the provision of vehicles or equipment from Allied sources. In the case of a unit diluted with Italian personnel the British W.E. will invariably be used.

The War Establishment Committee of this Headquarters will be the authority for all cases of amendments where a British W.E. is affected.

5. Command and Punishment.

- (a) All British formation Commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command, including power to remove and appoint officers.
- (b) All British Commanders of units diluted with Italian troops are given power of command over all such personnel, and all British Officers, W.O's and NCO's in such units are given power of command over Italian personnel of equal or lower rank.

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(c) All personnel of the ITALIAN Army will remain subject to ITALIAN Military Law which will be administered by ITALIAN Officers in accordance with the ITALIAN code.

Where there is no ITALIAN Officer competent to deal with the case with the diluted unit and where it is not desirable or legally possible to deal with an offender under Sec 176 (9) or (10) Army Act by BRITISH Court Martial the offender will be sent with a short statement of the offence in ordinary English and brief statements of witnesses to the nearest ITALIAN Unit for disciplinary action to be taken.

Arrangements will be made for the ITALIAN Officer dealing with the case to report his action to the Commanding Officer of the diluted unit.

6. Arrest.

British Service authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody ITALIANS alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by ITALIAN Law, and any offence against BRITISH Military Law, although such offence may not be an offence against ITALIAN Law.

Italian personnel will not be arrested by other than C.M.P. except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. C.M.P. to include Military, R.A.F., and Naval Police.

7. Leave.

If and when possible, ITALIAN personnel, whose families are located in the occupied territory, may be permitted leave of furlough to their homes, provided that they receive not more than 7 days in every 6 months, and that only 5 per cent of the ITALIAN personnel of a unit are absent at any one time.

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8. M.S. Matters.

Power to remove an Officer is dealt with in para 5 (a) (i) above, and all remaining M.S. matters will continue under ITALIAN Army organization.

9. Reinforcement and Casualties.

(a) Complete ITALIAN Units.

The ITALIAN Military Authorities are to be responsible for maintaining in personnel those complete Units or Formations of the ITALIAN Army who are employed under BRITISH Command. The necessary return will be furnished monthly to this Headquarters by Land Forces Sub Commission of ACC.

This return will be in the form of an Order of Battle showing the strength of ITALIAN Units and Formations serving under BRITISH Command.

(b) Diluted Units.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon are responsible for maintaining at W.E., those units of the BRITISH Army which are diluted with personnel of the ITALIAN Army holding a status other than that of E.P.W.

(c) Reinforcement Organization.

(i) Base Depot. The ITALIAN Government will undertake to guarantee a sufficient number of personnel for replacing wastage, in a Base Depot to be established for the purpose. This Base Depot will be situated in ITALY so as to facilitate the rapid despatch of reinforcement personnel to units. It will be under command of a BRITISH Officer with a BRITISH Staff, and will be capable of ensuring the qualifications of tradesmen or specialists held, and, where necessary, of ensuring that these men do not deteriorate during their stay in the depot.

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(ii) Method of Demanding Reinforcements. Diluted units will render weekly A.F.'s W3000 and W3009 as at present, but will show I.E. and strength of British and Italian personnel separately. Returns will be rendered as laid down in the 'Unit Guide to Documentation', and demands for reinforcements made by the Advance Bfts Sec concerned on the Base Depot.

(d) Documentation.

All formations and units with Italian Army personnel (other than E.P.M.), either filling vacancies within the A.E., or attached in excess will render nominal rolls to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon showing:

- (1) Number, Rank and Name.
- (2) Arm of the Service.
- (3) Civil Trade and Army Trade.
- (4) Whether within A.E. or att in excess.

All casualties affecting such ITALIAN Army personnel will be reported to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon in exactly the same manner as for BRITISH personnel. The same Army Forms will be used with the exception that the A.F.'s W3012 A, B and C series will be used for both officers and C.Rs instead of the A.F.'s W3010 and W3011 series.

(e) Return of Ex Hospital Personnel.

Fit men discharged from medical units will report to the nearest COMANDO TAPPA Report Centre. Medical units will provide the necessary pass, rations and movement order for the journey.

10. Pay.

- (a) Whenever possible, the ITALIAN Government will pay its own troops wherever serving.
- (b) Where (a) is impracticable, ITALIAN units will draw bulk advances from the nearest BRITISH Field Cashier.
- (c) In diluted units, the senior ITALIAN Officer with the unit will draw separately from the nearest Area or Field Cashier, and such amounts will not appear in the latest account of the BRITISH Units concerned.

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- (d) All advances of Pay will be in a bulk sum.
- (e) A list of authorized units will be supplied to the Command Paymaster, No. 6 Command Pay Office, TARANTO, and in the case of diluted units, the BRITISH Commanding Officer, will authorize, by name, the ITALIAN Officer to whom payment should be made.

11. Prisoners of War.

Prisoners of War, of whatever nationality, who fall into the hands of ITALIAN Armed Forces, shall be handed over as soon as possible after capture to the nearest BRITISH or AMERICAN Unit, and shall be deemed to be prisoners taken by that unit.

12. Medical.

- (a) ITALIAN Military sick (incl. C. R. B. I. N. I. E. R. I.) will be treated in ITALIAN hospitals. Provision will, therefore, be made for ITALIAN hospitals at 6% strength of ITALIAN formations.

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- (b) Italian Base Depots of Medical Stores now at NAPLES and BARI will be responsible for the provision of medical supplies to the ITALIAN Forces and for supplying ITALIAN Military Medical Units, which are accepting cases from units to which this directive refers.  
Formations will be supplied through the normal ITALIAN Military channels.
- (c) The ITALIAN Military Authorities will be responsible for the disposal of patients discharged as unfit for further military service and for the rehabilitation and return to units of all others.

13. Welfare.

- (a) In complete ITALIAN units, welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the ITALIAN Government.
- (b) In diluted BRITISH units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from BRITISH sources. If conditions allow, canteen facilities, separate to those for BRITISH Troops, will be provided; a quota of indoor and outdoor Games equipment will be made available and ITALIAN soldiers will be allowed to attend mobile cinema shows and ENSA concerts if no BRITISH Troops are excluded thereby.

14. Rations.

(a) In Army Areas.

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to RHs. HQ AAI will demand monthly on Army Sub Commission for compensating supplies.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Boundaries.

- (i) Diluted ITALIAN units will draw through DIDs.
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In isolated bases or in emergency ITALIAN units or depots may be supplied from a BRITISH Depot, compensating supplies being demanded as in Para 14 (a)

(c) EFT supplies will not be issued to ITALIAN troops.

15. P.O.L.

ITALIAN units (and units diluted with ITALIANS) serving with the BRITISH Army in Army Areas or elsewhere which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle will be supplied as if they were Allied Units through the normal U.S. or BRITISH maintenance systems.

16. Postal.

Separate instructions will be issued in regard to Postal and Conscription Regulations.

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17. Equipment.

Pending the receipt of full and final instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, ITALIAN dilutees employed in British units and Italian units employed in place of British units within the approved British Order of Battle will be issued from British stocks with the personal equipment to the minimum scale necessary to make this class of ITALIAN soldier efficient for his task, if Italian Army stocks are not available.

The G.1098 equipment required to enable the unit to carry out its task will also be issued to the Italian units described above.

For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

*J.A.H. Gairdell*  
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ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY  
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25 Apr 44

SUBJECT: Employment of the Italian Army

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1. In continuation of my letter No 1605/50/3/2/0(SD) dated 3 April 1944, and with reference to your sign L No P 28683 dated 8 Apr, I feel that the Combined Chiefs of Staff may not be fully aware of the extent to which the Italian Army is and can be a practicable investment for the purely military point of view. I have in this respect of the matter carefully examined and recommend that the points set out in this letter should be brought to the notice of the Combined Chiefs of Staff before they take a final decision on the strength at which the Italian Army is to be maintained.

2. The military value of the Italian Army can best be considered under three main headings:-

- (a) Combat troops to increase the fighting strength of the Allied Armies in Italy.
- (b) Service units for duty with the Allied Armies in Italy to save Allied manpower.
- (c) Internal security troops to ensure that Allied manpower is not absorbed in such or other kindred duties.

3. Combat Troops

It is obvious that combat troops can only be a practicable investment if they have a definite fighting value. The availability of Italian equipment limits the number of troops that can be made effective to one division, and experience during the past few months has shown that that is also roughly the limit of suitable units. An Italian division has recently reached the conclusion to be sent to the front in a defensive role. I agree with that view, and arrangements are being made to reorganise and build-up the Italian combat contingent at the first convenient opportunity into an effective division which will then be employed as such with the Eighth Army. The employment of Italian troops in a defensive role has facilitated the current retraining programme, and the formation of an Italian combat division will be a definite even though modest increase in our fighting strength and a saving of Allied manpower.

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4. This combat division will have a total strength of 14,100 all ranks. It will be equipped from Italian sources as far as possible but investigation has shown that a limited number of items of essential stores and equipment are neither available nor obtainable from Italian resources. If this division is to be an effective fighting formation these items must be supplied and maintained from Allied sources, and as it is intended to employ the division with Eighth Army they should be of British design. This question is now being considered in detail and a report will be rendered in due course stating the actual articles and quantities required. Meanwhile I strongly recommend that the Combined Chiefs of Staff be requested to accept the principle that provision of the minimum equipment requirements of the Italian combat division shall be an Allied commitment, and that issues of immediate requirements may be made at my discretion from British stocks now held in Italy.

5. It is proposed that any non-divisional service units required to maintain the Combat Division in action should be provided by the allocation of appropriate units from the rest of the Italian Army and that to maintain security codes.

6. Service Units

At the present time Italian administrative units, numbering about 70,000 men, are doing invaluable work for the Allied Armies in Italy. Taken as a whole these men are working well and their efficiency, within the limits of their national characteristics, are co-operating. Without these Italian troops we should not be able to sustain present operations at the required scale unless a corresponding number of troops were provided from Allied resources.

7. The same can be said of future requirements. In making plans for an advance to the ADMIN - PIS line very little has been asked for in the way of additional administrative units because reliance has been placed on the formation of extra Italian units to take over from Allied troops in rear areas, and thereby to release the Allied troops required for the forward area. This aspect of the matter is now being re-examined in accordance with your letter R. HSD/424 dated 14 April, and it may well be found that even further dilution by Italian units with consequential saving in Allied manpower will be possible.

8. Meanwhile the Order of Battle of Italian Service units already formed or definitely projected is being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible. This Order of Battle will be in amplification of the outline of requirements amounting to 180,000 personnel which was attached at Annex 'C' to JAI letter 1605/50/3/1/5(SD) of 3 April. I ask that requirements should receive sympathetic consideration and I submit that the maintenance of Italian troops, who work well and make a substantial contribution to our war effort, is important in the case of these units, and that a profitable investment for the small amount expended on their



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9. There is another aspect of dilution by Italian personnel which arises out of the questions posed in your letter No. HSD/424 of 14 April. It is not clear from your letter whether you contemplate extending the field of selection of Italian personnel to the Italian civil population. It will be obvious to you that not being British or American subjects the enlistment or enrolment of Italian civilians into Allied military units will present many difficulties connected with administration and disciplinary matters. I therefore consider that the Italian Army must remain the fountain of all Italian personnel required for duty with the Allied forces. For this reason I recommend that no reduction in the total number of Italian troops to be maintained be decided upon at least until a final assessment of total Allied requirements under this head has been made.

10. Internal Security Troops

Final requirements under this heading are difficult to assess, as things stand at present the number of troops needed for internal security duties is not large, but as more Italian territory is conquered commitments will increase. Also as the war in Europe nears its close political faction will tend to increase and the situation as regards the maintenance of law and order in ITALY may change for the worse. Although, as far as I am aware, our plans do not envisage operations into the valley of the PO and through Northern ITALY, we may be forced by circumstances to occupy these areas with the possibility of a big internal security commitment which could be undertaken by Italian troops, and for which the use of Allied troops would be uneconomical to say the least.

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I therefore submit that on purely military grounds we should expect to maintain Italian internal security troops at a strength of about 101,200 static HQs and services.

10. Some of the best of these internal security units would be specifically trained to relieve from time to time similar units in the combat division, equipment being exchanged between the units concerned. This might be seen to act as an incentive to internal security units, and would considerably enhance the operational value of the combat division as it would enable it to remain in the line for prolonged periods without serious deterioration, and without any additional requirements in equipment.

12. Conclusions

To sum up my recommendations are:-

- (a) That authority be given to me to provide from British stocks such articles of equipment as are essential to maintain one Italian division in action.
- (b) That the feeding and equipping of the Service units required at para 8 above be accepted as an Allied commitment.
- (c) That if further examination shows that more Italian service units can be employed in replacement of Allied units I should be empowered to organise and use them under the same terms as existing units, provided that the total number of troops to be maintained does not exceed the figure given in Appendix 'A' of my L605/50/3/1/G(SDL) of 3 April

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- (d) That there should be no reduction in the number of troops allowed for internal security, central organisation, static formations and services, at least until it is quite clear that there will be no internal security commitment north of the RMDEI - PISA line.
- (e) That a few selected units in internal security formations be trained to provide reliefs for similar units in the combat division.

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12. I suggest that my views as set out above on the value of the Italian Army are made known to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and I request that I may be informed at the earliest possible date if my recommendations have been accepted or not.

*W. G. ...*

General,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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SUBJECT:- Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LECULE (LECCE)  
G/6/1  
29 Apr 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

- H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
- H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
- Lt Gen Sir Esal MASON MAGPAPLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
- HQ ACC W/TLES (2)
- HQ AAI for G(AD) (2)
- HQ AAI (Adm Ech) (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 this HQ's letter G/6/1/35 of 6 April 44, subject as above, is rescinded.
2. The figures given therein cannot be regarded as final until approved by higher authority.
3. Pending such approval or any amendments that may be made, existing arrangements continue.

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*L. B. ...*  
Maj Gen,  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Gen H. C. (MIA)  
LEWIS (MACE)  
G/6/2/44

19 April 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

- H. E. Marshal MACE, Comando Supremo
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- Lt Gen Sir Noel HOSON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
- HQ A.C.C., NAPLES (2)
- HQ A.A.I. for G(SD) (2)
- HQ A.A.I. (Adm Ech) (2)
- HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
- HQ No 1 District (2)
- Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALerno
- Public Security Sub Commission, A.S.G., SALerno

for information

Your Excellency,

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2. The decision as to what the exact figures, by categories, will be has NOT yet been decided by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, who may or may not order a reduction.

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2. The decision as to what the exact figures, by categories, will be has not yet been decided by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, who may or may not order a reduction.
3. You will be informed of these exact figures when the decision of the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff is received.

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*L. F. ...*  
Maj Gen,  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject: Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main HQ (MEITA)  
LEQUILIE (LECCE)  
6/6/44  
April 44

for  
information

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore II Esercito

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- HQ, ACC, NAPLES (2)
- HQ, AA I for G (SD) (2)
- HQ, AA I (Adm Ech) (2)
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- HQ, No 1 District (2)
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- Public Security Sub Commission, ACC, SAIERNO

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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 medical 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 1A Summary of Principal Categories (341,170)
- Appendix 1B Details of Combat & Internal Security Formations (115,300)
- Appendix 1C 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 1A. A separate letter on this subject will follow.

*ED Wicks*

Brig  
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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APPENDIX I.A.1

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

(All figures include Officers and ORs (E.M.))

|                                               | <u>Notes</u>             |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. COMBAT DIVISION (C.D.)                     | 14,100 Appx 'B'          |
| 2. INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS               | 101,200 Appx 'B'         |
| 3. UNITS EMPLOYED OR TO BE EMPLOYED BY ALLIES | 100,000                  |
| 4. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION                     | Appx 'C'                 |
| a) Central Commission                         | 4,470                    |
| b) Studio Formazioni                          | 15,000                   |
| c) Servizio                                   | 25,670                   |
|                                               | <u>45,670</u>            |
| TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY FORMS                      | <u>341,170 all ranks</u> |

Note A The above applies to MILITARY, SMILY and SARLINIA and includes only those CC, II, etc etc an integral part of formations.

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MEMO AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS (115,300)

I MEMORAND

1. CHIBAT DIV (CIL) 14,100

2. Internal Security Formations -  
NAHIES and to SOUTH -  
ONE CORPS HQ 300  
ONE DIV - FICENO 10,000  
ONE DIV - MANTOVA 10,000

20,300

34,400

TOTAL CIL & INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS  
ON MAINLAND (NAHIES AND TO SOUTH)  
(including CIL in formations)

NOTE A. The total for CIL, FICENO and MANTOVA Divisions will include:-  
(1) replacement units for all three  
(2) units earmarked for inclusion in all three wherever placed, e.g. SONDANO.  
(3) formations assigned to all three.

NOTE B. Whatever personnel in excess of the approved W/S (T/O) is attached to or earmarked for CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of FICENO or MANTOVA Div accordingly.

NOTE D. The present approved W/S (T/O) are as follows:-

ONE DIV (CIL) 15,074  
FICENO DIV 8,637  
MANTOVA DIV 8,447  
Replacement Units 1,604  
34,130

NOTE E. Changes in W/S (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE F. Corps HQ in 2, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational command of an Allied Formation.

II MAINLAND

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NOTE C. When not approved in excess of the approved 7/2 (T/O) is attached to or subtracted from CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of VICENS or VANTON, as appropriate.

NOTE D. The proposed approved 7/2 (T/O) are as follows:-

03345 DIV (CIL) 12,674  
 10580 DIV 8,887  
 107074 DIV 9,445  
 Replacement Units 1,404  
34,410

NOTE E. Changes in 7/2 (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE F. Corps HQ in 2, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational command of an Allied formation.

II MAINLAND

3. North of NAPLES.

ONE CORPS HQ 300  
 A Division 10,000  
 B Division 10,000  
 C Division 10,000

Not in SARDINIA.  
 To be transferred to Mainland  
 as required. Should be organised  
 now in SARDINIA.

TOTAL FOR INTERNAL SECURITY  
 POSITIONS ON MAINLAND  
 (NORTH OF NAPLES)  
 (including CORP in form-  
 ations) 30,300

NOTE G. Organization of Units -

Corps HQ 500  
 12 units approved 7/2 (T/O) of  
 divisions (9,607 each) 28,924  
 Corps Replacement Units 1,479  
 30,500

NOTE H. Changes in 7/2 (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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4. XII CORES HQ  
SARAGNA DIVISION  
D Division  
E Division

300  
10,000  
10,000  
10,000

(see note I)  
(see note D)

TOTAL for Internal Security Formations  
in SICILY (including COMA HQ  
formations)

20,500

NOTE J. Organization of Units -

XII CORES HQ 300  
Present approval 7/II (E/O) of 28,824  
Divisions (3,607 each) 1,179  
 Corps Replacement Unit 30,500

NOTE K. Changes in W/E (D/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

5. ONE CORES HQ  
F Division  
G Division

300  
10,000  
10,000

Personnel in SARDINIA and to be organized there.

TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including COMA HQ formations)

20,500

NOTE E. Changes in W/E (E/C) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE L. Divisions now in SARDINIA, to be sent to SICILIA as required. Should be organized now in SARDINIA.

IV SARDINIA

5. ONE CORPS HQ  
 F Division  
 G Division

500  
 10,000  
10,500

Personnel in SARDINIA  
 and to be organized  
 there.

TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including COMBAT formations)

20,500

NOTE M. Organization of Units --  
 COMUS HQ  
 Personnel approved W/A (4/6) of Divisions (8,607 each)  
 Corps Replacement Unit

300  
 19,214  
786  
 20,500

NOTE N. Changes in W/E (E/C) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Form I   | 34,400        |
| Form II  | 50,500        |
| Form III | 30,500        |
| Form IV  | <u>20,500</u> |
|          | 135,900       |

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(Reference to Item 4 of Appendix A). All figures include Officers and  
CRG/SM

I. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION.

1. The Italian Administrative Organization 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. GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

|                            | Officers, | E.M.  |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| (A) Comando Supremo        | 74        | 565   |
| (B) Ministry of War        | 310       | 1259  |
| (C) Italian General Staff  | 159       | 1091  |
| (D) King's Bodyguard       | 16        | 254   |
| (E) Fiat (Infantry Group)  | 34        | 753   |
| (F) Royal Military Academy | (40)      | (350) |
|                            | 595       | 3877  |
|                            |           | 4476  |

TOTAL

NOTE (a).

Officers, Staff, instructors, cadets and other personnel, not to exceed 40 Officers, 250 cadets, and 100 CRG, (total 470) to be included in Italian Administration formations with total ceiling of 45,870. To be shown on strength return under "Central Organization" and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

NOTE B.

Variations of strength of elements in para 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

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II. STATIC FORMATIONS.

|                            |      |       |          |
|----------------------------|------|-------|----------|
| (C) Italian General Staff  | 150  |       |          |
| (3) King's Bodyguard       | 18   | 254   |          |
| (0) 1st Guide Group        | 34   | 790   |          |
| (2) Royal Military Academy | (40) | (450) | Note (0) |
|                            | 595  | 3577  |          |
| TOTAL                      |      |       | 4470     |

NOTE (C)

Officers, Staff, instructors, cadets and other personnel, not to exceed 100 Officers, 250 cadets, and 100 OAs, (Total 470) to be included in Italian Administration formations with total ceiling of 15,270. To be shown on strength return under "Central Organization" and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

NOTE E.

Variations of strengths of elements in para. 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling. **1663**

II STATIC FORMATIONS.

4. Total Retention Ceiling of personnel to be employed in Static formation is 15,000

NOTE (0)

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

- Sardinia.
- Sicily.
- Calabria.
- Aquila/Lucania.
- Company.

NOTE (A)

Organization and retention strengths :-

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Area Headquarters, each | 250 |
| District "              | 220 |
| Depots "                | 280 |
| Transit Camps "         | 50  |

NOTE (B)

Italian General Staff to designate (a) number of each organization, (b) location of each organization.  
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APPENDIX 'C' (Contd)

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NOTE 'I'

Variations in strengths, and locations from Notes R, and S above as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE 'II'

Organisations for other territories will be considered as required.

III SERVICES.

- 5. Total Mission 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/Basilicata.
- Campania.

NOTE VI.

Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within section ceiling.

NOTE VII.

Services include :-

- Supply.
- Medical (including Hospitals for units given in Annex 'B' 1)
- Artillery.
- Engineers.
- Vet and Mount.
- Motor Transport.
- Transportation.
- Post Operation.

NOTE Y.

Excludes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

- Sardinia.
- Sicily.
- Sicily.
- Sicily.
- Sicily.
- Companies.

NOTE W.

Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within nation ceiling.

NOTE X.

Services include :-

- Supply.
- Medical (Including Hospitals for units shown in Annex 'B' 1)
- Artillery.
- Engineers.
- Yard and Rampant.
- Motor Transport.
- Transportation.
- Port Operation.

NOTE Z.

- 1 Services units organically assigned to Corps and Division are not included.

NOTE A.

- (1) Personnel for operation of hospitals (Nurs) may be included in Services.
- (2) All hospitals for Italian Army personnel of all categories are included.

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SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army

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

Apr 44

AFHQ (12)

Ref your AG 400-1 (Italian) ODS-ACM of 14 Mar 44.

1. The number of Italian Troops who will be effectively employed under present plans, and therefore require to be supplied, is estimated at 500,000.

- (a) A summary of the principal categories is at Appendix "A"
- (b) The proposed dispositions of combat and internal security formations are given at Appendix "B". These are on the lines indicated in your P/109 of 3 Oct and AG 091-711-1 Italian GCT-ACM of 10 Feb, and the total number of troops involved is approximately the same.

It should be made clear to the Italian authorities that the internal security formations may be required to guard allied installations, or for other similar duties.

- (c) A list of the Italian Service troops employed and to be employed by the Allies is at Appendix "C". This shows how they are at present allotted, but this allocation is frequently varied to meet changes in the tasks and composition of the various Allied Formations. Those shown as unallotted are units not yet formed or not yet arrived from SARDINIA.
- (d) The Italian Central Organisation, Static Formations and Services shown in Appendix "D" are being examined in detail but it is not anticipated that any reductions found practicable will appreciably affect the grand total.
- (e) The Fire Brigades have been included, since they are uniformed bodies whose maintenance and efficiency is essential to the Allies.

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(d) The Italian Central Organisation, Static Formations and Services shown in Appendix "L" are being examined in detail but it is not anticipated that any reductions found practicable will appreciably affect the grand total.

(e) The Five Brigades have been included, since they are uniformed bodies whose maintenance and efficiency is essential to the Allies.

(f) The Italian Navy total of 75,000 is being examined and it is hoped to reduce it eventually to about 50,000.

(g) No figure has been included for A Units nor for CD Units in SICILY and SARDINIA. These are employed under AFHQ and it is not known how many it is proposed to retain. Troops employed in CORSICA have been excluded for the same reason.

2. Action is in hand to redistribute troops in accordance with Appendix "B" and to form the remaining units required by Appendix "C". The principal cause of delay is movement from SARDINIA.

3. It is recommended that the Army Sub-Commission (MILA) of ACC should be the authority for handling problems of requirements, issues and record keeping. Their existing WE (33 Military Mission) and TO will require only minor amendment to enable them to do so. Proposals for these amendments are already being forwarded through the normal channels. To establish a separate agency to supervise supply etc. would be uneconomical and confusing.

The Army Sub Commission (ASAC) will continue as an integral part of ACC, and will come under the Chief Commissioner ACC for policy matters, involving negotiations with the Italian Government. It will, however, be directly responsible to H. AMI for all questions of supply and for the control of issues to the Italian Forces. It will also deal direct with H. AMI on questions of organisation except in so far as they affect policy with the Italian Government.

4. It would be completed if you would confirm that, pending any new decisions as to the Italian military ceiling, supply shipments are being made on the basis of the present agreed figure of 500,000.

5. Recommendations as to the scale of supply, required by para 5 of your above quoted letter are being forwarded separately. A separate letter is also being submitted to you to explain the importance of the Italian Army.

signed: A. J. HASTING Lt Gen,  
for General,  
Commander in Chief

Copy to:- AMI (12)  
ACC (6)  
ASAC (6)

Appendix 'A' to O 605/50/3/1/G(SD1)  
dated 14 APR 1944

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## SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

|    |                                                |                |
|----|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Combat Division                                | 14,100         |
| 2. | Internal Security Formations                   | 101,200        |
| 3. | Units employed or to be employed by the Allies | 180,000        |
| 4. | Italian Administration:-                       |                |
|    | Central Organisations                          | 4,470          |
|    | Static Formations                              | 15,000         |
|    | Services                                       | 26,400         |
| 5. | Carabinieri etc.                               | 60,000 (c)     |
| 6. | Security Police                                | 20,000 (b)     |
| 7. | Fire Brigades                                  | 10,000 (c)     |
| 8. | Navy                                           | 75,000 (a)     |
| 9. | Air Force                                      | 31,000         |
|    |                                                | <u>537,170</u> |

NOTES: (a) Only 37,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(b) Only 9,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies. 1661

(c) Estimated

(d) See para 1 (f) of covering letter.

Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/3/1 (SDL)  
dated 3 APR 48

PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF COMBAT AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS

|    |                                                 |                   |
|----|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | EIGHTH ARMY:- One Combat Div (CIL)              | 14,100            |
| 2. | ITALY:-                                         | <u>          </u> |
|    | (a) NAPLES and to South - One Corps of two Divs | 20,300            |
|    | (b) North of NAPLES - One Corps of three Divs   | 30,300            |
| 3. | SICILY: One Corps of three Divs                 | 30,300            |
| 4. | SARDINIA: One Corps of two Divs                 | 20,300            |
|    |                                                 | <u>          </u> |
|    |                                                 | 101,200           |
|    |                                                 | <u>          </u> |

- NOTES: (a) Mantova and Picone Divs nominated for 2 (a).  
 (b) Corps Hq in 2 (a) also to command CIL, when NOT employed under direct command of an Allied formation.  
 (c) Sabauda Div is included in 3 above.  
 (d) Formations for 2 (b) and the remainder of 3 will be brought over from SARDINIA as required.

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Appendix

LIST OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE ALLIES

| ARM                                                                                                                            | At present employed by -<br>U.S. | Brit. | Already allotted<br>U.S. | Outstanding<br>Brit. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| R&O                                                                                                                            | -                                | -     | -                        | 1000                 |
| Recco                                                                                                                          | -                                | 150   | -                        | 150                  |
| Arty                                                                                                                           | 150                              | 450   | -                        | 150                  |
| Engra                                                                                                                          | 1850                             | 2400  | 4800                     | 2800                 |
| Sigs                                                                                                                           | 500                              | 550   | 200                      | 300                  |
| Non-Tradesmen :-                                                                                                               |                                  |       |                          |                      |
| Guard Duties                                                                                                                   | 1200                             | 800   | 5700                     | 1600                 |
| Labour                                                                                                                         | 9100                             | 26400 | 7500                     | 800                  |
| Tpt :-                                                                                                                         |                                  |       |                          |                      |
| MT                                                                                                                             | -                                | 1500  | 3100                     | 3500                 |
| Pack                                                                                                                           | 2800                             | -     | 500                      | 300                  |
| Medical                                                                                                                        | 1700                             | 400   | -                        | 1000                 |
| Misc Service units (incl those in<br>SARDINIA)                                                                                 | 12700                            | 1200  | 5200                     | 2400                 |
| Rfts to bring units already employed<br>up to strength and to provide a pool<br>to meet minor adjustments in require-<br>ments |                                  |       |                          |                      |
| TOTALS                                                                                                                         | 32200                            | 33850 | 27000                    | 14100                |



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Appendix 'G' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SM)  
dated 3 APR 44

LIST OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE ALLIES

| At present employed by - |       | Outstanding requirements |                     | TOTALS |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| U.S.                     | Brit. | Already allotted<br>U.S. | Unallotted<br>Brit. |        |
| -                        | -     | -                        | 1000                | 1000   |
| -                        | 150   | -                        | 150                 | 300    |
| 150                      | 450   | -                        | 150                 | 750    |
| 850                      | 2400  | 4800                     | 2800                | 22850  |
| 500                      | 550   | 200                      | 300                 | 1550   |
| 1200                     | 800   | 5700                     | 1600                | 20300  |
| 7100                     | 26400 | 7500                     | 800                 | 73800  |
| -                        | 1500  | 3100                     | 3500                | 11100  |
| 2800                     | -     | 500                      | 300                 | 3600   |
| 700                      | 400   | -                        | 1000                | 3100   |
| 700                      | 1200  | 5200                     | 2400                | 23500  |
|                          |       |                          | 18150               | 18150  |
| 33050                    | 27030 | 14000                    | 7515                | 18000  |

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SUBJECT:- Organisation - ITALIAN FORCES

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INQUIRIES,  
ALLIED JUNITES IN ITALY.  
1005/50/3/A/G(SD)

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Reference your HSD/424 of 15 Feb. The following comments are submitted:

1. It is recommended that if practicable the whole instruction should be framed to cover the employment of Italian troops by all Allied Nations and that existing Italian Army documentation, organisation and chain of responsibility should be maintained to the fullest extent.

2. Reference para.5. It is requested that the Directive include the legal authority by which British Officers are given power to punish Italian soldiers under the British Manual of Military Law.

It is felt that considerable difficulty would be experienced in dealing with offenders committing a crime against a code which they do not know nor understand. Is it intended that Italian soldiers, serving under US command should be liable to US Military Law?

In principle it is considered that the soundest basis for discipline is that Italian soldiers should be subject only to Italian Military Law and that the over-riding authority of the Allied Command should reside in the power to remove unsuitable Italian officers.

3. Reference para.7. At present all Military Prisons and Field Punishment Centres in ITALY are filled to capacity and there is a shortage of Provost Staff Corps personnel. Therefore, at least for the present the Italian Military authorities must man their own prisons and Field Punishment Centres under Allied supervision where necessary.

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5. Reference para.10(a). It is suggested that the monthly return take the form of an Order of Battle showing the strength of Italian units and formations serving under Allied command.

6. Reference para.10(c). At the present time the number of diluted units are small and do not justify the appointment of a special reinforcement depot with a British staff. When the number of diluted units increase, an organisation on the lines you propose may be required.

7. Reference para.11. It is suggested that where the Italian Government finds it impracticable to issue pay for their troops who are attached to Allied formations or units they should pay the bulk sum direct to No 8 Command Pay Office or to advanced base Pay Office stating the unit and name of the Commanding Officer to whom the pay is to be transferred. Arrangements could then be made for Allied Div or Corps commanders to make this sum available to the Italian unit concerned.

8. Reference para.13. It is recommended that this paragraph should read as follows:

(a) Italian Military sick (and Geriatric) will be treated in Italian Hospitals. Provision will, therefore, be made for Italian General Hospitals at 5% strength of Italian formations.

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(b) to meet this commitment a further 2,500 beds (including 1,000 convalescent beds) will be necessary to raise the 5.2% cover now provided to optimum figure. This excludes field units now in Italy or called forward to Italy. To provide the balance of equipment both medical and ordnance stores may be required from allied sources.

(c) Italian Base Depots of medical stores now at NAPLES and BARI will be responsible for supplying all Italian Medical units. Formations will be supplied through the normal Italian army channels.

(d) The Italian Military authorities will be responsible for the disposal of patients discharged as unfit for further military service and for the rehabilitation and return to units of all others.

9. It is recommended that para 15 should be redrafted to read :-

15 (a) In Army Areas

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to us. ST Flambo will demand monthly on Army Sub Commission for compensating supplies.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Boundaries

(i) Diluted Italian units will draw through DIDs.

(ii) For complete Italian units the policy will be :-

The distribution of supplies from Italian Depots to Italian units and depots located in rear of Army boundaries will be an Italian responsibility.

In isolated cases or in emergency Italian units or depots may be supplied from a British depot, compensating supplies being demanded as in para 15(a).

(c) EPI supplies will not be issued to Italian troops.

10. It is considered that the following should be substituted for the first sentence of para 16 :-

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to IAs. ST Flabco will demand monthly on Army Sub Commission for competing supplies.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Boundaries

- (i) Diluted Italian units will draw through DIDs.
- (ii) For complete Italian units the policy will be :-

The distribution of supplies from Italian Depots to Italian units and depots located in rear of Army boundaries will be an Italian responsibility.

In isolated cases or in emergency Italian units or depots may be supplied from a British depot, compensating supplies being demanded as in para 15(a).

- (c) ESI supplies will not be issued to Italian troops.

10. It is considered that the following should be substituted for the first sentence of para 16 :-

"Italian units (and units diluted with Italians) serving with the British Army in Army areas or elsewhere which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle will be supplied as if they were Allied units through the normal US or British maintenance systems".

11. Reference para. 17.

- (a) Mail and Censorship - Italian troops in Army areas

The proposed arrangements have been forwarded in Letter LAF 1001/GSI(c) of 24 Mar addressed to Chief Communications Command, Branch INC AFHQ.

- (b) Postal arrangements Italian troops in Districts

Italian Army will be responsible for postal services for their troops.

12. Reference para. 10(c). The 24 day rule does not apply in the Italian Army and it would not be desirable to have a separate rule for Italian personnel employed with Allied units. Fit men discharged from medical units should report to the nearest Commando Troop Report Centre. Medical units will provide the necessary pass and rations and movement order for the journey.

General,  
Commander in Chief.

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15 February 1944

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SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units  
and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

REF TO : M.O. A.C.M.F.

Further to our MSD/424 of 19 Jan 44.

1. A meeting was held at A.C.M.F. on Monday 14 Feb to discuss the final form which a directive on this subject should take.
2. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a copy of this directive which it was agreed should be published, subject to your approval.
3. You are requested to forward your comments on this directive together with any proposed additions and deletions to this M.O. as soon as possible.

*William King*  
WILLIAM KING  
Brigadier General, C. I. C.  
Assistant Chief of Staff, AFHQ

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Appendix "A"

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MEMO TO : All concerned

SUBJECT : Employment of Italian Army Units and Personnel with British Forces.

1. The following policy regarding the employment of Italian Army Units and personnel is in amplification of the policy laid down in this HQ letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-AGM of 2 January 1944, and deals in detail with the conditions of service of the units, and general policy of the above letter as it applies to Italian Army Units and personnel serving with the British Forces.

2. Priority of Employment.

The priority of employment of units of the Italian Army will be :-

- (a) to complete the existing British Order of Battle requirements.
- (b) To replace British units and personnel which are required to return to UK.

3. S.D. Matters.

For all S.D. matters, Italian Army Units (except for those in Italian formations), and units diluted with Italian personnel serving with British Forces, will be treated in a similar manner to units of the British Army.

4. Establishments.

Where whole units of the Italian Army are employed, the Italian War Establishment or its equivalent will be used for those units, as far as is possible. Where no suitable ITALIAN Establishment exists for a body which is to be entirely ITALIAN, IIA is empowered to produce in conjunction with ITALIAN SUPPLEMENTARY a suitable organization, which need only be submitted to AFHQ for approval if it involves the provision of vehicles or equipment from Allied sources. In the case of a unit diluted with Italian personnel the British W.E. will invariably be used.

The War Establishment Committee of this Headquarters will be the authority for all cases of amendments where a British W.E. is affected.

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5. Command and Punishment.

- (a) All British formation commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command, including power to remove and appoint officers.
- (b) All British Commanders of units diluted with Italian troops are given power of command over all such personnel, and all British Officers, W.O's and NCO's in such units are given power of command over Italian personnel of equal or lower rank.
- (c) All personnel of the Italian Army will become subject to British military law when employed in British diluted units. British officers commanding diluted units may punish Italian personnel under their command as if they were British soldiers. In order to keep the administration of such a policy as simple as possible, disciplinary action will only be taken in respect of essential offences which must be common to both British and Italian Military Codes e.g. offences under Army Act Secs. 4(2), 5(7), 6(2)(e), 6(2)(f), 7(1)(3), 8, 9, 12, 15(1), 18(4) stealing only, 19, 22, 24(1) and (2), 40 and 41. Such Italian personnel remain subject also to Italian military law and may be dealt with thereunder by any appropriate British officer as necessary.



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6. Arrest.

British Service authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody Italians alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by Italian Law, and any offence against British Military Law, although such offence may not be an offence against Italian Law.

Italian personnel will not be arrested by other than C.M.F. except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. C.M.F. to include military, R.A.F., and Naval Police.

7. Imprisonment.

The British C-in-C is given power to order that any sentences of incarceration passed on Italians by British officers or courts can be served in British penal establishments or guard rooms under the same conditions as British soldiers sentenced to the most nearly equivalent punishment, if he considers it necessary.

8. Leave.

As far as is operationally possible, Italian personnel, whose families are located in the occupied territory, will be permitted leave of furlough to their homes, provided that they receive not more than 7 days in every 6 months, and that only 5 per cent of the Italian personnel of a unit are absent at any one time.

9. A.S. Matters.

Power to remove an officer is dealt with in para 5 (a)(i) above, and all remaining A.S. matters will continue under Italian Army organisation.

10. Reinforcements and Casualties.

(a) Complete Italian Units.

The Italian Military authorities are to be responsible for maintaining in personnel these complete Units or Formations of the Italian Army who are employed under British Command. The necessary returns will be furnished monthly to this Headquarters by Military Mission to the Italian Army.

(b) Diluted Units.

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(c) Reinforcement Organisation.

(i) Base Depot. The Italian Government will undertake to guarantee a sufficient number of personnel for replacing wastage, in a Base Depot to be established for the purpose. This Base Depot will be situated in Italy so as to facilitate the rapid despatch of reinforcement personnel to units. It will be under command of a British officer with a British Staff, and will be capable of ensuring the qualifications of tradesmen or specialists held, and, where necessary, of ensuring that these men do not deteriorate during their stay in the depot.

(ii) Method of Demanding Reinforcements. Diluted units will render weekly A.F.'s W3008 and W3009 as at present, but will show W.E. and strength of British and Italian personnel separately. Returns will be rendered as laid down in the 'Unit Guide to Documentation', and demands for reinforcements made by the Advance Rfts Sec concerned on the Base Depot.

(d) Documentation.

All formations and units with Italian Army personnel (other than E.P.W.), either filling vacancies within the W.E., or attached in excess will render nominal rolls to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon showing:

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- (1) Number, Rank and Name.
- (2) Arm of the Service.
- (3) Civil Trade and Army Trade.
- (4) Whether within M.C. or att in excess.

All casualties affecting such ITALIAN Army personnel will be reported to GPO, 2nd Echelon in exactly the same manner as for BRITISH personnel. The same Army forms will be used with the exception that the A.P.'s 33012, B and C series will be used for both officers and O.D.s instead of the A.P.'s 33010 and 33011 series.

(c) Return of Ex Hospital Personnel.

All men discharged from hospital before a period of 21 days has been completed, will be returned direct to the unit from which they came. All personnel undergoing medical treatment in hospital for more than 21 days will return to the Base Depot.

11. Pay.

- (a) Whenever possible, the ITALIAN Government will pay its own troops wherever serving.
- (b) Where (a) is impracticable, ITALIAN units will draw bulk advances from the nearest BRITISH Field or Area Cashier.
- (c) In diluted units, the senior ITALIAN Officer with the unit will draw separately from the nearest Area or Field Cashier, and such amounts will not appear in the Interest Account of the BRITISH units concerned.
- (d) All advances of Pay will be in a bulk sum.
- (e) A list of authorized units will be supplied to the Command Paymaster, No. 8 Command Pay Office, TURNO, and in the case of diluted units, the BRITISH Commanding Officer, will authorize, by name, the ITALIAN officer to whom payment should be made.

12. Prisoners of War.

Prisoners of War, of whatever nationality, who fall into the hands of ITALIAN and Forces, shall be handed over as soon as possible after capture to the nearest BRITISH or AMERICAN Unit, and shall be deemed to be prisoners taken by that unit.

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13. Medical.

(a) Hospitalization of ITALIANS in diluted units will, if possible, be by provision of complete ITALIAN Hospitals and I.A.S., on a 50 per cent basis, or failing that by sufficient 100 bed expansions, staffed by ITALIAN personnel, formed to meet this commitment on a 50 per cent scale.

(b) An organization will be established to receive discharged ITALIAN patients to convalescence and those who are of no further use to the Army.

14. Welfare.

(a) In complete ITALIAN units, welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the ITALIAN Government.

(b) In diluted BRITISH units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from British sources. If conditions **US SECRET** facilities, separate to those for BRITISH Troops, will be provided.

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a quota of indoor and outdoor games equipment will be made available; and ITALIAN soldiers will be allowed to attend mobile cinema shows and ENSA concerts if no BRITISH troops are excluded thereby.

15. Rations.

(a) In Army Areas.

Supplies will be forwarded from Base Supply Depots to Forward Maintenance Areas or Detail Issue Depots and drawn by ITALIAN Units from them through RASC channels if necessary, e.g. 3rd and 2nd Line of Corps and Divisions.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Boundaries.

(i) Diluted ITALIAN Units will draw through D.I.Ds.

(ii) Complete ITALIAN Units will draw from ITALIAN issuing points. If, however, an ITALIAN unit is isolated in a purely BRITISH area then arrangements will be made locally whereby the local D.I.D. holds suitable items of the ITALIAN ration scale to meet this contingency.

16. P. O. L.

ITALIAN units serving with the Allied Armies in Army Areas and the Allied Order of Battle with ITALIANS which form a permanent part of the normal US or BRITISH Maintenance Systems. ITALIAN formations or units not serving with the Allied Armies or forming an integral part of those armies will draw their requirements as laid down in AFHQ Adv. Adm Echelon Adm. Instruction No. 9 dated 16 December '43 (Para 1, sub-para 2).

17. Postal.

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17. Postal.

Postal arrangements will be made by the ITALIAN Army Authorities for all complete ITALIAN units. To preserve security of location, mail for ITALIAN personnel in diluted units will be dealt with through ITALIAN Postal Training Section, GHQ, C2E.

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18. Equipment.

ITALIAN soldiers employed as dilutees in BRITISH units, or as personnel in completely ITALIAN units replacing BRITISH units, will be equipped from BRITISH resources if ITALIAN resources are not adequate. This provision assumes no increase in the forecasted BRITISH Order of Battle, but merely a substitution of ITALIAN for BRITISH personnel.

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AG 091.711-1 (Italian) GCT-AGM

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10 February 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force.  
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Lt Gen Mason MacFarlane).  
Deputy Vice President, Army Sub-Commission (Brig C. C. Duchesne).

1. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/109 of 3 October, letter this headquarters, file AG 400.33-1 GCT-AGM, subject "Italian Equipment", dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith, are rescinded. The Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with Commander-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.

2. The Italians will assemble the following units:

a. The division to be organized and placed in combat as soon as practicable.

b. Two additional Divisions which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat, they will be at the disposal of the Italian Government, who will locate them as directed by C-in-C, Allied Central Mediterranean Force to meet the needs of internal security (e.g., CALABRIA).

c. The DAPINO Brigade and NEMBO Division will be included in one or the other of the divisions referred to in (a) or (b) above.

d. A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between Allied Central Mediterranean Force and Marshal MESSE.

3. The Italian division now in SICILY (SARANDA Division) will *1053* intact and be equipped from Italian resources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by Allied Central Mediterranean Force in the normal manner.

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5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared excess by the OSS/SOE.

6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and Allied Central Mediterranean Force fully informed of the status of their resources.

7. a. For administrative details governing rations and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces see Administrative Memo No 2, this headquarters, dated 10 January 1944 and letter to Headquarters Allied Control Commission dated 9 January 1944, subject, "Supply Organization - Italian Military", file AG 400-1 (Italy) GDS-AGM.

b. The total number of personnel to be maintained under the procedure referred to in sub-paragraph (a) will not exceed the ceiling of 500,000 including Army, Navy, Air and Carabinieri. The figure of 500,000 is a maximum and in view of the increasing demands upon Allied resources every effort will be made to effect progressive reductions of the total.

c. The Italian combat divisions will, insofar as possible, be equipped from Italian resources. Essential items which cannot be supplied from these sources should be reported to this headquarters with a view to securing the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff for issue.

8. As a matter of general policy it is impractical at this time to release any Italian Prisoners of War, either officers or men, now held in service units in North Africa. The release of a limited number of non-specialist officers will be made, at the discretion of this headquarters, upon request. Requests may be made for any officer prisoners in the United States.

9. Subject to the above, the labor requirements of CORSICA, and the defense requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian forces are at the disposal of Allied Central Mediterranean Force, which, in conjunction with the Allied Control Commission, will be responsible for the assignment of elements of the Italian Army as required by its subordinate commands and separate commands, including Air and Naval, in the mainland of ITALY as well as in SICILY and SARDINIA.

10. The Military Mission with the Italian Army (MMIA) becomes the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission. The Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing, in accordance with the terms of this



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directive, all demands from Allied Central Mediterranean Force for Italian Army units and resources. The senior member of the Land Forces Sub-Commission is designated as a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

By command of General WILSON:

  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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- 1 - No 2 District
- 1 - No 3 District
- 1 - ACW Force 133
- 1 - NorBS
- 1 - GHQ Middle East
- 10 - Spares
- 2 - AG Records

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