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LIAISON WITH S H A E F 20/21 Nov 44

Gen GRILI

1. Reorg of Italian Army Tpt:- meeting to discuss Adm Instr No 14 of 26 Oct and its application vis-a-vis SHAEF and War Ministry. SHAEF had seen a translation of this for the first time on 19 Nov. Went through the Instr para by para with SANTI, QUERCIA and ALDIA - the latter is the offr who does the detail work of MT at SHAEF. A few queries raised for discussion with A/G. Briefly, SHAEF is responsible for all ests and allotment of vehs, while War Ministry deals with the technical side, maint and repairs etc corresponding to British ST and Ord services. No difficulty is foreseen in implementing the system laid down in the Adm Instr. Requested SANTI to have prepared immediately a complete list of veh ests for all Italian units and HQs for submission and discussion with MEDIA. A/Q G i

2. Gen GRILLI
Enquired into delay in passing above infm to SHAEF. As regards implementing the census, which is a War Ministry responsibility, a SO produced chapter and verse to justify why no action had been taken to date; all referred to A/Q A/Q G i

3. Adm offr for CUNEO Div:- the offr chosen for this post has not been chosen yet, but has been promised for later to-day. G ii

Col FORMATO

4. Identity cards and discs for Italian soldiers:- approved cards are available in quantity, and he will now chase to ensure that every man has one. Explained importance in view of numbers of Italian tps in Allied uniforms and liability to be stopped by Allied mil police. He could not state posn on discs off-hand, but promised infm in two days. Spec Sec

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

5. Regt HQs for gd bns:- infd him quite definitely that the three HQs subject of recent correspondence were NOT required, nor would any alternative arrangement of a few offrs be sanctioned. This to be taken as final, and the personnel of the HQs to be disposed of as quickly as possible. G i

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subdivision and discussion with SHAEF.

2. Gen ORILIA — A/Q
Enquired into delay in passing above info to SHAEF. As regards implementing the census, which is a War Ministry responsibility, a SC produced chapter and verse to justify why no action had been taken to date; all referred to A/Q

3. Asst offr for CORSO Div:- the offr chosen for this post has not been chosen yet, but has been promised for later to-day. — G ii

Col FORMATO

4. Identity cards and discs for Italian soldiers:- approved cards are available in quantity, and he will now chase to ensure that every man has one. Explained importance in view of numbers of Italian tps in Allied uniforms and liability to be stopped by Allied mil police. He could not state posn on discs off-hand, but promised info in two days. — Spec Sec

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Col CURCIA

6. Tpt for 230 and 231 Divs:- the est for each HQ is as follows; — A/Q
- 2 trucks, 2 staff cars, 2 m/cs.
As regards MT secs or pls, they are not sure how much is required for the services of the divs. 230 can no doubt have some of the vehs presently being used by Mil HQ APULIA for the same services, but in both cases some guidance from MAIA would be appreciated.

Gen ORILIA

7. With Col FIDSLEY and ORILIA to call on HRH to discuss details of the FRIULI party for the 24th. Later inspected part of the route and selected a site for the saluting base.

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LIAISON WITH SHAEF 19 Nov 44

Gen OXILIA

1. with Col PIDSLEY to discuss party of FRIULI in transit through ROME.

2. Mil Districts:- info OXILIA of authorised increase in number of districts and personnel. He was most appreciative of the trouble taken to obtain this revision. comd G i

3. OXILIA's central office:- discussed the trend of this office's activities, which instead of functioning as a gen liaison centre, for speeding things up and knowing all about what is happening, is attempting to handle and deal with matters on its own. This is the direct result of OXILIA using the new office to get more activities under his own thumb, instead of employing the new set-up as a watch-dog to ensure that all matters between MMIA and the War Ministry are efficiently handled. He promised to divorce the liaison sec from the other activities under his control. comd

Col CHIAVARINO

4. Rit depot for ITI-ITIs: chased reply to MMIA FS/G/4 of 10 Nov; this was awaiting signature and will be delivered 20 Nov. G i

Gen OXILIA

5. Italian/ Mil personnel in ALBANIA and RUMANIA:- the following are rough estimates, which cannot be very accurate owing to movements of men from one area to another:- G ii
- RUMANIA 500 tps;
- ALBANIA 5000 tps plus 1000 civilians.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

6. Ack requested to M of War 304195 of 8 Nov, subject: special Carabinieri unit for SICILY. G i

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Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

7. Figures for call-up in CAMPANIA, ABRUZZO etc:

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- ALBANIA 5000 tps plus 1000 civilians.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

6. Ack requested to M of War 304155 of 8 Nov, subject: special Carabinieri unit for SICILY. G i

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Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

7. Figures for call-up in CAMPANIA, ABRUZZO etc:

| | men interviewed | exempted | assigned | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAMPANIA (12/11) | 13535 | 10562 | 2475 | to 212 Div |
| | | | 385 | to gruppi |
| | | | 64 | to AVNAGOLA |
| | | | 78 | to 212 Div |
| CALABRIA (13/11) | | | 100 | to LECCE depot |
| APULIA (7/11) | 141 | 41 | 1 | to MIRSHVINO |
| FOGGIA " | 28 | 27 | 2 | to gruppi |
| CAMPOBASSO " | 2 | | | |

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 15/18 Nov 44

H.E. CASATI

1. With COC; following matters were discussed:
   - Offrs of the FRIULI Div and gen working of the MS branch comd of the War Ministry;
   - Visits of VIPs to combat gps;
   - Situation in SICILY;
   - Emp of mobile Carabinieri units in Sicily and elsewhere;
   - Tpt of vehs to mainland to commence 19 Nov (ex SARDINIA);
   - Programme approved for Territorial HQs, Districts and Depots;
   - CORONATI and RONCO;

Lt Col TURRINI

2. Maps of territorial layout:- requested further 50 copies of G i map as previously supplied.

Gen OXILIA

3. March-past of FRIULI Div: put OXILIA into the picture and re- Spec Sec quested him to arrange for rep to visit Spec Sec 17 Nov to discuss details.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

4. Muleteers from Service units in APULIA:- pressed for more G ii energetic action in locating these men. Preliminary results pt to a local conspiracy to avoid having to produce them. Later figures were: TARANTO 154
   BARI 224
   BRINDISI 15

5. Call-up in ABRUZZO:- SMRE await instrs on emp and destination G ii of men recalled to the colours in this region.

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Lt Col GUIDA

6. Italian Adm Div HQ for Br Increment 5 Army:- requested immediate G i org of HQ to adm about half of tps formerly with 228 Div with A/Q est similar to 209 Div.HQ. Provisional HQ only - personnel will be available later for emp with one of the Territorial HQs. To be available in situ by 25 Nov. Designation: 231 Div HQ.

map as previously supplied.

Gen OXILIA

3. Merch-pest of FRIULI Div: put OXILIA into the picture and requested him to arrange for rep to visit Spec Sec 17 Nov to discuss details. — Spec Sec

Lt Col DI BITONTO

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Lt Col OXILIA

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Col LENNER (and Lt Col MILLEFIORINI)

7. War Ministry anxious to have lien on as many as possible of following "types" in forthcoming call-ups:
- WT operators and mechanics,
- MT dvrs and mechanics,
- Bersaglieri, Alpini, Granatieri.

} all for combat gps — G i

H.E. CASATI

8. Accompanied patriot party from PIEDMONT; discussion of mil situation there and posn of patriots. Brief report passed to G i. (Lt PELLEGRINI, Capt SCHIAVOD and his brother, Lt CORTI) — 2 i/c, G i

H.E. BONOMI

9. With above for similar discussion. BONOMI has been discussing patriots with MACMILLAN, pressing for Italian intervention in patriot affairs in enemy occupied territory. He promised the party his sp on high level, but his remarks indicated that he was not well up in these things. — G i

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LIAISON WITH SMRS.

Lt Col DI BIONDO

1. Muleteers for 5 Army: In addition to the 654 collected in APULIA in the first place, a further 146 have been sent to TRANI. Of the muleteers with service units in this region, only those at TARANTO have been notified to date, numbering 154. G ii

2. Specialists at LECCE depot:- the following specialists have been moved to TRANI: G i Col P
- 142 artisans
- 54 svrs
- 14 commissariat
- 2 sigs
SMRS wish to divert these men to the gruppi.

Col LENNOX

3. Discussion of details of call-up to be made in Abruzzi. Decided that ops would commence 1 Dec and end 15. Info him that 10 plus 8 vehs only would be employed for ferrying personnel to the districts. Discussed basis of calculation with SO of ROME Territorial HQ. G i A/Q

4. Collected draft plan for call-up in SICILY. Further details to follow. G i

5. Call-up in ELBA:- passed on requests of personnel and material required at PIOMBINO by 210 Div for reception of 700 - 1000 men there: G i
- personnel for mess inspection and documentation;
- 1000 blankets and mess-tins (from VITERBO); A/Q
- det of Carabinieri;
- cooking eqpt and 2/3 cooks.
210 reps at PIOMBINO uncertain where recruits will put up for the night - further instns awaited. All above stores and personnel to report 17 Nov. 3626

Gen SANTI

6. 230 Div, BARI:- requested him to ensure that depot ready to A/Q

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SMRE wish to divert these men to the gruppi.

Col LENNER

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5. Call-up in ELBA:- passed on requests of personnel and material required at PIOMBINO by 210 Div for reception of 700 - 1000 men there:
- personnel for med inspection and documentation;
- 1000 blankets and mess-tins (from VIIIthBD);
- det of Carabinieri;
- cooking eqpt and 2/3 cooks.
210 reps at PIOMBINO uncertain where recruits will put up for the night - further instns awaited. All above stores and personnel to report 17 Nov. — G i / A/Q

Gen SANTI

6. 230 Div, BARI:- requested him to ensure that depot ready to function 20 Nov as arranged. — A/Q

7. Reorg of Italian Army MT:- conference with SANTI and QUERCIA. Collected typical distribution list of vehs employed by SMRE and War Ministry on an average day. — A/Q

Lt Col MILLERIONINI

8. Sgt Maj BRODLANDO Pietro:- requested exemption for three mos for this nco presently employed at Rest Hotel SORRENTO. — 2 i/c

Col DE MICHELIS

9. 205 Div:- meeting with Col WALTON and Gen LAMA to settle pts of detail regarding reorg of 205 Div under comd AAF and inclusion of IAF personnel in adm responsibility. — G i

Maj SCIASCIA

10. Personnel from APULIA AA:- instructed him to move 50% of the non-specialists destined for the gruppi direct to MANTOVA, and the other 50% to TRANI for the PICENO. — G i / Col P

To be attached

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

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Maj GUIDICCI

1. 230 Div:- the order to form this new HQ was being sent out 9 Nov and at AFHQ request the effective date is put fwd to 20 Nov. As the personnel was all to be found still, a sig was sent to Mil Mis ANCONA to get into touch with Maj Guidicci and make preliminary arrangements with regard to provision of HQ premises, warehouse etc, so as to start functioning on the 20th. A/G

Lt Col DI MITRIO

2. Driving courses SA-I/CIVITAVECCHIA:- possibles previous instrs with regard to 300 men ex AA units APULIA. One central course will now be organized at a convenient pt in APULIA, which Comd have been instructed to find, to train 300 SA-III cars. This is apparently on AFHQ assistance with vehs, but one GH ST offr to supervise the Italian cmars. C i

3. 24 barriers for 5 Army:- these men are being collected at central pt in APULIA; requested him to chase completion. C ii

4. Grenadier rifle for QM boys in ROME:- requested him to provide 40 men to replace grenadiers sent for search in ROME. Failing men of the right height, ordinary rifle would have to be found. G ii

Gen STAFF

5. SLEA:- the following arrangements were made:- Z i/c G i
- War Ministry rep to report MAIN HQ COSC ORS 13 Nov with cmp of posters to be put up in the islands;
- Rep and main LO 5 Army will proceed to PIOMBINO and ELBA, and on arrival there will arrange date of depart re ofcrs for mainland and sig for 3 craft accordingly; A/G
- War Ministry will plant small set for documentation and mess inspection to report to PIOMBINO as instructed by sig to be sent by War Ministry rep;
- MAIN HQ will make all arrangements for clothing, equip, and mess rations at PIOMBINO.

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This is agreement on AMG assistance with vehs, pet and on ST offr to supervise the Italian users.

3. 24 carriers for 5 Army:- these men are being collected at central pt in ROME; requested Fin to chase completion.

4. Transalpine pipe for gas oil in ROME:- reception fac to provide as can to replace transalpine gas for assch in ROME. Failing men of the right night, drainage pits would have to be dug.

Gen ARNOLD

5. ELBA:- the following arrangements were made:-
- War Intelligence rep to report MAIN H.Q. CSTO ors 13 Nov with rep of posters to be put up in the island;
- Rep one HQ 15 Army Gp to 5 Army will proceed to PIOMBINO and ELBA, and on arrival there will arrange acts of deport re of men for maintenance and elg for 3 craft accordingly;
- War Ministry will alert small set for documentation and med inspection to report to PIOMBINO as instructed by sig to be sent by War Ministry rep;
- ELBA Gp will make all arrangements for clothing, eqpt, tpt and rations at PIOMBINO.

Lt Col MOCHOWSKI

6. Call-up in NAPLES:- this has not come up to expectations. Up to 11 Nov, 23 men had reported to PIOMBINO camp. Some have otherwise reported to 800 I' all district to report to ROME with all the facts.

Col LANGER

7. This offr has now taken up his duties as head of the central office. MILITARY MISSION is to continue under him. Log 25/26 Oct para 1 refers. Made initial contact and discussed gen plan. First impression good.

Gen DALLAS

8. Discussed following subjects:-
- 600 men of CREMONA Div wanting to go on leave in GREAT BRITAIN;
- men being repatriated from the BALKANS;
- cancellation of emp of PISTOIA Div for Carmagnola duties;
- publicity for above repatriation (ref Maj Alexander PAS );

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LIAISON WITH S H A E F 5/7 Nov 44

1. Gen MANNERINI
Meeting with MANNERINI and CRAWFORD to discuss details of the return of men from the BALKANS. Collected details of accn stores available from M of S sources for MAIA release. The ACANFORA Hosp at TARANTO is being cleared of present patients and will accommodate all 500 sick from the first lift from the BALKANS. A/G G i

Gen CAILLA
2. With Gen PONTRELLI and Lt Col MORIARTY to discuss call-up in ABRUZZI. The district offices are reported to be in good shape and there is accn available at each place for 1000/2000 men. In the worst cases to the worst the men can be collected and clothed in situ. There are difficulties over the central depot: north of FOLIGNO all accn is taken up by Allied ops, and even at SPOLETO the two suitable buildings are earmarked for the Allies. G i

3. Gen SANTI
Conference with SANTI, Gen MATTIOLI and Col CHURCH on subdivision of 3 Dist between 227 and the new 230 Mob Sem Div HQ. After lengthy discussion and consultation with A/G the demarcation line was fixed as the regional boundary between, on the one hand ABRUZZI, APULIA and LUCANIA (230), and on the other LAZIO, CAMPANIA and CALABRIA. This solution is not altogether satisfactory owing to the size of the new areas and the distances between the div HQs and the ops under some, which are up to 300 kms in extreme cases. The new arrangement tends to perpetuate the present situation in which the ops get little or no attention from anyone. All ops within the Territorial Region of ROME will be administered from ROME. A/G G i
Info SANTI that:
- new 230 HQ is approved and will be formed forthwith on est "A" ( 32 offrs and 101 ors ) 3624
- 227 HQ to be reorg on est "B" ( 20 offrs and 71 ors )
- 209 HQ to be reorg on est "A" ( 32 offrs and 101 ors)
- the three Regg Lavoratori in APULIA to be disbanded and their functions absorbed by 230 Div.

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Gen CADILA

4. CREMONESI Div:- he has recd confidential reports that the div is being split up by the Partisan Corps, with a definite purpose, he feels, and cases and units detached from the parent unit and sent all over the place. Knowing that this action runs counter to GOC's recommended policy, and also greatly increases the difficulties of an early repatriation, CADILA is anxious that action be taken by AFHQ to put a stop to this practice. come

5. Offrs for the FRIULI:- requested CADILA to take energetic action to send the offrs already appointed but not yet arrived, also to have those who are being replaced sent away. (!) CADILA and FRIULI, SANSI and SANDO on the mat, but it appears as though the MS Branch at the War ~~Office~~ had omitted to give info re about the out-going offrs. Personal impressions are that the MS Branch requires thoroughly overhauling. See Sec

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LIAISON WITH S.H.A.E. 3/4 Nov 44

Lt Col WILLEFORD-I

1. Maps of reorg of Territorial area:- the provincial boundaries do not correspond exactly with those of the mil districts; it was therefore agreed that the "regional" map would show, in addition to the regions, the provincial boundaries and the towns where the 87 mil district offices are to be situated. Also a footnote to the effect that in the majority of cases the provincial and district boundaries correspond approx. The official map of the districts will take some days to complete and will have to be on a much larger scale to show detail. G i

2. Absence without leave - Italian Army:- the present ruling that men will continue to be atte to the same unit until they have been absent over 30 days has disadvantages from the Italian pt of view. Under present regulations Italian ips do not get into serious trouble if they are only absent a few days at a time. They return to the unit and serve their sentence, and then repeat the experiment. AG/6 of 27 Oct proposes that men absent over 30 days be reposted to units stationed as far from their homes as possible. This is normal pratice in the Italian Army, but relatively few men stay away for this length of time. War Ministry would like to be able to repost men after even a few days absence. Can anything be worked out on these lines ? A/G G i

Lt Col GRACZYK

3. SHAE has recd from their LO at AAI copy of AAI letter 3007/15/ A(O) (Ser 0293) regarding the org of 290 Sea Sec and 291 Ma Hosp. GRACZYK awaits instrs regarding documentation which has to be done by SHAE. G ii

Capt DELLA CORNA

4. The unit shown on the strength state under 209 Div as det of I/404 Regt located at [illegible]SI is the remnant of II Bty 404 Italian Arty Regt and has never been officially reorganised. The unit is engaged in V and R duties under I Dist. SHAE request that the 50 odd men concerned be absorbed into an official unit. G iii

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Lt Col OCHORANSKI

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of view. Under present regulations Italian tps do not get into serious trouble if they are only absent a few days at a time. They return to the unit and serve their sentence, and then repeat the experiment. AG/6 of 27 Oct proposes that men absent over 30 days be reposted to units stationed as far from their homes as possible. This is normal pratice in the Italian Army, but relatively few men stay away for this length of time. War Ministry would like to be able to repost men after even a few days absence. Can anything be worked out on these lines ?

Lt Col GRACEFFA

3. SWRE has recd from their LO at AAI copy of AAI letter 3037/15/ G ii
A(O) (Ser 0293) regarding the org of 290 Mea Sec and one 291 Fd Hosp. GRACEFFA awaits instrs regarding documentation which has to be done by SWRE.

Capt DELLA CORNA

4. The unit shown on the strength state under 209 Div as det of G iii
I/404 Regt located at PISTI is the remnant of II Bty 404 Italian Army Regt and has never been officially reorganised. The det is engaged in V and R duties under I Dist. SWRE request that the 100 men concerned be absorbed into an official unit.

Lt Col KOCHOWSKI

5. Requested him to produce one capt and four lts for the 6 Coy G ii
I Bn 2675 Regt ACC - to report to the usual offr at AG HQ

Lt Col GUIDA

6. Passed to him following instrs on mea units:- G ii
- 152 Mea Sec going from PIGNO to 209 Div; DADMS
- 33 Mea Sec going from BARI Div (ex NAPLES) to PIGNO Spec Sv
(originally destined AOSTA DIV)
- 516 Fd Hosp to remain in SICILY with AOSTA Div in lieu of mea sec.

7. Handed to him copy of instrs on mis employment of AA and CD units.

Gen GALLINA

8. GALLINA has been made officially responsible by the Govt for the coms
org of the return of PoW. He will have to assist him Gen di A/Q
Brigata MANNERINI and a small staff. MANNERINI will be going G i
to TARANTO in connection with the return of the first batch from GERMANY.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 1/2 Nov 44

Gen BERARDI

1. Move to PRIULI:- info him of possibility of move earlier than expected. Should this happen, stressed the need for fullest co-operation and effort on the part of every man of the div. If necessary BERARDI will send an offr to the div with the requisite orders. Col P

2. CII/33 Inf Regt:- in view of the postponement of recruiting for the LEGNANO Div, passed him authorisation to continue recruiting for this bn up to 14 Nov incl. Stressed that bn must be complete by this date, and that confirmation in writing that this has been done must be in this HQs hands on the 14th. BERARDI very appreciative of the concession. Col P

3. Additional staff cars for War Ministry:- GEN BERARDI has twice applied for permission to transfer four cars to the War Ministry, three from the CREMONA and one from the LEGNANO. Both requests have been turned down. War Ministry is so short of cars for staff offrs going on missions, and BERARDI wishes to press his request for issue sole reconsideration. A/G

Gen CANEA

4. III Bn Carro Regt:- the info he has had from the Naval people is different from ours. According to them, 350 men have been sent by rail from TARANTO and a further 500 from the U.S. In addition, a further 800 are ready at TARANTO as rits for the regt, xxx to complete the III Bn, and to replace any unfitable men already with the regt. Col P

Lt Col ROCCHEGIANI

5. 2x rits for ACC:- SMRE confirm that these men have already reported to ACC, except for three or four who are absent for various reasons. G iii

6. 120 for line sig course FRASCATI/VILLA FALCONIERI: these rits for the next course have been called in by rail 3 Nov. G ii SO Sigs

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of the concession.

3. Additional staff care for War Ministry:- GOC AMMI has twice applied for permission to transfer four cars to the War Ministry, first from the CA'MORI and later from the LATERZO. Both requests have been turned down. War Ministry is so short of cars for staff offrs going on missions, and TOMBARI wishes to press his request for three more recon isolation. A/G

Gen SCHLI

4. III Pz Gen Marco says:- the time he has had from the Naval people is different from ours. Accordin, to them, 350 men have been sent by rail from TARANTO and a further 500 from NAPLES. In addition, a further 800 are ready at TARANTO as rits for the regt, xxx to complete the III/Gen, and to replace any unsuitable men already with the regt. Col P

Lt Col HOCHSTEINS I

5. 22 rits for AOC:- SHAEF confirm that these men have already reported to AOC, except for three or four who are absent for various reasons. G III

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6. 120 for line of course FRANCAVILLA FONTANA: these rive for the next course leave CALIANRI by rail 3 Nov. G II SO Sigs

7. Rits to PWB:- all men collected from the depots in CALABRIA G II are going by rail to 212 Div 4 Nov.

Gen CHILI

8. Info CHILI of info given to SHAEF - re: para 1 and 2 above.

9. Repatriation from the BALKANS:- passed to CHILI all info available on org planned for receiving first batch of 3700 men due shortly at TARANTO. Following pts require answering:
- civilian personnel can NOT be found for the camp at TARANTO, apart from which the ops would not obey civilians. Following G I all personnel needed: 1 col, 4 majs, 20 subalterns, 20 ors.
- In addition to clothing, boots and rations, one camp eqpt been provided for, i.e. blankets, palliasses and straw, cooking utensils, mess tins etc. all of which will be required. A/Q
- How long can men remain in the camp ? When will the next party be arriving ? Will subsequent parties disembark at TARANTO ? Are Italians to be responsible for issuing clothing or will this be some Allied supervision ? A/A

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 30/31 Oct 44

Col CHIAVARINO and Lt Col GUIDA

1. Attended meeting at MMIA to discuss details of PICENO deal with CARABINIERI. Present: G i, G ii, and G II (Special Sec). G i

Gen OXILIA

2. OXILIA has appointed three correspondents of the Italian press to report on all aspects of the Italian Army. One is an offr and the other two are going as privates. The proposed itinerary is: PBS, 210, 228, 209 Divs in that order, and they are commencing at PICENO. Should it be desirable to report on the "gruppi" before their journey is completed, MMIA will inform OXILIA and they will break their journey. comd G i(I)

3. Appointment of 2 i/c to LEGNANO Div:- info OXILIA that GOC approves appointment of Brig Gen MORICCA to this post. At the same time confirmed that the appointment of 2i/cs to all "gruppi" is only a temporary measure for the trg period, as this post is NOT on the est. When the gruppi move up the 2 i/c will have to come away. comd

4. PHILLI:- info OXILIA that GOC was pleased to find things much improved during his recent visit to this div, and SCATTINI a big improvement over the previous comd. comd

HE PALERMO

5. Italian tps in MONTENEGRO:- following visit 27 Oct, requested PALERMO to let us have complete factual report on the situation, supported by photographs and all details to ep his case, incl mention of his talk with the head of the British Mission there. comd

Lt Col DI BITONTO

6. Rits for "gruppi":- clarified that ALL men called up for ITI-ITI category and destined for the "gruppi" must go to the rit regt and NOT direct to the Imns. Assured him that steps being taken by MMIA to ensure rit centre capable of receiving and holding all rits sent there. MMIA LO to be att'd to rit G i

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their journey.

3. Appointment of 2 i/c to LECCHINO Div:- info CAILLIA that comd GOC approves appointment of Brig Gen MORICCA to this post. At the same time confirmed that the appointment of 2i/cs to all "gruppi" is only a temporary measure for the tr period, as this post is NOT on the est. When the gruppi move up the 2 i/c will have to come away.

4. FRIULI:- info CAILLIA that GOC was pleased to find things much comd improved during his recent visit to this div, and SCATTINI a big improvement over the previous comd.

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Gen BERARDI

7. Accompanied Gi for further discussion on PICENO move. Present G i Gen SANTI and Col CHIAVARINO. It was stressed that the plan worked out by MMIA must be followed to the letter - any changes that it was desirable or feasable to make would be considered after the 3.500 men has arrived at destination. BERARDI states he fully appreciates this. Other pts discussed:
- rits required at once to look after the animals;
- offrs to be sent to complete est; if required these offrs can later be exchanged with those att'd to Carabinieri, by arrangement with MMIA.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. Muleteer rits for AAI:- discussed details and requested him G ii to issue necessary orders forthwith for screening suitable men from all units under Allied comd.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E . 28/29 Oct 44

Lt Col GUIDA

1. Del "A" and "T":- info him that these two HQs required to be disbanded, in view of the impending approval of a gen scheme for territorial HQs for the whole country. Disbandment to be effected by following dates: Del "A" 5 Nov; Del "T" 26 Nov. G ii

2. 1003 GT Coy: enquires into gen comd of this unit and instructed SMRE to arrange for 227 Div HQ to be responsible. G ii

Gen BENARDI

3. With G i to discuss details of loan of PIC&NO Div for duties with CARABINIERI. Background of negotiations gone into very fully and steps considered for minimising the detrimental effects on the Imm and its ultimate emp as a combat gp. To work out these proposals in detail, Col CHIAVA IMO will call on G ii Fr 30 Oct 1430 hrs. Until written instrs are issued by MMIA no steps to be taken by SMRE. G i

Gen OXILIA (with G i)

4. Similar explanation of negotiations leading up to loan of PIC NO Div as given to C of S. Apart from the harm done to the Imm, OXILIA is most alarmed at the prospect of 3500 unscreened men of a combat fmn being used for police duties. Accordin to OXILIA, many of these men need watching themselves, and it is quite a nonsense to set them up as guardians of the law. More particularly is it serious at this moment, when the CCRM themselves are somewhat discredited and need to build up their prestige. OXILIA put fwd a proposal for recruiting more suitable types to replace the PIC&NO men - this will be considered by G i. Comd G i

5. Other matters discussed:
- Volunteers for combat gps from FOGGIANO area. Agreed that these can be accepted, provided they are exchanged on a "one-for-one" basis with men recruited at the districts allotted to the ITI-ITI category. SMRE to notify numbers involved and MMIA will arrange tpt. 3620 Sept-ITI
- OXILIA anxious for a decision on the question of volunteers

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Gen OXILIA (with G i) come G i

4. Similar explanation of negotiations leading up to loan of PICENO Div as given to C of S. Apart from the harm done to the men, OXILIA is most alarmed at the prospect of 3600 unscreened men of a combat fmn being used for police duties. Accordin to OXILIA, many of these men need watching themselves, and it is quite a nonsense to set them up as guardians of the law. More particularly is it serious at this moment, when the CORPS themselves are somewhat discredited and need to build up their prestige. OXILIA put fwd a proposal for recruiting more suitable types to replace the PICENO men - this will be considered by G i.

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- OXILIA anxious for a decision on the question of volunteers for combat in SICILY - see log 15/16 Oct para 3.
- according to info OXILIA has received over the phone from BARI the much discussed 1000 men from Cefallonia (actually 900 odd) are in fact being repatriated. This latest version of the facts says that these men were actually fighting against the Germans and alongside the Allies in the recapture of the Islands, that they were allowed by the Allies to retain their arms, that their arms will be taken off them before they disembark at BARI, but will be returned to them after screening by SIM and Allied Int. Italian HQs BARI has been shown photos of the grps, who are in good shape - most of them are ready and fit for further combat duties. They are the survivors of the ACQUI Div, most of which is reported to have been massacred by the Germans after the armistice. OXILIA proposes to meet the men himself, and that those available for reemployment should be granted to the PICENO Div.

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(C-in-C (SD) please draft letter to MMIA - CO Br ref. 5th para. Can it be informed personally of above and ask for special effort on Allies part to [illegible] Can add it's considered [illegible]

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see para 5 marked !!!

C-I comment " That is why we are taking over control of Italian Army Ltr! "

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 25/28 Oct 44

1. Count CASATI ( 26 Oct)
Accompanied GOC. Subjects discussed: Comd
- appointment of successor to comd 209 Div;
- development of central office at War Ministry;
- PALERMO's visit to the BALKANS;
- overcoats for Mil Academy.

2. PALERMO visited GOC (27 Oct) to discuss situation in MONTE- Comd
NEGRO ( see para 1 above)

Gen SANTI

3. Gen discussion (present Col CHIAVARINO) on Italian Territorial G i
Hqs and chain of comd, incl div HQs (such as 209, 227, which now have a purely territorial function). They consider it indispensable that for purely Italian adm and discipline purposes ALL Italian tps come under the Regional HQs. They recognise the necessity for minimum interference with units and HQs under Allied operational comd. It is suggested that this aspect be watched by local AMIA LO's and any cases of delay or excessive burfaucracy reported to War Ministry via HQ AMIA. SMRE and War Ministry would welcome info of this kind, as the function of the Territorial HQs will be to help speed up the operations of units under comd and not to interpose obstacles.

4. At subsequent meeting on same subject, it was decided that G i
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5. Combat gps:- requested SANTI to give immediate orders to the G i
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- all personnel at present in the rft regt (estimated 300/400) to be devided equally between the four gps and disposed of immediately in this way, to free the camp and cadre for the new call-ups;
- the disposal of the excess personnel of the LEGNANO Div to

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5. Comdt gps:- requested SANIT to give immediate orders to the following effect: — G i
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- the disposal of the excess personnel of the LEGNANO Gp to be accelerated

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6. Transit camps for repatriated PWs:- requested SANIT to have suggested est prepared for transit camp to hold 500/1000 men, and depot to hold 3000. — G i

7. LO's for SHAEF:- info SANIT that the first six already earmarked were to be kept on top, and further six names submitted, incl the two recommended from the Gruppi. All twelve would probably leave together. — G ii US; G i

Col MICALETTI

8. Four Welfare offrs for welfare course in ROME:- confirmed date and place of course (ref log 17/20 Oct para 3) and collected names of first four offrs for 5 and 6 Armies and 1 and 3 Dists. Requested him to see that application for attachment of four offrs for Gruppi was sent in soonest. — comd; Staff; Capt A

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI and Maj PERCOLA

9. Six men for PASSOCORESE Vend R stn:- these men have now been produced and are waiting to be collected at CERRETI. Partially clothed in Italian clothes — G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 21/24 Oct 44

Lt Col CHECCHIA

1. Mules saddles and harness at CASTA: after lengthy investigations it transpires that Gii US
- there are no saddles or harness at CASTA;
- list of mil stores there handed to Gii US;
- the local Carabinieri set hqs signalled on 22 Jul to the Carabinieri HQ at FORMIA that there were no saddles etc at GAETA, but the info was never passed on to ROMA.
- approx 1000 saddles ex CIL pack units and pack mty are still at OSIMO.

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2. Gen BUTTÀ

Call-up ops in LAZIO:- on orders of MMIA these are due to be concluded 28 Oct. In view of the fact that they hope to rope in many stragglers, incl the men who failed to present themselves, all of which takes time, BUTTÀ requests that he be allowed to keep on at the three centres for a further three weeks one third of the personnel allotted there, i.e. ten men per centre. Answer urgently required. G i

Lt Col GUIDA

3. Strength situation in SARDINIA as at 9 Oct:- SMRE is in agreement with the situation shown in Mil HQ SARDINIA letter of 16 Oct 3898/B/Ord. The 1396 on civil rations are all men in hosps over 30 days. G i

Lt Col CHIAPARELLI

4. 106 Amm Dep at:- this used to be run by the Direzione Artiglieria TARANTO and was situated nr BARLETTA, at a place called TITTATEGNA. It was cleared some time ago and no longer belongs to the Ministry. Nothing is known of a depot run by Ditta (?) Lucca. A/Q

New appointments:

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Gen OXILIA

6. Following subjects discussed: comd
- est of SMG
- mules and harness at BARI;
- need for adjustment in new central office procedure; G 1
- discipline and punishment of offrs;

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

7. Col BONFIGLIO and his party:- enquiries throughout War Ministry and OKW have failed to reveal on whose authority this party of offrs presented itself to TORSELLI's HQ. A sig requesting info has been sent to 228. A/G

Capt DELLA CORNA

8. He is anxious to have a complete plot of Regt HQs for the ga bns. G11 US

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 17/20 Oct 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Men repatriated from the Greek islands:- info him that the arrival of the first 1000 had been cancelled and that no arrivals are expected at the moment. — comd G i A/Q

2. Volunteers for combat ops in SICILY:- info him that this was being looked into, but that in any case the suggestion that prisoners on parole should be considered as volunteers is NOT for consideration. — 2 i/c G i

3. Director of Army Welfare:- attended meeting NEWTH/OXILIA, 17 Oct. Col MICHELETTI also present. Brig NEWTH requested that four suitable English-speaking offrs be selected and held in readiness for appointment as Welfare offrs at 5 and 8 Armies, and I and 3 Dietrs. There would be up to four places available for these offrs on the Welfare course commencing in ROME 30 Oct. It was recommended that Welfare offrs be attd to combat ops. These offrs would be able to attend subsequent courses. EX DAW will discuss plan at AFHQ and will endeavour to secure approval for issue of additional EPI rations for Italian tps. No further action required until DAW advises results of discussions at AFHQ. — comd A/Q

4. Combat ops: following subjects discussed:- — comd Col P
- Elimination of all traces of the so-called Arditi bn and the completion of the III Bn 68 Regt forthwith with whatever rifts are available on the ground. OXILIA has already taken action on this.
- Urgent need to complete MONTEROSSO Bn - only 150 strong to date. SARPO has been sent to AQUILA to deal with the situation.
- Leave for CAPRONA to continue until 15 Nov, on same basis as at present agreed.
- Discipline of offrs and need to tighten-up sentences.

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6. ALIBERTI:- discussed with OXILIA the MT situation in SARDINIA and proposals for the future. ALIBERTI will be only too pleased to accompany MMIA rep to the island at any time. A/Q

Count CASATI

7. Accompanied CGC. Following subjects were discussed:- comd
- Col ZAVATTORI
- Comd 209 Div
- Combat Gps and overseas service.
- Future of Del 'T' and change of comd.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

L5/16 Oct 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Men repatriated from Greek Islands:- info him of latest developments, and that men would be treated as PsW by local Allied authorities in BARI. OXILIA later phoned Italian HQ BARI to cancel previous arrangements, and was info as follows: Reps of P & L HQ had attended meeting with Allied reps 15 Oct at which it was decided that initially this first batch of 1000 men (and all subsequent batches from GREECE) would be treated as PsW and handled through Allied channels. Screening to be done by Italian screening agency (this already being laid on) with British rep att'd. Those who pass the test will either go to the gruppi (if fit) or be discharged. Those who fail the test will remain in British hands as Psw.
OXILIA expressed a hope that men with a bad record who continue as PsW will be kept apart from other ITI PsW taken prisoner before the armistice, both from the morale pt of view and to enable suitable retribution to be meted out to the culprits by the ITI authorities/ at a later date. comd 2 i/c A/Q G i Civil

2. Brig Gen SCATTINI:- this offr is proposed as new GOC to comd FRIULI Div in place of PEDROTTI. He was formerly comd of the SPEZIA Div in TUNISIA, in BERARDI's corps, and was taken prisoner there. Recently with Stato Maggiore Generale as Gen att'd to MESS. Info OXILIA that GOC had no objection to the appointment providing OXILIA was satisfied that SCATTINI was the right man. SCATTINI will proceed to BENEVENTO 18 Oct and PEDROTTI will leave the inn within 24 hrs of SCATTINI's arrival. comd G i Col P

3. Volunteers for combat gps: OXILIA has recd infm from SICILY that 2000 men have presented themselves to the mil districts in the island as volunteers for combat. This number incl 100 PsW on parole. Info OXILIA that as regards the latter this opens up a tricky matter of principle, which was NOT likely to be considered favourably. In gen terms, there might be difficulties of tpt from SICILY. comd Col P G i

4. Director of Army Welfare:- arranged meeting with OXILIA for 17 Oct, 1615 hrs, to discuss welfare arrangements in the

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5. Infm OXILIA of authority for move of Dele "T" to FLORENCE. G ii

Gen ALIBERTI

6. Collected some infm in connection with Messrs BOANO

Gen BASTI, Col CHIEVANINO, Lt Col DI RITONTO

7. AAI request for infm on muleteers:- conference to investigate how infm can best be provided. Italian Gen Staff state that had the districts been functioning throughout liberated Italy it would have been possible to have exact figures; as it is they can only be guessed at. It is proposed to supply one set of answers am 17 Oct which will be a rough guide, and further and more accurate details as soon as infm can be collected in the fd. G ii comd

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Liaison with s m r e 15/16 Oct 44 contd

8. Gen BARTI , Col CHIAVARINO, Lt Col DI BITONTO
Gen discussion on ~~xx~~ figures submitted for rates of losses for various categories in the Italian Army during the next twelvemonth. SMRE sustained that the rates suggested by them were by no means exaggerated, particularly with the prospect of mtn fighting and the approach of winter. DI BITONTO will go into the figures again. G i

Capt DELLA CORNA
9. 253 Forestry Coy:- personnel of this unit, which is being disbanded, will be sent to MINERVINO camp for forming into an IPL Coy to replace one of the coys at BARI composed entirely of congedandi. Men are all of Slav origin, and SMRE request that they be retained in the one unit together, under present nco's. G ii G iii DALL

Lt Col GUIDA
10. Infd him that II/514 Regt, now with 6 Army, is being renumbered 522 Gd Bn. The last of the twenty-two bns from SARDINIA, which was to have had this number, is no longer required. G ii US G iii

Lt Col CILIERI
11. Requested him to notify us of the the name of the offr designated to visit FLORENCE to reorg the Direzione Art there and recover whatever stores are still in the district. C in I(I)

12. Requested infm on action taken following the report of Lt Col BLANCO on the situation of 906 Lav Art Unit. SOR

Gen OXILIA
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LIAISON WITH 3 M R E 13/14 Oct 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Attended meeting at MEIA (13 Oct). Present: COC, OXILIA, Col PIDLSEY, Lt Col SOUTHALL. Subjects discussed: combat gps - offrs, disci line, staff-work, MT etc. Later, men returning from BALKANS and elsewhere. — comd

Gen SANTI

2. Collected infm relating to animals of the PICENO and MANTOVA Divs, saddlery for same, sources of production of new saddlery, whereabouts of saddlery of 250 Pack Tpt Coy and IV and V Pack Btys. Passed to Gii US. — Gii(US)

Lt Col DI BITONTO

3. Men of 1914 class called up at FROSINONE:- as a result of new instrs issued, these men should go to the combat gps. As they are "over-age" for combat, arranged with DI BITONTO to move them under Italian arrangements to AFMA OLA and advise numbers so that necessary adjustments could be made. — G i / G ii

4. Rifts for combat gps:- in view of difficulties over accn at Rift Regt ALIFE, clarified that rift requirements of CREMONA are being met direct up to 600 men, and FRIULI up to 200, thereafter rifts will go to Rift Regt where they will be dealt with by MMIA LO on the spot according to circumstances. — G i / Col P

Lt Col GUIDA

5. Reorg of AOSTA Div: this was completed by 1 Oct. Now awaiting arrival of Div HQ and other elements from SARDINIA. — Gii(US

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Gen SANTI and Col CHIAVARINO

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

3. Men of 1914 class called up at FROSINONE:- as a result of new instrs issued, these men should go to the combat age. As they are "over-age" for combat, arranged with DI BITONTO to move them under Italian arrangements to AFHQ CLA and advise numbers so that necessary adjustments could be made. G i / G ii

4. Rits for combat age:- in view of difficulties over accn at Rit Regt ALIFE, clarified that rit requirements of CREMONA are being met direct up to 600 men, and FRIULI up to 200, thereafter rits will go to Rit Regt where they will be dealt with by MMIA LO on the spot according to circumstances. G i / Col P

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7. Collected info relating to estimated loss in strength for Italian Army during coming months. G i

Gen BUTTÀ

8. Collected details relating to depots, districts etc. G i

9. Call-up in CAMPANIA, FOGGIANO etc:- this has now been put back and is scheduled to commence 30 Oct G i / G ii

10. Call-up in ROME:- a concerted drive is being organized to round up the defaulters who failed to present themselves during the recent call-up. This will commence 20 Oct. The recruiting staff att'd CENSERI will accordingly be required to remain on there until the end of the month. G i

Lt Col CILIERI

11. Est of SMG:- followed up G/11/15 Oct for an answer: It is understood that CILIA is dealing with the matter personally. Will chase at first opportunity. comd

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LIAISON WITH S.A.C. E 11 Oct 44

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

1. Ref log 13/14 Sep para 2:- the three chemical and smoke coys in SARDINIA have now been disbanded and the personnel - roughly 15 offrs and 300 ors - will be ready to leave CAGLIARI 15 Oct. Personnel is required as rits for smoke units under British comd. G ii

2. Replacement of sgt for 2002 CD Pl of 256/1 Gen Service Coy: Requested him to produce this rit, to report to Capt BATTIONI, Room 76,2 floor, AGC Main HQ. S/Capt A

3. Vet offr for 13 Pack Tpt Coy (5 Army):- an offr had already been appointed last month, but had been granted one weeks leave on the way up. He is now several days overdue, and is being ordered to report to ROME for onward transmission. Name: Capt BONI Torino. 2 i/c

4. 80 Mounted unit CAMEROTA:- there has been considerable difficulty over arranging the vet offr for this unit. Only possibility is the vet of 227 Div, now on convalescent leave. SHAEF have requested that he be replaced at once: Lt AINO Riccardo has been nominated for the post.

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Capt DELLA CORNA

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G ii

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7. 203 Forestry Coy:- confirmed that this unit has never been authorised by Allied HQs and that it can NOT be considered as part of the army.

G iii

Good gd

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI
8. 22 rifts for ACC increment:- info him that these men were required to report to ACC Main ROME.

G iii

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Col CHIAPARINO
9. Requested him to produce some figures relating to anticipated rate of loss in strength of the Italian Army durin the next twelve months, also numbers awaiting the liberation of North Italy to be demobilized, and numbers likely to desert as soon as the rest of Italy is liberated.

G i

Lt Col SAMPO
10. Requested info on the move of the MANTOVA and PICENO Divs. Some difficulty anticipated in compiling the details, so arranged for rep to call on Gii at once to discuss.

G ii

Gen CAILLIA
11. Arranged meeting for special section for 1730 hrs.

Col P

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 10 Oct 44

Lt Col SAMPÒ

1. Requested him to arrange for the necessary demands for tpt to be sent in in respect of the move of MANTOVA and PICENO Divs to conc areas. To be based on present strength and to excl the four gd bns on loan to Allied fmns. G ii

Col CHIAVARINO

2. Ref previous para, CHIAVARINO pointed out that the question of the mules and horses of the two divs had still to be settled, and until they were disposed of several hundred men of the fmns would be tied up looking after the animals. G i G ii

3. 3rd San Marco Bn:- the men of this unit are already overdue at the conc area of the FOLGORE Div; requests that tpt be completed as soon as possible. G i

Lt Col CILIERI

4. Requested further ten copies of the map of proposed territorial HQs. comd

Gen OXILIA

5. Additional twelve interpreters urgently needed for trg of of FRIULI Gp:- infd OXILIA that trg programme was being jeopardised by shortage of interpreters with technical ability. If necessary they can make do with civilians. He promised to see to the matter at once. Col P

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- men being repatriated from the BALKANS;
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9. WE of gd bn:- requested that adjustment be made to number of offrs at Bn HQ and Coys. He will be sending in revised draft. SORE

Gen OXILIA

10. Accompanied OXILIA to meeting with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Present LX Col FOTHERGILL, Lt Col OLIVER. Result of discussion referred to Gi . comd Gi

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Gen OXILIA

1. Col BALDACCHINI:- inqd aim of action being taken to secure repatriation of this org. — comd

2. Gen BIGGINI Gino:- inqd his that this offic (who is waiting to return from the Balkans) has asked for an order from the War Ministry sanctioning his departure from ALBANIA. Requested OXILIA to send us the order for onward transmission via Force 399. — G i

3. 1000 men returning shortly from the Balkans:- inqd OXILIA that they would be from Cefalonia and Zante; query - is there any foundation to the report that they will be landing at BARI, and not at TARANTO or BRINDISI as originally reported ? OXILIA inqd of action being taken with regard to clothing. — comd A/Q G i

4. Sick and convalescent men back from the Balkans, and now in civilian hospts:- OXILIA is extremely worried about the plight of these people, who now number about 2000. They are men too ill to go home, or men with homes in enemy occupied territory. They are entered on civilian scale rations. There are no clothes for them. As far as the Italian Govt is concerned they are a mil commitment; for the Allies they are a civil responsibility. The Italian Red Cross has no assets. Forgetting the ethical background, it is obvious that something will have to be done by somebody. OXILIA makes a strong plea for guidance from AMIA on strictly humanitarian grounds. He cannot get satisfaction from anyone else. — comd A/Q DADMS

5. Replacement and trg centres:- requested OXILIA to have a scheme prepared in rough outline for dealing with the 3000 odd rifs eventually required for the ITI- IUI category. Specified that the centres should be convenient rmx for comms and trg, NOT in any large town, but suitably close to an area where the tps could be employed on reconstruction or rd work during the time they were not on trg. About three or four such centres would be required. — 2i/c G i

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6. Tps of Slav origin in SARDINIA:- info OXILIA that 1400 of these men would very likely have to be moved to the mainland; queried how this would affect their present policy, in view of order given by DRUSILLA that such tps should not proceed to the Mainland. G i

It Col DI BITONTO

7. Up to 3 inst, 746 men of the 1920 class recalled to the colours in CAMPANIA had been handed over to 212 Div (POW). G ii

Count CASATI

8. Call-up in LAZIO:- expressed some anxiety about tpt for the men called up at FROSINONE and RIETI. The men enrolled on the first three days were still there yesterday. This is making it difficult for them to prevent the men from getting away, and tends to discourage the men due to report on later dates. Explained the unexpected difficulty over broken bridges, and that everything was being done to deal with the situation. comd G i

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LIAISON WITH S E R B 6-8 Oct 44

6 Oct

1. To VITERBO with G i and Col FIORE VERNAZZA to investigate the arrangements made for the call-up which commences 5 Oct. Org appeared adequate, but only small numbers of men were presenting themselves in this district. Stressed with FIORE the need for prompt action on the part of the CARABINIERI in respect of those who failed to report. The experience gained in LAZIO region should prove invaluable for subsequent call-ups. Some of these districts cover a biggish area, and if one or two hy vehs can be attached to the district they can be used for ferrying recruits from outlying towns and villages. In the case of VITERBO some of the men have to travel up to 60 kms. — 2 i/c, G i, A/Q

7 Oct

Gen CASELLI

2. Shoulder flashes for combat ops:- warned him of small change which has to be made in the PRI SI flash. — Col P

3. Requested production of special article required by PWB in connection with anniversary of Italy's declaration of war against Germany - 13 Oct. This was delivered in the afternoon and forwarded to HEAD of PWB. — comd

4. Info him of approval in gen terms to proposal for call-up in FOGGIANO and CAMPANIA to commence 2 Oct approx. Detailed plan is being worked out and will be submitted 8 Oct. — 2 i/c, G i, A/Q

Lt Col DI BITONTO

5. Approved his proposal to transfer 274 specialists from IPL Regts to Combat ops. Surplus personnel of 1914 class ex grp pl to be used as replacements - to be transported by SAME and delivered to IPL units before the specialists are removed. — G i, Col P

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6. Discussed with G i the method proposed for recording daily the activities of the recruiting centres and info DI BITONTO exactly what was wanted. — G i

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7. Patriots recruited for combat arms:- following was the situation at 3 Oct:
- FLORENCE : men already moved and who will have been moved by 7 Oct ... 140 - 170
- ANCONA : ditto ... 150

a further 300 - 350 are anticipated from ANCONA.

When he has finished at ANCONA Maj CASARA will be going to PESARO. — G i

6 Oct

8. Count CASATI

Handed personally to the Minister GOC's letter in connection with 5th Gp Carri L. — comd

Gen BUTTÀ

9. Gen discussion on the subject of Districts and Depots, their relation with available man-power and size of the army. — comd

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 4 - 5 Oct 44

4 Oct
Count CASATI
1. Accompanied COS. Following subjects were discussed: comd
- posn of Duke of ANCONA;
- operation and promotions of senior offrs: SMG's activities;
- call-up in ROME: action being taken in respect of men who do not report;
- Internal Security tps, Sicilian posn, Carabinieri;
- Territorial org, Depots and Districts.

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5 Oct
2. OXILIA returned from his visit to APULIA, during the course of which he visited numerous hosps housing men repatriated from the Balkans, incl many men from his old div. All these men have been brought back on account of sickness. Those who are recovering and wish to continue fighting he has directed be posted to the comnt ops, especially the specialists. But OXILIA is very worried about the wretched state of the majority, more particularly their clothing, or lack of clothing. Through other channels he has made a special request to be allowed to use 5000 darkbrown uniforms which the Army has had in stock for some time - he stated they were firemens uniforms, or for some such purpose. comd

3. Brought OXILIA up-to-date on various matters handled during his absence:- comd
- meeting with CASATI (in very gen terms);
- 1000 men expected back from MONTENEGRO about 15 Oct;
- call-up in LAZIO;
- further call-up to be urged to produce 25000 men, to commence about 20 Oct;
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- SOMALI, and choice of a second correspondent;

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5. CASILLI had also visited PISCINO Div, which is getting on with its recce and trg. Everyone very keen. A request is made for WT sets and a couple of Allied vehs for initial trg. comd Col P

Gen SANTI

6. Col CECCLIO, head of the Personnel Branch SMRE, has at last been replaced. New man is Col CALARESO. Internal battle now going on as to functions of this office, which has latterly taken on duties properly the function of the War Ministry. SMRE Personnel Branch should only handle matters relating to Staff Officers ( ufficiali di Stato Maggiore ). Appointments etc of all other offrs are the responsibility of the War Ministry. G iii(I)

7. 3rd San Marco (Marine) Bn:- SANTI quite satisfied that this unit is well in hand. 650 men on the way from three pts, and a further 200 dvrs trg in PADUA. Col P

Lt Col DI BERNARDO

8. ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ CERSA and CERSETI screening agencies:- G ii
Requested gen info on activities to date and number of patriots enrolled.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 1 - 3 Oct 44

Lt Col CILIERI

1. Passed to him for CILIERI info concerning arrival of 1000 men from MONTELUCO per Balkan Air Force, scheduled for middle Oct in BRINDISI or TARANTO area. Arrangements will have to be made to receive the men, send them on leave for 2/3 weeks, and then draft them immediately into the combat grps. — comd 2 i/c Col P G i A/Q

2. CILIERI is now expected back evening of 4 Oct.

Col DE MICHELIS

3. Arranged meeting for GOC with War Minister 0930 hrs 4 Oct.

Lt Col MILLESI MINI

4. Requested info on proceedings against men failing to present themselves for the call-up in ROME. — comd

5. Attended meeting on clothing for CCRR. Present from War Ministry: Gen PELLICRA, Lt Col MARIGOI; representing CCRR Col DELLA CHIESA. — 2 i/c

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

6. Instrs issued by Mil HQ BARI/NI that no men of Slav origin be moved to the mainland: requested source of this instr. — G ii

Lt Col CILIERI

7. Requested him to be good enough to have further ten copies produced of War Ministry map with proposals for ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Territorial Hqs. Promised for the morning. — G i

Lt Col DI LEONTO

8. 400 MT personnel from BARLETTA:- 100 of these were earmarked for combat grps, and the remainder for 2 Dist. Info by sig from BARI indicates that actual split has been made as follows: — G i G ii

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| - 1007 GT Coy | | 150 |
| - 1006 " " | rfts | 30 |
| - 1008 " " | | 217 |
| total arrived | 4 offrs | 397 ors. |

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To compensate for the loss of these 1006vrs, it is proposed to transfer the output of the Italian BARI avrs course to the FRIULI, approx 120 men. These were intended for 1007 GT Coy.

9. 121 avrs have been transferred to FRIULI from CALABRIA course, and a further course will be started shortly. — G ii

Col CHIAVARINO

10. Personnel of IV and V Mtn Arty Gps:- SHAEF sig was based on our SD/13/4 of 8 Sep. — G ii

11. Cadre for 250 Pack Fpt Coy:- while this unit is quite capable of running itself, SHAEF feel that for sups and liaison with Allied units the naval cadre is most useful. — G ii

12. Rits for rly units:- they are able to tap special sources (? — G ii based on info available to the SHAEF T t Branch. It is suggested that they be given carte blanche to recruit whatever rly ffs are needed for list 2, when and where they can.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 27 - 30 Sep 44

Gen GALLINA

1. Away on a visit to APULIA. Expected back 2/3 Oct — comd

Maj PERGOLA

2. Visited CERSEPI recruiting centre, and discussed situation there at some length with Col DONADONI, OC, and Maj PERGOLA. Latter is submitting some figures on operations to date, which will be included in short report on the activities of this recruiting centre. — G i

3. While at CERSEPI saw the arrival of the first 80 volunteers from FLORENCE. A keen lot of fellows. — Col P

4. Specialists for CAPUA Engr Depot:- the men initially sent to CAPUA were recalled by special card and the available specialists in MORE screened to the extent of by this means. Since the call up has been by classes, the classes recalled to date — G i SMRE

Lt Col GIGLIO

5. Arrangements in connection with War Correspondent SOLDATI - clothing, rations, pass etc. — comd G iii(I)

Col MICALETTI

6. Two film units have been operating at the front with the "Obiettivo" strength of each three all ranks and one veh. The films taken while the OIL was in the line have been handed over to Allied authorities for transmission to London. SMRE hope to have them back some day. Meantime MICALETTI wants to attach the two units to the combat grps and continue the same arrangement. Request approval and query in which category the six all ranks will appear. — Col P

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agreed. W. H. Wilcox

Maj PERGOLA

7. On 17 Sep PERGOLA requested the apprehension of 18 ors in connection with the call-up and that they be brought before the special mil tribunal. The necessary instrs were issued — coma 2 i/c A/Q

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Maj PERCOLA

7. On 17 Sep PERCOLA requested the apprehension of 18 ors in connection with the call-up and that they be brought before the special mil tribunal. The necessary instrs were issued by the Ministry to the COMM HQ on 18 Sep. Up to 30 Sep not one of the men involved had been produced. Investigating the matter with the Ministry. — coma 2 i/c A/Q

Gen BERARDI

8. Stated that his staff offrs were complaining that the new system of centralisation was becoming too bureaucratic and much time being wasted thereby. In certain respects this complaint appears fully justified. Promised to discuss the matter with ORTONA on his return. — comd

Gen SANTI

9. Recog proposals for the six combat grps:- ORTONA had stated that he wanted to see these before they were sent to the mission. In view of his absence for several days requested SANTI to send them in straight away. — comd

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LIAISON WITH SHAEF 23-26 Sep 44

Maj MAIOCCHI

1. Attended meeting at MMIA (23 Sep) to examine certain aspects of the strength state of 19 Sep. MAIOCCHI was present from SHAEF to answer questions. He made notes of those he couldn't answer, and other pts to be watched in subsequent states. 21/c G i G iii

Gen ORLLIA

2. Info him (24 Sep) of above meeting, and of following important matters which require attention: 21/c G i G iii
   - ceilings for categories NT to be raised by attachments;
   - attachments and detachments within Fmns and units to be watched; cited certain instances of HQs in combat gps;
   - surplus personnel in category 6 to be made available for effective employment;
   - irregular situation with regard to SARDINIAN figures.

   ORLLIA in full agreement on above, and had already taken action in some cases. The C of S of the SARDINIAN HQ has been placed under arrest, according to ORLLIA, for his failure with the strength return.

3. SOLDATI:- requested ORLLIA about the poen of this newspaper correspondent, one of the two appointed originally for the CIL. ORLLIA fully agrees with GOC's idea of sending him to report on Italian units engaged on all types of activities, and promised to make arrangements accordingly. From pte sources, however, it is learned that SOLDATI is NOT interested, in reporting other than "front line" news. comd Gili(I)

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Gens ORLLIA and [illegible]

4. Detailed discussion on properls for mil ests required NORTH of [illegible]. comd

5. Combat gps:- requested ORLLIA to give some thought to the choice of a collective name for the six combat gps, similar to CIL but with the stress on "combat" rather than "liberation". Requested also what progress being made with gp signs, and discussed some form of simplified flash for the BLU's. Col P

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- irregular situation with regard to SARDINIAN figures.

CAILLIA in full agreement on above, and had already taken action in some cases. The C of S of the SARDINIAN HQ has been placed under arrest, according to CAILLIA, for his failure with the strength return.

3. SOLDATI:- requested CAILLIA about the posn of this newspaper correspondent, one of the two appointed originally for the CIL. CAILLIA fully agrees with GOC's idea of sending him to report on Italian units engaged on all types of activities and promised to make arrangements accordingly. From other sources, however, it is learned that SOLDATI is NOT interested, in reporting other than "front line" news. comd Cdn(I)

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Gens CAILLIA and [illegible]

4. Detailed discussion on proposals for add units required NORTH of NAPLES. comd

5. Combat gps:- requested CAILLIA to give some thought to the choice of a collective name for the six combat gps, similar to CIL but with the stress on "consent" rather than "liberation". Requested also what progress being made with gp signs, and discussed some form of simplified flash for the BLU's. Col P

6. Patriots:- info him of report which had reached GOC that patriots were now agitating to join combat units, as formed bodies under their own existing offrs. Discussed various aspects, political blocks, offr situation etc. CAILLIA feels very strongly about the matter and will NOT hear of it. His views coincide with GOC's. He will speak to the Minister. comd

7. With Col PIDDLEY for discussion on combat gps. Col P.

8. Regular offrs and ncos:- these will naturally have priority over reserve personnel for available postings, and reserve offrs and ncos will be demobilised as vacancies are needed. At the moment the War Ministry has little or no idea of the numbers of regulars in the country; suggested that a study be made, which he is now having done. The problem can then be considered as a whole. comd 2 i/c G i

9. Lt Col DI RICONTO:- Info him of availability in TARANTO of 8 offrs and 70 ors, Balloon unit personnel redundant from disbanded unit. May be used as for next FRANCAVILLA course. G ii SO Sigs

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LIAISON WITH S A R E 22 Sep 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Org of Districts etc NORTH of ROME: Gen situation discussed at length. Reiterated Allied policy with regard to staffing of mil ests with civilian personnel; OXILIA stressed difficulty of making sudden break between mil personnel and civilian personnel, as opposed to gradual changeover. They are having considerable difficulty over pay for civilians, and the Treasury is withholding pensions of mil personnel re-employed. OXILIA would like to see at least one offr sanctioned for each of the 247 dists. — comd, 2 i/c, A/Q, G i

2. 90o Lav Artieri Coy:- Discussed report submitted by 3 Dist. OXILIA gave orders for Cdo Mil CAMPANIA to implement the proposals contained in para 4 of Lt Col BLANCO's report, and to apply to the Ministry for any help needed in this connection. — G i, SORE

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Gen SANTI

7. 1000 Alpini being recalled in ABRUZZI:- Infm in PELLIGRA's letter is NOT correct. Reminded him that recruits are NOT to remain at AQUILA. Tpt to be arranged between ALIFE and AQUILA by SMRE; vehs to take necessary rations up with them. Recruits to be brought down daily. A/Q

8. Recruits from Air Force:- 4 offrs, 4 ncos and 184 men waiting to move from BARI. To settle the matter once and for all agreed that these could be moved to FOLGORE under Italian arrangements. Letter to be sent to MORICI with copy to MMIA stating unequivocally that these men would be used as rifts and split up among all units of the fmn. This concludes the matter, and no further Air Force personnel to be accepted. comd 2i/c Col P

9. Small band for "A" mess: made necessary arrangements for 24 Sep for 5-man band. SANTI and NICALETTI very helpful. G ii making final ~~matarias~~ arrangements. Comd G i

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Gen SANTI

10. Interpreters and LO's:- These offrs and noo's are included in SMRS strength state in category 5, under "SIM" — G iii G iii(I)

11. Engr personnel in SARDINIA:- requested SANTI to ascertain how many surplus engr personnel there are (as opposed to sigs) available in SARDINIA for shipment to mainland. — SORE

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

12. Requested infm on availability of 81mm mortar bomb parts reported to be in area ROME. He promised to phone the infm before 0930 hrs 23 Sep. — G ii

Lt Col DI BITONTO

13. 130 men are required for Italian driving course at BARI (one of a series) commencing 1 Oct. He wants to know if those men among the 300 MT personnel from SARDINIA (for 2 Dist) who cannot drive can be earmarked for the course. — G ii

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17. Tps on leave in NAPLES trying to go to SARDINIA:- reminded him of instrs that noone is allowed to proceed on leave to the islands. OXILIA was quite definite that this order had been passed on to territorial HQs some time ago. He promised to look into the matter at once. — 2 i/c

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 20/21 Sep 44

CERSETI

1. Visited the Rome recruiting centre and spoke Maj PERCOLA. 2 i/c
Personnel of "CERSETI" is entirely engaged on interviewing G i
personnel recalled to the colours and resulting documenta- A/Q
tion. CERSETI itself does not run a transit camp, nor are there facilities for putting up tps, QM stores etc.
A det of 210 Div (about 20 all ranks) occupies a large barrack at the same address, but apart from the building there are no other facilities, such as bedding, cooking facilities.
Furthermore, PERCOLA states that the barracks are such that it is not possible to prevent people coming in and out without a substantial gd, which they do not now have. Owing to uncertainties of tpt from day to day recruits are told to go home and come again next morning to see if the tpt has turned up.

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Lt Col INGLEDEW

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Capt DELLA CORNA
7. Gd bns:- ref log 17/18 Sep para 2, enquired whether est is to be based on HD or MT tpt. Infd him horsed tpt. — G ii

Gen SANTI
8. Saddlers ex NAPLES:- SANTI greatly regrets that a mistake was made here, and that the infm previously given (log 3/4 Sep para 5) was incorrect. There are no saddlers available in NAPLES at the moment, nor has it been possible to start the new course yet. They are recalling the five saddlers notified in ROME and chasing the details of saddlers and farriers ex CTL. — G iii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 1º Sep 44

Col BALANZINO

1. PIRELLI Works, TERNI:- Infd him that the buildings had been taken over by I Dist after negotiations with Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, and would be used as conc camp for civilian prisoners. There was no question of the place being available for MT Wasp from MESAGNE. If it is the War Ministry's proposal to move this wasp further north it will have to be the subject of discussion with MMIA before the new site is decided on. ( Infd also OXILIA ) A/Q

Maj TAGLIONE

2. 69 Op Telegrafisti:- with the disbandment of the AA units in SARDINIA the above sig unit becomes redundant. SMRE propose concentrating the unit at CAGLIARI and using the personnel (about 300 all ranks ) as rfts for combat gps. It is requested therefore that the unit be included in early shipment from SARDINIA. G i G ii

Lt Col DI BITONTO

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5. 68 or rfts for ACC HQ:- the 68 men recruited in ROME, which ACC finally agreed to take off CERSETI's hands to-day, are now found to be in civilian clothes, since CERSETI states there are no uniforms on hand. — G i A/Q

Gen SANTI

6. Submitted to him latest strength returns of ~~FIVIZI~~ FRIULI Div and pointed out that while strength was slowly climbing, there was still an alarming number struck off the strength each day. During the past five days the figures have been: 140 - 23 - 72 - 24 - 92. He could not explain the matter, but will refer figures to BERARDI and look into the question immediately. — comd Col P

Gen BERARDI

7. 188 muleteer rfts for 5 Army:- these men of 1921 class were awaiting tpt north to complete four pack tpt units for 5 Army. When the moment came to put the men on the train 60 or so were missing ~~awl~~. — 2 i/c G i

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Gen BERARDI

8. Had a short chat with BERARDI outside the Minister's office. Found him very dispirited with the events of the past few days. All symptoms point to a rapidly approaching major crisis in the Italian Army. Discipline is going by the board, absenteeism growing daily, and the authorities unable apparently to get the matter under control. BERARDI complained that their strength had been so cut and their org broken up that they were no longer in a posn to take the necessary action. Specific cases mentioned were:- comd 2 i/c G i A/C

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9. Discussed specific cases of absenteeism mentioned above. OXILIA com immediately gave orders for action against the men who marched out of the CERSETI recruiting centre, and that they were to be brought before the special Mil Tribunal set up in ROME for this purpose. He feels generally about things in the same strain as BERARDI, adding that things will become very much worse as Northern Italy is liberated.

It would certainly be very helpful if infm as to future Allied policy could be made known to the Italian Govt, with regard to maintenance of public order, either with adequate forces of Italian Internal Security tps or by the presence of Allied tps. If the latter intention is contemplated it would be a welcome piece of news for the Italian Govt. The rumour of the removal of Allied tps from SICILY, if correct, would seem to point the other way.

One practical suggestion from Italian sources for dealing with present absenteeism is that one or two hundred of the offenders should be shipped to Africa and exchanged for PWs. Given wide publicity, it is felt that such a measure would have a most salutary effect.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

17/18 Sep 44

Maj D'ANTONA

1. 960 Fd Hosp(strength 40) being passed from AFRAGOLA camp to FRIULI Div; G ii DADMS
491 Fd Hosp (strength 60) is being disbanded in AFRAGOLA camp, and personnel used as rfts. No use as unit in the camp, as there is no eqpt for it.

Lt Col GUIDA

2. Standard gd bn:- requested him to submit proposed est, strength 800 all ranks, keeping adm personnel to minimum. He is having this worked out. Infd him that proposed locations for all these bns (22 now planned instead of 18) would be communicated shortly. Infm also still awaited on locations and responsibilities of the six regt HQs. G ii

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Lt Cols DI BITONTO and ROCHOWANSKI

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6. Engr rits for 5 Army: the 200 rfts ex CAPUA depot departed by rail 18 Sep with destination ROME and instrs to put up at the "210 Div staging area" in ROME. There is no staging area of any kind in ROME, CERSETI has no facilities for lodging tps, other than the few left on their hands from the call-up each day, and is fully occupied with with the call-up now in progress. — 2 i/c A/Q G ii SORE

Gen SANTI

7. FRIULI:- further 170 rits have been transferred from CIL rit unit to FRIULI, making 520 in all transferred from this source. — comd Col P

Gen UTILE and Col LOMBARDI

8. On the subject of the strength of the LEGNANO and FOLGORE gps, UTILE stated that owing to present circumstances he would NOT be in a posn immediately to produce accurate strength figures. The fmns were on the move, many men on leave and absent without leave, and no possibility of having them brought back quickly. He estimates FOLGORE will need 1000 dvrs ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ and 1000 non-specialists to complete, and LEGNANO 600 dvrs. — comd 2 i/c Col P

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Gen OXILIA

9. Situation in SICILY:- Infm has reached the Italian Govt that comd all Allied tps are to be withdrawn in Oct. This infm is causing them considerable anxiety as the situation there is considered by the Italians to be very unsettled and trouble expected from communists, separatists etc. Accordingly they feel that the gran of 10000 tps is insufficient, and OXILIA requested that the Allies authorize the transfer to SICILY from SARDINIA of two bns of the CALABRIA Div to supplement the SABAUDA and AOSTA Divs.
Infd OXILIA that Allied authorities evidently considered the latter fmns more than sufficient for the island, as instrs had just been issued by AAI for the transfer to CALABRIA of two bns of the SABAUDA Div.
Requested OXILIA whether any steps had been taken by the Ministry of Interior to discuss situation with Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC; which is the competent authority in the matter. OXILIA said he would take it up with them at once.

Nevertheless he expressed himself most anxious the GOC MMIA should intervene to
- suspend arrangements for transfer of tto SABAUDA Bns to CALABRIA
- examine the possibilty of moving two CALABRIA Div bns to SICILY.

OXILIA stressed that this request is based on the premise that Allied tps are in fact about to be withdrawn.

10;; Call-up in LAZIO:- confirmed proposed arrangements (ref log 3598 comd 15/16 Sep para 10) subject to final decision as to numbers 2 i/c on or about 20th. He is seeing about the phone comms with recruiting offices and will advise if any difficulties arise.

Lt Col GUIDA

11. Rfts for GRANATIERI coys in ROME:- infd him that for the tpt G ii of the 40 odd rfts now in NAPLES a request should be made to MOVWIT through Delegazione Trasporti Naples.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E L5/16 Sep 44

Gen SANTI

1. Conveyed following instrs in connection with combat gps: comd Col P
   - complete HQ staffs of FOLGORE and LEGNANO to be concentrated at once in PIEDIMONTE area;
   - Reorg of CIL to be undertaken at once and to be completed by 7 Oct, excl men on leave who need not be back, according to plan, until 15 Oct;
   - Trg of FOLGORE and LEGNANO to commence 15 Oct;
   - Fmn of third Marine bn to be undertaken at once;
   - Reorg of GRANERO Bn to be undertaken at once and necessary Alpini called up in ABRUZZI;
   - ORBAT of first four gps required, with complete desi nation of all units. Understood this infm already in our hands.

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Col CHIAVARINO

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4. GRANERO Bn: infd him that in the reorg of this Alpini Bn (ref para 1 above) the coy under comd I Dist should be considered written off. This coy to consist entirely of "congedandi", and to be shown under I Dist in the strength state. — comd 2 i/c G iii
250 Pack Tpt Coy and other muleteer personnel detached from CIL and passed to Allied units, amounting to 1300 (?) men. These also to be struck off CIL strength; ? under comd of which Allied fmn will they appear. — G iii

Lt Col PIZZONIA

5. Personnel now attd US Aviation units in APULIA (SMRE letter 8 Sep ref 4329):- infd him that no reorg was required and that disposal of personnel was under discussion. — G ii

6. Handed him copy of est of Italian Smoke Coy. — DADL

Lt Col GUIDA

7. 5^ Cp Carri "L": investigated reasons for continued existence of this unit. War Ministry still has to advise who was responsible for the exclusion of this coy from the reorg of LI Tank Bn and how many rations have been consumed by the unit since April. — 2 i/c

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CERSETI ( Maj PERCOLA )

8. To overcome the difficulties encountered in the call-up in ROME (only one man in four called-up has been despatched from the recruiting centre) and to accelerate the process, call-up by classes is being instituted as from 18 Sep, half a class per day. It is estimated, very roughly, that this should produce 400-500 men per day. Outstanding commitments will absorb out put until end of month, namely: comd 2 i/c A/Q G ii ST Mov

- balance for 210 Div about 600 men
- I Dist(at 100 per day) 1200 "
- balance for engr depot CAPUA 700 "
- balance muleteers 5 and 8 Army 130 "
- specialists for FRIULI 1200 "

Posn will require to be followed closely to avoid congestion at the recruiting centre, i.e. tpt will have to be regularly available and arrangements made for additional MT for 210 Div and additional accn on train south if it should be needed. Tpt arrangements for 1Dist are hazy at the moment.

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- FROSINONE " " 7000 " PBS , 2 and 3 Dists " " rail
- LITTORIA " " 3000 " " " " " " "

comd 2 i/c G ii A/Q ST Mov

Combat gp requirements also to be met if necessary.
Direzione Commissariato to be responsible for moving clothing to the three centres.
Rations required: VITERBO 500 per day,
FROSINONE 900 per day,
LITTORIA 450 per day.
Comm by phone to be arranged between recruiting offices and ROME. SOSigs
5 offrs and 30 men to be employed at each centre for the recruiting. To be temporarily assigned to rfts category.
Operation will last ~~xx~~ twelve days ( 1 - 12 Oct ) Giii

War Ministry arranging for Carabinieri escort on basis of 5 Carabinieri for each 100 men moved.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 13/14 Sep 44

Lt Col CILIERI

1. Mail for War Ministry from MEDIA is taking 24 and sometimes 48 hrs to get there. It is recommended that there be two deliveries each day: one at 1800 hrs to clear the days mail, and one at 1200 hrs for any mail accumulated in the morning. Urgent comms and sigs by special DR or runner (it takes 20 minutes to get to the War Ministry and back on foot ! ) This matter is important in view of pressure on War Ministry to hasten their procedure. — 2 I/c G ii

Lt Col DI BIEONTO

2. Following units suitable for smoke coys available in SARDINIA as rifts for mainland:- — G ii DADL

| | | |
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| - 8" Op Chimica | 5 offrs | 110 ors |
| -13" Op Chimica | 5 " | 112 " |
| -47" Op Nebbiogena | 5 " | 121 " |

3. Surplus personnel at Depots:-
- 31 Inf Depot Naples: the 800 odd rifts at this depot are stated to be stray personnel reporting from hosp, leave, awl etc. Requested him to give orders that those under 30 days were to report to units, those over 30 days to be passed at once to PBS. — 2i/c G ii
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Gen SANTI

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- Limitations of tpt and comms make it difficult for outlying sets and small units to transmit returns quickly to coy and bn HQs - at times these sub-units are a considerable distance from parent HQ - and assistance from local Allied HQ in sending in these returns twice a month would be very timely. Normally these sub-units have no tpt of their own.
- Comds of Italian units are not always very particular about reporting moves of their units, i.e. reporting away from one HQ and reporting arrival to another. ORLIA ordered disciplinary action against anyone failing in this respect, but Allied HQs should give necessary time and opportunity for report to be made.

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Strength returns (contd)

- Infm required as to classification of APC personnel and censorship units, latter at present on district strengths.
- There are still numerous instances in APULIA of personnel att'd Allied HQs without authority. The Italians have ordered them back, but the Allies are reputed to refuse to release them. Will be shown separately on next return.
- It was made very clear that depots were NOT to hold men over est. According to whether they were over or under 30 days they will be employed as rfts or returned to former units. All depots and districts in CALABRIA and CAMPANIA will fwd personnel of the rft category to 31 Inf Depot NAPLES, APULIAN depots and districts will turn rfts over to 47 Inf Depot LECCE. ~~AMIA~~ LO's NAPLES and BARI must be continually infd as to employment of any rfts collected in this way, and will have to instruct ~~XI~~ Mil HQs NAPLES and BARI where such rfts have to be handed over to Allied fmns. It was stressed that all depots and districts were to get rid of excess personnel as quickly as possible.
- Men in the under-30-day category: these men report back to depots after absence due to sickness, leave, absence without leave etc. Left to their own initiative they will make little attempt to rejoin their unit, which may entail travelling from CALABRIA to ANCONA o/r LEGHORN. The depot therefore has to feed them (this is apparently being done on civil rations) and arrange tpt, the work formerly done by the Tappa. No arrangements exist at the moment for ~~ext~~ organized tpt, and at the moment there are over 1000 men at 31 Inf Depot NAPLES waiting to go NORTH to rejoin their units.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 11/12 Sep 44

Lt Col TORSIELLO

1. Interpreter offrs for RASC TD NOLA:- following offrs have been alerted and will be moving to NOLA under SMRE arrangements 14 Sep: one Lt Col, two capts, one lt, two 2/lts. Nominal roll to ST. — ST

Lt Col DI BIONDO

2. Situation of PBS ITIs as reported by Auxiliary Tps Branch, SMRE:- — 2 i/c G ii

| | |
|---|---|
| - to bring existing units up to est ..... | 4137 |
| - for new units still to be formed ..... | 5000 |
| - to replace '13 and older classes ..... | 4500 |
| | 13637 |
| - available in ASTRONI camp ..... | 1656 |
| - Net required for PBS ..... | 11981 |

3. 541 and 543 Service Coys:- info him of transfer to 212, and that as soon as collected by PBS, these units would disappear. from the records. — 2 i/c G ii

4. 200 engr rifle for 5 Army:- warned him that these would be collected from CAPUA within next 24 hrs or so. — 2 i/c G iii

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

5. Vet offr for 80 Nucleo Montato: request for weekly visit to CAMEROTA - this is being laid on through Cdo Mil CAMPANIA. — G ii

6. Requested him to confirm that offrs ex MANTOVA Div arty are suitable for emp as Muleteers. — G iii

Gen MATTIOLI

7. With the recent now in hand of the lab units in 2 Dist, the posn of odd units working for US aviation units in APULIA has to be defined. Present units employed are as follows: — 2i/c G ii

- I/407 290 strong 7 Air EA (?)
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- III/4 [illegible] 140 strong [illegible]

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- 3 and 4 Coys of I/408 198 strong 21 Regt Eng Bn
- III/4 6 320 strong 835 Eng Av Bn
- 15 Bty 404 117 strong ? (S PANCRAZIO)
- Total 925 all ranks

If these units are authorised, MATTIOLI proposes to reorg them along the lines of PBS units into eight coys of 200 each.

Col CHIAVARINO

8. IS/G/29 of 9 Sep: Amf offr leaving to-day by air to take instrs to M and P divs in connection with strength situation requested of combat bns. MATTIOLI starting 13 Sep on complete round of all combat bns to collect the answers. It is hoped to have these by the 19 th or soon after. comd 2 i/c

Gen OXILIA

9. Discussed following subjects:
- HRH's visits to Army areas ( INFANTE present )
- Call-up to be organized in LAZIO region;
- Affair of Capt D'ALESSANDRO and Lt Col DI MEANA;
- Low category refts supplied from ROME or NAPLES;

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 9contd/10 Sep 44

Gen OXILIA

1. TS/G/29 of 9 Sep: delivered comms on reorg of combat gps and return required as soon as possible as to strength of the various gps etc. SMRE have very little idea as to actual strength of CIL, and even less idea of the breakdown by classes. Added to which the CIL is on the move. Consequently OXILIA is doubtful of being able to supply the info required by 19 Sep, since the info will not arrive at BENEVENTO much before that date. Will follow the matter up and endeavour to have the details on time. — comd 2 i/c G ii

2. G/6/1/F of 9 Sep:- delivered this comm in connection with next strength return. OXILIA intimated there would be no difficulty, except in submitting the tpt requests for excess personnel by 19th - but he thought that this could be done at latest by 21st. Will see that this is laid on at the meeting arranged with HQ reps 14 Sep. — comd 2 i/c G ii

3. Army offrs arrested by Allies in ROME on account of suspected Republican activities:- requested OXILIA for info as to the exact situation here, as Allied authorities no longer interested in these cases. Machinery is getting under way - rather slowly - and he promised to look into two cases in which the offrs had already been examined and their cases decided on, while the offrs themselves were still languishing in concentration camp. — comd 2 i/c

4. HRH's activities in Army area:- gave OXILIA brief account of events of past ten days and explained difficult situation, which he understood perfectly. Requested him to see that in future such activities are arranged only through Adv HQ AAI, that at least one week's notice is given, that once plans are settled they are NOT changed, and that HRH provides himself with his own tpt., OXILIA will see to the matter. — comd 3592

5. Mil Tribunals:- OXILIA could not state off-hand in which category the 250 personnel were to be included, but is looking into the matter. Infd him that detailed comm would follow. — 2 i/c

6. Warned OXILIA of possibility of visit by C-in-C to combat — comd

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6. Warned OXILIA of possibility of visit by C-in-C to combat grps within next week or two. OXILIA hopes it will be possible to defer the visit and wishes to know, if and when it does take place, if a senior rep of the War Ministry is required to be present, i.e. the Minister or OXILIA himself. comd

Gen [redacted] SANTI

7. Comms by phone with Del "A" and "T":- SANTI has tried to get through by following the system advocated by Sigs Office, and has failed altogether. Sigs

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

8. SD/12 of 12 Jul:- it has now been established that the twelve men were duly detailed by the unit ordered to produce them, but that 31 Inf Depot omitted to state in the order where the men were to report! Nor did the unit holding the men bother to enquire. It is stated that the necessary instrs have now been given. G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 8/9 Sep 44

Gen ORILIA

1. Initial aim of revised arrangements for call-up in ROME, cancelling details in para 2 log 7 Sep, to be as follows: comd
   - 1600 specialists for FRIULI; 2 i/c
   - balance of outstanding commitments for Allies (about 1400) G ii
   - 100 - per-day non-specialists for 8 Army, commencing 10 Sep A/Q for ST Mov
   - 1900 non-specialists for FRIULI to be taken from surplus of OIL;
   - Confirmed call-up in NAPLES area to go to PBS;
   - As soonas present commitments for Allies (1400) are met, all personnel collected to be assigned on a 50/50 basis to PBS and British units.

   Subsequently spoke to Maj PERGOLA, 2 i/c ORSETI, who confirmed that the orders given to him were exactly as above. Order of priority to be as above, and NO repeat NO volunteers to be despatched from ROME for the time being.

2. Demob of offrs:- Following urgent call from LO 2 dist, took up question of demob of offrs from units under Allied comd without prior substitution. According to orders issued by M of W, which ORILIA quoted, this is contrary to instrs, and ORILIA promised to get into touch by phone forthwith with Cdo Mil APULIA. G ii

3. Lt Col BALSAROTTI:- discussed the case of this PW. ORILIA considers that with his background, schooling in England etc and knowledge of the language, he would be useful as an LO, and will have him included in the next list submitted by Gen GAZZERA. There will be no special ref to his case, so it will be up to AFHQ to pick him up. comd

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Gen PRIMIERE

4. Comd CREMONA Div called on Col PEDSLEY (9 Sep) - assisted at meeting during course of which were mentioned: apt for immediate unit maintenance, expendable and non-expendable med sups, boots and clothing, visit of GOC MMIA. With regard to strength comd

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G ii

Maj PERGOLA (CREMONA)

5. Infd him that Increment for 8 Army would be leaving 12 Sep, also that Cpl SCHESTINO would be reporting from ACC as being unsuitable for their requirements. G iii

Gen SANNI

6. Requested him to take up energetically the question of the twelve men originally requested in MMIA SD/12 of 12 Jul, and now stated by MMIA LO 3 Dist never to have reported, despite the assurances given at the end of Jul. G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 7 Sep 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Conveyed message from GOC - in no uncertain terms - on account of rfts reported to be in process of being organised in ROME for FRIULI Div. According to infm available at SMRE the posn is as follows: — comd 2 i/c

a) FRIULI personnel routed to S.GIORGIO (incl GRANATIERI) 8220
less 1914 class passed to Allies (3 Dist). 1050
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b) Therefore, rfts needed on this figure ..... under 2000
Rfts now called for by FRIULI ... 1908 non-specialists
1605 specialists 3513

c) These rfts for the FRIULI are supposed to be reporting in ROME between 7 and 10 Sept

d) Actually reported up to 1200 hrs 7 Sep ... 250 specialists
of which ready to leave to-day .... 70

e) Rfts required by Allies in ROME in Aug .... 4172
Rfts actually dispatched in Aug .... 2500
" " " " Sep .... 670
Rfts now outstanding for Allies .... 1400

Infd OXILIA that comd required an answer to following questions: 3540

- Under whose authority were 3000 rfts being called up in ROME for FRIULI Div ?
- Why does FRIULI Div now require 3500 rfts, compared with 2000 as shown above ?
- Why is preference being given [redacted] in call-up to rfts for FRIULI, bearing in mind commitments outstanding for Allies from August ?

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- ROME was his only source for obtaining the rits needed, therefore considered this order tantamount to authority to get the men where he could
- Demand for rits had increased to 3500 because of numerous malaria cases among FRIULI personnel sent harvesting in the FOGGIANO
- He had anticipated the difficulty over call-ups by proposing to extend the area for calling-up, but that his proposals had been turned down. Had this been granted there would have been no difficulty over the Allied requirements.

2. Later info OXILIA by phone of decision taken in the matter:
- Outstanding commitments for Allies to be completed first, 210 Div 548, 5 Army 150 muleteers, engrs for CAPUA 724
- all personnel recruited thereafter to be allotted, both specialists and non-specialists, in the proportion 1/3 ... PBS ; 1/3 ... British units ; 1/3 ... combat gps.
- 1920 class in CAMPANIA to go to PBS and to count against PBS share in ROME.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 5/6 Sep 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Visited GOC [redacted] 5 Sep; following subjects were dealt with: comd
   - Alpini to be recruited at SULMONA;
   - Italian HQs NORTH of Rome and elsewhere;
   - New comd designated for GGFF;
   - Italian tps in GREECE AND JUGO-SLAVIA;
   - Situation of [redacted] personnel for FRIULI and other combat gps, incl comd of FRIULI Div (Col PIDSLEY prsent)

Gen SANTI

2. Lt Col RE's successor has at last arrived and will be taking up his duties 7 Sep. (Maj TAGLIONE) SORE

3. 8 Army increment:- requested list with full particulars for FS, which was subsequently delivered. Unit inspected by G iii (I) and found quite satisfactory. Arrangements made for arms to be supplied from NAPLES. 2 i/c

4. Comms by phone with Del "A" and "T":- explained how the connection can be obtained through Rome long-distance exchange. SOSig

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Gen OXILIA, Gen SANTI, Col CHIAVARINO, Lt BOLDONI

5. Strength return of Italian Army:- lengthy and detailed discussion of strengths and strength returns, with the object of ensuring that the next return due 19 Sep is correctly made out and shows the true situation. Details contained in draft submitted to 2 i/c. Arranged to be present at meeting 14 Sep 1000 hrs, at which senior offrs from all HQs responsible for sending in returns will be present in an attempt to get the returns right once and for all. comd 2 i/c G ii

6. Comms:- during the course of above meeting OXILIA kept on talking about their difficulties of comms and tpt, which they say make it very hard for them to get these returns in in time, or in the event of their having to give special orders to HQs and units in the fd, to get the orders to addressees in time. The main difficulty over the tpt is comd

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Don't you think G III might be interested

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Lt Col DI BIONTO

7. Personnel required for new units for Allies:- following is a note of standing commitments for which SHAEF is responsible: comd

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|---|---|---|
| - mid-Sep | Dvrs course POLIGNANO | 160 |
| - 15 Sep | Dvrs course CALABRIA | 150 |
| - 1 Oct | Line tele school FRANCAVILLA | 120 |
| - 4 Oct | Dvrs course APULIA | 130 |
| now | Rfts for 19 AA Regt | 381 |

Latter AA rfts should be available from excess AA personnel in BASI, but the remainder will require to be called up.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 3/4 Sep 44

Gen SANTI

1. Patriot Branch camps in 8 Army area:- after explaining the posn to Maj DRAGE of Patriot Branch, requested SANTI to infm TOMASELLI of plans for camps and Patriot Branch's requirements of Italian Army personnel to man them: total 7 offrs, 42 men. Such personnel to be furnished from units under comd 8 Army. DRAGE later stated that Lt DI LORETO of his office would be contacting MORIARTY to enlist his help in obtaining release of the necessary personnel. — comd G ii Giii(I

2. Italian Sig School, PALMA:- Requested SANTI to investigate delay in requisitioning building required for the school. SANTI later reported that school not supposed to be functioning before 10 Sept ( ref SMRE letter 19 Aug 163/Add ), that Education authorities were opposing the requisitioning of part of the building required for the sig school, but that he had immediately sent a senior offr to represent the case strongly and he had no doubt that the school would be ready to start by the date fixed. — SO Sig

3. Personnel:- arrangements are already in hand for replacing GRICLIO; with regard to RE, a sig has been sent ordering his replacement to report at once. If he does not report within 48 hrs, another offr will be nominated. — comd ~~SORE~~

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6. CALABRIA Div:- SMRE issuing orders for reorg of div - SANTI would be grateful if Col SIMMONDS can be infd, in view of possible complications over 236 Regt and Cagliari Port Bn, which also have to be reorganised. — G ii

7. Attended meeting at AAI (with G ii) on rfts and new units for Br programme. — G ii

Gen SANTI

8. Demobilization within CIL:- this was contemplated for when the CIL units arrived at BENEVENTO. As a result of AAI meeting above , requested SANTI to arrange for immediate demobilization of those men of older classes while they were still at CHIETI, in order to effect reduction in ceiling as early as possible. — G ii

Lt Col DI BITONTO

9. Handed him copy of AAI programme for units under British comd, and requested him to consider ways and means for implementing that portion not available from SARDINIA in Sep - roughly 3500 men. — G ii

No action till above programme integrated with US. progs

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10. New central office:- showed him an excellent example of how things should NOT be done under the new system: an MMIA sig dated 31 Aug which reached the office concerned in SMRE on 3 Aug... complete with covering letter signed by chef de cabinet ! — comd

11. OXILIA wishes to speak to GOC when convenient on the subject of ROME HQ and War Ministry rep in FLORENCE. — comd

12. Infd OXILIA of situation regarding demobilization of CIL - he will follow with SMRE.

13. Requested to be infd what action War Ministry proposed taking to speed-up call-up in ROME; discussed results obtained to date, which, as is known, amount to 2/3000 men despatched against over 5000 recalled to colours. Infd him that up to 8/9000 would have to be called up here in Sep - what steps are being taken to ensure these men are available. — comd 2 i/c

14. Lt Col DI BITONTO
1920 class in CAMPANIA:- numbers estimated at 3000/3500Ø — 2 i/c G ii

Gen SANTI

15. Del "A":- infd him — G ii
a) that authority had been granted for HQ to remain at CHIETI with est and functions similar to those approved for Del "T";
b) that personnel necessary for guarding stores of Del "A" would remain, reduced to minimum numbers, and to be shown separately from Del "A" HQ
c) that remainder of personnel of Del "A" will be disbanded forthwith at CHIETI, and would NOT wait to move to BENEVENTO.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 2 Sep 44

CASATI

1. Accompanied GOC for private meeting with War Minister. comd
Agenda: letter from PELLIGRA
Patriots ( broadcast )
Castellmo
Lombardi
Visit to CIL (copy of address to go to CASATI)
Move of CIL south, rather than moving eqpt to CIL, discussed with Oxilia, for ref to Casati.

Gen SANTI

2. Internal Security Div:- infd him that detailed est for div strength 5000 was approved and that orders must be given immediately for necessary reorg in SICILY and SARDINIA on new basis. Warned him that sig being sent to MMIA LO in SICILY that effective 1 Sep ratio s being issued there only in accordance with appx "C". 2 i/c G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 1 Sep 44

Gen BERARDI

1. Called at BERARDI's request to assist at a conference on rits for CIL and Allied units. Present: ORLIA, SANTI, QUERCIA, CHIAVARINO. For several reasons, i.e. poor results from ROME call-up; need for large numbers of men to replace older men in Allied units; thousands of men needed to form new Allied units and complete existing ones; large demand for specialists for combat gps, SMRE is anxious to extend the basis of call-up, and complete proposals in writing will follow. — comd, 2 i/c, A/Q, G ii

Gen BERARDI

2. "CIL":- Infd him of latest situation regarding two coys for gd duties with 5 Army; move to BENEVENTO probably to start 2 Sep; two elements still in line - date of withdrawal uncertain; Alpini units to come back last and to be included in combat gp. — comd, 2 i/c, A/Q, G ii

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Gen SANTI

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   - New unit to replace part of MANTOVA on L of C duties in CALABRIA - personnel will also have to be called up, in all prbability. CORONATI's C of S in ROME at the moment and SANTI will discuss with him. — A/Q
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- Delegazioni "A" and "T":- examined situation likely to arise following move of 228 Div HQ to area ANCONA. Del "T" located VITERBO will act as adv rep SMRE in regard to 210 Div, Cerseti dets with 5 Army and org of call-up behind 5 Army boundary; (adm only) Del "A" located CHIETI ( or other suitable location behind 8 Army boundary) will control 228 and 209 adv and rear HQs, Cersati dets with 8 Army (adm only) and org of call-up behind 8 Army bdy. Est of Del "T" is approved at 1 Gen offr, 4 other offrs and 6 ors. It is recommended that similar est be allowed for Del "A", to remain behind when the bulk of the Delegazione moves south (apart from personnel required to gd stores). — comd 2 i/c G ii

Gen ORLIA

5. Situation of Italian tps in GREECE:- accompanied Maj WORRAL and discussed all aspects of the problem for over one hour. Agreement reached over satisfactory working basis for sending mail and Red Cross comforts, SMRE rep in LECCE to contact ... contd — comd

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Gen OXILIA

5. GREECE(contd) ..; WORRAL in BARI. Biggest difficulty, and one yet unsolved is the problem of the coming winter. If the farmers who are now sheltering and employing the tps should decide they are unable to feed the men during the winter and turn them back to the British Mission, the problem will be very serious, as there is no accn or food for them. For this reason OXILIA urged that if and when the Germans withdraw from GREECE the Italian tps there be transferred to the coast as soon as possible and brought back to Italy as and when shipping could be provided. Small numbers of men are being brought away by air - the Mission has had orders to give priority to Italian Navy personnel. comd

6. Refugee Branch:- Ref recent letter from Col HULLS to A/Q, OXILIA sent for Lt Col SAVINI, LO with Refugee Branch, in attempt to find out who had been giving orders to APC camps other than through correct channels. With new situation in force 1 Sep the local APC offices are eliminated and the trouble will disappear. HULLS said to be awaiting MMIA instrs for disposal of surplus Army personnel in Kings Italy. Comd 2i/c A/Q

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1920 class in CAMPANIA:- infd him there would be no objection to calling up this class immediately, in view of immediate requirements of personnel for various units. Will advise estimated numbers involved. 2 i/c G ii A/Q

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 29/30 Aug 44

Gen BERARDI

1. CIL:- confirmed that comd is visiting CIL to-day; that plan to withdraw CIL from the line is being adhered to; that units under comd Indian Div are also being withdrawn; that decision as to future of Alpini units would probably NOT be taken before 20 Sep, and that up to that date these units were likely to be out of the line and resting. BERARDI wants to know if the very necessary reorg of these units can be undertaken without further delay. — comd Col PID SLE

2. Central office for War Ministry/SMRE:- strange as it may seem, BERARDI professed to be completely in the dark as to CASATI's plans for a central office. Explained MMIA pt of view and our understanding of how the central office would work, to all of which he had no objection. Promised to tie up with OXILIA, and have the interpreters office centralised etc. — comd

Lt Col GUIDA

3. Collected the following translated ests:- — G ii
- Italian Increments for 2 Dist;
- Italian Vet Hosp;
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Traced the following, which will be delivered 31 Aug:
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Lt Col DI BITONTO and Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

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5. 2 i/c for 228 Div:- requested that appointment be hastened. — G ii

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7. Line Sig Course, FRANCAVILLA:- it is confirmed by sig from BARI that Lt MOSCHERONI, plus 1 senior and 6 junior ncos, have been recalled from FRANCAVILLA under orders from 15 L of C Sigs, also that only 70 men are required for third course starting 10 Sep. SO Sigs

8. Saddlers for AAI:- there are five saddlers on CERSETI's records in ROME; these are being called up and will be available for 5 or 8 Army. G ii

Gen OXILIA

9. Central Office at War Ministry:- it is agreed that new org for dealing with MMIA mail will commence to function 1 Sep. From that date all should be addressed to Ministry of War. 2 i/c A/Q

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 27/28 Aug 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Special press releases on Italian Army:- infd him that three special write-ups which he had prepared some weeks ago had been handed to SPADARO, Under-Secretary for the Press, almost immediately. — comd Giii(I

2. Discussed personnel for mil districts NORTH of ROME and possible forms of org - letter from comd would follow. — comd

3. LOMBARDI:- precis of his case is under preparation, and would be delivered during the course of the day, together with CASATI's appreciation. — comd

4. CASTELLANO's case is still sub judice; the Minister will probably be seeing him before his ultimate a pointment is decided on. — comd

5. APC personnel under comd Refugee Branch:- OXILIA has been unable to discover so far who in the War Ministry has been giving orders to APC units without knowledge of Col HULLS; he is sending for Lt Col GAVINI to-morrow in an attempt to elucidate the matter. — 2 i/c A/Q

6. Strength returns:- discussed various pts in this connection, incl the numbers shown attd and detd, and the demobilized personnel carried on the strength as being on leave. — 2 i/c G iii

7. New central org:- discussion as to how the new central office will serve the best purpose; it was agreed that SMRE and WM Interpreter Offices will have to be combined. ~~See section~~. — 2 i/c

Gen SANTI

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

10. Our SD/6/3 of 18 Aug:- it is confirmed from Sardinia that the 100 dvrs are available ; may 27 be used for each of 404 and and 406 IPL Regts ? — G ii

11. Specialists for FRILI:- following are urgently required and could be found from the specialists of the GRANATIERI Div: — G ii
- 500 dvrs
- 200 MCs
- 50 WT operators.

Requested him to apply for tpt from SARDINIA, possibly immediately before or after the CREMONA Div.

12. Muleteer replacements for four pack tpt coys:-
Following are being laid on: 231 collected from AWLs
192 ex AFRICOLA
120 approx ex 1921 class
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LIAISON WITH S M R E 24 Aug 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Following pts were discussed:
- Org of central office for War Ministry and SMRE;
- Forthcoming meeting about combat grps;
- Letter written by Col RIVIELLO, refugee org;
- Appointment for Gen CASTELLANO.

Gen SANTI

2. Italian Increment for 8 Army:- discussed with him our SD/17 of 22 Aug; he has the matter in hand and is doing everything possible to find the menwith necessary qualifications, either in ROME or NAPLES. A reply will be sent in the course of the next 24 hours. G ii G-3

3. Del "A":- Orders have been issued to Del "A" from AAI that the Delegazione is to move from CHIETI. So as to avoid the useless transport of all the stores there, to a pt further SOUTH where they are NOT needed for the moment, SMRE propose concentrating the stores NOT needed in some central pt in the vicinity of CHIETI under arrangements 209 Div rear HQ located at VASTO. It is recommended that a small det of Del "A", similar in composition to the proposed HQ for Del "T", be left at CHIETI to represent SMRE in that area. The remainder of Del "A" would move in accordance with AAI instrs. G ii

4. Italian HQ with PBS:- SMRE have finally agreed to calling this HQ " Comando Italiano 212 " G ii

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Gen SANTI

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6. Italian Increment for 8 Army:- as a result of recommendations that only suitable men be recruited for this unit, Gen SANTI is taking personal interest in the matter and is planning to have some of the cooks etc recruited in ROME tried out before handing over to 8 Army. Can he be authorised to issue rations during trial period ? Yes A/Q

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 23 Aug 44

Col MICALETTI

1. Postal scheme for Italian Army in ANCONA area:- infd him that this was not practicable at the moment, as there were no arrangements available for delivering the mail or collecting the replies, and 8 Army would certainly never allow Iti Army [redacted] DRs to roam the countryside. A/Q G ii

2. Variety shows for CIL:- in view of withdrawal from the line, he wanted to discuss the provision of concert parties etc for CIL. Told him it was premature, and could be gone into later. A/Q

Gen [redacted] SANTI

3. PBS Italian Units:- renaming of Gen REISOLI's HQ - infd him that new title was NOT acceptable to MMIA; requested him to consider the adoption of title incorporating number 212. G ii

4. Engr offr for trg branch:- confirmed that only one engr offr is required for trg purposes; requested that sig offr Maj SCIASCIA be allowed to assist trg branch on technical sig matters. Lt Col BAUER will NOT be available (as stated in log 21/22 Aug), will be replaced by another offr. SO Sigs.

5. Gen OXILIA
Services etc in SARDINIA:- concerned as to the limits set by MMIA for Italian services etc in SARDINIA. Details referred to 2 i/c. 2 i/c

6. GARIBALDI correspondence:- OXILIA had been infd by CASATI of the letters exchanged between GOC and BERARDI and wanted to know if the matter had been settled satisfactorily. Comd

Lt Col DI BITONTO

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8. Engr rfts for PBS CIVITAVECCHIA:- by evening 23 Aug, 494 men had been despatched. — SORE

Maj MAIOCCHI

9. 10-day strength returns:- the new return will be about twice the length of the previous one (he estimates) - he is hoping MMIA will NOT require this return more than once a month. — 2 i/c — G iii

Lt Col DI BITONTO

10. 210 Div:- collected latest return of ests and st engths. If these details are correct, 210 are about 2000 men short of est. — 2 i/c — G ii

11. 417 Regt:- infd him that contrary to previous suggestion, 1000 men of FRIULI Div ('14 class) would NOT be used for completing the I Bn of this Regt. — G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 21/22 Aug 44

Gen SANTI

1. Engr offrs:- replacement for BE will be available in a few days (Maj PAGLIONE). In response to MMA request, SANTI proposes to attch Lt Col BAUER as engr offr to Trg Branch. — SORE Gili(I)

2. SMRE mail for SARDINIA etc:- requested him to arrange for envelopes to bear serial number and certificate that contents are official mail only. — SOSigs

Gen GALLINA

3. Comd PICENO Div:- Gen Div GUCCIONE is being relieved by Gen Brigata BERARDO di PRIGLIANO. — Comd GHI(I)

4. Carrying of arms by Italian tps:- requested him to consider AGO of 19 Aug in abeyance, pending receipt of further comm from MMA on this subject. — comd

5. Patrioti:- in reply to his enquiry as to whether he and PALERMO might call on GOC and Col MACARTHY for further talk on this subject, info him that matter still under consideration by Allied authorities concerned, and that for the moment there is nothing to add to what was said at the first meeting. — comd Gili(I)

Lt Col BERTOSTI

6. Spoke with OC 8 Army transit Camp CIVITA CASTELLANA, who still has on his hands all the rifs from RO R for 409 Regt, with no tents, cooking eqpt etc, and very few rations. He requests urgent action for the transfer of these men - alternatively that no further men are sent to the camp until the 400 on h[illegible] hands have been removed. Some have already been there ten days. — 2 i/c G ii

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7. Muleteer rifs at NAPLES:- requests that urgent action is taken to dispose of the 300 men originally destined to 210 Div. — G ii

8. 1500 engr rifs for CAPUA:- made arrangements for the move by rail from ROME to CAPUA of min 50 men per day commencing 24 Aug. — SORE

Lt Col [illegible]

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Lt Col DI BENEDETTO

6. Spoke with CO 8 Army transit Camp CIVITA CASTELLANA, who still has on his hands all the rats from NO 3 for 40+ days, with no tents, cooking equipt etc, and very few rations. He requests urgent action for the transfer of these men - alternatively that no further men are sent to the camp until the 400 on it hands have been removed. Some have already been there ten days. — 2 i/c G ii

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7. Minister Italy at MALTA:- requests that urgent action is taken to dispose of the 300 men originally destined to 210 Div. — G ii

8. 1500 augs rats for CATANIA:- made arrangements for the move by rail from ROME to CATANIA of 1kk 50 men per day commencing 24 Aug. — SORE

Lt Col GUIDA

9. Units from SARDINIA:- requested him to arrange for immediate notification by MRA HQ Composite of arrivals from SARDINIA, to enable comd to info the Italian HQ under whose adm comd the unit is destined, so that the unit is taken care of immediately on reaching its destination. Explained to him that this can be done by ref to No 7 priority list. — G ii A/C

10. PARI bns:- the first four go bns from SARDINIA are destined for PPS, and will be given numbers 505 - 509. SHAEF should be info as to the order in which the MANTOVA and PISANO bns will be relieved, to enable them to keep their records in order and see to movement and adm arrangements. Also, details are required as to destinations etc of regt HQs to comd the eighteen go bns, and which bns each will comd. — G ii

Gen BERARDI

11. Handed his COC's letter in connection with GARIBALDI situation. BERARDI very pleased that the matter can be considered closed. He was anxious for it to be understood that his original letter was only intended to clarify his own posn, and particularly his policy of disinterestedness in anything with a political tinge. — comd

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 19/20 ~~Jul~~ Aug 44

Gen SANTI and Gen MATTIOLI

1. Discussed with them revised SMRE instrs for wind-up of situation in SARDINIA, in accordance with G/6 of 15 Aug and MATTIOLI's original plan. Authorised inclusion under services of up to 20 for Delegazione Trasporti and up to 50 for V and R services. — comd, 2 i/c, G ii

2. Lt Col DE MARTINO has been appointed 2 i/c Personale and Segreteria Branch, under Col GHIGLIO. — G ii, ~~G(I)~~ G(I)a

3. Muleteer rifs for 8 Army:- requested him to alert CERRUTI forthwith as to 1000 muleteer rifs required for 8 Army; 300 to be picked up in ROME immediately - for the remainder to await the executive order. SANTI to advise soonest date when the 300 can be got ready, to enable MMIA to arrange for clothing and rations etc. — G ii

Gen SANTI, Lt Cols SAMPÒ and GUIDA

4. Move of Dele "T": all pressing for a decision as to whether this HQ is to go to VITERBO or ORVIETO. Dele "T" is adv HQ representing SMRE and supposed to be controlling 210 and 228 Italian Divs, which it is now trying to do from NAPLES. MMIA letter of 6 Aug to AAI refers. — G ii

Lt Col DI BIAGIO

5. Rock-climbing Alpini:- the following are the names of the three offrs available in ROME:- Maj CAPPELLI Tullio, Capts VILLA Renato and VECCHIETTI — G ii

Gen BERARDI, Gen SANTI, Gen MATTIOLI, Col CHIAVARINO

6. SARDINIA:- Called at BERARDI's request to discuss plans for wind-up in SARDINIA (see para 1 above). No difficulty over main proposals, but BERARDI suggests in view of inclusion of 236 Regt and 231 Bde in CALABRIA Div that the div be treated as an ad hoc fmn for the time being, and later reorg in accordance with appx "B" of MMIA letter G/6/I/F of 15 Aug. BERARDI would also like to org the arty personnel into bns in accordance with appx "B", and allow them to train when circumstances permit. — 3578 comd, 2 i/c

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Gen SANNI, Lt Cols SANTÒ and GUIDA

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7. CIL:- info the above senior offrs (NOT to be repeated) that CIL was coming out of the line and that this would materially affect the rft situation and move of Dele "A", both subjects discussed at recent meetings. BERARDI wanted to know whether this implied that CIL would NOT be employed again in the line until required for the combat gp scheme, as any reorg plans would naturally be governed by this consideration. — comd 2 i/c G ii

8. Mules required to be released by Italian Army for Allied employment:- the 1200 pack mules remaining with Italian fmns are largely needed for carrying weapons, amn etc. By cutting down to absolute minimum approx 120 mules can be released, but if it were certain that Mantova and Piceno Divs were to be employed in the combat gp scheme, then the whole number would become available in view of their replacement by MT. — comd 2 i/c G ii

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# L I A I S O N  WITH  S M R E  18 Aug 44

Gen CHILA

1. Discussed following subjects:-
   - P&I;
   - LOMBARDI;
   - Wearing of civilian clothes by offrs offduty;
   - Mil prisons;
   - Districts and real estate to the NORTH;
   - IS Divs;

Gen SANTI

2. Discussed following subjects:-
   - Personnel of SMRE;
   - Italian tps being sent on leave in Army areas;
   - Call-up in ROME;
   - Est and strength of CIL Soc Del "A";
   - 2° Reggt a Mignatarello;

3. Gen SANTI, Gen MATTIOLI, Col CHIAVARINO;
   Mattioli's report on man-power situation in SARDINIA - see seperate notes.

Capt DELLA CORNA

4. Settled outstanding question re arming XX and XXI Pack Gp HQs.

Lt Col DI BRONGO

5. Four pack bat coys being formed in NAPLES:- this matter is now reported well in hand, and coys will be ready by 21 Aug. G ii 3577

6. Call-up of 1921 class in CAMPANIA:- total to date 2000, being used as follows: G ii
   - to complete four pack bat coys as above ..... 300
   - muleteer rifs for 210 Div ..... 300
   - muleteer rifs for 7 Mtn Regt ..... 100
   - balance (investigating how many suitable as muleteer rifs for 5 Army) ..... 308

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- 2° Regmt a Montelibretti;

3. Gen SANTI, Gen MATTIOLI, Col CHIAVARINO;
Mattioli's report on man-power situation in SARDINIA - see separate notes.

Capt DEANE CONN

4. Settled outstanding question re groups XX and XXI Pack Sp HQs.

Lt Col DE MORGAN

5. Four pack tpt coys being formed in NAPLES:- this matter is now reported well in hand, and coys will be ready by 21 Aug. G ii

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6. Call-up of 1921 class in CAMPANIA:- noted to date 1000, being used as follows: G ii

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- muleteer rfts for 210 Div ..... 300
- muleteer rfts for 7 Mtn Regt ..... 100
- balance (investigating how many suitable as muleteer rfts for 8 Army) ..... 308

7. Dvrs ex CAMPANIA for POLIGNANO and BARI courses:- of the 170 men due to leave NAPLES, only 117 actually caught the train, and a further ten or so left the train before reaching BARI. Consequently the entire party will be going to POLIGNANO and the BARI course will be short. G ii

Lt Col ROSENBAUM

8. 100 muleteer rfts for 7 Mtn Regt:- men ready at 15 Inf Depot Salerno; query whether clothing has been authorised. G iii A/Q

9. Muleteer rfts for 8 Army:- requested him to arrange for call-up earliest of 250 suitable men in ROME; he will later notify date of presentation when clothing and rations will be needed. G ii A/Q

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Meeting at AAI on 16 Aug 44

CIL and Delegazione "A" ( Adm HQ and adv depots of CIL)

1. MMIA will obtain full particulars on org of Del "A", namely.
   - staff tables
   - org of depots
   - functions
   - system of maintenance

   SMRE has already been requested to supply the info, and has signalled for offr to report from Del "A" on 17 Aug with necessary details. Gen SANTI is handling at SMRE.

2. Strength of CIL will be stabilised at 25.000, as follows:-

   | | |
   |---|---|
   | - CIL, Del "A", and all adm services | 22.500 |
   | - Rits, normally under comd Del "A", but incl all rits, volunteers etc, wherever stationed | 2.500 |

   The est of CIL will be based on 8 Army proposals of 20 May, ref M I4222/I 3D2, which have to be completed with ests of NBBC Div and Del "A", and some units which have since joined the fmn. Details will be worked out with SMRE. Once the units have been made up to strength rits will be on a man for man basis and no new units will be sent to CIL, nor will new units be formed within the fmn.

3. Demands for rits:-
   - CIL will demand rits and replacements direct from Del "A" 3576
   - Del "A" will request rits for holding unit of 2.500 via MMIA - SMRE. Need for rits will be controlled with ration returns. It is suggested that MMIA LO be given a watching brief over strength of CIL and rit holding unit.

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LIAISON WITH S.A.S.E. 8/20 Aug 44

8 Aug

1. Accompanied GOC to War Ministry for meeting with CASATI and ORLIA. Agenda: Comando Supremo, chain of comd at War Ministry, combat gps and selection of offrs, publicity for Italian Army and Patriots, appointment for CASTELLANO; Casati raised question of Internal Security tps as a matter of long-term policy and will be writing in about it. In meantime, GOC made it clear that orders for 18 gp bns emanated from A/I and must be carried out. — comd

2. Accompanied Gi to meeting convened by BERNARDI to discuss rifts and sups for CIL and Dele "A". Present: BERNARDI, SANTI, QUERCIA, CHIAVARINO, SAMPO, DE STEFANIS, CICOGNA, SERRANOVA, LIUZZI. To bring CIL up to est 3,600 rifts are required, plus 1000 rifts per month to replace losses. BERNARDI's proposal was to recruit approx 1000 Alpini in ABRUZZO, and 200 rifts per day in ROME. Gi explained that demands for rifts must flow through normal channels, and that BOLOGNA must support demands via A/I. This would also solve tpt problem; which would then become Allied commitment. Question of Bilge comms and clothing and sups also raised, latter subjects being deferred to "Q" meeting 9 Aug. — comd G i 2 i/c

9 Aug

3. Accompanied A/Q to meeting on "Q" subjects in connection with CIL and Dele "A": present - SANTI, QUERCIA, CHIAVARINO, SAMPO, DE STEFANIS, CICOGNA, SERRANOVA, LIUZZI, CALDARELLI; PELLICER: — comd A/Q
   - by 30 Sept PELLICER stated he would be able to produce 26.500 Woollen uniforms of Italian pattern for CIL, 1/3 new and 2/3 part-worn and repaired. This would leave 5.500 uniforms for other Italian units under Italian comd. CIL rep stated that repaired clothing was of very little value, being too tight and shrunk, and rapidly becoming beyond repair.
   - A/Q stated that requests for boots, pants, shirts, socks for CIL would be considered. Apart from rifts, CIL need immediately 14.000 pairs of boots.
   - CIL require 26.500 winter coats, of which only 5000 are now ready.
   - Summer clothing for rifts:- no suitable clothing appears to be available for rifts mentioned in para 2.
   - CALDARELLI and DE STEFANIS requested that consideration be given for move as soon as possible of 300/400 bed hosp to IESI, to replace 50 Gen Hosp, now too far back. — DADMS

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channels, and that POLCORPS must support demands via AAI. This would also solve tpt problem; which w ld then become Allied commitment. Question of Sigs comms and clothing and ropes also raised, latter subjects being deferred to "Q" meeting 9 Aug.

9 Aug

3. Accompanied A/C to meeting on "Q" subjects in connection with CIL and Dale "A": present - SANTI, [illegible], CHIAVARINO, SPERO, DE STEFANIS, CIPRONA, TENENTE', LENZOI, CALDARELLI, PERRIER': cond A/C
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4. In view of difficulties in fitting out rifs and units of CIL, and situation likely to result if combat gp scheme comes to fruition, it is for consideration whether ceiling of CIL should not be allowed to fall to 20.000, provided commitments in the line do not necessitate the higher figure. Should the reduction be practicable, it is recommended SMRS be info as soon as possible to save unnecessary work on their part. comd G i A/G

Gen CHILLA

5. Repatriation of Italian gen from South 'LEVANT':- War Ministry approve of return ~~of~~ of Gen PICCINI, former 2 i/c FIRENZE Div, and lately under comd Gen AZZI. G ii

6. Extension of call-up NORTH of ROME:- requested his proposals for extending the registration of men liable to mil service, to be accompanied by estimate of numbers involved. G i

7. CHILLA and PALERMO request interview with GOC and Col MACARTHY. Comd

Arranged for 1030 hrs 11 Aug.

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Gen MANTIOLI

8. Visit to SARDINIA:- Warned him for 11 Aug, subject to confirmation. Info of following basis for settlement of SARDINIAN situation:- G i

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| - CALABRIA Div | 5000 | These numbers to incl only men NOT subject to demobilization. |
| - Under comd Allies | 3000 | |
| - AA and CD | 3388 | |
| - Adm and Services | ? | |

CALABRIA Div to incl 236 Regt, Port Bn CAGLIARI, and if necessary parts of Granatieri Div.
Query csv personnel in BARI Div, required for Allied remount unit, and any specialists available from Granatieri Div.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

9. 1004/5 GT Coys:- these two units have now been completed for specialists, with the exception of two upholsterers per coy who are not to be found. G ii

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Lt Col DI BIASIO

10. 160 men for dvr course POLIGNANO:- two thirds of these have been found, and the balance is in sight. Rest of these men have had to be taken from port lab (on loan), and will be replaced by surplus personnel from CALABRIA. G ii

11. Dvr course BARI:- this course, about 130 strong, will provide dvrs for 1007 GT Coy in Sept. Personnel is having to be found in CAMPANIA, as there are no men available in APULIA. G ii

12. Surplus personnel in Depots:- DI BIASIO is info that there are no men available in any of the depots. Surplus in APULIA was employed on MTA orders, surplus in CAMPANIA has vanished and enquiries are in course as to its emp. 100 surplus CALABRIA will be used to replace men borrowed from port lab for the POLIGNANO course. G i

Gen SANTI

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Lt Col DI RICCIO

10. 150 men for dvr course POLICHANO:- two thirds of these have been found, and the balance is in sight. Part of these men have and to be taken from port lab (on loan), and will be replaced by surplus personnel from CALABRIA. G ii

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Gen SANTI

13. GRANATIERI Coy for ROME:- ref cancellation of order for second coy to move, SANTI states that this was entirely due to a certain Lt Gen PUNTONI, attd Royal Household, who issued the order on his own initiative. SANTI was most apologetic, and assured that the necessary instrs were being issued forthwith to ensure departure of unit as arranged. G ii

Maj DI MONACO

14. Fd Hospls and med units from SARDINIA:- following are units nominated for "F" and "G" comcat sps: G iii

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| - "F" | 82 and 960 Fd Hospls | 25 | Med Unit |
| - "G" | 84 and 333 Fd Hospls | 54 | Med Unit |

Capt LA TERZA

15. Butler for AFHQ:- through recommendation of Lt CARACCIOLA started enquiries about WO RICCOBON MARCELLO. This man has the necessary experience, but was in enemy occupied Italy for many months and War Ministry wish to complete enquries on his account before handing him over. Infd Lt Col DE BALIS, and arranged to send him round to RAAC HQ as soon as he is available. comd

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 5/7 Aug 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Meeting with War Minister: arranged for 1130 hrs 8 Aug. Only OXILIA will be present - any others will be called in if needed. — comd

2. Gen MACLI:- it is confirmed by Oxilia that this offr was placed on the reserve on reaching the age limit for div comds. — comd

3. Gen CASTELLANO:- Oxilia confirms that a suitable appointment will be given to this offr as soon as one becomes available. He has expressed a wish to comd a combat fmn. Infd Oxilia that he had requested an interview with Gen BROWNING. — comd

4. Press releases on Italian Army:- Oxilia has promised to have these ready for evening 8 Aug - there are several dealing with various aspects of the Italian Army. — comd G iii (1)

5. CIL 2 Bde:- the comd of this fmn is Col Teodoro MOCCIO, who formerly commanded the Lab gp at BRINDISI, in which capacity he earned a good reputation for himself. (Ref Chieti incident) — comd

Gen BERGERI — comd G i

6. Sardinian situation, gd bns, and internal security dive:- Detailed discussion of these three subjects, which at the moment are closely related. Infd him of accelerated rate of shipment from Sardinia, of AFI proposals with regard to meeting Allied requirements of bns solely for gd duties, and the effect of this decision on the internal security dive. With the eight bns to come from the Bari, and the five gd bns in the 500 series, there remain a further five to be found. Discussed with him the situation, as may be envisaged at the moment, with six combat gps and 16 gd bns, the latter probably with regimental HQs and possibly with two div HQs. BERGERI stated he was unable to accept this situation on his own responsibility and that he would discuss the matter with CASATI. In the meantime SMRE are confirming AFI instrs to Sardinia. 3573

7. Meeting of CIL and Del "A" reps at SMRE:- two reps are expected to-day to discuss ests, st engths and rits. Suggested — G i

with various aspects of the Italian Army.

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Gen BERARDI — comd

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7. Meeting of CIL and Del "A" reps at SHAEF:- two reps are expected to-day to discuss ests, strengths and rits. Suggested to Berardi that it might be useful to have someone from MMIA present at their meeting - he will advise time and place. — G i

Lt Col DI BIONDO

8. Rock climbing Alpini with a knowledge of the Pisa- Rimini line and speaking English or French:- only four have been found to date (one already LO with 8 Army) - no reply xx yet from CIL. — G i

9. 160 dvrs~~xxix~~ for POLIGNANO course starting 13 Aug:- requested him to arrange for the above number of suitable men to report 11 Aug. Doubtful whether 160 men will be found at Bari. On the other hand he knows there are plenty of surplus men at Naples, and is instructing Mil HQ Naples to select a suitable number for despatch to POLIGNANO. — G ii

10. Requested him to amend previous instrs with regard to 270 dvrs from S' DIMIA, to go to CONVERSANO as originally instructed. — Nov. G ii

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Lt Col MILLESTRINI

11. Est of Comando Supremo:- total 210 all ranks, made up as follows - 32 offrs, 41 ncos, 137 ors — 2 i/c

12. Ration strength of War Ministry:- the authorised strength of 1300 was exceeded at times during July, on account of the move from LECCE, and during the transition stage before excess personnel was dispensed with. Total rations drawn during the month did NOT exceed 30 times 1300, and present strength is down to that figure. — 2 i/c A/Q ST

13. Our lia personnel following reductions of Italian Adm etc:- This is in process of being concentrated in one or two depots; exact figures will be available very shortly. It is known that very few men are surplus in Apulia, but some hundreds in Campania. — G i

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18. FRIULI units in FOGGIANO:- advised him of change of date of departure of harvesters, first party being due to move 9 Aug. He stated that adv party was proceeding to S GIORGIO 8 Aug, and that they would make necessary arrangements. — G i

Lt Col DI BIASIO

19. Sardinia units for PBS:- on the basis of the latest demob orders, large numbers of men of 204 Div etc arriving from Sardinia are due for demobilisation. Rather than allow PBS to take them over and clothe and boot them for a period of days or at the most a week or two until they are replaced, the suggestion is that these men should be demob'd forthwith, and the unit made up to strength as quickly as possible. — 2 i/c G i

Gen BERARDI

20. Corseti dets 4 - 6 (intermediate zone):- as soon as the location of Dets "T" has been approved, Berardi is anxious that these dets should be administered by Dets "T". Info him that this was agreed in principle, provided it was clearly understood that the dets were under comd AMG for screening of patriots and that this was their main task. — comd G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 2/4 Aug 44

Gen ORILIA

1. Policy on appointment of comd offr of CCRR, and recent background; policy on appointments of all CCRR offrs. He was quite definite that no fresh offr appointments were being made in the Carabinieri at the present time. — comd

2. Explained situation regarding new ration scale for Italian combat tps. — comd

Col DE MICHELIS

3. Various phone calls in connection with two Italian Army cooks for AFHQ. Cooks despatched by rd pm 4 Aug. War Ministry continuing search for two first class men. Thanked DE MICHELIS for the trouble he had taken. — comd

Maj ROSSI

4. Boots for Rome volunteers:- infd him that authority had been granted for release of 1000 pairs and quoted ref. — A/Q

5. Capt IORIO:- infd him that this offr and two ors were to arrive in Rome from 5 Army for some days and that arrangements would have to be made for rations. — G i

6. Screening agencies for patriots:-
Dets 2 and 3 from 8 Army area have been sent back to Rome as AMG 8 Army (it is reported) has no authority to deal with the dets, nor does anyone in Army area appear to have made arrangements to enable the dets to carry out the duties envisaged by Patriot branch. Similarly,
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Lt Col SAMPO

8. Arditi rifts at VIBO VALENTIA:- infd him of report from Mov REGGIO that approx 80 Arditi rifts were waiting to be moved to CIL, and that these were said to be excl the 600 already notified. Not infd, but will find out. — G iii Mov

9. 204 Div HQ:- Infd him that this HQ was available for disposal by SMRE and requested him to advise as to their intentions before the HQ was moved from Astroni to SARONISSI, which was the move contemplated by Mil HQ Campania. — G i

Capt CAVANI

10. 5 Army Italian Personnel arrested while on leave in 8 Army area:- made it quite clear to him that there could be no waiving of the present regulations, and that tps wishing to revisit their homes must wait until the area is derestricted. — G iii(I)

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Gen ROBOTTI

11. At request Gii Adv Int accompanied Mr HODGE to War Ministry to secure infm from ROBOTTI. This was forthcoming as soon as they were satisfied as to HODGE's credentials. — Giii(I)

Lt Col GRACEFFA
(New appointment to SD Branch - staff offr ex PW)

12. Rations for 541/3 Gen Service Coys:- confirmed infm already passed by "Q" to Ministry, that rations for these units were to be collected in ROME and transported to CIVITAVECCHIA under their own arrangements. As regards local adm details, suggested that the units come under comd 552 Arty Regt, which is the only Italian HQ of any size in the area. — A/Q

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Capt CAVINI

18. De MARTINO trial began 25 July and should soon be over.

Col CHIAVARINO

19. "CIL" and Delegazione"A":- in order to clarify posn as regards strengths, ests and rits of both these HQs and units under comd, senior staff offrs from each have been ordered to report to SAIRE am 7 Aug, with latest infm. G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

20. 1007 GT Coy:- in anticipation of dvr requirements for this unit, dvr courses are being started at BARI and CATANZARO. There should also be dvrs surplus to requirements of 1006, taking into account output of POLIGNANO course. Query: What is posn of course started 9 Jul ? Gi

Lt Col GUIDA

21. Requested him to see to mob order of sig course at FRANCAVILLA. POSigs

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 1 Aug 44

Col CHIVARINO

1. Docks op coys, APULIA:- advised him that substitution of 120 men ordered by 2 Dist was quite in order, provided exchange was to release men due for demob. — G i SMRE

2. Engr offrs for SD branch SMRE:- two new engr staff offrs will be taking up their duties 2 Aug, one for engr duties and one for sigs; in place of RE. Names of new offrs to follow. Log 28 Jul para 1 refers. — G i ~~SOSigs~~ ~~SORE~~ G iii(I)

3. Surplus med units in Sardinia:- following units are surplus to immediate requirements:
- fd hosps 333, 960, 82 - 44 Surgical unit
SMRE being instructed to attach to Internal Security Divs in Sardinia, pending re-emp in conjunction with combat gp scheme. — G i DADMS G iii

4. 502 Cd Bn:- in case of requirements for further pack tpt coys, SMRE advise that this unit is formed from previous cav unit: "GENOVA CAVALLERIA". 146 rfts required to bring up to strength; these can be found locally. — G i

5. Further units from Sardinia:- SMRE propose, — G i
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Gen SANTI

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Lt Col PIZZONIA

8. Requested him to hasten tpt request of cadres for Friuli bns G i
due to leave FOGGIANO shortly.

Lt Col SAMPÒ

9. Cancelled arrangement regarding small bn for gd duties for G i
PBS.

Gen ORLIA

10. Rations for combat tps:- as a result of Casati's visit to CIL comd
the question of the new ration for combat tps is engaging 2 i/c
their attention. A memo has been handed to A/Q setting out A/Q
the Ministry's appreciation of the reduction. ORLIA states G i
the matter is viewed with grave concern ... that comparison
with rations allowed to other (i.e. POLISH) combat tps will result
in serious discontent among CIL tps ... that it would be pre-
ferable to leave scale of the rest of the Italian Army where
it was rather than reduce the fighting soldiers ration.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

30/1 Jul 44

Lt Col SAMPÒ

1. Trg branch:- a new office is being set up to deal with current trg problems, with the following affrs:- Col FERRARI and Maj PASCHETTA — comd G i
Trg branch will come directly under Gen SANTI

Maj VALCHERA replaces PASCHETTA in Ops branch.

Gen OXILIA

2. Recognition of combatant status of Italian patriots:- OXILIA wishes GOC to be infd that Italian Foreign Office will be approaching competent Allied authorities with a view to ~~xxxxxx~~ status being accorded to Italian patriots fighting the Germans similar to that just accorded to French patriots. — comd

3. Bonomi's "segreteria" has been devided into two: one gen sec and one mil sec. Oxilia was not sure of the significance of the change, nor what functions the mil sec would have. — comd

4. Handed to Oxilia letter for CASATI in connection with Gen CASTELLANO; Oxilia met him the other day, on his return to Italy. — comd

Lt Col RE

5. Collected translations of three outstanding WEs:
- HQ IPL bn
- HQ IPL regt
- Italian TC coy

— DADL G ii

Lt Col DI BIAGIO

6. Cookery course:- personnel ready to start course 1 Aug. — G ii

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8. Volunteers for CIL in ROME:- nearing the end of the registration, the number of volunteers for combat duties does not reach 600. — G i

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Lt Col RE

10. Requests for mine-detectors for Italian units:- following requests from SNRE are still outstanding, each for six detectors: SOME
   -letter 11 Jun ref 6289
   - " 17 " " 6513

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

28 Jul 44

Col CHIAVARINO

1. Engr offr in SD branch:- at request SORE suggested that more suitable and more capable offr be found for this post. He fully agrees, and has is already on the look-out for an engr staff offr to replace RE. — SORE, SO Sigs

Lt Col SAMBÒ

2. COV, VIBO VALENTIA :- requested explanation of jump in strength of this unit, which is about to move to CHIETI or ORTONA. The increase is ascribed by SMRE by sudden rush of volunteers. Agreed to let the revised figure stand at 600, but to count against the 3000 authorised for ROME. — G i, G iii, Mov

Gen MATTIOLI

3. 107 bdg territoriale:- confirmed that it would be quite in order for SoRE to order away the surplus offrs of this unit, as it was most improbable that AAFAG would be allowed the extra 500 men they are asking for. — G i

4. 209 Div HQ and Delegazione "A":- he is in full agreement with MMIA proposals for future responsibilities of these two HQs and will prepare his proposals showing which units would come under comd of each HQ under the new arrangement. 209 Div HQ will comd units in I Dist and 60 Sub-Area and Delegazione "A" units under comd POLCORPS. — G i, G iii

5. FRIULI harvesters:- requested him to have tpt request put through for offr and nco cadres in respect of bns of FRIULI div which will be completing their work in FOGGIA area in the latter half of August. — G i, G iii

6. Capt FORENZA

Unit at AIROLA:- unable to get through to NAPLES all day to-day. Phoned MONICO and asked him to get infm from Cdo Mil CAMPANIA. — G i, G iii

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8. Rfts for 8 Army:- infd him that after pack tpt coys, priority of emp for call-ups of '21 class in CAMPANIA would be for 8 Army. — G i

Gen ONILIA

9. Phoned him about depot coy in NAPLES and tpt for two offrs on special mission connected with repair of clothing and shoes. — 2 i/c

10. Confirmed approval of GOC to appointment of four senior offrs ref log 25 Jul para 8. — comd

Col CHIAVARINO

11. Demob of internal security personnel to counterbalance volunteers recruited in ROME:- orders have already gone out for demob of all 1913 class men in internal security divs plus all men of limited physical category. It is estimated that their number will be in excess of volunteers enlisted in ROME. — 2 i/c, G i

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Lt Col SAMPO & Lt Col GUIDA

1. Recruiting dets for AMG:- worked out details and prepared instrs for the dets, which are designated as follows: — comd G i
   -5 Army CERSETI det N°1 ready to leave 27 Jul
   -8 Army CERSETI det N°2 " " " " "
   -Polcorps CERSETI det N°3 " " " 28 " "
   - Intermediate area
   - CERSETI dets 4 - 5 - 6 ready within few days.

2. In view of immediate difficulties of siting camp for volunteers near S AGATA, SMRE infd that volunteers already at CERRETO and, until further notice, those to be recruited in ROME, will proceed to CHIETI under SMRE arrangements. MMIA in meantime will endeavour to have COV transferred to CHIETI. Responsibility of maintaining volunteers at CHIETI will devolve entirely on SMRE. MT pl for Delegazione "A" will make one journey ROME to CHIETI with volunteers -as soon as pet is provided - and subsequent MT requirements for transferring personnel to CHIETI to be negotiated with "Q" — G i / A/Q / ST / Mov / G iii

3. Two gd coys for RAAC:- BERARDI has agreed that the GRANATIERI be employed for this purpose, and two coys strength each four offrs and 120 men will be ready to leave SALERNO 28 and 30 Jul. Small nucleus of about 30/40 men will remain to carry out original function, and plan is to change them round from time to time with those employed in ROME. — G i

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6. SMRE rep for FLORENCE:- infd him that plan for Delegazione"T" for FLORENCE was now off, that Lt Col HOWARD would ~~xxx~~ be representing MMIA there, and would require to be accompanied by Italian staff offr representing SMRE interets with simple watching brief, rank Lt Col preferably.

7. Combat fmns: infd him with ref to recent meeting that question of mortars and BD was being investigated, and that pack tpt coys would be div or corps tps and allocated as required.

8. Visit to trg centre:- infd BERARDI that visit was being tentatively arranged for next week - party from SMRE will consist of five offrs, incl BERARDI.

9. Arty horses of Mantova and Piceno divs:- in view of forthcoming reorg of internal security divs with smaller ests, and possible developments in other directions, it was considered that horse arty was no longer required for internal security duties. Infd BERARDI of intention to allot horses for other purposes. He would like to be allowed to keep 50 arty horses per div for trg purposes.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 25 Jul 44

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

1. Lab rfts for 8 Army:- requested him to consider ways and means of producing 2 offrs and 672 ors for 409 Regt. Will advise later to-day. — G i

Maj D'ANTONA

2. 308 Wksp attd 209 Div:- Col RAMPA has reported that this unit is without eqpt or vehs and he recommends it be broken up. Query: MMIA agreed ? — G i

3. TC coy:- 9 Cp Movimenti Stradali available SARDINIA strength 17 offrs 423 ors. No details of eqpt. Request consideration as to emp of unit on mainland for Allies. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

4. Four pack tpt coys for 210 Div:- infd him that contrary to previous arrangements these units now have to be found by SMRE. He is investigating possibilities from ROME call-up. — G i

Lt Col ALOIA

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Gen OXILIA

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8. Following appointments submitted for GOC's formal approval: — comd
- Area HQ APULIA Gen Div DI NISIO, former comd BARI Div; — G i
- BARI Div Gen Brig BERAUDO DI PRALORMO ex PW; — Giii(I)
- VII Corps Gen Div ROMANO (from ROME) formerly comd EMILIA Div in Balkans;
- GGFF Gen Div FERONE (from ROME)

Col QUERCIA

9. Working-hours SMRE: 0830 - 1230 ; 1500 - 1900 . Change effective 25 Jul. — ALL

Gen BERARDI

10. Various subjects, incl:
- conc and trg areas for FRIULI Div (advised Maj DOBBS)
- conc areas for volunteers for combat;
- PW coys on mainland (ISR rel to GOC)

Lt Col GUIDA

11. 561/2 mine-lifting coys: ready to leave respectively 25 and 26 Jul. — SORE

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 23/24 Jul 44

1. Attended meeting in connection with Italian combat fmns; present GOC, OXILIA; BERARDI, KERR PIDSLEY, CHIAVARINO, SAMPO; Arranged further meeting with BERARDI 1600 hrs 24 Jul.

Lt Col GUIDA

2. 561/2 Mine-lifting coys:- discussed question of inclusion of arty and engr personnel of FRIULI Div and possibility of substitution. Promised to advise later how many replacements required. G i

3. Div and Regt HQs , FRIULI Div:- will be removed from AFRAGOLA camp as soon as possible and stationed at some convenient pt nearby. G i

4. Two gd coys for ROME:- will probably be found from GRANATIERI Bn at CAVA - strength 120 each. G i

5. (with Maj LUNARDONI): Allied 4 Vet Hosp moving to PASSO CORESE (nr FARA SABINA) together with 150 Italian mil personnel (NOT apparently formed unit) - SMRE requested to arrange for adm. Query any infm this end ? G i

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Lt Col RE

7. Bi-lingual ests:- a number of those in hand have been promised for 25 and 26 Jul. G ii SORE

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- rock climbing experts
- English or French speakers
- knowledge of Appennes north of present line.
If difficulty experienced locally, it is suggested that the CRASTI dets going north with AMG be given the job of finding the men required. — comd G i

10. Unione Indipendente Combattenti, Corso Umberto 28, ROME:- SAMPO investigated this org himself; it is mainly concerned with the org of womens voluntary services; some British offrs were making a social call there at the time. A few odd rfts may have been sent to "F" Recce Sqn through some personal arrangement, but SAMPO attaches no importance to it and proposes taking no action. — G i

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

11. Requested infm as to availability of wksp specialists, ROME and elsewhere.
Authorised him to proceed with call-up in FOGGIA province. — G i

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Maj MAIOCCHI

12. Cd Coy in LECCE:- this coy has been identified as the "1^ Compagnia Provvisoria Deposito 140 Fanteria TREPUZZI " Latest infm shows the coy still in TREPUZZI. G i

13. Strength returns PBS:- MAIOCCHI very worried over inability to reconcile units in PBS with new designations. This makes it impossible to maitain continuity of his records. Suggested he gets into touch with G iii. G iii

Lt Col GUIDA

14. Pack tpt coys for 210 Div:- infd him of situation, and that no action required on their part for the moment. G i

Lt Col QUERCI

15. Delegazione "T" for FLORENCE:- requested him for a statement of proposed terms of ref for scrutiny. G i

16. Working hours at SMRE:- discussed recent change, which gives them four-hr break in the middle of the day (from twelve to four). Suggested that this be curtailed to three hours.

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

17. SARDINIA:- requested him to investigate ultimate situation when internal security divs excl CALABRIA have been moved to mainland. It is probable that GUIDA will be going to SARDINIA in this connection shortly. G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 20/21 Jul 44

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1. With Capt GILARDI - Delegazione "A":- enquired into the strength, org, and channels of comd of this HQ, and heard his opinion as to the difficulties being encountered. It was agreed that the provision of 24 hy lorries was needed between RH and adv depots. — G i A/Q

Col QUERCIA (with GILARDI)

2. Delegazione "A":- Requested him to arrange for MT pl of 24 hy vehs to be temporarily attd; he will collect vehs where he can incl recall of part of the 60 loaned to civil ministries for move to ROME. Discussed also stocks held at vario s adv depots - no infm available here, but list collected of items requested from Ministry, devided into items supplied and NOT available. It was agreed that GILARDI would secure infm on next visit. — G i A/Q

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- Staff changes and desirability of absorbing some "ROME" offrs,
- Patriots in the north,
- Law and order up north,
- Letter from Balkan Air Force relating to sups for Garibaldi Div - discussed correct channels, i.e. through Mil Mission with Partisan Corps, and NOT MMIA responsibility. G i A/Q

Gen BERARDI

6. Discussed various subjects, incl appointment of Gen SANTI, situation of FRIULI Div, Comando Supremo etc. comd

7. Attended meeting with GOC, Col PIDSLEY, Col MACARTHY, Gen OXILIA in connection with patriots, and the incorporation of those who wish to fight in the regular army.

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Col:SAMPO and Lt Col ALOIA

8. Collection of patriots for army (see para 7):- gave them full particulars of decisions reached at previous meeting. Explained that tpt and eventual rations would be the responsibilty of Col Macarthy's org. Stressed that no-one was to move until receipt of new directive from MMIA. Was subsequently infd by them that Col Macarthy's office had asked for double the number of parties agreed to at the meeting, ~~XXX~~ i.e. twelve instead of six. Confirmed that latter was number to work on.

Maj PASCHETTA

9. Infm on activities etc of CIL:- he has promised to keep us fully posted with all infm reaching them from the combat fmn. C iii(I)

Col CHIAVARINO

10. He is anxious to have infm as soon as possible on decisions regarding disposal of "Guide" and "2° Reparto Ministeriale" G ii

Col CHIAVARINO and Lt Col CANNONE

11. Attended meeting with Col KERR on transit camps, which are to be discontinued as such, by 31 Jul. In their place SMRE may est infm centres consistin of three all ranks. SMRE propose submitting statement showing transit camps they intend to abolish, those which will hand over their duties to local grn, and those instances where transit camps are having to carry out additonal duties connected with local mil ~~xxxx~~ installations. G i A/Q

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12. Capt DELLA CORNA

210 Vet Hosp:- this unit no longer required by 210 Div and on instrs of Allies has reported back to 10 Arty Depot Caserta complete with unit eqpt, except for 5 offrs and 1 Farrier WO sent elsewhere. G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 18/19 Jul 44

Col QUERCIA (acting Deputy C of S)

1. Royal Academy: queried their request for tpt to POTENZA in connection with maneouvres there; suggested these exercises be held near LECCE, with which he quite agrees. G iii

2. Requested that Col PAGANI be instructed NOT to contact AAI direct in future, but only through Mov Rome. Mov

3. Gen SANTI is designated Deputy C of S. This offr has been in Rome throughout the occupation - was formerly chief of staff of 20 and 2I corps in Tunisia, during which period he was in contact with MESSE. Was wounded and returned to I aly before the fall of Tunisia. comd 2 i/c G i

Lt Col SAMPO

4. Registration of age-grps liable for mil service in ROME:- this is proceeding according to plan, but will be limited to one class per day, and will NOT be concluded until first week in August. On 18 Jul approv 1600 men registered, of whom 80 volunteers for combat duties. comd 2 i/c G i
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The question of uniforms for the volunteers is being raised, as according to SMRE's infm the total availability of Italian uniforms - all in Apulia - is 3000 jackets and 800 trousers. These also constitute the reserve for the CIL. A/Q

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7. Interpreter and Liaison offrs and ors with Allied units:- Requested him to produce a list of this personnel, excl those on regular ests, and limited to personnel shown in the normal strength state of the Italian army. G i G iii

Lt Col SAMPO

8. 210 Div:- according to reports reaching SMRE from div comd the strength of the fmn is greatly reduced, and the div unable to meet its obligations. It is stated that div requires 3000 rfts immediately. G i

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LIAISON WITH . S M R E 14/15 Jul 44

Gen CHILI'

1. Sick and away from the Ministry these two days. Expected back 16 Aug.

Gen BERARDI and Gen SANTI

2. Move of Del "A":- At Berardi's request, called to discuss move fwd from CHIETI to ANCONA area. BERARDI very anxious to have at least adv party in fwd area without further delay. Explained that JESI out of the question for operational reasons, and that useless for adv party to proceed to that area if main body eventually destined elsewhere. Indicated that area CAMERINO - MACERATA - FABRIANO had now been proposed officially, and that Del "A" adv party could proceed there forthwith, maintaining close contact with GELARDI. BERARDI was quite satisfied with this. comd 2 i/c G i

3. Rits for CIL - especially "Alpini" rits:- Info him that the suggestion for recruiting 1000 Alpini ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ was NOT considered satisfactory at this juncture, and that notice to this effect had already been forwarded to War Ministry. BERARDI very upset and requested reconsideration, on grounds that CIL has been in line for very many months, almost without rest, and unless he has certain number of tps in hand, within the ceiling, he will find it hard to carry on and maintain ~~xxxxx~~ morale of his tps, also to replace battle losses, desertions, sickness etc. Proposal for consideration is that SMRE be allowed to enlist up to 1000 Alpini in SULMONA AND AQUILA districts, within the 3000 volunteers authorised for ROME. comd 2 i/c G i A/Q

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Capt LA TERZA

5. Butler for AFHQ:- after consultation with War Ministry, Had WO Robertson sent round to Lt Col DE WILLIS for vetting and onward transmission to CASERTA. — comd

Gen BERARDI

6. Handed him SMRE copy of G/6/1/F of 15 Aug. Laid particular emphasis on notes A and B of appx "A". His first impression was NOT so unfavourable. — 2 i/c G i

Col DE MICHELIS

7. Handed him War Ministry copy of G/6/1/F of 15 Aug, again with emphasis on notes "A" and "B". — 2 i/c A/Q G i

8. Col BRUNO Attilio:- handed in letter addressed to War Minister requesting that above offr be placed at disposal of Gen Wilson. — 2 i/c G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 13 Aug 44

Gen CHILLA

1. Following subjects were discussed:-

- Investigation into and settlement of members of former PAI org. This org was formerly under Ministry of Interior and has never been under the control of War Ministry. Public Safety Sub Commission were enquiring through Italian LO as to whether War Ministry would be undertaking enquiries. CHILLA will reply that matter has to be dealt with direct with Ministry of Interior. — comd 2 i/c G i A/Q

- Gen LOMBARDI's case was gone into in some detail - he will be retired from the service and placed in reserve wef 30 Aug. — comd Gili(I

- Wearing of Italian Army uniforms:- no difficulty xxxx over compliance with hALN instrs, but would like following exceptions, now standard practice in Italian Army, authorised: — comd
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  - all offrs are entitled to wear civilian clothes when on leave.

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- Reduction in strength of Italian Army:- drew ORILIA's attention to apparent failure hitherto in reaching reduced ceiling set for end July, according to state just issued. CHIAVARINO contested MAIA figures, and it eventually transpired that SAMS are working on ration strength (as/ opposed to est strength) which at 10 July xxxxx was 320.000 odd. 2i/c clarified that overall est of Italian Army will be within ceiling of 309.000. — 2i/c G i A/Q

- ORILIA will be submitting comm on the subject of mine clearance, a problem which is becoming increasingly important. Two alternatives will be proposed, one entailing the setting up of civilian undertakings.

Gen SANNI

2. Strength returns:- requested him to enquire urgently into the question of strength returns needed for ORBAT, which various fmns have NOT yet sent in, although the new procedure was laid down over one month ago. Will discuss the matter in further detail with him to-morrow. — 2 i/c G i

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9/10 Jul 44

Offrs i/c SMRE 12 Jul to mid-day 15

1. Col QUERCIA remains in charge at LECCE during period of move. In his absence (he was unwell to-day) the senior offr is Col FERRARI. For routine business with branches, Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO - all SD matters regarding personnel, Lt Col CHECCHIA - clothing, stores and vehs. — G ii A/Q

Col CHIAVARINO

2. AA reorg BARI-NAPLES (his letter 8 Jul ref 4822):- infd him that decision would be taken in ROME by AA LO. Quite agreeable. — G ii

3. 2 Reparto Autonomo Comando Supremo:- advised of extension of rationing period to 19 Jul incl for 580 persons, in view of move - for his infm. Later offered to Allies. — 2 i/c

4. BARI Div:- infd him that third lift was "off", and BARI Div not moving just at present accordingly. — G ii

5. Maj D'ANTONA
417 Regt: one bn and regimental HQ ready in CALABRIA 20 Jul, one bn ready in APULIA 25 Jul. Fpt details later. — G ii G iii

Col CHIAVARINO

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7. Maj D'ANTONA
Units available in CALABRIA:- see: log 8 Jul para 3.
128 sig coy: 120 men of this unit to be earmarked for second Telegrafie/ti course and transferred to FRANCAVILLA at once. The balance to be demob. — G ii G iii SOSigs

8. 248 Fd Hosp and 216 Surgical Unit:- DADMS confirms that these can NOT be emp for the Allies at the moment. Consequently issued instrs that eqpt be turned in to BARI and personnel disposed of by demobilization. — DADMS G ii

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Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO:-

9. Interpreter Capts for Engr HQs: in view of non-availability of the three interpreter capts, requested that three staff oppts (non-specialists) be supplied. — G iii (1) / SCRE

Capt DELLA CORNA

10. O'sC Italian GT Coys:- infd him that all such units for 2 Dist were in future to be commanded by capts. They will request approval in future should they ever wish to appoint a maj to comd any GT coy. — G ii

Gen MATTIOLI!

11. Rations issued to harvesters at FOGGIA:-
- from the army depot FOGGIA 5949 to incl 4 Jul;
- from accumulated rations collected from tps on arrival at FOGGIA (i.e. those NOT consumed on outward journey) 22718. There are still some of these left. They have been issued in cases where the farmers were NOT yet in a posn to feed the men, etc. — 2 i/c

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

8 Jul 44

Col QUERCIA and Col CHIAVARINO

1. Internal Security Divs:- to ensure that SMRE were fully infd as to latest situation, ran over events of last few days, namely: — comd 2 i/c G ii
   - divs nominated to come from SARDINIA (226/204/FRILI) and possible arrival of BARI for reasons which can only be guessed at the moment.
   - impossibility in present circumstances of retaining parts of eight divs to form basis of new small-type divs, i.e. entire 226, BARI, FRIULI etc to be made available to Allies.
   - infd them that as and when Allies require individual bns for security or gd duties, these will be detached from their fmn and be under temporary comd of the Allies, as has been done in the case of the bns of PICENO and MANTOVA divs. Such bns to be made available out of the 50.000 internal security tps.
   - queried choice of MANTOVA to be disbanded and PICENO to remain; in the opinion of these two offrs, there is nothing to choose between these two fmns.

Lt Col PANERAI

2. Italian Army Sig School:- ref AAI letter of 5 Jul, the designated comd is on leave in CAMPANIA. PANERAI proposes recalling him to LECCE, putting him in the picture, and then having him report to CASTEL VOLTURNO. The interpreter will have to be procured by the Segreteria according to priority on the interpreters list. — SO Sigs G iii

Maj D'ANDONA

3. Reduction of Italian Adm: in the process of combing out, the following units become available for assignment to Allies or disbandment. Have requested fuller particulars as to offrs, specialists and eqpt. — 355 1/c G ii DADMS SO Sigs
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   - 294 MT unit — 156 " "
   - 251 MT unit (HQ only) — 113 " "
   - 248 Fd Hosp — 59 " "
   - 216 Surgical unit — 27 " "

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4. VII TC Bn:- collected details of strength and est, and eqpt in their possession and on TO.

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

5. Bersaglieri rfts for CIL: Info him of proposed inspection. He later phoned to say there had been a hitch over clothing. Unit will now be ready for inspection or move 11 Jul. — G ii — G iii

6. 1005 GT COY:- there are still 23 specialists short which IX Corps is unable to find. Query CALABRIA (para 3 above) or recruiting required personnel in ROME. — G ii

7. Arditi rfts from SARDINIA:- wishes to know if the 150 ~~xxxxx~~ assault tps specially recruited in SARDINIA at AAI request for CIL have been moved to mainland. — G iii — Yes

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 7 Jul 44

Col QUERCIA

1. Move to ROME/ Gen INFANTE had phoned from SALERNO so say that Govt would be starting move to ROME 10 Jul, to be completed 15 Jul, and to enquire whether any orders had been recd from MMIA. Passed on by phone to G ii. — comd 2 i/c G ii

2. Reorg of Internal Security Divs:- BERARDI phoned from SALERNO in connection with MMIA request for revised est excl arty. This was communicated to BERARDI before his departure in the early hours this morning. He is most anxious to discuss this aspect of the matter with Gen BROWNING, and in view of probable move during next few days, would like to know if this can be arranged to take place in ROME. — comd 2 i/c G ii

3. CO Italian lab tps BRINDISI:- MATTIOLI should have gone to BRINDISI to-day to look into the matter, but is indisposed and the visit postponed. Pointed out to QUERCIA that this offr is evidently unsuitable for the job, and that he should be replaced immediately, and any investigations undertaken later. — 2 i/c

Capt CAVANI

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   - to 2.7 Div 793
   - to 212 " 1110

   G ii

8. 1006 GT Coy:- ref log 1 Jul, para 7 d, he would like authority to form this coy in SARDINIA by 5 Aug. G ii

Col CHIAVARINO

9. Reduction of Italian adm: infd him that there was no objection on the part of MMIA to the substitution of younger men for older men to be demob in port lab units etc, provided the incoming drafts were there first, and subject to the present limitations of tpt, and time. 2 i/c G ii G iii

10. Move fwd of army boys:- handed him comm extending area to which congedati may travel on demob. Explained that FOGGIA area was still excl. He would like something in writing summarizing the posn. G iii

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Capt CAVANI

1. Re CAVALOTTI:- explained situation regarding this offr, and that if any query should arise as to his whereabouts or emp they will consider matter in abeyance. G ii

2. Italian interpreter offrd for Florence:- discussed ACC sig to FILPOT - in the meantime he will endeavour to trace Ugo Colonna. G ii

Col QUERCIA (acting deputy C of S )

3. Reduction of Italian adm and services ceiling:- handed in to-days sig confirming reduction to be effected by 31 Jul. 2 i/c G ii

Col CHIAVARINO

4. Discussed implications of above sig and steps to be taken to implement the reduction. Examined together letter he is sending to War Ministry this pm requesting necessary action. Quoted is figure of 70.000 odd (incl transit camps and hosp cases) to be reduced to 45.270. One difficulty is to determine at this moment just what proportion of hosp cases appertain to Italian adm and services. SMRE suggestions to War Ministry incl demob of '13 and if necessary '14 classes, the sending on renewable leave of personnel with homes in the north who may wish to avail themselves of the advantage (this enables them to take up work if available, but prevents them from moving into unauthorised territory), and the sending on renewable leave of whatever additional numbers needed to reduce the ceiling adequately. This formula is proposed to permit of subsequent adjustment of the classes. 2 i/c G ii

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Gen MATTIOLI

5. Harvesters:

a) concerned about delay in arranging move by rail from FOGGIA of those men who have finished harvesting. Infd him that matter is being dealt with by AMG Foggia in consultation with MMIA. 2 i/c

b) Certain number of army rations issued to SMRE camp at FOGGIA before matter of feeding was clarified between MMIA and AMG, namely - rations for camp staff, about 150 strong, for about one month,
rations for harvesters for 2/3 days prior to 4 Jul, about 2/3000 men per day believed to be involved.

MATTIOLI has asked for exact figures to be supplied. Proposal is that these army rations be replaced by AMG, but there are complications as AMG items are different from the army scale. MATTIOLI wishes to know what MMIA want done in the matter.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

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4 Jul 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Internal Security Divs:- (ref log 3 Jul) Requested him to have prepared their proposed WE for a lightytype div of 6.250 men, for submitting to Gen BROWNING on his return. He will submit alternatives, with and without arty, and in both cases to incl services in sufficient strength to make the divs self-supporting. — comd, 2 i/c, G i

2. Re Italian Adm and Services:- infd him of reduction to be effected by 31 Jul: minimum reduction to 45.870, might be to 40.000 . They are to consider immediately ways and means of disposing of surplus personnel, taking into account that large numbers of older classes cannot be demob'd as their homes are north of NAPLES - ROCCA line. They estimate that in all categories on mainland such men total at least 30.000 — 2 i/c, G ii

3. Use of arms by Italian tps:- BONOMI's further letter of cancellation awaiting his signature. — comd

4. XIII Corps, SARDINIA:- designated comd to replace MAGLI is Gen BRUNETTI. — comd, 2 i/c, Giii(I)

5. Specialist offrs in GREECE and ALBANIA:- SMRE have no knowledge of any negotiations for thier return, nor infm as to what offrs are available there. On the other hand OXILIA states there are up to 50 offrs in MONTENEGRO NOT employed, incl engr and MT specialists, whom he would be very glad to get back. — comd, G ii

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

6. 37/54 AA ammn required for 145 Bty in SICILY:- there is no ammn available on mainland. The 68.000 rounds in depots in SARDINIA are earmarked for AA units in CAMPANIA - SMRE letter 4 Jun 4/2086 refers. Query ammn in possession of AA units in SARDINIA (30.000 rounds) . — 3551, G ii

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Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

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6. 37/54 AA ammn required for 145 Bty in SICILY:- there is no ammn available on mainland. The 66.000 rounds in depots in SARDINIA are earmarked for AA units in CAMPANIA - SMRE letter 4 Jun 4/2086 refers. Query ammn in possession of AA units in SARDINIA (30.000 rounds) — G ii

7. 149/19 situation in SARDINIA:- it is confirmed that details are awaited. — G ii

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

8. 210 Radio Control Pl:- replacement of unsuitable operators is in hand - in total 13 being sought with required qualifications. — SO Sigs

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 3 Jul 44

Gen BERARDI and Gen ORILIA

Internal Security Divs:-

Ran over in detail, for BERARDI's benefit, the developments of the past few days, leading up to the decision communicated by AAI to reduce to 55.300 .
Enumerated the divs to be retained in order of precedence and divs to be disbanded, as arranged with ORILIA.
Told him of possibilty of second special lift of 11.000, in anticipation of which 226, 204 and balance of FRIULI divs had been nominated for move to mainland.

BERARDI said that this situation had already been envisaged at recent meeting with Gen BROWNING, and that he foresaw difficulties in meeting the requirements of law and order with the reduced numbers, particularly as we advance into the northern industrial part of the country.

He stated that the only way they would be able to cope with the situation would be by denuding the quieter parts of the country and concentrating the divs where they were most likely to be required. In this connection, he considered SARDINIA could be garrisoned by CORPS, or at the most by a regt or part of a regt of one of the divs. He also assumed it likely - even looking some way ahead - that the Allies would retain one or more divs in Italy, which would ease their task.

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- they would be able to maintain the continuity and traditions of the existing divs.

BERARDI would be glad of an opportunity of discussing this matter with Gen BROWNING, if this should be considered necessary.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 3 Jul 44

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1. Priorities of sigs for CIL:- defined in detail when various types of priorities could be used, and infd them of existence of DRLB, which could be used for all normal comms. ~~FRANK~~ Promised to circulate further instrs to SMRE branches. — G ii SO Sigs

Lt Col PIZZONIA

2. Harvesters:- infd him of latest situation regarding the two surplus FRIULI bns, and that projected move of one bn to BARLETTA was off. MATTIOLI was back in BARI waiting to hear the decision. — 2 i/c G ii

3. Shorts for port workers: ref recent meeting 2 i/c- AQ- MATTIOLI at which it was stated that shorts were now uncontrolled, M of War have laid down that all shorts are earmarked for combat tps, and are NOT available for port lab. — AQ

Col CHIAVARINO

4. Infd him of steps taken by MMIA to safeguard documentation and property in districts and depots in territory lately freed. On subject of demolization , he foresees great complications in implementing reduction programme, owing to veto on movements north of Naples Foggia line. This reduces potential numbers for demobilization by 50%. — 2 i/c G ii

Maj D'ANDONA

5. Engr Regt TRANI:- they wish to draw on surplus sig personnel there for rifts for CIL. Will advise later in day numbers involved. SO Sigs agrees. — 2 i/c

~~MAJOR~~ Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

6. Bersaglieri rifts:- ready to move 10 Jul from LATIANO. Strength 17 offrs 20 ncos 250 ors 24 tons stores. Designation: rifts for CIL - NOT LI Bn. — G iii

7. Serial 1150/1:- 200 men ready to move ex BARI. Willadvise regarding balance later. — G iii SORE

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Gen CAILIA

8. Confirmed his appointment as Undersecretary of State for War. Will be leaving for ROME 5 Jul and returning SMRE 9 Jul. In his absence Col QUERCIA will act as deputy C of S. Col CHIAVARINO will be fully infd as to action to be taken regarding demob, etc. — comd 2 i/c G ii

9. Gen DE MARTINI: requested outcome of trial in SARDINIA — ~~G iii~~(I)

Col PALLAVICINO

10. Just back from a visit (with BERARDI) to CIL and HQ of Gen ANDERS (POLCORPS), located at the moment in the house and grounds belonging to PALLAVICINO. They got as far as North of MACERATA. CIL NOT in contact with enemy. — comd 2 i/c

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 2 Jul 44

Col QUERCIA

1. Move to ROME:- requested him to complete revised mov table with weight of stores to be lifted by rail: 250 tons. Pointed out also that 8 vehs in each rd convoy for carrying petrol would probably not be needed, as refueling would be done enroute. — G ii Mov

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

2. LI Bersaglieri Bn:- still require certain items of clothing and cannot therefore state date for departure. Location: LATIANO. — G iii

3. 213 Vet Hosp:- he is infd by XXXI Corps that departure has been postponed until 3 Jul, owing to impossibilty of arran ing train earlier. — G iii Mov

Lt Col PIZZONIA

4. ORBAT of lab tps in APULIA ports:- collected statement as required by DDL 2 Dist. — DADL

Gen OXILIA

5. Internal Security divs:- infd him of decision taken to reduce strength to 53.300 and requested nomination of divs which they wished to retain, and which to be brought over from SARDINIA for other emp. After stating that he would have preferred to await BERARDI's return before making final decision, and that he personally considered the revised figure much too low, in view of the commitments they would have in the industrial north, he gave the following details: — comd 2 i/c G ii

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- SABAUDA and CALABRIA for the islands
- GRANATIERI
- CREMONA
-PICENO

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- 204, 226, FRIULI divs.

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(for CIL)
CATANZARO
Ref already sent
prod.

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5 lorries
1 trailer
1 tricycle
1 m/c
1 car

2 offrs + 4 ors

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will move 6 July
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LIAISON WITH S M R E

1 Jul 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Breaches of censorship:- handed him MMIA letter and enclosures and requested him to inform outcome of trial of previously notified offenders. He fully appreciates gravity of situation but cannot readily find remedy . — 2 i/c G iii(I)

2. Higher comds:- gen discussion on possibilities of reorg -informal talk- referred seperately. — comd 2 i/c

Col CHIAVARINO

3. IX Engr Regt TRANI:- resulting from meeting earlier to-day, they estimate being able to form one complete Art Lav coy from excess personnel, but have insufficient specialist to complete second. After consultation with SORE infd him that remaining 159 artieri would be used as rfts - destination to be advised by SORE later. — 2 i/c G ii SORE

4. Depots and districts north of NAPLES - FOGGIA:- he is worried about chaotic situation likely to ensue if the matter is allowed to drift - referred substance to 2 i/c — 2 i/c

5. Recall of XIX 1922 class:- following enquiry of yesterday, War Ministry letter of 4 Jun was produced, authority given to area comds to recall all men of this class and instrs that men to report to regts and particularly lab units. D'ANTONA further produced unofficial figures obtained from CAMPANIA showing that as a result of above 600 rfts had been posted to 227 Div and 1500 to 212. Informed them that this was quite out-of-order, and requested that any such arrangements be cancelled forthwith. In meantime, pending confirmation of figures, part of these men to be employed for ~~serial~~ , Lab coy for III Dist. — 2 i/c G i G ii

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

6. 200 muleteer rfts at NICASTRO:- infd him that these were no longer required as muleteers, and that they would now be employed for serial 1127. (44 Regt) — G ii

7. Dvrs:- — G ii

complete second. After consultation with SORE infd him that remaining 159 artieri would be used as rfts - destination to be advised by SORE later.

4. Depots and districts north of NAPLES - FOGGIA:- he is worried about chaotic situation likely to ensue if the matter is allowed to drift - referred substance to 2 i/c — 2 i/c

5. Recall of XIX 1922 class:- following enquiry of yesterday, War Ministry letter of 4 Jun was produced, authority given to area comds to recall all men of this class and instrs that men to report to rfts and particularly lab units. D'ANTONA further produced unofficial figures obtained from CAMPANIA showing that as a result of above 600 rfts had been posted to 227 Div and 1500 to 212. Informed them that this was quite out-of-order, and requested that any such arrangements be cancelled forthwith. In meantime, pending confirmation of figures, part of these men to be employed for ~~serial~~ , Lab coy for III Dist. — 2 i/c, G i, G ii

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Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

6. 200 muleteer rfts at NICASTRO:- infd him that these were no longer required as muleteers, and that they would now be employed for serial 1127. (47 Regt) — G ii

7. Dvrs:- — G ii
   a) driving school, course now ending: 60 to CONVERSANO, 70 to IX Autieri Depot for rfts for 1000 - 1004 GT Coys.
   b) driving school, new course 9 Jul: he will ensure 100 trainees report; most already earmarked.
   c) 1005 GT Coy:- 120 dvrs departing CALABRIA 3 Jul
      90 " ex BARI
      60 " ex POLIGNANO (see above)
      specialists very doubtful - will obtain exact details by 3 Jul
   d) 1006 GT Coy:- he proposes this unit be formed in SARDINIA from large course started 20 Jun
   e) driving course in SICILY:- second course, 100 strong, started 20 Jun

Capt DELLA CORNA

8. Offrs for 1035/6 dvr units for ACC: it is confirmed that offrs are to be produced by BASSO ex X Autieri Regt (LO War Ministry also confirms). No encouragement should be given to FFAA Campania by MMIA Naples to quibble over SMRE and War Min orders. — G ii

Capt CUCINO

9. 4000 rounds 149/19 are additional - ref SMRE 2429 29 Jun — G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 30 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Move to ROME: (with Capt Westbury), they will submit 1 Jul revised mov table, to incl adv party to move entirely by rd, and capable with personnel already in ROME of functioning as Gen Staff without relying on gp to be moved by rail. — 2 i/c G ii

2. Behaviour of Italian tps towrds Allies:- handed to him comd's letter of 29 Jun, which will be submitted to BRIANDI on his return pm 2 Jul. — comd

Gen MATTIOLI

3. Harvesters:-

a) he produced letter from SMRE rep FOGGIA dated 29 Jun reporting that local agricultural org could NOT absorb the last two bns of FRIULI Div and requesting instrs. One bn arrived 29 Jun and the second was expected 30 Jun. Later infd MATTIOLI that MMIA had signalled TEMPORARY, placing ons on AMG and requesting explanation. Meantime ons to stay put. — 2 i/c G ii

b) discussed contents of AMG letter 26 Jun, particularly para on rations on conclusion of service. Referred him to MMIA sig of 29 Jun confirming AMG responsibility. — 2 i/c G ii

MATTIOLI proceeding to FOGGIA 1 Jul to sort the thing out.

c) 650 PICENO personnel at BRINDISI:- see log 28/29 Jun para 3 - infd him that the train to take these men to FOGGIA would NOT after all be arranged, and that men were accordingly at their disposal. — G ii

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Col CHIAVARINO

4. Reorg PBS:- necessary instrs have been given to War Ministry for additional appointments to complete reorg programme. Will follow for action. Some doubt about MO's, of whom PBS is reported to have already over 60. — 2 i/c

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5. Italian mechanical transhipment [illegible] — G ii

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5. Italian mechanical draughtsman: enquired about possibility from RE sources for CMTC Mechanics School. He will make enquiries. G ii

6. LI Bersaglieri Bn:- infd him that approval had been recd for this unit to proceed to CIL as rfts; he is to sup exact strength 1 Jul. G ii

7. 1005OT Coy:- CALABRIA contingent not entraining before 3 Jul, therefore improbable that unit will be complete by 5 Jul. Total dvr requirements earmarked, but specialists NOT found yet and situation doubtful. Some specialists still short for 1004. He will also advise 1 Jul on emp of output of POLIGNANO course now ending. G ii

Maj D'ANTONA

8. Serial 1502 and our SD/19 23 Jun:- replacement of 311 Coy stated to be not easy at this time. Queried disposal of 1922 class in Campania ( being recalled at this moment, it is said). Stated to be destined as rfts for 227 Div. Requested him to find out who gave this order. G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 28/29 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Reerg of PBS:- handed him copy of PBS letter DJL/md 24 Jun, with which he is in full agreement. Details have been passed to CHEVARINO for implementing. — 2 i/c, G ii

2. Behaviour of Italian tps towards Allies:- discussed wording of BERARDI's letter of cancellation and infd him that further letter on subject would be coming from comd. — comd

Gen MATTIOLI (with Maj SUYS)

3. 650 harvesters at BRINDISI ex PICENO:- prefect of BRINDISI has written requesting that these men be allowed to remain on until 25 Jul. Infd him that tpt was already being organized to take them to FOGGIA, and that any alteration at this stage could only be done through ACC Brindisi. — G ii, Mov

4. Return of harvesters from FOGGIA:- MATTIOLI had infm that harvesting was ahead of schedule and that first men to be released = congedanti - would start to leave 1 Jul. He had no infm as to date of release of other gps, but all would be earlier than expected. Discussed problem of reforming the bns of various divs and rationing in the camp at FOGGIA — 2 i/c, G ii, Mov.

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b) FRIULI bns: MATTIOLI to notify MMIA in adv as to approx date of departure, MMIA to arrange for tpt from SARDINIA of necessary offrs and unit eqpt, eventual location to be discussed with OXILIA.

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d) rations: MATTIOLI reported on inadequacy of present fish ration in lieu of P meat - the high flavour of the fish which they are unable to conceal owing to lack of condiments and spices - resulting in sickness among the tps and much of the fish being thrown away and NOT eaten. MATTIOLI info that present stock of fish believed almost exhausted, and that new and better scale for all tps to be put into effect about I Aug.

e) Reorg of Lab Inspectorate:- MATTIOLI advised of SMRE proposal to convert the lab inspectorate into inspectorate of auxiliary units, with task of supervising and following activities of all Italian units under comd II and III Dists and PBS. Proposal receives MMIA blessing. All tps under comd Allies would then be controlled either by Delegazione A or T or the new inspectorate.

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Liaison with S.M.R.E.

27 June 44.

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Maj d'ANTONA. SD

1. 73 Bakery Unit, NICASTRO. Consists of 2 offrs, 115 OR's, 5 WEISS ovens. Until now has been employed on road work. Told SMRE to make it ready, give it Italian uniforms, put in tpt request as soon as possible. Estimated date of readiness 10 July. Said we would confirm above in writing. G

2. 502/3 Smoke Coys. Informed him(and also Ufficio Servizi)that the 203 rfts were to be equipped in BARI, NOT MANFREDONIA. 9 Corps aware of this. G

3. Recall of 1922 class. NO info yet. G

Capt CUCCHI - Services - Arty

4. 149/19 mm on Mainland. Latest position :-

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Gen OXILIA - A.C.G.S.

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2i/c
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Capt CAVANI - Pers and Seg

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LIAISON with SMRE

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26 Jun 44

Maj d'ANTONA S.D.

1. Labour Regts in SARDINIA (Serials 1114/17 and 1125) SMRE have sent chaser re 415, 416 Regts and have asked for confirmation that 411/14 are ready now. Our SD 1008 of 23 Jun refers. G

2. Labour Coy for 3 Dist. Our SD/19 of 23 Jun refers. May some C.R. personnel to help form this Coy be drawn from CAMPANIA? The 1265 ORs required from CALABRIA for 417 Regt (Serial 1127) have exhausted CALABRIA resources. G 1

3. Dissolution of 7 Battaglione Mov Stradale.

| | Offrs | ORs |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Bn at present is:- | | |
| HQ | 6 | |
| HQ Pl | 1 | 35 |
| 132 Road aid Pl | 1 | 28 |
| 6 Coy Mov Stradale | 4 | 204 |
| 7 " " " | 4 | 151 |

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(iii) join 6 Coy and 132 Rd aid Pl for use in ROME.

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Col d'ALESSANDRO S.D.

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Maj VERONI S.D.

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Col CHECCHIA - Services

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7. 2001/2 Services pls with Food Sub Comm ACC. BASSO being instructed to supply rifles. G

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Lieut FERRANDO - Pers e Seg
9. 6 Interpreters for 1 Special Force. 1 offr and 2 ORs only could be made available at once. Said they were to be told to stand by, and that 3 more must be found from SMRE and War Min resources. G 1 G 2

R C B Haydon

Major
GSO 2

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Liaison with S.H.A.E.F. 24/25 June 44.

Maj d'ANTONA - SD

1. Personnel of 1200 Indep. Amb. Pl. Informed him that 2 District will transport them from POLIGNANO to BRINDISI so that they can collect their ambulances. G

2. Adm. Det. OTTAVIANO C.M.P. School. Told him formation sanctioned by AAI as emergency measure, and that det could now report to OTTAVIANO if not already there. G

Gen. BATTIOLI - Labour Inspectorate

3. 410 Labour Regt. Confirmed(also present PIZZONIA, d'ANTONA) that the Regt was to be completed with SBANDATI from FOGGIA Refugee Camp up to maximum of 1500. Our SD 998 of 22 June refers. G

Col. QUERCIA - Services.

4. Informed him SHAEF amended tpt request for move to ROME to be passed through Supertrasporti for vetting. G Mov

5. 10,000 Allied uniforms for C.I.L. Reminded him issues of Allied supplied uniforms were controlled by MMIA A/Q

Col. d'ALESSANDRO - SD

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Officio Automobilismo

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Col CHIAVARINO - SD

8. Discussed Comando Tappe for ROME. Was told C.O.C. M.M.I.A. had instructed ORILIA to form and send it. 3542 2 i/c G

Capt DELLA CORNA - SD

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No information from SARDINIA yet.

11. 212 reparti Lavoratori ARTIERI will be ready 15 July. — G SORE

12. 135 Forestry Coy. Collected copy of the reorgansiation order (4368/Ord of 24 June)for information SORE — SORE G

13. Segreteria del Sottocapo

Explained signals classifications of 'Important' and 'IMMEDIATE' and requested that the information be circulated SMRE so that signals for C.I.L. via M.M.I.A. were correctly graded in future. — G A/Q

Lt CERVASARO - Services - Arty

14. Obtained position re availability Italian small arms and amn. — G2

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LIAISON with SF

Maj d'ANTONA S.D.

1. Completion of Serial 1062 B 1004/5 Q.M. Truck Coys for 5 Army AMG. G 3
Confirmed 2 offrs 77 ORs despatched from BARI. Remainder - Capt and 9 specialists - being found.

2. 673, 674 Corpi Artieri. Informed SMRE that these were POW units. G
SMRE anxious to clarify their juridical (giurdico) posn. Would like A
written answer to their 916/STAT of 21 June.

3. Serials 1114/7 - Labour Regts ex SARDINIA. d'ANTONA checking that G 1
above are being completed and made ready for shipment. 1117 (414 Regt) is ready now. Told him we were also signalling SIMMONS re readiness of these Labour Regts.

4. Serial 1127 (414 Regt). Confirmed it will be formed without using SBANDATI and that personnel will be drawn from depots and ineffective units. To be ready 15 July. Copy of Mob order being sent us. G 1

5. Service Pls for ACC. Nom roll of Cpls and Cooks came from G 1
BASSO, not from 9 Corps the formation responsible for forming the first four pls.

Col D'ALESSANDRO

6. Call up of 1922 class CAMPANIA. Latest info being given me G
tomorrow.

7. Serials 1150/1. Rly Constr units. Balance of 8 offrs and 291 ORs. Posn as follows. SMRE clarifying with BASSO offr ranks required. 200 ORs despatched. Remaining 91 ORs going soon.

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LIAISON with SMRE

1. Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

Dvrs in SARDINIA MAGLI'S sig 2961 of 10 Jun indicates that GT Coy just formed at Cagliari is made up of dvrs from dvr courses and NCT from personnel of units from CORSICA. Furthermore, there are 55 NCO and 28 OR dvrs still unallotted from same source. Serial 2600/1 can be formed entirely from dvrs available in SARDINIA - per their mob order of today ref 4267/Ord. — G 1

2. 48 Cooks for trg course : he is setting about securing the necessary volunteers, all to be men of older classes, due for demob, and with cooking experience. Preferably men from Northern provinces. (CXILIA infd). — G 1

3. 2000 - 2003 Gen Service Pls : collected norral roll of cooks and cpls sent with the pls in the first place. Query: did these men not arrive with their units? — G 1

4. Capt DELLA CORNA

Service Pl for 1 District: collected mob order - unit named 2009 service pl. — G 1

5. Maj PASCHETTA

CRADO Bn : collected tpt details. It is confirmed that this unit has no vehs of its own. — G 1, G III

6. Guides requested by Adv AAI : he confirmed that SLM in best posn to supply through their own personnel up with Adv Allied Forces. Told him to take no further action for the moment. (CXILIA infd). — G 1

7. Gen CXILIA

ROME : he had been infd by phone from Comando Supremo that instrs had been received there from Gen BROWNING in detailed letter G 109 dated 19 Jun addressed Comando Supremo, SMRE and Min of War, covering move to ROME. Adv parties to be there by 23 Jun. SMRE gp to incl Gen CXILIA. Confirmed that no action to be taken pending clarification from MMIA. — 2 i/c G 1

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9. Inspection of 502/3 smoke coys: (see log 18 Jun para 2) MATTIOLI due to have carried out inspection 20 Jun, but NOT yet able to go to — G 1

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10. Delegazione 'T': CXILIA NOT yet infd of location decided on. Mail for SOLDANELLI being posted c/o 210 Div HQ at ANZIO. Reminded him that location has to be in rear of Army boundaries. — 2 i/c, G 1

11. Maj D'ANTONA

507, 508, 509 smoke coys : Personnel all ready - clothing, etc still awaited. Request for clothing sent in last month - held up by Min of War. CXILIA infd. It is confirmed that units will be ready by month end. — G 1, G III

12. 1022 GT Coy: ready to move 22 inst. — G 1, G III

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Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

13. Reorg of Camp Telegrafisti: BASSO has been requested by 3 Dist to form reorg camp at NOCERA INFERIORE to accommodate personnel of Line coys during reorg period. — G 1, SO Sigs

14. 51 Bersaglieri Bn: strength available for CIL as rfts: 327 ORs. Additional 35 earmarked for dvr course. Query: can the 327 rfts be sent fwd? — G 1

15. 200 Muleteer rfts at MICASTRO: XXXI Corps have signalled that these men NOT suitable as muleteer rfts. — G 1

16. 150 AA rfts ex BARI for NAPLES: It is confirmed that these are still at BARI waiting to move. — G III

17. Serial 1075A: balance of 150 ex IX Corps ready to move. Tpt request to follow. — G I, G III



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Liaison with S.M.R.E. - 19 Jun 44

Maj d' ANTONA - S.D.

1. Serial 1200. Muleteer rfts for AAI. The 256 from COSENZA have been sent to G 3
NAPLES sta.
Will MMIA please confirm detraining sta of the 200 from NICASTRO. Request
for tpt for the 200 is with Tpt Branch.

2. LEGNANO Div HQ is being dissolved and most of its 16 offrs and 147 ORs are G 1
being used to form Delegazione "T".
The idea of sending the HQ to 212 Div had not been considered.

3. 200 Dvrs for ACC. Informed d'ANTONA that SMRE efforts to produce the Dvrs G 1
were appreciated but that 69 of them could not drive.
Told them they would be informed if 69 replacements were required.

4. Serial 1098D. 2004/8 Service Pls for ACC ready now in CAMPANIA. 2006 left G 1
17 Jun for CAMPOBASSO. Remainder moving shortly.

5. "Italian det of 1 offr and 17 men for British CMP School" OTTAVIANO has been
formed by FF.AA CAMPANIA on orders AAI (according to FF.AA CAMPANIA). Det due to
go for trg to "CMP Depot & Trg Estab" OTTAVIANO, where 650, 651 T.C. dets already
are undergoing trg.
SMRE were unaware that this unit was being formed, and ask if it is to be
dissolved since it was not formed on MMIA orders.

6. Bn HQ's for PBS. Three have arrived with PBS. Nine others are ready and
are due to move tonight. A further six are in CALABRIA.

Maj VERONI - S.D.

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17 Jun for CAMPOBASSO. Remainder moving shortly.

5. "Italian det of 1 offr and 17 men for British CMP School" OTTAVIANO has been formed by FF.AA CAMPANIA on orders AAI (according to FF.AA CAMPANIA). Det due to go for trg to "CMP Depot & Trg Estab" OTTAVIANO, where 650, 651 T.C. dets already are undergoing trg.
SMRE were unaware that this unit was being formed, and ask if it is to be dissolved since it was not formed on MMIA orders.

6. Bn HQ's for PBS. Three have arrived with PBS. Nine others are ready and are due to move tonight. A further six are in CALABRIA.

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10. OXILIA out all morning. Secretary confirmed correspondence from Supreme Command came by courrier; also that OXILIA was aware that CIL were now u/c 2 Polish Corps (w.e.f. 17 Jun 44). 2 i/c G 1

Maj MAIOCCHI - G(Ops)

11. Ref latest state of Italian Army. 77 of the 78 Italian offrs shown to be in CORSICA are ALLOGLOTTI. 2 i/c

12. Lt CERASARO - Services - Arty Branch

Obtained posn re availability of Italian small arms.

EM G-2

O.P. Whitworth

Major
GSO 2

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 18 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. BERARDI phoned from CAVA to say that Gen BROWNING had gone to ROME to-day with Gen MACFARLANE, and that he hoped to see Gen BROWNING on his return to-morrow. BERARDI had paid a third visit to ROME and seen Col PIDSLEY. — 2 i/c, G i

2. Investigation into 502 and 503 Smoke Coys ( present Gen MATTIOLI ):- explained circumstances leading up to demand for enquiry. MATTIOLI has been charged with looking into the matter and will visit BARI 20 Jun for this purpose, calling first on LO 2 dist. — G i, G ii

3. Additional offrs for PBS (ref PBS letter 13 Jun AG 370.5):- Gave OXILIA gist of letter and details of offrs still required, which M of War unable to find. Suggested these offrs might be immediately available in ROME, which he will look into. — 2 i/c, G i

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Capt DE GIORGI

5. 152 Fd Hosp for 212 Div ex CAVA:- he knows nothing of this move. Unit formerly at disposal of Comando Supremo and other govt ests in SALERNO area - probably no longer required there now in view of imminent move of Govt. Had no particular opinion about desirability of leaving hosp with 212 Div. — 3537 G i, DADMS

6. Six infirmaries for PBS: info him of latest developments. — DADMS

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO and Maj D'ANTONA

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8. Serial 1200:- First batch of 200 muleteer rfts leaving COSENZA to-day, accompanied by 25 all ranks escort. Second batch, also 200 strong plus escort, ~~MMXXX~~ ready to leave NICASTRO. — G i G iii

9. Rfts for Rly coys:- requested to be infd exactly where they propose getting the 300 odd men to complete 1150/1. — G i

Col CHIAVARINO

10. LO's and new units being formed:- for purposes of infm and local co-operation, requested him to arrange for MMIA LOs to be infd of all new units being formed. Issued instrs immediately that all future mob orders will contain instrs in this sense to Corps and other HQs. — G i

11. Rft units for Gen DE STEFANIS:- enquired about request for tpt and ascertained that this had been forwarded. Arranged for delivery to G i. — G i

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LIAISON WITH S M B E

17 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Move to ROME:- they are considering question of tpt, composition of adv party etc. Proposal at present is that rd tpt at their disposal shall make one trip all the way, balance of personnel and stores travel by rail as far as the rly will take them, and cover the remaining distance by rd shuttle service. — G i Mov

2. Italian amn depot at BITONTO:- ( with Gen SABINI ) Amn required to stock up the depot will have to be transported from 20 different depots all over the mainland. Their query I: BITONTO rather far back, considering rate of advance, and that some amn will have to be taken there from NAPLES. Told SABINI Gii would discuss on receipt of list. Query II: technical details relating to storing which require to be discussed on the spot by their techincal offr with 14 B.D. — G i G ii

Maj DIANTONA and Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

3. Serial 1127:- requested them to proceed with the fun of this serial, to be taken from surplus personnel at depots, etc. — G i

4. Serial 1096B:- present est is 4 offrs 132 ors. They suggest following revised est if coy is split into two:
544 and 545 Gen Service Coys, each:
- HQ one offr 8 ors
- two pls, each one offr 30 ors
total: 6 offrs 136 ors (both coys) — G i

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8. Serial 1205/- Additional ncos and men being found by BASSO at X Rads AUTIERI : offrs in APULIA. No date yet for availability of either. — G i

9. Serials 1150/1 :- collected mob order - to be ready 30 Jun. Balance unallotted (305 men) will be non-specialists. — G i
SORE BAF

Gen MATTIOLI
10. 30 offrs and 180 men for PBS:- has recd infm that the personnel for central PBS comd will be available NAPLES 19 Jun. — 2 i/c
G i

11. Letter 2601 15 Jun on "harvesters":- requested him to amend para 1 to read "... from FRIULI and BARI divs " — G i

Col CHIAVARINO
12. Produced letter from HQ 210 Div requesting 2000 muleteer rifts to replace men to be demob with the liberation of further Italian territory etc. — G i

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LIAISON WITH SMRS 14-16 Jun 44

14 Jun

Gen CAILI.

1. Conference with Gen BROWNING on problems arisin. out of occupation of ROME and other matters. Approved minutes communicated to PWB/AFHQ and translation sent to Col PIDDLEY by hand SMRS rep. — 2 i/c G i

2. CAILI instructed to send two reps of SMRS and M of War for ROME. — G i A/C

15 Jun

Gen CAILI

3. BERARDI reported quite satisfied with result of previous days conference. Would like to meet Gen BROWNING for few moments on occasion of latters visit to A.I. CAILI info later that GOC would be calling at Comando Supremo 16 Jun 1000 hrs to see BERARDI and MESSE for a few moments. — 2 i/c G i

4. MESSE Bn for special ops discussed this with CAILI. As replacement he proposed Bn AZZURRO and CRADO bn in that order, considering that the former is better trained. Stressed the security angle, and that he was not to mention the matter to BERARDI or MESSE. — G i

16 Jun

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Gen CAILI ( with Gen MATTIOLI)

5. Central Mtg for PBS tps:- info him of approval to appointment of Gen MESOLI and Lt Col CAROBBSE to new HQ. Requested him to hasten departure of these two offrs now that approval had been read, plus the 30 offrs and 180 ors to complete the HQ. — 2 i/c G i

6. Evacuation of "Repubblica" in 5 Corps area:- info him of — G i

Gen C(III)

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16 Jun

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Gen C(III) ( with Gen MATTIOLI)

5. Central Rqs for PRS tps:- info his of approval to appointment of Gen MATTIOLI and Lt Col CAROPRESE to new HQ. Requested him to hasten departure of these two offrs now that approval had been recd, plus the 30 offrs and 180 ors to complete the HQ. — 2 i/c G i

6. Collection of "spahaghi" in 5 Corps area:- info him of progress being made, that 100 men had been recd in the camp to date, and that end was in the hands of 515 Regt. — G i

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

15. Additional dvrs in SARDINIA:- ref para 10 to-days log, requested him to utilise GT coy just formed in Sardinia plus personnel from new dvr course and any dvrs back from CORSICA for serials 2600 and 2601, on similar scale to QM Truck coys and bn already formed in SARDINIA for earlier serial. G i

16. Serial 1062:- it is confirmed that 47 dvrs for MONOPOLI have already been sent from BARI. G i

17. 100 parachutist rifs from NAPLES to San VITO:- his infm is that these men - NOT all parachutists - are men back from leave etc, rejoining their units. G i

18. Ten Lav artieri coys being formed in CAMPANIA ( ref para 14 to-days log):- infm just to hand from CAMPANIA and subject to confirmation is that 506/7/8/9 have already been formed. G ii SORE

Lt COL PIZZONIA

19. Mil harvesters ex PICENO being diverted to CALABRIA:- he requested infm as to what HQ will be looking after these tps. Infs him that request originated with 2 Region in the person of Col ZELLERS. He will arrange to send an offr for the necessary contact at MATERA. G i

Capt CUCINO

20. Amm for 166 Bty:- additional amm being modified will be available as follows:
- by 19 Jun ( TARANTO and COSENZA) 4500 rounds
- between 20 and 30 Jun ( TARANTO & COSENZA) 6000 rounds

Range of normal amm for 149/19 guns is 14000 metres
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G ii

Gen CAMPIA

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Lt Col PIZZONIA

19. Mil harvesters ex PICENO being diverted to MATAMURA:- he requested intn as to what HQ will be looking after these tps. Intn him that request originated with 2 Region in the person of Col ZEMORO. He will arrange to send an offr for the necessary contact at MATERA. G i

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Gen CHILLIA

21 Just back from CAV. with message from BERARDI for Gen BROWNING. Arranged for Gen CHILLIA to call to see cond 1000 hrs 14 Jun. G i

22. ROME:- SMRE have recd no further instns about move or departure of adv party. Since his return he has had intn from SHAEF/G that reps of Italian Air Force and Navy have already been instructed to proceed to ROME together with their respective Sub Commission reps. Comd G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 13 Jun 44

Capt DE GIORGI

1. Six med units for PBS( serials 5201 - 5206):- info him six units required, each 40 men and initially two offrs, to cater for med needs of 3000 men per unit. Provision of eqpt from Italian sources based on id hosp. Units to be complete with normal unit eqpt and tentage. Expendable med sups to be obtained from NAPLES depot. — G i A/Q DADMS

Maj LUMSDONT

2. Vet Hosp for PBS:- info Lim of decision to find this unit on mainland and requested him to — G i
a) arrange for provision of the 10 vet offrs;
b) find adequate number of farriers, which he fixed at 15, between trained farriers and apprentices;
c) arrange for inspection of muleteer rfts in CALABRIA by vet offrs with a view to selecting all men suitable for vet hosp;
d) get detailed info about the small amount of eqpt in poor condition which they have in the BARI area NOT in use.

Capt CODRARO

3. Phone eqpt for CIL:- despatched to date: 25 phones; Eqpt from CALABRIA due in one or two days; the veh transporting the material has broken down. With this eqpt they will send further five phones. No news of eqpt in SARDINIA. — SO Sigs

4. WT sets for CIL: He would appreciate reply to their sig 5/2651 of 6 Jun requesting authority for release of six R2 sets for Arty HQ of CIL. — SO Sigs

Lt Col CHECCHIA

5. Amn for 166 Arty Gp:- of the amn being modified, 6000 rounds are at TARANTO and 3000 at COSENZA. Change-over to be completed within 15 days. Requested to be info to-day how many rounds will be available at TARANTO by 16 Jun. Discussed quality of amn: modified rounds will have same — G i G ii

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Col CHIAVARINO

6. rits for CIL: ref log 12 Jun, following are strengths of units: G i

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| - 155 Gp Sussistenza | 4 offrs | 65 ors |
| - 95 Gp Telegrafisti | 8 " | 108 ors |
| plus Artieri pl | 1 " | 45 " |
| - Two wksps | | 25 " |

Above are in addition to 100 dvrs, 80 engrs etc.

7. (With Maj VERONI)- They are investigating the shortage on 916 Lav Art Coy, and will make sure that 917 is complete. Also enquiring into the report of 400 engrs at TRANI, and will try to make up the deficiency in 769 Forestry Coy. SOKF

Lt Col DI BIAGIO

8. Dvrs for II Hly Bn:- the 20 dvrs requested are now ready at BARI; query - where are they to go ? G i

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

9. Bersaglieri:- in addition to the "scanduti" collected in SARDINIA (rft coy 250 strong), there are the remnants of LI Bersaglieri Bn at MANDRIA, about 300 strong. 30 of these are earmarked for dvrg course, and the balance available either as rfts for CIL or for Allied programme. SMRE want MSIA to decide on fate of these men. G i

Await reply re Bersaglieri from Sardinia

10. Additional dvrs in SARDINIA:- enquiries on the part of SMRE and over-promot action by Italian HQ Sardinia have led to the following situation:- G i

a) one GT coy of standard pattern, strength 10 offrs, 15 ncos, 385 ors was formed by 10 Jun from personnel got together on the island. Requires adjustments to est to bring into line with latest organization.

b) dvrg course is being started 18 Jun to provide personnel for further GT Coy in one months time.

11. Telegrafisti school:- he is getting busy collecting the 120 men for first course. Considers it essential, however, to hav something in writing as to the scope of the course, and just how much ground has to be covered. This is urgent. G i SO Sigs

12. Serial 1062B:- Following are r acy at IX Dvr Regt Depot BARI: 2 offrs, 7 or specialists, 70 dvrs. Other specialists are awaited. If urgently required, are ~~these coy~~ above to go fwd ? G II

Signal Adv adv = para about para 16

13. Kits for 35 Sez Panettieri:- the 40 lab tps required for CIL have been ordered from IX Corps, and will be forwarded to LEBBA as soon as ready. G i

14. Dev Art coys for programme:- in reply to enquiries about specialists, Campania HQ has replied that those of 1920 - 24 classes ~~XXX~~ have been sufficient to complete three coys. DI BITONTO is clarifying the posn as to which three

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G i

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14. Lev Art coys for programme:- in reply to enquiries about specialists, Campania HQ has replied that those of 1940 - 24 classes ~~xxx~~ have been sufficient to complete three coys. DI RITONTO is clarifying the posn as to which three coys are referred to.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 12 Jun 44

Gen O'ILIA

1. ROME:- He has been instructed to proceed immediately to CAVA to see BERARDI and receive details, presumably for passing on personally to Gen BROWNING, owing to BERARDI being unable to leave CAVA at this moment. O'ILIA is flying this pm, and counts on returning 13 Jun. — G i

2. Gen WILSON and SARDINIA:- passed him latest info. — G i

3. Reorg CIL:- O'ILIA read out document compiled by BERARDI summarising arrangements discussed and said to have been agreed by comd 5 Corps. Certain additional personnel is required for est of new depots at VASTO: Ord – Amm – Engr. To implement this SMRE propose sending the following: — comd 2 i/c G i a/C
- 155 Sez Sussistenza (ex LI Corps)
- 91 Cp Telegrafisti (ex LI Corps) plus pl artieri
- Eighty engr personnel
- One hundred ovre from IX Autoreparto pesante (LI Corps)
- Two mob wksps ex LI Corps
- bring strength of DE STEFANI's HQ to est 20 offrs 86 ors

details of strength later.

It was also stated that 4 Bersaglieri Regt is 300 light, and that further 180 required to replace offr casuals.

Col MIC'LESTI

4. Band for CIL:- collected details of strengths etc. Band will leave LECCE pm 13 Jun and arrive destination am 14. — Staff Capt G

5. Cinema unit:- permission is requested to send cinema unit to CIL for showing films to tps. Unit consists of nco and two men, one veh with apparatus and three films of ancient vintage ( La Tosca etc). Location : LECCE — Staff Capt G 3330

Maj D'ANDRA

6. CLXVI Arty Bty for CIL:- Met Col BONELLI, CO Bty. He fully agrees about the amm situation, and considers it useless to move with only two units of fire. He has'nt a very high opinion of the amm it is proposed to modify at TARANTO. — G i

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Maj D'ANTONA

6. CLXVI Arty Bty for CIL:- met Col BONELLI, OC Bty. He fully agrees about the ammn situation, and considers it useless to move with only two units of fire. He hasn't a very high opinion of the ammn it is proposed to modify at TARANTO. Thinks unit should await arrival of ammn from SARDINIA. Infm for rail move: 1 Staff Car, 1 MC combination, 12 lorries, 24 tractors, 21 trailers, 12 pieces, 320 all ranks. Vehs to refill at FOGGIA. Infm for rail move already handed to Mov LO. — G i

7. 21 Pack Gp HQ:- infd him for infm of move EAST. — G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. GOV VISO VALENCIA:- following volunteers ready to move to CIL rit unit 17 Jun: 10 offrs,16 ncos, 80 ors (incl 6 ncos and 25 ors ARBITI) Tpt request to follow. — G i

9. 1400 sbandati in 209 Div: they would like to have some infm on the progress in collecting these men ? — G i

10. 1913-19 specialists in CAMPANIA:- explained situation and requested him to ascertain if two Artieri Lav coys can be formed from specialists already obtained from 1920 + 24 classes, or failing that, if arrangements can be made to recall 1913 - 19 specialists excl those employed by PBS. — G i — SCRE

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Gen OXILIA phoned 1915 hrs. He stated he had just recd phone call from Gen BERARDI. BERARDI had been to ROME where he found very many urgent problems to be solved, of common interest to SMRE and MMIA. Accordingly he wished a meeting arranged as soon as possible with Gen BROWNING, and if convenient would like Gen BROWNING to fly to CAVA, where BERARDI would be remaining for the present, in order to be close to other senior offrs who might have to be consulted on these problems. OXILIA did NOT indicate the nature of these problems, but he mentioned the need for adv parties from both MMIA and SMRE to proceed to ROME in the next few days, and that he, OXILIA, would be included in such an adv party. He added that he thought Gen MACFARLANE had been consulted, and asked if MMIA had already recd a comm to this effect.

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Referred above to 2 i/c and G i, and replied to Gen OXILIA in accordance with instrs of 2 i/c.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 11 Jun 44

Maj PASCHETTA

1. LXXI Sbarsaglieri Bn: this has been alerted and is now ready to move from Sardinia; strength 21 offrs, 40 ncos, 718 ors with 7 vehs, and 274 MCs and combinations. Details herewith. — G i

2. CERSA and CERSETTI:- adv party CERSA departed to-day, main body going 12 Jun. Main body CERSETTI departed 10 Jun. — 2 i/c, G i

Maj LUNARIONI ( and Col POSTI LIONE of M of War )

3. Vet Hosp for PBS:- It is confirmed that remaining two vet hosps on mainland are required by Italian Army, 103 to go to CISTERNINO for PICENO Div, and balance of 4 to SAMBIASE (CALABRIA) for MANTOVA. They have already supplied the following for the Allies: — G i

- 110 Vet Hosp San Biagio(Fondi)
- 125 " " Persano
- 130 " " Nocelleto
- 210 " " Calvi Risorta
- 212 " " Persano
- 1 " " ( formerly 211) - French Corps

The ten offrs required by PBS can be found on mainland, together with ten farriers, between trained and trainees; balance of personnel to be found in Sardinia and sig already sent to this effect. Eqpt: they might scrape together some eqpt in poor condition in BARI, but suggest that there should be spare eqpt at PERSANO, where there are two complete units, plus part of the eqpt taken from the unit at FOLLA.

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Gen CHILL

4. Post cards for ROME:- is anxious to have definite approval as soon as possible - obviously having pressure brought to bear from outside. — 2 i/c A/Q

5. Gen WILSON's visit to SARDINIA:- infd him of latest developments and discussed implications. Takes poor view of the whole thing. Infd him also that PBS had requested that Gen BASSO accompany Gen WILSON and requested him to facilitate granting the request. He contends that BASSO is no — comd, 2 i/c, G i

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6. Rits for CIL:- requested him where they proposed getting the 4000 rits implied in BERARDI's letter to 5 Corps. He said they would find them somewhere or other, if necessary from internal security civs. — 2 i/c G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO and Maj D'ANTONA

7. CLXVI Arty Gp:- strength 19 offrs 388 ors, location S PIETRO VERNOTICO. Ready to leave: rd party 16 Jun, rail party 17 Jun. Further details herewith. — G i Mov

8. 1913-19 specialist classes in CAMPANIA:-

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| Artieri | 891 | Minatori | 25 | Bridging | 10 | 2 i/c G I SCRE |
| Phone ops | 15 | Tele ops | 114 | WT ops | 77 | | |
| SL ops | 48 | Rlymen | 23 | Electricians | 2 | | |
| Engr assault ops | 19 | Firemen | 22 | TOTAL | 1046 | | |

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LIAISON WITH S M A E 10 Jun 44

Capt DE GIORGI

1. With D'ADMS on various subjects, incl org of six fd hosps for PBS, and one Hosp for ACC. G i

Maj LUNARDONI (and Maj D'ANTONA)

2. Vet Hosp for PBS:- Most of the ten offrs required could be found on mainland without much difficulty, but ors NOT already employed only in SARDINIA. Vet hosps on mainland are at FRANCAVILLA (10) and heli hosp at MARTINA FRANCA (4). LUNARDONI will discuss with the Ministry whether latter can be made available for PBS. 2 i/C G i

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

3. Italian detonators in SICILY:- he has no idea what type these 10.000 detonators are, therefore cannot say whether they are needed for Italian Army. Has no exact knowledge of any ammn in SICILY. ? G ii

Maj PASCHETTA

4. Gd Bn TARANTO:- the bn of the MANTOVA Div on loan on gd duties (I/120 Regt) is to move to COSENZA on being relieved. G i

5. BERARDI letter to 5 Corps 6034/OP: he regrets no copy of this was sent to AMIA, and will see that this is put right to-day. Main pts were:- provision of 20% reserves for CIL and res of 10.000 sets of clothing etc for various types of tps in the Ammn. G i A/Q

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Lt Col CHECCHIA

6. WT sets for 166 Bty:- collected sig requesting authority for issue of sets to this unit, due to join CIL shortly. SO Sigs

Lt Col DI PIETANTO and Maj D'ANTONA

7. 12 Bakers for CIL:- these are being made available in CALABRIA and are being sent forthwith to rft camp at LEBDA G i

8. 166 Bty for CIL:- request for tpt almost complete. Owing to indifferent condition of vehs, provisional request was for G i mov

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Maj PISCHETTA

4. Gd En TARANTO:- the bn of the MANTOVA Div on loan on 20 duties (I/120 Regt) is to move to COSENZA on being relieved. — G i

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8. 166 Bty for CIL:- request for tpt almost complete. Owing to indifferent condition of vehs, provisional request was for entire move by rail. Infd them that all motor vehs and trailers would have to go by rd, and only that part that could NOT be carried by own tpt would go by rail. — G i mov

Col CHIAVARINO

9. Three coys contemplated by M of War:- he knew about them and had viewed the project with disfavour. Assured that the whole thing had been washed out and the necessary counter-orders given and men dispersed. — 2 i/c G i

10. Disbanding of reorg camp:- requested statement of disposal of personnel in the camp at the time of disbanding — 2 i/c G i

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LIAISON WITH S A A F

19 Jun 44

Capt CAVANI ( and Lt FISH AMDO)

1. Appointments of interpreters and LOs:- made it quite clear that we required to have advances info of all such appointments and transfers. Judging by apparent reactions, this was the first they had heard of it. G ii

2. MARLOTTA and MONTRONE:- delay & action due to M of War treating the matter as a routine appointments. This is now being righted. G i

Lt Col CARLO

3. Two AN/5 Radio stns from SARDINIA:- these have already arrived on mainland, authority War Material Disposal Sub-commission 14 Apr ACC/MD/9/3 for WT Pl of Comando Supremo. SO Sigs

4. Farriers:- on instns of War Ministry course for farriers has just been started at FRANCAVILLA, to train 160 farriers by [illegible] Sep. Org unit is 103 Infantry Quadrupedi. G i

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

5. Amn weight tables:- collected info required for types used by CIL - groses weights per 100 rounds incl cases. G ii

6. 45MM mortar bombs and fuzes:- collected details of availability. There are no spare fuzes, as these are an integral part of the comb. G i

7. Amm for 149/19:-

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| on mainland | 6.500 rounds | G ii |
| in SARDINIA | 16.000 " | |
| Amn being modified | 8.000 " | |

8. Visit to NAPLES:- CHIAPPARELLI is going to Naples 13 Jun, and will be visiting the CAPUA amn dump. G ii

Lt Col DI BITONTO and Maj D'ANTONA

9. Serial 1200:- 6 offrs , 250 ors ex COSENZA 11 Jun
6 " , 250 " " NICASTRO 18 Jun G i

10. Serial 1002:- orders already given for 47 ovrs to proceed to MONOPOLI for 1011 GT Coy. G i

11. 166 Gruppo 149/19:- info them that this bty required to join G ii

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Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

5. Amm weight tables:- collected info required for types used by CIL - gross weights per 100 rounds incl cases. G ii

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11. 166 Gruppo 149/19:- inid them that this bty required to join CIL soonest, rep 9 hours ahead to rear 5 Corps. Bty at present some 150 men short, but hope to have ready to move in two - three days. Motor-drawn, and will go by rd. G ii

12. Dvr course, POLIGNANO:- inid him of satisfaction at sup of personnel for the third course, but additional 100 men now promised NOT required. DI BITONTO knew nothing about this, and will stop them. G i

13. Serial 1075A:- The 550 men ex APULIA are ready and tpt request will be made almost at once; twelve bn HQs are being alerted and despatched; ISCHIA and CAPRI groups due to arrive shortly. When these moves are completed this serial will have been almost fully met. G i

Maj VENORI

14. Specialists to replace PW coy at BARI:- he has looked into the possibility of producing these, but results are NIL. G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

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S E C R E T

8 Jun 44

Gen ORILIA

1. Special post cards for ROME:- showed him our proposed conventional phrases, which he can overprint on the cards already prepared (6000). To inform him whether he can go ahead with the issue and conc at NAPLES. — C i/c A/Q

2. Delegazione "A":- requested mil history of Gen DE STEFANIS and Lt Col LOMBARDI, his Chief of Staff. Report just to hand from DE STEFANIS indicates that he has established satisfactory relations with comd 5 Corps and everything proceeding well. — 2 i/c G iii(I)

3. Comando Supremo:- Mentioned instances of action taken by MESSE in matters of direct concern between SMRE and MMIA, and that this was regarded as interference which it was NOT intended to tolerate any longer. Gathered that his opinion, although he did NOT say so in so many words, coincided with ours, and that once MMIA, SMRE and M of War were together in ROME alongside ACC and seat of Italian Govt, Comando Supremo would become entirely redundent. The gist of this conversation will be conveyed to BERARDI. — comd 2 i/c G i A/Q

4. SARDA under comd I Dist:- info him of order just issued by AAI, which he deprecated on grounds that SICILY had been handed back to Italian adm and that tps there should be left under Italian jurisdiction as much as possible. Discussed personal relations between comd I Dist and comd XII Corps, and agreed that it would have been very much better had the matter been settled by amicable arrangement. — comd 2 i/c 3525

5. CERSA and CERSEII:- he was anxious to have authority to move the personnel for these two orgs to FOGGIA and AVERSA to start their duties, as he understood that men were already arriving there. Later phoned through authority. Detailed instrs as to disposal of tps which pass through their hands have yet to be issued, and will first be discussed together. — 2 i/c G i

Capt DELIA GC&S

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Capt DELLA CORNA

6. Service pls for ACC:- Sig from PASSO stating that pls being formed at 31 Inf Regt Depot NAPLES. G iii

7. Bn HQ:- HQ of 43 Lav Artieri Bn is being retained to adm 5, 152 and 163 Artieri Coys, under 209 Div. G iii

UFFICIO TRASPORTI

8. This branch has now moved out of the SMRE building, and has set up office near the sta. MOV

This has been effected 29 Oct 1AF 9/6

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

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4 June 44

Gen OXILIA ACGS

1. Coy ex-CIL for ROME. Informed OXILIA that AAI had told 5 Corps to send one Coy from CIL for cerimonial guard duties at Royal Palace. Coy to be u/c 5 Army on arrival ROME. MOVWIT and 5 Corps arranging movement. — GOC, 2 i/c, G

Col CHIAPPARELLI - Services-Arty Branch

2. GS reserve of armament for CIL and NEMBO. Confirmed that locations of weapons forming the reserve and details of associated stores would be given in SMRE's reply to our SD/2/1/2 of 22 May. Informed him 14 BAD BITONTO is the likely location of reserve once it is concentrated. — G 2

3. Amn for CIL discussed. Saw also Col QUERCIA (who attended the conference at 5 Corps on 4 June) re 5 Corps proposals re amn supply for CIL. — G 2

Col GUIDA SD

4. Hy Mobile Workshops. Informed him 59 and 62 Hy Mob W/S were going to CIL. and that 38 Heavy Mob W/S was remaining as CAPUA. — G 1

5. GT Coys. Informed him GT Coy now forming at POLIGNANO will be designated 1004 GT Coy. Subsequently formed Coys to be numbered 1005. 1006, 1007 etc to conform with designations of the British cadres. — G, ST

Col DI BITONTO SD

6. Saw SMRE signal instructing 31 Corps to alert 480 muleteers (240 for 10 June, 240 for 18 June). — G

7. Units for FBS. Was informed 26 offrs and 154 ORs ready 10 June in CALABRIA. 31 Corps putting in request for transport. Cmr SD/20 of 3 June, dealing with Serials 1090, 1093, 1095, refers. — G

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8. Reorg of AA units. Ref our G/3 of 2 June. 150 ORs ex-BARI surplus ready to move to 19 Raggruppamento, NAPLES, 9 June. 150 ORs (again ex-BARI surplus) are available now for training as Dvrs. — G, G2 AA

Maj DE MONACO - MEDICAL

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GSO 2

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 6 Jun 44

Gen CAILLA

1. Incidents with NEMBO Div:- infd him verbally of contents of AAI letter of 2 Jun. comd

2. Central HQ for 210 Div: and Tomaselli gp:- requested details on proposed org and size of the HQ, also SOLDATELLI's mil background. 2 i/c G i

3. Central HQ for PBS:- requested mil history of Gen REISOLI 2 i/c

4. Postal service for ROME:- infd him that draft card was satisfactory from MMI's pt of view. Necessary sanction was now being sought; in the meantime he might like to go ahead with the printing. 2 i/c

5. Coy of CIL for ROME:- infd him of change of plan, and that units under comd 5 Army was being alerted to move. comd

Lt Col GUIDI

6. Carabinieri:- collected copy of letter from Carabinieri HQ informing ~~xxxx~~ SMRE, M of War, and M of Interior that CCRR for mil duties were no longer available. 2 i/c G i

7. Bakery Sec for 8 Army:- collected tpt infm relating to first sec and five ovens; it is confirmed that they are endeavouring to raise the second, with ovens, in SARDINIA G i

8. Thousand men from CALABRIA:- the order that these should go to complete est of MANTOVA ( see log 5 Jun para 10) has been countermanded, and they are now being made available for programme. It has been decided by SMRE that they will have to be main source for 480 muleteer rtis, as it will be some time before the 1922 class men can be utilized. One batch is to be ready to move 10 Jun, and the balance 18 Jun. 2 i/c G i

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Lt Col GOLDA

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Gen OXILIA

10. Clearing of battle-fds:- AMG with 5 Army has sent urgent request to Comando Supremo with copy to Gen Staff, requesting immediate provision by arrangement with Army Sub Commission of unit for removing mines and booby-traps from towns just occupied by 5 Army. X AMG state that everything held up in these towns on this account and that 5 Army NOT doing anything to clear mines etc. SMRE have no trained personnel available other than in three coys on mainland already employed by Allies, and two units in SARDINIA already earmarked for same purpose. Inia OXILIA that he should reply that application has to be made to AAI. — comd & i/c G i SORE

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LIAISON WITH SHAEF 5 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Postal service for ROME: collected draft for printed card, for which they await our approval. He quite agrees with the suggestion that some card should be used for the reply. — 2 i/c G i

2. Coy of CIL for ROME:- they already knew all about this via Comando Supremo, and are under impression that rd tpt is already being laid on to move the coy to ROME. A mixed coy is being alerted, incl pls of parachutists, inf and bersaglieri, or some such combination. They have also heard that a bn of 67 Regt is ~~xxxx~~ getting ready to move - presumably for lab duties. — 2 i/c G i

3. Sups for GARIBALDI Div:- infd them that MMIA now infd, and defined situation. IAF HQ had sent sig implying MMIA directly concerned with allocation of sups, or alternatively of communicating to 266 quantities needed by the div. Confirmed that no new instrs recd by MMIA and that matter entirely outside Sub Commissions terms of ref. OXILIA dictated sig to IAF to this effect. — 2 i/c A/Q

4. Central HQ for PBS:- OXILIA spoke to INFANTE over the phone while I was there and outlined proposals discussed at this mornings meeting. It is confirmed that Col BRUNO is NOT available, and it is stated that infm to this effect has already been passed to CC PBS in reply to enquiries made direct. OXILIA proposes following appointments: — 2 i/c G i

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- GOC Gen di divisione RUSCOLI (NOT at present emp'd)
- 2 i/c Gen ? LA FERLA (Present comd 212 Div)

if acceptable to PBS

C of S- Lt Col CAROPRESE ( C of S XXXI Corps )

Orders have been given for the selection of the 30 offrs required for this HQ, half of whom to be senior offrs, plus the 180 ors.

5. Central HQ for 210 and units under Gen TOMASELLI: in anticipation of move fwd of this fmn and units, respect- — 2 i/c G i

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5. Central HQ for 210 and units under Gen TOMASELLI: in anticipation of move fwd of this fmn and units, respectively with 5 and 8 Armies, and consequent removal from under comd FRA CAMPANIA, they are anxious to implement proposals discussed at this mornings meeting, and would like formal approval to constitution of small HQ, for which they propose to nominate Gen di divisione BOLDRELLI, former comd of CUNEO Div. — 2 i/c G i

6. Clearing of battle-fds:- (present Gen CRIVERO, Engr Inspectorate M of War) - as a result of further accidents in which civilians have been killed by mines and booby traps, they would like to have urgent infm on Allied policy on clearing of vast mine fds in battle areas. They point out that while mine fds are clearly marked in early stages, with the passing of time these indications are apt to disappear. Furthermore, the areas involved are vast and require to be cultivated. They wish to know if, and to what extent, the Italian authorities are to be responsible for the clearing. They are anxious to play their part, but have no trained personnel beside the 163, XL 11 and 12 compagnie d'arresto on the mainland, and 13 and 164 coys in SARDINIA. contd.... — 2 i/c C i SORE

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Gen GIELI contd

6 Clearing of battle-fds - contd. First three coys presumably already employed for the Allies, and the two in SARDINIA waiting to come to mainland to serve as basis of ten lav artieri coys. If they are to undertake the task, they request they be allowed to have proportion of personnel from each coy, say 50 per coy, up to total of 200.

7. Battaglione AZZURRO:- the air force bn formed for combat is holding fd firing exercises 6 Jun, in conjunction with arty of PICENO Div, between M'SOLFRA and MARTINA FRANCA. BERARDI will be present, and any offr from MMI who cares to be present will be welcome. — 2 i/c G i

8. CERZA and CORZETTI:- these are the designations given to the two orgs set up EAST and WEST to deal with individuals liable for mil service passed through the Allied lines. Infm from Comando Supremo indicates that in the ROME area there are likely to be 6000 offrs and 10.000 to 14.000 men who come in this category, and have been offering token or active resistance to the enemy. Suggest that definite instrs are given to SMRE as to disposal of these men, to avoid possibility of misunderstanding. — 2 i/c G i A/G Col FIDELI

Lt Col GUIDA and Lt Col DI BITONTO

9. Serial 2610:- could NOT state exact posn, but will look into the matter and advise later. — G i

10. Serial 1127:- the first thousand men to be made available in CALABRIA following discussion between LO XXXI Corps and CHIEF/COMMATI have been allotted to MANTOVA Div, to bring it up to strength. It is stated to be considerably below est, and requires full strength to meet commitments on L of C, gd coys on loan and men required for harvesting. — 2 i/c G i

11. 1150/51:- SMRE are awaiting figures from CALABRIA relating to specialists of 1913 - 19 classes available for recall there. — G i

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11. 1150/51:- SMRE are awaiting figures from CAMPANIA relating to specialists of 1913 - 19 classes available for recall there. It is assumed that these will incl proportion of rly constr specialists. Requested them to hurry these figures along as much as possible. — G i

12. Serial 1096B:- no progress here, as unable to trace the serial on their records. — G i

13. Serial 1098D:- stressed the importance of getting the service ~~is~~ delivered by 15 Jun. They will follow the matter closely and report progress. — G i

14. Serial 1200/4 a part of the 480 muleteer ~~offrs~~ may be found in IX Corps, the remainder may have to come from part of the 1922 call-up in CAMPANIA — G i

15. Order of Battle SARDINIA:- collected copy of return at 27 May showing units working for the Allies there. Source: Gen MAGLI. — G iii

16. Our SD/20 of 3 Jun:- ready to move at once from CALATONE 56 ncos and 240 men. Balance by 10 Jun.( Serials 1093/5) — G i

17. Shipwrights in Italian Army for X Water Tpt Coy: Availability NIL. — Staff Capt Q

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LIAISON WITH S E R E 4 Jun 44

Col MICALETTI

1. Mil band for CIL: there is a band available at CASARANO, strength about 35, complete with instrs. Ready to move within 2/3 days, and would travel in Italian rd tpt. Awaits our order to depart. A/Q

Maj LUNARDONI

2. 15 horses for rest camp at MANCUSO: according to his infm, this matter has already been arranged direct with the M of War, and the horses already supplied. G iii

3. Lt Col GALLO

Additional phones for CIL:- they are trying to get together all the phones the can lay hands on. Left message for GALLO that they should send up a first consignment, without waiting to collect all 30. SOSigs

Lt CHIERICI

4. Pigeons:- left word that the 14 female birds should be brought up to APULIA. SO Sigs

5. Pigeon food: they will confirm that this can be sent by air to SARDINIA, if necessary by installments. SO Sigs

Maj VERONI

6. Bilingual WEs:- the fourth and last remaining est is being photographed, and should be ready evening 5 Jun. G i

Gen MATTIOLI

7. Handed him copy of AMG FOG IA adm instrs on harvesting, for infm and to be returned. G I 3520

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b) infd him that contrary to statement in para 2, MGI had recd no instrs about expending accn for offrs reception. This has already been seen to by them. (see page 4 *)

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MATTIOLI stated that most of SMRB adm instr* (of which we have a copy) will have to be re-written.

Col CHIAVARINO

8. It has been provisionally arranged that he will visit LECCE Tuesday next 6 Jun to meet Gi and for gen discussion on figures etc. — G i

9. AA in SARDINIA:- handed him draft of plan for disbanding AA units in SARDINIA, to enable him to make provisional plans and preparatory arrangements for breaking up units concerned. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

10. 13 and 164 compagnie d'arresto:- these units are awaited from SARDINIA to form the basis of ten lav artieri coys forming in CAMPANIA. BASSO has signalled to know if their arrival cannot be hastened. — G i SORE

11. TC increments:- requested investigation as to why no cooks or dvrs had been sent with first two secs. Interpreters will have to be supplied by SMRE if and when available. — G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 3 Jun 44

Gen CRILLA

1. CIL:- Gen BERARDI was lunching at LI Coprs HQ to-day, and due back at LECCE during the afternoon. CRILLI knew nothing of a meeting at 5 Corps to-morrow, but will, if necessary ring us back on BERARDI's return. — comd, 2 i/c

2. News of ROME:- discussed situation as affecting several members of the staff. Submitted memo to G iii(I) — G iii$I)

3. Band for CIL:- they will probably send the band from the Inf Depot LECCE. Col MICHELETTI will definite answer and strength later today. Will probably move by rd in Italian tpt. — G i

Gen MATTIOLI

4. Mil harvesters FOGGIA:- just back from seeing Lt Col WHINERAY at FOGGIA, TEMPERLEY being away. MATTIOLI found the org for reception totally inadequate, and by arrangement with WHINERAY will set up transit camp at FOGGIA to take 3000 men, staffed by personnel from the 25000 unsuited for harvesting - 50-60 men in all needed. It would seem, however, that rations for this camp are to be provided from Italian army sources. Told MATTIOLI that this was NOT as agreed, and that we should have to sig AMG accordingly. Latest programme is as follows:- — 2 i/c, G i

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The transit camp will also look after collection of sick and re grouping and sorting out personnel prior to departure.

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Capt CIVANI

5. Re MARLETTA-MONTRONE:- instrs were given to War Ministry in accordance with our request. CIVANI will contact Ministry for explanation, and advise later in the day. — G i

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7. OCRR for 210 Div:- Revised order of yesterday has been modified and the original request for rift of 30 men confirmed. — G i

Lt Col DI BIDONTO

8. Parachutist rifts left for LEDDA to-day. — G iii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 2 Jun 44

Gen OXILIA

1. General discussion on dispositions of CIL with 5 Corps and chain of comd. G i

2. Tps for harvest:-
   a) M of War has put in a request for 10.000 men for helping the harvest in MATERA province. SMRE has turned the thing down. G i
   b) Prefect of Brindisi has put in SOS for 1000 men as the harvest is going to waste. Suggested that 1000 men from PICENO, of those destined for FOGGIA, should be loaned for two weeks, and shipped to FOGGIA as the last contingent of the PICENO. G i

Lt Col GUIDA

3. Two Bakery dets for 8 Army:- he is trying to find these, personnel probable, but all ovens NOT likely to be available. Strength: 50 - 60 men per sec. He feels however that they should definitely be included in the Allied programme, and NOT charged against Italian adm. G i

4. Extra CCRR sec for 210 Div:- in view of special circumstances in this div area, SMRE are producing complete additional sec ex reorg camp staff. Will be ready to leave 5 Jun. G i

5. CCRR for AAI:- 711 CCRR Sec 1 offr, 5 ncos, 25 ors will be reporting to Camp Comd AAI by 4 Jun. NOT necessarily travelling in one body. G i

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6. 520 Gd Coy:- passed instrs as to changed destination and measures taken with regard to adv party. G iii

7. Serial 1093:- info them that this unit requires to be filled by non-specialist personnel G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. Parachutist rfts:- requested explanation of sig calling for [illegible] to NAPLES. Rfts now required at LEBBA, and fresh [illegible] G iii

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8. Parachutist rifts:- requested explanation of sig calling for move to VITERBO. Rifts now required at LEBBA, and fresh instrs explanations given to LECCE 47 Inf Depot accordingly. — G iii

9. 1913-19 specialists in CAMPANIA:- he will ask FSA Campania to give exact numbers by different categories of specialists. — G i

Capt DELL' CORNA — 2 i/c

11. Twelve bn hqs for PBS:- collected mob order for twelve new HQs to be formed in APULIA, in view of PBS sig just recd. First HQs to be ready 6 Jun, balance to be completed 10 Jun. — G i

Lt Col GUIDI

12. Italian TC Coy being formed for 5 Corps:- (for infm) 209 Div is forming from existing personnel one TC Coy, to work alongside CMPs, drawn from 3 Coy I/522 Regt. Strength: 3 offrs, 7 ncos, 98 ors. — C i

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 1 Jun 44

Capt CEVANI

1. Borrowed file relating to Italian offr employed by 62 Service Gp, whom the SMRE wishes to exchange for more suitable type, as having unsatisfactory political background. Due to be defascistisized (?) G iii(I)

Gen CILLI

2. SMRE staff:- further talk about SIMONETTI and other members of the Gen staff and the sort of job they are doing. CILLI appears to have a very fair appreciation of the suitability or otherwise of some of the staff, and promises to bring about changes gradually. G i

3. Gen ERRANDI is on a visit to 209 Div in connection with move of Italian combat fmn. Expected back to-morrow. 2 i/c G i

4. Col MERCI', of whom CAILIA has very high opinion, has been sent to visit Italian units in fwd areas of 5 Corps. See log 30 May para 2. G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

5. Rft camp S 'GATA DEI GORI:- further details have now come to hand of personnel: 18 offrs, 30 ncos, 300 ors, 3 tons stores. See log 29 May para 10. G iii

6. Adv Med Depot Store, VASTO:- 1 offr and 4 ors to be found by IX Corps, who will notify when ready. G

7. CCRR for AAI:- Instrs sent for sec to be formed as detailed, to be named 7II CCRR Sec, and to leave 4 Jun under own arrangements. G iii

8. Rfts for 209 Div:- our SD/19 of 16 May requested rfts to be sent, which were later substituted by decision to recall sbandati in 5 Corps area, though above letter was never cancelled. Can this request be taken as cancelled ? G i

Lt Col GUIDI

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Lt Col DI RITONTO

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7. CCRR for NAI:- Instrs sent for sec to be formed as detailed, to be named 7II CCRR Sec, and to leave 4 Jun under own arrangements. G

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Lt Col GUFO

9. Our sig SD634:- info him that the request contained in this sig for Stretcher Bearer unit was to be considered in abeyance. DADMS

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LIAISON WITH S.M.A.F. — S E C R E T

31 May 44.

General CAVIGLIA A.C.G.S.

1. Handed and translated to him SD/2/1/2 of 31 May, subject "Org of C.L.L." He will ensure we get request for tpt of the extra staffs to C.L.L. and 209 Div HQs as soon as possible. — G.

Col. De BIASIO S.D.

2. Rfts for 93 Med. Sec. 9 Corps have put in tpt request for 4 Offrs and 117 O.Rs rfts. Entraining Sta. BARI — G. MMB.

3. 62 Dvrs from SICILY for CONVERSANO by 5 June. SMFF 4141/Mob of 22 May refers. Still no tpt request from SICILY; XII Corps therefore instructed to send the dvrs to BARI. — G.

4. 68 Rfts Bn. Was informed Adv. party leaving today or tomorrow for Rear 5 Corps H.Q. — G.

5. 1200 Amb. Sec. Confirming conversation G.2 (L) 30 May De BIASIO has instructed Amb. Sec to stay put until completely equipped. — G. MMB.

Col. GUIDA. S.D.

6. 52 Carabinieri for 5 Army. 30 CC.RR from CC.RR III) in liberated ITALY ordered to move to CC.RR Sec at 210 Div. Should be there by 5 JUNE. Remaining 22 difficult to supply and SMFF consider 30 should suffice. If 22 more are definitely needed they will scratch around and find them. — G.1.

Col. CHIAPPARELLI - Services - Arty Sec.

7. Went through ammn letter, AD/30 of 29 May with him. — G. 3516

8. Informed him C.I.L. receiving 45 6-pdr A/T guns to replace 47/32's.

9. Confirmed to him that he was entitled to make in all, 8 withdrawals of 9 mm ammn (1,000,000 rds each withdrawal) up to and including NOV. 44.

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7. Went through mun letter, A/90 of 29 May with him.

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Maj. De MONACO - Medical.

10. Gave him warning order to alert 1 offr and 4 C.Rs to form small Adv. Med depot store at VASTO.
D.A.D.M.S. to confirm.

A.P. Harwell

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

30 May 44

Gen ORILLI:-

1. Refugee camps:- was shown sig from MESSE 13310 of 27 May purporting to be result of meeting with Gen M'CREARY and requesting SMRE to get into touch with Gen BROWNING regarding org of two or more camps to receive civilians, individual soldiers and patriot bands as the line advances. Pending definite arrangements, 209 and 210 Div comds to undertake the task provisionally, which they have already been instructed to do by SMRE. Infd G i, and subsequently sig was sent to MESSE advising that MMI had NOT recd instrs in the matter. — 2 i/c G i

2. SMRE contact with 209 Div:- infd him that we had heard unofficially that Italian units in this area were out of touch with Italian high comd, and that noone had been to see them for a long time. He confirmed that this was so, and will send someone up there shortly. — G i

3. Bertoldi letter of 27 Mar:- he showed me a copy of this, which corresponds with the letter recd from MMI. He will send us a copy officially, together with a statement on the carrying of arms by Italian tps. — 2 i/c G iii(I)

4. Activities of CARCANO and TADDEI in SICILY:- SMRE state they know nothing of these two, and will make enquiries at once. Requested him to confirm this in writing, which he promised to do in the course of the day. — 2 i/c

5. Move mistakes:- infd him of visit of tpt offr from MMI in connection with recent incidents and errors in moves of Italian units. Suggested that staff should be under complete control of SMRE Mov Branch, as understood M of War had been posting offrs away without consulting this Branch. Col SIMONETTI was called into the office and given slight grilling, and [redacted] definite orders on this and other aspects. Took opportunity to suggest to ORILLI that it would be in everyones interest if Col PULIZZI were brought back to the Tpt Office. — G i Mov

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6. German parachute found and man detained:- reco infm and passed on by phone immediately to G iii(I). — G iii(I)

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7. FOGGIA harvest:- it is confirmed that MATTIOLI is to be responsible for that part of the adm and disciplinary organization which devolves on the Gen Staff. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

8. Just back from SARDINIA, with message from MARLI that proceedings in connection with DE MARINI trial will be concluded by 15 Jun. After that the trial will start ! — Giii(I)

9. Dvrs for IRL Coys - see log 20 May para 13:- clarified that vans in BARI are for two regts still to come over from SARDINIA. Consequently had sig sent to SARDINIA REQUESTING THAT ALL ~~these~~ 151 regts being formed there are sent over with 16 dvrs apiece. — G i DADL

10. 68 Rit Bn:- instructed that adv party proceed forthwith to report to Rear 5 Corps Q at PAGLIETTA. — G iii

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

11. Info him of reasons for withdrawal of 100 dvrs from two tpt pls being formed for 10C in Campania. Sig to this effect had already reached SMRE from BASSO. G i

12. Additional 3CRR for 210 Div:- they will send rifs, but are most anxious NOT to attach another sec, as many divs have been clamouring for a second sec and they have had to take a firm line to economise in Carabinieri. C i

13. Serial 10628:- the dvrs destined to this unit are going instead to 2019 GF Coy, as the 62 dvrs from SICILY will NOT arrive in time. When they do arrive they will go to this serial. G i

14. 14 Gruppo Guide, prot tpt unit with Italian combat fmn, has 50 men of the 1913 class who require to be replaced as they are unfit for this type of work. CCRR ask if 50 younger men from the next cy recalled in CAMPANIA may be utilized. G i

Packing with 50 for Guide Bn Comando Supremo

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 20 May 44

Gen DEL PANTA

1. Army horses on loan to farmers:- Only formality is that farmer signs a declaration making him responsible for the well-being of the animal, and liable to pay damages if the animal suffers or dies through neglect; he must also be prepared to release the animal immediately on demand. Carts are NOT loaned to farmers. Animals are ~~only~~ loaned to bona fide farmers only. Any deposit or payment made for use of horses is NOT legal. Latest returns of animals on loan are as follows:- G iii

| | |
|---|---|
| - IX Corps | 69 |
| - XXXI Corps | 564 |
| - LI Corps | 358 |
| - Sardinia | 75 |
| | 1066 (Sicily excluded) |

How many are mules?

Maj PASCHETTA

2. Gen di brigata MORO:- has been sent to comd all arty units of Italian combat fmns. Pass granted to-day for COLLI DEL VOLTURE. G iii(I)

3. Mil harvesters for FOGGIA:- requested despatch 30 May of five offrs to deal with CONGEDATI, at request of AMG FOGGIA. Passes required as soon as names forthcoming later to-day. TEMPERLEY to be info that these are additional to the offrs arranged with PASCHETTA, and that they should be returned to SMRE as soon as their special assignment with the CONGEDATI is completed. G i / G iii(I)

Col CHIAVARINO

4. Harvesters ex PICENO and MANTOVA:- warned him that move would take place on or about 8 Jun. DI BITONTO to produce Opt details in 2/3 days time. They are still struggling with the total required from PICENO, to-days figure being little over 4000. G i

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Capt DELLA CORNA

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5. Coys for ANZIO:- confirmed readiness as follows:- — G i / Mov

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| - 541 Coy | 30 May | 1700 hrs | MOLFETTA |
| - 542 " | 30 May | 1200 " | NICASTRO |
| - 543 " | 30 May | 1200 " | CASARANO |

6. Twelve bns XXXXX HQs for PBS:- collected mob order, which, however, omits to disband the HQs of 120 and 121 Regt. Have requested him to issue supplementary order, which he has promised to do forthwith. — 2 i/c / G i

Col CUSHOI

7. Port det for receiving personnel and stores at NAPLES:- (see log 20/21 May) - CUSHOI is just back from his visit to NAPLES, where he saw Capt MONICO and made the necessary arrangements to overcome the situation complained of. — 2 i/c / G i

8. Visit to ESPERIA:- thanks to the assistance recd from Liaison office and other Allied offrs in Naples, he was able to travel to ESPERIA G7309, recently occupied by Allied forces, and find his family. Very bitter complaints about the behaviour of MOROCCAN tps and the sacking, pillage and rape they committed. The sentiment was expressed that the population even regretted the departure of the GERMANS, so terrified were they by the behaviour of the coloured tps. — comd

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Admiral FIORAVANZO

9. Has just given up post of comd of the Naval Base at TARANTO, where he was also senior Italian official for the province. Discussed with him gen situation in the town, in relation to need for internal security tps for maintaining law and order - see log 27 May para 4 b. There are 25.000 workmen employed in the naval dockyard and shipbuilding firm in TARANTO. Earlier this year there were civil disturbances in the town over the question of rations, and the authorities feel insecure on account of the large number of workers there. FIORAVANZO considers the situation is improved, following the decision of Food Sub Commission to grant supplementary rations to 18.000 of the naval workers, and that four coys naval ratings could replace the bn of the PICENO at present employed there. FIORAVANZO will have charge now of the Historical Records Branch at the Italian Admiralty. comd 2 i/c

Lt Col CANNONE

10. Rft camp S AGATA DEI GOTI:- this is the rft bn of the Mot Bde. Strength to-day was: 19 offrs, 301 ors, plus 5 tons stores. Up to recently the Autoreparto of the Mot Bde has also been at this location, but has now moved to MONTAQUILA. Should it have to move, it will presumably move in its own tpt. G i

Maj VERONI

11. Bilingual WEs/TOs:- the four staff tables being translated are in the process of being reproduced. It is anticipated that at least three will be ready to-morrow (30 May) G i

Capt DELLA CORNA

12. Our SD/19 of 23 May:- 100 med personnel can be made available from IX Corps, plus up to 258 from port lab. SMRE wish to be inid if serials 5201 to 5206, each 6 offrs and 40 ors, incl any particular specialists other than straight med personnel. 35 f2

13. Lt Col DI BITONTO

Dvrs for IBI Coys:- MATTIOLI has requested 24 dvrs to man the G i

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13. Lt Col DI BITONTO

Dvrs for IRL Coys:- MARTINOLI has requested 24 dvrs to man the corresponding number of vehs stated to have been already delivered to the Italian Port Lab HQ in BARI for the first two regts of Italian pnr tps on British est. This refers first two bns already formed in APULIA and the first two to come from SARDINIA. — G i DADL A/Q

14. Driving course in CALABRIA:- the third course commences 5 Jun, and will train 150 men for the next GT Coy at CONVERSANO. — G i

15. Surplus AA personnel: he would like the personnel as from BARI to be made available, at least in part, for a dvrs course, as it is considered that they would be very suitable for this purpose. — G i

16. 1200 Sez AUTOAMPULANZA:- this has been ready for some days, and they are anxious to get rid of it from BARI. Query: is it for temporary attachment to 1002 GT Coy ? — G i

17. 62 dvrs from SICILY:- still no reply from XII Corps to indicate where these men are to start from. They are needed at CONVERSANO 5 Jun. SMRE sig to XII Corps, 4141/ Mob of 22 May refers. Can MMI chase through LO please. — G i

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Lt Col TI BITONTO

16. 1923 class recalled in CAMPANIA:- revised figures are as follows: 2 i/c G i

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|---|---|---|
| - dvrs | 303 | |
| - muleteer rfts | 320 | plus 100 still to leave |
| - 210 Div rfts | 1662 | |
| - Capua dump | 148 | |
| - AA rfts | 229 | |
| - absent | 663 | for various reasons being investigated |
| - balance | 240 | for serial 10754 |
| | 3665 | |

The total is about 600 higher than previously notified.

Capt DELLA CORNA

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SMRE quite satisfied if posn is regularised as it stands at present. Although it would seem that efforts have been made to get the rfts back, SMRE consider there is little chance of having them back without a direct order from MMIA.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 28 May 44

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

1. Additional 47/32 guns for SEMBO:- further investigations at SMRE have shown that NEMBO was ordered to hand in eight guns on arrival on mainland in accordance with est. These are possibly the eight guns subject of present enquiry. SMRE have already ordered their re-issue from CAPUA. G ii

Maj PASCHETTA

2. Mil harvesters for FOGGIA:- just back from seeing TEMPERLEY. Satisfactory meeting, from which the following emerged:- 2 i/c G i
   a) ripening of the corn is behind anticipated schedule, so that personnel will NOT be needed as fast as was first thought. TEMPERLEY will sig MMIA eight days in adv when he needs men from PICENO and MANTOVA.
   b) TEMPERLEY has agreed the setting up of five HQs by SMRE in the FOGGIA area for adm and welfare of tps;
   c) duration af agricultural leave: 60 days
   d) proposal to withholding pay NOT practical for technical reasons;
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Capt NINNI

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5. 503 Smoke Coy:- no objection to Capt MARLETTA being LO (Smoke Coys) 2 Dist, nor to Capt MONTRONE replacing him as OC above coy. MMIA to confirm request in writing. — G i

Col CHIAVARINO

6. Coys for ANZIO:- it is confirmed that following three coys will be ready to move 30 May - trains should be laid on possibly pm, to give them time to sort out clothing and unit eqpt. — 2 i/c, G i, A/G

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 541 Compagnia Servizi | | MOLFETTA | 5 offrs | 200 ors |
| 542(°) " | " | NICASTRO | 5 " | 200 " |
| 543 " | " | CASARANO | 5 " | 200 " |

(°) this coy eventually for serial 1094. It is recommended all three coys be moved to NAPLES, to ensure two coys are definitely available there for 31 May.

Lt Col CHECCHIA

7. Clothing for ANZIO coys:- M of War stated to have already sent in demands to MMIA; readiness of coys depends on approval being given to Ministry pm 28 May, to enable distribution to be made to 541 and 543 Coys 29 May. 542 already complete except for boots. — 2 i/c, A/G

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8. Serial 1098D:- HQ and four service pls for ACC, Collected mob order for 2004 - 2008 service pls plus HQpl, to be formed from men of 1943 class, who will be replaced in serial 1075A by tps from ISCHIA/CAPRI. To be ready 15 June. — 2 i/c G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

9. Unit for CAPUA dump:- assurances have been recd from BASSO that complete unit; offrs and men, will be at CAPUA by evening 28 May. — G i

10. Italian rlt camp S AGATA DEI GOTI:- sig sent to BASSO requesting usual details for tpt request of personnel and rits at this camp. — G ii

11. Italian avr courses:- Second course in SARDINIA produced 653 avrs (for infm). A fourth course is being started at BARI, and further courses elsewhere to produce the personnel for next course at POLIGNANO (end June). — G i

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13. Gd bn on loan to 8 Army:- handed him for infm copy of sig covering move of I/336 Bn BARI to VAIRANO. — G i

Gen ORILIA

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Capt CAVANI

15. PERRONE Armando: no response to their enquiries; they will follow up and advise if the result is still negative. — G iii(I)

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16. Nine artieri lavoratori coys:- to complete the est of specialists for these units, SAC30 has asked to be allowed to recall the specialists of the 1913 - 19 classes in CAMPANIA. Specialists of the 1920 - 24 classes have already been recalled and employed. If MWIA agrees, SACRE will request War Ministry to take necessary action. 2 i/c G i A/Q

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

27 May 44

Lt Col SIMONETTI

1. General disorg of recent moves:- took the matter up with him strongly and explained several recent instances where incorrect infm and incomplete moves had necessitated changes in the arrangements made by Mov FILPOT. Cited in particular latest case of mulemoves. SIMONETTI appeared to be NOT infd of the situation. He promised to investigate and report to us. — G i Mov

Capt FORENZA

2. Move of MANTOVA to CALABRIA:- saw some figures on his table, from which it appears that actual strength moved was approx 25% light on details supplied in advance. Analysis of individual trains showed that every single party was well below advertised strength. This infm NOT officially communicated yet - suggest LO XXXI Corps be requested to advise strengths arrived there. Figures had just been sent to DIVILIA, but no explanation forthcoming up to the present. — 2 i/c G i Mov

Maj MAIOCCHI

3. Carabinieri with mil fmns:- collected details and inserted in current strength sheet. Totals: 20 offrs, 1527 ors. — 2 i/c G i G iii

Col CHIAVARINO

4. Personnel from PICENO for harvesting:- he still maintains that they are NOT able to produce the 5000 men requested from this fmn. Reasons given are: — 2 i/c C i

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5. ~~Two~~ Two coys for ANZIO:- details for tpt request to be available later to-day. One coy ex CALABRIA, one coy ex BARI area, ~~and~~ and an extra coy from LECCE area in case one of the other two fails. All three to be ready to move 31 May. — G i

6. Meorg Camp:- details of the 3500 approx personnel there are as follows:- — 2 i/c

| | |
|---|---|
| PWs repatriated | 600 |
| Alerted for units | 900 |
| Offrs | 400 |
| Staff of camp | 1200 |

CHIAVARINO admits this latter figure is large, and is having it cut down.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 26 May 44

Gen OXILIA

1. Mil harvesters for FOGGIA:- lengthy discussion on this subject with present Capt ORIO of the War Ministry. They wanted to know all kinds of details about the scheme which only Col TEMPERLEY can answer, so it was agreed that SMRE would send Maj PASCHETTA to LUCERA 27 May. MMIA to advise AMG of PASCHETTA's arrival, to recommend retention of part of tps civil pay until harvesting is over, which SMRE consider an important safeguard for retaining internal security tps and avoiding dispersal, and to enquire about arrangements for med attention, as a big proportion of the tps from SARDINIA are likely to be potential malaria cases. — 2 i/c G i A/Q

Maj D'ANTONA

2. 520 Gd Coy:- Requested him to have adv party (1offr, 3 ors) sent forthwith to 55 Area SPARANISE. Infd him serial Nº 1065H, and that this coy will replace the coy loaned from PIUENO Div for gd duties. — G iii

3. Unit for range clearing at CAMEROTTA:- 1 offr, 15 ors and 16 horses ready to leave SPEZZANO ALBANESE 23 May for above destination. ? Serial — G iii

Designation: 80 Nucleo Montato. — 2 i/c G i

4. Manpower in CALABRIA:- this has NOT yet been settled. CORONATI had signalled 25 May that remaining unit of TC tps could NOT be touched as required by the Allies for staging areas. CHIAVARINO intervened in the discussion and instructed D'ANTONA in no uncertain terms to issue mob order for these men to form one of the two coys requested for ANZIO. Similarly, 66 Hy MT unit now in CALABRIA is to be broken up, as required, and the personnel and vehs withdrawn.

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

5. 100 charges for 75/13 (SD/1/2):- available immediately at LECCE. (I think this is much of the total available in Sardinia! Can you cla — G ii

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6. Additional 47/32 guns for NEMBO:- requested him to make the 8 extra pieces available immediately at CAPUA. He will find them on the mainland, but in the meantime there are 7 in reserve at CAPUA. — G ii

Maj LA ROCCA

7. Hot meals at FOGGIA sta for mil harvesters:- this offr is organizing these; he would like to be sure that tps from CALABRIA and NAPLES do NOT arrive on the same day. — A/Q Mov

Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. Serial 1072:- collected mob order for 1019 GT Coy, to be formed at CONVERSANO. The order specifies that the coy is to occupy the premises vacated by 1003 GT Coy. — G i

9. Rfts for ~~1101~~ 1004 and ~~1103~~ 1005 GT Coys:- the dvrs will be withdrawn from the M of War MT Pls, and it is anticipated that the other specialized personnel will also be forthcoming — G i

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Lt Col GALLO

10. Headphones available only in SARDINIA; R2 Receiver sets for 810 Radiocontrollo pl: two in CALABRIA in doubtful state; 30-line switchboard: at BARI undergoing repairs. — SO Sigs

Col CHIAVARINO

11. Clearing battlefields:- anticipating that at some future date the Allies may request the Italian Army to see to the clearing of the battlefields and removal of unexploded shells and mines, or that this task will devolve automatically on the Italians, CHIAVARINO is considering the need to train personnel for this task. He requires to know whether there would be any objection to their organizing a course or courses for this purpose, for which the trg staff and trainees would be taken from within the ceiling allotted to the Italian Army, either Italian Adm services or Internal Security Divs. He would like to be sure, once the thing is approved and set in motion, that the trained personnel is NOT removed for some other purpose. — 2 i/c G i G ii(AA) SORE

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

12. Rifts for artieri units:- the 105 men for IX 28 Artieri Bn and 50 men for 21 Artieri Coy have been employed by IX Corps to complete cats of following units:- — G i SORE
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Capt DELLA CORNA

14. 12 Bn HQs for PBS:- the mob order has not yet been issued, they have been authorised verbally to do so on the following basis: — 2 i/c G i
- strength of regimental and Bn HQs of 120 and 121 Regts: 28 offrs 106 ors
- balance to be supplied (°) 20 " 374 "

(°) this balance to count against 10754 for the programme.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

15. Info him of warning order for men from MANTOVA and PICENO Divs required for harvest work at FOGGIA, in accordance with provisional arrangements. Later he phoned to say that they would have difficulty in supplying more than 3000 odd men from the PICENO, on account of other commitments for gd duties etc. This matter to be discussed at length to-morrow — 2 i/c

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

25 May 44.

,t Col GALLO

Reord engr stores:- their 5/1100/Serv of 16 Jan refers; He would like to know what was eventually decided. — SORE

Lt Col PANERAI

2. Away from the office to-day; left message with regard to three English-speaking switchboard operators and 600 rolls of teleprinter paper authorised for them. — SO Sigs

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

3. 47/32 Atk guns for NEMBO:- no difficulty about sending further eight guns, but little or no amn available for additional pieces: — G ii

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| - 20 unfoc for 48 guns = | 236.000 | rounds |
| - total availability amn 47/32 | 260.000 | " |

In view of the fact that AAI has ordered despatch of guns, and that additional pieces are only needed temporarily, recommend that they are sent forthwith; he will arrange accordingly.

Maj DI MONACO

4. Fd hosps and surgical unit for Sicily:- while fully agreeing on the need for med units in Sicily, he was unable to suggest where they are to come from. Too many med units have already been taken from SARDINIA in his opinion. — G i DADMS

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He will consider alternatives for 4 and 5 above and advise later.

6. 491 Fd Hosp from CORSICA:- they have no idea when this unit is likely to reach the mainland. — DADMS

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7. Are any more Fd Hosps required on mainland ? :- Yes, but where are they to come from ? — DADMS

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Lt Col GUIDA

9. AA rifts in CAMPANIA:- on orders from MMIA, SMRE ordered BASSO NOT to furnish rfts for AA from 1923 class, in view of the fact that it was proposed to transfer surplus AA personnel from other sites to reinforce CAMPANIA. These orders were duly passed on. BASSO has now signalled that the unit which XIX took 210 of these men refuses to give them up, no matter what MMIA says. — 2 i/c G i G ii(AA)

10. IX Pack Tpt Coy:- FFAA Campania has signalled that 5 Army has employed part of the personnel of this unit, plus men of the 1923 class, to form yet another pack tpt coy which is to be called XI Pack Tpt Coy. Date of mob 11 May. — G i

11. 1101 and 1103 GT Coys:- FFAA Campania has requested rfts for these units: 27 dvrs for 1101 / 56 " " 1103 and suggested they be taken from dvrs from recalled classes in Campania, of whom there are 24[illegible] left according to SMRE. — G i

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LIAISON WITH S.M.R.E. 24 May 44

Col CHIAVARINO S.D.

1. Informed him 45 muleteers were being sent under AAI arrangements from AFRAGOLA Transit Camp to 7 Mtn Regt at ATELLA, who were 45 muleteers short of W.E., and were about to enter the line. G1 G2

Col DIBITONTO S.D.

2. Instructed him to send the three ALDINI barbers, complete with their tools to 7 Mtn Regt, via 9 Corps HQ. MMIA will confirm in writing. G2

3. Informed him and also Col CHIAVARINO, that there were 1400 "SBANDATI" in 5 Corps area. DIBITONTO is obtaining further facts from 209 Div HQ. Thinks it quite possible that they are the same persons for whom 209 Div has asked clothing and equipt. G1 A/Q

4. Will confirm to BAUMANN on 25 May whether the 150 rfts have been sent to 28 ARTIERI Bn, or not. G2(L)

5. Gave me latest figures for 68 Mixed Rfts Bn: 31 offrs, 720 ORs, 25 animals, 5 carts, 1 baggage cart, 50 tons stores. Comfirmed that they were ready to move wef 25 May. ~~Col DI-BITONTO to be told that previous figures given by him for this Bn must stand.~~ G3

6. Unit for CAPPUCCINI Dump. 150 out of the 250 men required have been found. Remaining 100, if necessary, will be drawn from 1923 class. G1

7. Stated that five D[illegible]s for 1000 Coy at MONOPOLI had already been sent. G1 & G2(L)

8. Stated that personnel were being found for 3rd Driving Course at POLIGNANO, but it was a difficult task. G1

Col CHECCHIA - Servizi

9. Is finding out if eight 47/32 A.Tk guns can be found for sending to NEMBO Div(Units u/c 10 Corps). Col CHIAPPADELLI(Arty) was away. G2

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Anyhow, the WE/TO shews WE transport as 1 lorry, 1 M/C, 1 B/C, which(except for the B/C)were to be provided from Allied sources. Clarification required.

A Hulbert

Major,
GSO.2.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 23 May 44

Maj MAIOCCHI

1. Visit of Col SANSO:- the offr at the SMRE who would be interested to talk to SANSO is Lt Col TAZZARI, of the map dept. He can be contacted by phone through SMRE, though his office is in Via GALLIPOLI. Requested MAIOCCHI to warn him for 25 May. G ii

Lt Col DI BIASIO

2. Barbers for 7 Mtn Regt:- three Alpini barbers have been found and await disposal instrs at LECCE Depot. G ii

3. Dvrs ex CALABRIA course:- the 136 dvrs are ready to move at CATANZARO SALA. Request tpt arranged to CONFRESANO. C i G iii

4. Dvrs for M of War:- he will find out why the 80 dvrs have been requested. G i

5. Serial 1075A, 121 Regt:- confirmed that the ISCHIA/CAPRI ersn will count against this serial. See below. 2 i/c G ii

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Col GRIDELLO

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Lt Col SAMPO

11. Move of 180 Arty Regt:- confirmed to him that the move details organized by Mov FILPOT must stand. While every effort will be made to adhere to the schedule, he is doubtful whether the Italian tractors can maintain the pace. — G i, Mov

Gen BERARDI

12. With 2i/c and Col STRONGS in connection with move of congedanti and other tps from SARDINIA. Importance that former category should have the poen fully explained to them before leaving the island was stressed. — G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 22 May 44

Lt Col SAMPÒ

1. 104 Arty Regt (NAMPO):- gave him warning order of move by rd 24 May - passed on at once to regt. G iii

Lt FERRANDO

2. Interpreter for X Corps(Replacement):- requested him to find offr to replace Capt FRANZI of IAF, with priority immediately after interpreters for 20 Pack Gp HQ G ii

3. GRINENCO:- info him that this offr had NOT reported for his new duties, and quoted this as another instance of poor staff work by this branch. He has promised to look into it at once. G ii

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

4. 9mm amn for CIL:- info him that there is no amn of this type at CAPUCCINI. He will have 1.000.000 rounds sent at once, but points out that there are still 2.300.000 rounds at ISERNIA, according to the latest return at 29 Apr. G ii

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Capt FORENZA

7. Rly stores in SICILY:- our Tn/1 of 27 Apr requested certain infm on this subject which SMRE supplied in their 1493/TS of 1 May. Reply requested by above. — A/Q

Maj VERONI

8. Artieri coys:-

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SABAUDA Div | 10 Artieri Coy | 7 offrs | 122 ors | | SORE |
| BARI " | 55 " " | 6 " | 218 " | | |
| 226 " | details NOT available - being obtained | | | | |

9. 225/226 Miste Genio Coys:- explained to him that engr portions of these units to go towards lavoratori artieri coys, and that if rits required for combat fmn matter to be discussed first with SORE. — SORE

Lt Col PANERAI

10. Phone batteries:- infd his office that after the May quantity has been drawn, subsequent demands to be on 3 Sub depot 557 AOD NAPLES. — SO Sigs

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

12. Dvr situation:- G i
86 dvrs available at BARI: 79 for MT Pl of M of War,
7 for 1200 Motor Ambulance Sec

dvrs in CAMPANIA : 42 for nine lavoratori artieri coys

136 dvrs in CALABRIA } to be moved forthwith to CONVERSANO
62 " " SICILY * } *(he has to sig to XII Corps first to ascertain location)

13. 160 men and offrs for 3rd dvr course POLIGNANO:- he is setting about immediately finding the numbers required. M of War to be consulted about putting offrs on the course. No difficulty anticipated in filling the demand. G i

Lt Col GUIDA

14. New GT Coy to be formed at CONVERSANO:- orders are being given at once to IX Corps to start the new unit by 30 May, to incl the following: G i
- 136 dvrs ex CALABRIA
- 62 " " SICILY
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Offrs and balance of personnel to be found by IX Dvr Regt.

Lt Col D'ALESSANDRO

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Lt Col DI BITONTO and Lt Col GUIDA

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15. This offr joins CMRE SD branch, having relinquished the post at War Ministry now filled by MILLEFIORINI. — 350 (I)

Lt Col DI BITONTO and Lt Col GUIDA

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

17. Italian personnel liable to mil service at present employed by Allied units:- he will write to Col NEGRONI along the lines agreed with A/Q this am, with copy to MMIA and M of War. Figures involved for 1920 - 24 classes are: — G i A/Q
- personnel considered indispensable 664 men
- personnel NOT indispensable 1252 "

18. Dvr rits for 36 Veh Coy MONOPOLI:- IX Dvr Regt have been asked to supply 5 dvr rits for ~~maxim~~ 1009 GT Coy. Approval wanted please. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

19. Serial 2006:- Confirmed that 250 men are wanted for this serial. He will deal with this to-day, taking the men from some other surplus unit in CALABRIA. Query balance of TC on, or 14 Arty Gp. Exact details later. — G i

Capt CAVANI

20 Col MOCCIA:- this offr was head of the army lab org in BARI and has now been posted as 2i/c NEMBO Div. Sig DDL 2 Dist refers. — A/Q DADL

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Capt CAVANI

21. Ref our I/103 of 24 Apr, CAVANI states that enquiries are still proceeding. He is following the matter closely to ensure reply. G iii(I)

Lt Col DI BITONTO

22. Unit to handle stores at CAPUA dump:- he is having a phone call put through to BASSO this pm to ascertain posn in relation to their sig of 21 May. BASSO will be authorised to take whatever men he is unable to find from local sources from the men of 1943 class. Any gap created in this way in 121 Regt (serial 10754) will be made up by the strength of bn hqs - see para 16 above. G i

CAPRI

23. CAPRI/ISCHIA area:- have infd them that it will be in order to employ these men for serial 1098D - service pls for ACC. G i

Maj MAIOCCHI

24. 179 coad sp ex CORSICA:- he has no infm on this unit G i

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Col QUERCIA

1. Following G i's report of the situation in NAPLES as regards reception and despatch of men and stores arriving in/ the port there from SARDINIA, which was referred in gen terms to OKILIA, Col QUERCIA has been ordered to proceed to NAPLES 22 May with full powers to take whatever steps he considers necessary to put the thing on a proper basis. Info him that Capts MONICO or THRUPP would be able to give him full details. G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

2. Units for combat Amn:- info him that V Pack Bty and 71 Bersaglieri Bn now required to join CIL. G i

3. Rifs for combat Amn:- G ii
   a) ex 68 Rif Regt MANDURIA, ready to leave 25 May:
      Inf - 29 offrs 85 ncos, 541 ors (incl muleteer rifs)
      Arty 4 offrs 9 ncos 91 ors
      plus normal quantity of stores.
   b) ex 47 Inf Depot LECCE, ready to move at once,
      Parachutists - 2 offrs 37 ors
      It is suggested that these be allowed to proceed to VAIRANO on their own arrangements.
   c) 200 commando rifs:- they expect to find these shortly.
   d) balance of parachutist rifs (100):- very doubtful about these, but will advise in a few days.

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Lt Col GUIDA

4. Personnel for CAPUA dump:- sig sent to BASSO ordering personnel as requested in AAI sig, to be found from local units and installations. "Guide" are under comd Comando Supremo, and could NOT be employed without consultation with MESSE. G i

5. WEs of diluted units:- left with him three new WEs for translation into Italian and setting out bilingually. G i

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6. 50 med orderlies for ANZIO:- they can find these, and await our firm order and instrs. DADMS

Lt Col SIMONETTI

7. Hot meals at FOGGIA sta for tps on agricultural leave:- Urficio Trasporti will org this on receipt of firm instrs. A/Q

Gen CAILIA

8. Infd him in gen terms of arrangements for meeting the demands of agricultural workers in FOGGIA area. He would like to bring over as soon as possible the HQ of one internal security div from SARDINIA. G i

Maj LUNARDONI

9. Owing to uncertainty of situation at BARI Remount Sta, it is decided that all 436 animals destined to BARI will go to Depot of 402 Arty Regt. LO 2 Dist to arrange for use of 150 men of this regt, temporarily, for watering etc. SMRE agree - approval 2 Dist required. G ii

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 19 May 44

Gen CHILIA

1. MONTEGRANERO Bn:- infd him that this unit was now arriving and that they had been authorised by AAI to retain the 181 mules they brought with them from SARDINIA. Query: Have they brought with them the guns of a pack tp ? — G i

2. Rft unit for CIL:- handed him back his memo, approved in principle, and requested that proposed strengths be inserted for each unit and arm. — 2 i/c G i

Gen MATTIOLI

3. Org of Italian units in PBS:- he is getting impatient of the delay in implementing the various HQs discussed and requested. Infd him that in the present situation little further requires to be done immediately, and that number of tps employed by PBS is NOT likely to increase substantially in the near future. — 2 i/c G i

Maj DI MONACO

4. 12 Hygiene Sec:- actual strength of this unit according to IX Corps is 1 offr and 59 or's, which leaves nothing for the third pl, on the basis of 30 men per pl as proposed. The suggestion is that each pl be of 20 men, and that the third pl go to IX Corps. There is no eqpt for any of the pls. — DADMS 3500

Lt FERRANDO

5. Interpreters:- outstanding requests for 8 Army, all recd through Comando Supremo, are for 16 offrs. These demands are in abeyance until officially confirmed by us. — G ii

6. 20 Pack Gp HQ:- later to-day they will pass us names of three offr interpreters for this unit. — G ii

7. Interpreters in SARDINIA:- collected list of offrs and or's in SARDINIA, with a knowledge of English. Query whether these should be tested over there and those suitable given — G ii

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Maj D'ANTONA

8. 120 Regt:- balance of strength can be considered ready to move from S. PIETRO VERNOTICO forthwith: 29 offrs 476 or's and normal stores. G iii

Maj LUNARDONI

9. Balance of 700 mules available as follows:- G iii

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| - MASSAFRA | 53 Mules | all ex PICENO div ready to move 22 May |
| - LOCOROTONDO | 38 mules | |
| - FASANO | 38 " | |
| - OSTUNI | 15 " | |
| - ZOLLINO | 180 " | ex MANTOVA for 22 May |

10. Destination for above:- it is agreed 436 go to BARI. However, there is suspected case of glanders at BARI Remount Depot. It is recommended this is investigated by Allied VR personnel on the spot. If desirable, the 436 animals can be accomodated at depot of 402 Regt in BARI. Decision required forthwith. Balance of 364 animals to APRICENA;. G ii

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11. Maj VERONI — G ii
106 Telegrafisti Coy and 2-5/226 Mista Genio Coys:- Infd him that fresh instrs had been recd for these units, that they were no longer required as rits for NEMBO, but would possibly be used as rits for CIL. VERONI to sig BASSO to hold fast pending fresh instrs in a day or two. — SO Sigs

12. PW coys in transit to NAPLES:- SMRE had been sent copies of sigs covering movs of the three PW coys by Mov FILPOT. VERONI wanted infm as to what it was all about. Told him that we had already investigated the matter, and that it did NOT concern either the mission or SMRE, and that it would be quite in order to file the papers. It is quite on the cards that further questions will be asked. — 2 i/c G i Mov

Lt Col DI RITONTO

13 Agricultural assistance for FOGGIA:- requested him to alert two offrs with staff car at disposal to go to LUCERA to help with the adm and org of the scheme. Definite order shortly. — G ii

14. Rits for NEMBO:- they are holding at 47 Inf Depot LECCE 2 offrs and 47 ors parachutists. If rit bn at MANDURIA is approved, they should be transferred there. — 2 i/c G i

15. Dvrs required by SMRE for own services:- request has been made for following to be released from present availability of trained dvrs, either in CAMPANIA, or one of the other sources at disposal: — G i
- 88 dvrs for two MT pls for M of War. ( preferably ex BARI) also
- 42 dvrs to complete est of nine reparti lavoratori artieri.

Infd him that whole question of disposal of dvrs was under consideration, and that above would be taken into account in reaching a decision.

Tpt Office

16. Move of offr cadets to SICILY and CAMPANIA:- these moves are a matter of internal org of the Italian Army, so — G iii

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- 68 dvrs for two MT pls for M of War. ( preferably ex BARI)
also
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Seen by G(H)

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18 May 44

LIAISON WITH S M R E

Lt Col GUIDA

1. 650 and 651 TC Increments:- departed SANBIASE for NAPLES 15 May. — G iii

2. 12 bn HQs for PBS:- the decision to authorise these awaits Col LEEHEY's visit to MMIA. SMRE would like reply when convenient . — 2 i/c

Maj LUNARDONI

3. 700 mules and 100 horses for Allies:- arrangements being concluded are that all 800 animals will be concentrated at BARI, part in the Remount Sta there and part in the barracks now housing 402 Regt. 300 men required from latter regt, on loan, to look after the animals, under the direction of the BARI Remount sta. Lab Inspectorate SMRE have no objection. Final details shortly. — G ii

Lt Col GUIDA

4. Serial 1065E:- 1050 QM Truck Bn is ready to leave SADRINIA at once.
Serial 1068:- four QM Truck Coys will be ready to leave 22 May. — G ii

Lt Col DI BITONTO

5. First dvr course in SICILY:- this has yielded 62 trained dvrs.
Second course is held up pending issue of petrol — G i

6. 480 muleteer rits for May:- details ready for collection as follows:- (serial 1096A refers) — A/C 3.499
- 200 muleteer rits at depot of 15 Inf Regt SALERNO.
- 180 " " c/o 210 Div TRIPLISCO
- 100 " " at 12 Arty Depot NOLA

7. 1923 class recalled in CAMPANIA:- this recall is concluded, yielding 3050 men, and instrs have been issued to SMRE for disposal. 1922 class is estimated to pro- — coma 2 i/c G i

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Remount sta. Lab Inspectorate SMRE have no objection. Final details shortly.

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- 100 " " at 12 Arty Depot NOLA

7. 1923 class recalled in CAMPANIA:- this recall is concluded, yielding 3050 men, and instrs have been issued to SMRE for disposal. 1922 class is estimated to produce about the same. Query: do we propose giving instrs to Ministry to proceed with this class ? Also, the 1924 class in CALABRIA is estimated to produce 5000.

comd
2 i/c
G i

8. 100 med nco's and or's for 8 Army:- IX Corps has been ordered to produce these by 31 May. Details later.

G i
DADMS

9. 870 Nucleo Guastatori (mine clearing sec):- collected copy of letter from 'S' Force, dated 9 May, declining to release this unit, which was requested on loan by 5 Army for CASSINO.

SORE

10. 415 and 416 Kab Regts ex SARDINIA:- collected mob order to FFAA SARDINIA ordering these units for 30 May and 15 Jun respectively.

G i
DADL

11. 550 Train Gd Coy:- This has been ordered in CALABRIA from personnel of 80 Terr Bn and excess men of depot of 16 Inf Regt. To be formed in conjunction with MOV REGGIO.

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17 May 44

LIAISON SMF

1. Maj PASCHETTA

Informed him that 502 Guard Bn had arrived from SARDINIA and will relieve 1 Bn of 336 Inf Regt at present on temporary Guard duty in BARI. When relieved 1 Bn 336 Inf Regt will move to CISTERNINO. G 1 G 11

2. Col CHIAPPARELLI

Infmn him that 5 Corps want for Italian troops under command:- ~~A/Q~~ G-11

(a) 10,000 rds of 9 mm for PISTOLA 34.
(b) 25,000 rds of 8mm ball (carbon) m g rimless.

Was informed that:-

(a) 5,000 rds of 9mm for PISTOLA 34 are immediately available.
(b) 25,000 rds of 8mm m.g. rimless also available.

It is hoped that the NEMBO Div will bring over more 9 mm ammunition.
Was asked to inform 5 Corps that a/m may be collected from the SEZIONE STACCATA ARTIGLIERIA - LECCE.

3. Maj D'ANTONA

Gave him signal requesting 100 medical personnel for 8 Army. Med

These men are available in CALABRIA and D'ANTONA will signal for their despatch. Details will follow today.

Was told that the demand in Serial 1,075A will be met by using one Regiment of the 211 Division. G1

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4. Maj LUNARDONI

Told him that the 171 mules now at ZOLLINO are an AAI requisition and that further instructions from AAI as to their destination are awaited. G 1 Mov

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 15 May 44

Maj PASCHETTA

1. 184 Arty Regt:- infd him that this unit is now ordered to move to conc area NORTH of BENEVENTO and that 12 hy vehs can be brought down to SQUINZANO. Move by rd. — G i / G iii

Interpreters office

2. Interpreters for port dets:- confirmed that noone needed at SALERNO, but that two interpreters required at TARANTO. — G ii / ST

3. Interpreters for 3 Dist:- Enquired as to whereabouts of VISCONTI Ottorino; infd them that two further interpreters needed by 3 Dist, one offr and one or for RATD. — G ii

Capt DE GIORGI

4. ~~XX~~ 332 and 486 fd hosps:- infd him that eqpt for these units had arrived, and he agreed that the units should be employed as follows: 332 for CIL
486 in res — G i / DADMS

5. Maj LUNARDONI
Mules from CALABRIA for ALLIES:- the 520 animals due from here are being collected, and he hopes to have details in a day or so. Discussed question of saddles, see para 6. — G i

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

6. Saddles for 700 mules:- Requested him to see that any saddles now spare as the result of reduction of mules for Italian fmns are made available to be sent with the 700 mules shortly to go to the Allies. Agreed. — G i

7. Amn return:- it would be convenient for them to make the weekly return for Wed instead of Monday; query - is this agreed ? — Staff Capt

Lt Col GUIDA

8. 46 Sec CCRR:- this unit, strength 1 offr 48 ors, is needed to reinforce Carabinieri for 212 Div. Est laid down by — 2 i/c / G i

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DADMS

5. Maj LUNARDONI
Mules from CALABRIA for ALLIES:- the 520 animals due from here are being collected, and he hopes to have details in a day or so. Discussed question of saddles, see para 6.

G i

Lt Col CHIARDARELLI
6. Saddles for 700 mules:- Requested him to see that any saddles now spare as the result of reduction of mules for Italian fmns are made available to be sent with the 700 mules shortly to go to the Allies. Agreed.

G i

7. Amn return:- it would be convenient for them to make the weekly return for Wed instead of Monday; query - is this agreed ?

Staff Capt

Lt Col GUIDA
8. 46 Sec CCRR:- this unit, strength 1 offr 48 ors, is needed to reinforce Carabinieri for 212 Div. Est laid down by PBS covers. Authority required to move.

2 i/c
G i
G iii

9. 5 Regt HQs from SARDINIA for PBS:- info him that no tpt, animals or carts, need be brought to the mainland by these HQs.

2 i/c
G i

10. Regt HQs for PBS:- 10 required in programme; 5 already there, 5 coming from SARDINIA (serials 3410 - 3414), 120 Regt HQ forming (serial 1058A); query: should serial 1075A also have regt HQ. There are two available ex 211 Div.

2 i/c
G i

Maj DI MONACO
11. This offr is just back from SARDINIA and is taking over from DE GIORGI, who goes as med offr to Mil Academy.

DADMS
G iii(I)

Gen OXILIA
12. Corps HQs:- outlined revised plan, with which he is in full agreement. Will discuss with BERARDI and let us have written proposals by to-morrow.

comd

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12 May 1944

Liaison with S.M.R.F.

Gen OXILIA A.C.G.S.

1. Re provision of 5,000 soldiers for agriculture in FOGGIA area. OXILIA put up proposition which he said he would be very grateful if the Allies could see their way to accepting.. GOC

It was:- E i/c

Postponing till (say) end of July the formation of some of the less urgently required serials in Priority List 3. Personnel thus made available (up to 5,000) would be sent for FOGGIA agriculture. G

AQ

Either MMIA (or SMRF) could choose the serials whose making ready was to be postponed.

OXILIA said that if it was impossible to agree to above proposition, he would draw on the PICENO Div for the 5,000.

He would like to know proposed ~~duties~~ Lafas for this agricultural work.

Maj D'ANTONA S.D.

2. Instructed him that HQ 120 Regt and remaining personnel (approx 685) to complete serial 1058A were to go direct to CAMPI FLEGREI. d'ANTONA will send his request for tpt of the above HQ as soon as possible. G

3. Serv SD signal instructing the making ready of a Coy for VP Guards in 55 Sub Area. G

A Hallowell

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Major
GSO 2

ABC

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 11 May 44

Maj D'ANTONA

1. 35 Squadra Panettieri:- Remainder of unit being made available as follows:- G iii
- Nil offrs 60 or's, 6 tons st res, WEISS ovens 4.
Tpt required to move: 2 trucks for personnel,
1 box truck, 2 flats. Entraining sta LECCE
Date of readiness: ~~xxxxx~~ 11 May

2. 504/5/6 Smoke coys:- Info him of anticipated delay in departure of these units, due to leave 10 May. He will pass on to XXXI Corps. Query: is anything to be done about re-clothing in the meantime ? G iii

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

3. This offr is leaving SMRE today to take up appointment at War Ministry effective 12 May, as Head of the Ufficio Primo of the Gabinetto. G i
Gii(L)WM

Maj PASCHETTA

4. SE gets:- the unit for FOGGIA can be attached for adm purposes to Comando Tappa FOGGIA. Raggi Fotoelettrici FFAA Campania is agreed for the POMIGLIANO unit. G ii(AA)

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Mov

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Capt Q
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Maj D'ANTONA

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Maj D'ANTONA

7. VP Gd unit for 55 area:- requested him to alert 120 men in self-contained unit to be ready to move soonest. G ii

Capt DE GIORGI

8. 91 and 63 Fd Hosps to go to PICENO Div at MARTINA FRANCA; 521 Fd Hosp: agreed to LANCIANO for 5 Corps; Assured him that eqpt for all six fd hosps from SARDINIA was coming over gradually and that nothing further could be done to accelerate mov. DADMS G ii Mov

Gen OXILIA

9. 5000 men for harvest in FOGGIA province:- requested him to let us have e reply to-day certain. 2 i/c

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 10 May 44

Maj PASCHETTA

1. 184 (NEMBO) Art Regt -see log 30 Apr para 3:- 2 i/c
Original intention was to assign the 12 hy lorries from LI Corps but this is now NOT possible. They therefore request permission to collect 12 hy vehs already landed with the NEMBO from SARDINIA. G i
Adv party of the regt has already gone fwd, and infm is that regt will concentrate at FRAGNETO MONFORTE N6394 when it moves up.

Maj D'ANTONA

2. Serial 1070:- 1200 Sezione Autoambulanza, located BARI, strength 1 offr and 66 or's, ½ ton stores, ready to move 11 May. G i

3. Service pls for AOC:- G i
-serial 1087A ... 2000 Pl Serv } 2 offrs 60 men BARI ready 20 May
1087B ... 2001 " " "
-serial 1098 ... 2002 Pl Serv } 2 offrs 60 men BARI ready 25 May
2003 " " "
To be taken from surplus personnel of IX Corps HQ.

4. 120 Regt:- Mob order issued 30 Apr; tpt request to be made 14 May. Provisional details: G i
- HQ 120 Regt 19 offrs 87 or's } S. PIETRO VERNOTICO
- Four AP coys 10 " 400 " }
- Rits from reorg camp 266 " GALATINA
- 207 AP Coy 3 offrs 180 " CROTONE
- 80 Bn Terr 6 offrs 350 or's } CROTONE
9 animals 9 carts }

Lt Col GUIDA

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5. MANTOVA HQ ex APULIA:- this was part of the LEGNANO Div HQ and it has now been decided that the bulk is to remain in situ to serve another purpose. Strength for move to CALABRIA is modified as follows:- 2 i/c G i Mov
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6. Lab bns ex SARDINIA:- LAB/4/71 of 1 May to SMRE substantially alters the latest arrangements for fmn and est of the twelve bns ordered in SARDINIA, and ~~max~~ ready to move 15 May. Suggest original order be confirmed and latest instrs countermanded. G i

Maj MAIOCCHI

7. Queries on transit camps:- G iii
- AFRAGOLA 2 offrs and 55 or's incl in 120 transit camp
- VAIRANO will be known as 254 Comando Tappa with eventual strength 4 offrs and 24 or's. Present 4 and 8.
- ISERNIA nothing known or projected
BARI 206 Comando Tappa, formerly at MATERA; personnel partly to 203 at POTENZA and partly to BARI, latter numbering 5 and 25 and available for other duties.
- APC 10 and 100, nothing known or projected.

8. Lt Col PANERAI
Cells and insulating tape:- passed on details of where to collect; query - will they be able to draw tape for arrears ? SO Sigs

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 9 May 44

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

1. Handed him to-days sig disposing of personnel of 1923 class in CAMPANIA. Fully understood; will be combined with action referred log 8 May para 14. — G i

2. TC Increments ex CALABRIA: all six dets moving from SANBIASE Y 9743; first two ready 10 May. — G iii

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

3. 81mm smoke bombs:- Total availability in liberated territories is 120 bombs at BRINDISI. — Staff Capt Q

4. Pack Gp for BAFILE Bn: (ref log 15 Apr para 11, and 26 Apr para 3d) ; advance infm is that unit will be ready in few days; strength 5 offrs 155 ors 24 mules 4 guns 65/17, location ALEZIO Q 4670. Requested Ops branch for official details. — 2 i/c G i

Lt Col CRIGLIO

5. Re GRIGOLETTO:- he has never had a reply to his sig of 23 Apr to BASSO requesting ETA at BARI, nor had he thought about sending a chaser. Matter now in hand. — G iii(I)

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

7. Wksps ex SARDINIA:- Aliberti back from his visit with infm as follows: — G i DADME
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| CAMPANIA | FFAA Campania |
| CALABRIA | XXXI Corps |

OXILIA anticipates need for additional HQ NORTH of the line, and reserves the right to apply for authority when the time comes.

10. SLAV-speaking bns in CORSICA:- OXILIA made a particular pt that these units be returned to SARDINIA, and NOT to the mainland, in the event of their being eventually removed from CORSICA.

11. Recce Sqn for 5 Corps:- ref log 8 May para 19, infd OXILIA that this was NOT a suitable opportunity, in our opinion, for employing the Guide, but that this bn should be kept in reserve in its entirety for suitable employment as a unit.

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LIAISON WITH S M A E

8 May 44

Gen CHILIA

1. 5000 men for agricultural duties in FOGGIA province:- Will discuss this with BERARDI. Main pts were: — comd
- PICENO Div only source in APULIA from which personnel can be drawn; two bns already loaned for gd duties. — 2 i/c
- Very doubtful in any case if he can find this number of men experienced in agricultural work. — G i
- Query: arrangements for billeting and organizing these men once they get there.

2. PFS documents loaned to him: will let us have these back in a day or two. — 2 i/c

3. Trial of Gen MARTINI:- He was NOT familiar, but promised to look into the matter and expedite. — G i

4. Request for loan of two tents:- these will be made available and time and place for collection to be notified shortly. — Staff Capt Q

Lt Col PANERAI

5. Cells authorised for May: He has already instructed the Ministry to arrange collection through 6 BSA. — SO Sigs

6. Insulating Tape:- At the third attempt to collect, this time from MONOPOLI, he has again been info that there is none available. — SO Sigs

Lt Col GALLO

7. SL dets for FOGGIA and POMIGLIANO:- for adm purposes under comd AA HQ IX Corps. — Staff Capt Q

Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI

8. A tk guns for CIL: 75/34 guns are available on mainland, but amn only in SARDINIA. They still await info on amn from SARDINIA. — 3491 G ii

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Lt Col CHECCHIA

10. Smoke coys:- second batch of three coys will be ready by 10th, but require very large amount of eqpt and clothing, incl BD. Their sig 3/4692/Serv of to-day refers. We to notify destination and if clothing etc to be issued on arrival. — G i Q

11. Return of animals required on mainland:- Requested him to prepare details similar to those produced by MAGLI for SARDINIA of minimum number of animals needed on mainland. Figures to be based on units and men on mainland at present moment, and by categories according to Allied programme. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

12. Collected further details of bn ests, and explanations on previous figures. — comd

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13. Lt Col MILLEFIORINI
Additional muleteer units for V Army:- Infd him that two further muleteer units were required in CAMPANIA by 11 May, strength 2 offrs and 60 ors. Suggested they be drawn from gp of 500 of 1923 class being readied as rits for May. Sig sent to BASSO accordingly. — 2 i/c G i

14. 1923 call-up in CAMPANIA:- following are latest details: — 2 i/c G i

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|---|---|---|
| - rits for 210 Div | 1600 | |
| - muleteers for May | 500 | (see above) |
| - dvrs | 150 | |
| - AA personnel | 250 | |
| - med orderlies, commissariat, etc for Italian territorial orgs | 130 | |
| - balance (? muleteers June) | 400 | |
| | 3030 | |

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b) querying who gave authority for the 130 men to be earmarked for Italian services.

Lt Col GUIDA

15. 35 Fd Bakery:- the second half of this unit has already been broken up and most of the sixty men reallotted to other fmns. However, he will find out exact posn to-morrow. — G iii

16. Ambulance Car Pl:- this is nominally due for 10 May - he will advise exact details in the morning. — 3 i/c

Maj D'ANTONA

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Col MICALETTI

18. Mob Cinema unit:- They are arranging to send a veh and offr to CAMPANIA to pick up the unit that has arrived there, the unit's 3 ton truck having broken down there. We to take no action. G iii

Gen OXILIA

19. Recce sqn for 5 Corps:- he asks that we should consider selecting personnel for the new recce sqn from the I° Raggrupp "Guide" at CAVA; strength 44 offrs and 657 ors. This is a dismounted cavalry unit and the men reputed to be first class. Comando Supremo is anxious to find special emp for them. Could 5 Corps rep be info and given an opportunity to see the men ? G i

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LIAISON WITH SMRE 7 May 44

Lt Col GUIDA

1. Obtained from him ests of various types of bns in the Italian army.

2. 'N' Recce Sqn:- info him that this was to be held in abeyance pending revised est at the moment under consideration. G ii

3. TC increments ex CALABRIA:- XXXI Corps had signalled requesting that the remaining TC Bn down there be retained for staging camps etc. Info him that there was no special provision for such tps other than the Mantova Div, and that he should confirm that the six TC secs will be made available forthwith. G i

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

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VISIT TO SARDINIA 5/6 May 44

Gen MAGLI

1. During the course of informal conversation, the following pts were discussed:-

a) Personnel in SARDINIA due for demobilization:-
The total number of men entitled to be demobilized on reaching the mainland is only about 4000. These are included in the present strength returns of the island, and will be shipped in penny numbers as and when there is space on the ships.

b) The following men of 1913 and more recent classes are at the moment on indefinite agricultural leave in the island:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| - XIII Corps | 24747 | |
| - VII Corps | 11032 | (of these, 7000 of CALABRIA Div) |
| | 35779 | |

c) Gd and lab bns (serials 1098A et seq):-
The four gd bns and equivalent of first sixteen lab bns are well in hand and will be ready by 15 May. Requested him about possbility of forming further eight lab bns in the island, and he replied that there should be no difficulty over this.

d) Trial of Gen MARTINI:- the investigations are still proceeding and should be completed this month.

2. Col SIMMONDS

Mentioned subject of para b) above, and was infd by Col SIMMONDS that ACC Economic Sub-Commission and Gen Macfarlane particularly interested in retaining these men on the land so as to make the island as self-supporting as possible. Any plans to re-employ these men in the army would have to be first discussed with ACC, according to Col SIMMONDS.

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5 May 1944

Liaison with SHAEF

Maj D'ANCONA (SD)

1. Infmn re Dvr Trg Courses BARI - CALABRIA - SICILY in two days time.

2. Re the 8,000 "sbandati" notified by M of W. The 8,000 is a statistical figure of all "sbandati" recovered to date; they are disposed as follows:-

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| Re-org Camps | 2 - 3,000 |
| Reabsorbed into units | 2 - 3,000 |
| In Depots in CALABRIA, SICILY, APULIA | 2 - 3,000 |

Direzione Generale Sottoufficiale Truppa, M of W, can give more detailed breakdown if required.

Col MILLEFIORINI (SD)

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8. Possible designations and locations of the new Corps HQ. Details separately.

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LIAISON WITH S M R E 3/4 MAY 44

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| | Capt FORENZA | |
| 1. | Still having trouble over the petrol for MT move to CALABRIA of MANTOVA Div. Requested ST to clarify with War Ministry. | ST |
| 2. | Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI<br>Handed to him draft form of our amn return for CIL and explained various pts, also that first return expected in by 6 May. | Staff Capt Q |
| 3. | Amn for BAFILE Bn:- Infd him that this unit now under comd CIL and that amn would have to be moved from present location TORA to CAPUA. He will see this is done, though original move to TORA made under unit arrangements, and he anticipates transfer will be made accordingly. | Staff Capt Q |
| | Gen ORLIA | |
| 4. | Handed him most secret sig for BERARDI concerning NEMBO Div. Left him with the impression that something had occurred at the last moment. Particularly stressed need for no action on SMRE's part. Promised to keep him infd of further developments. | 2 i/c<br>G i |
| 5. | Long account of bother over two Italian soldiers allegedly enticed from 'B' mess SMRE to US mess at Hotel RISORGIMENTO. Details referred to 2 i/c. | 2 i/c |
| | Maj D'ANTONA | |
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7. 500 muleteer rifts for May:- these are being raised in CAMPANIA from the 1923 class. FFAA Campania say they can have them ready clothed by 31 May, but NOT before. Further, it is unlikely that they will be trained by then. — G i

Maj LUNARDONI

8. Eqpt for 212 Vet Hosp:- In view of new situation and smaller number of mules to be catered for by the Italians, Lunardoni hopes to be able to scrape together enough eqpt for the second vet hosp. He will let us know definitely to-morrow. — G i

Gen OXILIA

9. Requested favour of loan of two large tents for Casa D'Africa. No difficulty, but will let me know to-morrow. — PMC

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

1 May 44

Maj IRACE and Capt FORENZA

1. Est that they were fully infd about arrival of NEMBO Div, but that they rather expected to be involved in move from port to conc area. Explained that div was under comd 3 Dist for time being and that latter would be seeing to all necessary arrangements. — Mov

Gen Oxilia (and Gen BRUNETTI)

2. Infd him in very gen terms of reorg situation in PBS and that 2 i/c would be glad of an opportunity of explaining it fully to BERARDI some time to-morrow. BERARDI at the moment in SALERNO and NOT likely to be back before evening 2 May. If 2 i/c wishes to deal with the matter before Wed, Gen OXILIA will be very pleased to receive Col KERR himself. — 2 i/c G i

3. OXILIA still very harassed about situation of GARIBALDI Div; sigs continue to come in requesting boots and clothing, med supp, and advising casualties. One cannot help feeling that this is distracting him from his other work, as he spends long periods each day poring over maps of the Balkans. — comd

Col CHIAVARINO

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Lt Col GUIDA

5. 1051 Carristi Bn: info Him that this unit would NOT be moving by rail, for infm. G i

Maj D'ANTONA

6. 1200 Motor Ambulance Sec:- Stressed the importance of getting this unit ready by ~~XER~~ 5 May. Instrs have already been given for mob at depot of IX Dvr Regt. G i

Lt ColMILLEFIORINI

7. Left message about situation of dvr courses at BARI and in CALABRIA and SICILY. G i

Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. HQ Balloon Units TARANTO have requested SMRE to furnish 20 dvrs, in addition to the 200 men already agreed. Info him that this could NOT be considered as no dvrs available. 2 i/c G i

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LIAISON WITH S M R E

2 May 44

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1. V Gruppo 75/13 of 58 Arty Regt, which is the pack bty for the NEMBO Div, will be ready to move 20 May. They will be carrying out firing practice during the first decade of May. Strength: exactly as IV Gruppo. Located SAVA. Snag as regards numbers is that this unit is comprised in 184 Arty Regt on WE/TO of CIL, and the 184 Regt less pack bty (seelog 30 Apr) is already up to the strength authorised by the est. — 2 i/c G i

2. 20mm AA guns for NEMBO Div are in SARDINIA and will be coming over with the fmn. — G i

Lt Col GUIDA

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6. Army personnel employed with balloon barrage:- the gen situation was discussed and various alternatives examined. It was decided that I.A.F. should contribute an equal number in compensation, for port lab at TARANTO or BRINDISI (so as NOT to confuse the issue with the Avieri already at BARI). Left figures with them for addition of MESSINA details. — comd 2 i/c G i DADL G i(L)

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