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SECRETMaj BAUMANN's Liaison Log18/20 Feb 45

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Lt Col DI PITONTO/CHIDA/GRACHERA, Maj TACHIONE

1.

Satellite camp at CESANO: infd then of latest developments and plans for a tented camp for 3000 overflow 20 miles north of CESANO on the via CLAUDIA. Collected their proposed est for such a camp, obtained GSD and Spec Sec approval and arranged for C III SD to call fwd 228 MCO's from TRANI on first train travelling to CESANO (21 Feb). SURE to find offrs (30) and ORs (38).

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2.

PROSINONE ITI LIT rft depot: discussed revised est required to cope with 4000 young soldiers in War. Collected their proposal, and subsequently obtained GSD approval. Infd C II (WE). Arranged with CIII SD for second block of cadre personnel to be called fwd on train leaving TRANI 23 Feb, with first 1000 rfts for PROSINONE. There will then be at PROSINONE:

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- Camp comd's staff
- cadres for two bns young soldiers
- part of cadre for III bn to take care of 1000 rfts arriving from SARDINIA.

Balance of III Bn cadre and complete cadre for IV Bn to be ordered fwd by GSD in War.

Requested SURE proposal for tpt W/E.

Gens RONCO/SANTI and Lt Col DI PITONTO

3.

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4.

Volunteers for CESANO: Ronco submitted text of sig addressed to all Italian mil authorities regulating acceptance of volunteers for Italian army, and confirming suspension of despatch volunteers to CESANO, already ordered by phone some days previously. These instrs conform with the policy agreed between GOC/Casati at previous evening's meeting. Volunteers will only be accepted henceforth for the Italian Army and they will have the same obligations as regards terms of service as the conscripts. The territorial and other HQs concerned have been ordered

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Geno RONCO/SANTI and Lt Col DI HICHIATO

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3. Ronco said he had found the situation at CESSANO quite normal when he visited the camp 12 Feb. There was, however, a shortage of spoons and tpt. Referred to Spec Sec.

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5. Arising out of above subject, RONCO made special plan for 180 volunteers already in ROME. Local Cersetti comd had made every effort to induce these men to join service units, and had persuaded another batch of 125 men to go to ORVIETO the previous day. These 180 men proving more difficult and insisting on going to combat units. Discussed with Spec Sec and later infd Maj TAGLIONE that no exception could be made to the new ruling.

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San Marco Regt : communicated contents of sig from Morigi to SURE recommending Lt Col Grimaldi as 2 i/c of the regt. Ronco and Santi agree. Ronco was already fully infd of the situation of the H.Q. and offr of this fon (vide EU report) and was proposing to visit Italian Ministry of Marine 20 Feb to insist on 2 i/c being Army men.

Lt Col SANSONE

7. Asked him to find out who ordered Col FIORE VERNAZZA to proceed to FRANCE.

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8. Infd him about supplementary pet ration for M of War NT pl.

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9. Sansone got into touch with SIM about Barberini Urbano - referred details to MA

Col LOEBARDI

10. Infd him of final details of GOC's visit to CESANO (20 Feb) and handed him copies of GOC's address in English and Italian.

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11. Gen LAMICI : discussed certain aspects of this case - for ref to GOC.

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Lt Col CHECCONIA

12. Visit to CESANO : requested his help in providing tpt and guide for loud-speaker eqpt in connection with GOC's visit 20 Feb. He cooperated very admirably, as usual.

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Lt Col GRACEPA

13. Satellite camp CESANO : infd him of conversation with OC EU ref imminent arrival of new recruits. In view of new camp NOT being ready for some days, the draft 1000 strong arriving 22 Feb will be accommodated at CESANO for 3/4 days. 38 ptes required on new est to be taken from CESANO.

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14. PRISINONE Depot : Infd him that first draft 1000 strong arriving PRISINONE 0730 hrs 23 Feb, together with second batch of cadre personnel ex FRANI. It is suggested that a rep of MIA visit this camp within next few days to report on conditions. SURE assure that all is ready to receive rep.

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14. PROSINONE Depot : Infd him that first draft 1000 strong arriving FEB 23 hrs 23 Feb, together with second batch of cadre personnel ex FRANI. It is suggested that a rep of MEIA visit this camp within next few days to report on conditions. SURE assure that all is ready to receive men. 3694
- Lt Col RUCHOWANSKI
15. APULIA call-up : infd him of latest plot for assigning first part of the call-up; also details of first six lifts of 1000 each 21 - 24 Feb. CII SD
- Lt Col SANSONE
16. SARDINIA call-up : infd him of change of plan for Mar : phase II of '14 - '24 classes postponed to 1-15 Apr. Call-up of '24 - '25 classes 16-31 Mar stands. Also, that 1000 odd enlisted surplus to 10000 in first phase were being sent home temporarily on account of tpt difficulties. C-1

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Mario PALERMO(20 Feb)

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CESANO : accompanied GOC and Civil Under Secretary to RTC ICP in connection with patriot/volunteer question. Addresses by GOC and Palermo well received by mixed assembly of patriots, volunteers and conscripted rfts (2/3000 men). Afterwards both GOC and Palermo spoke to many men individually. Men appeared very keen on the whole, but high proportion of those seen were still in civilian rags, some after 20 days in the camp, and many were suffering from the cold. A few had only one blanket. Shortage of water was another difficulty. A tour was made of billets and cook-houses; the men were not dissatisfied with their rations. Query emp of tppt, as more than one regt comd stated NOT possible to obtain vehs for straw and supplementary rations.

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Lt Col KUCHOWANSKY

18.

AC request for instructors for Motor School : SMRE reported NIL results in their attempt to find 30 instructors of various trades for MT school.

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19.

Lt Col SAMSONE

Call-up LITANIA and PROSIMONE : on account of very small numbers now coming in, requested him to discontinue full-scale ops at these two centres and recall special staffs drafted there for the purpose. Men rounded-up can be dealt with by local CC RR det.

C II Ops

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19. Lt Col SANSOME

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SECRET16/17 Feb 45Maj DAMIANI's Liaison LogGen MANFERRINI

Acen centres for repatriated PW's: with ref to War Ministry letter 402608 of 8 Feb, infd him that MULA is prepared to authorize approx 100 all ranks as staff for the acen centres, organized into units all of the same strength. He will submit W.R.

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GII (13)

Col PIOCCHETTI (C of 3 Delegazioni (W))

Volunteers ex PIONNESSE: infd him by phone that rail move from ARREDO for 16 Feb had been postponed until 18 Feb, and that the move for 20 Feb was cancelled. He stated that the party due in ARREDO today had not yet left FLORENCE. Requested him to contact MULA so to coordinate action.

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Lt Col BARRIO

Volunteers ex PIONNESSE: infd him of above.

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G2 SD

Call-up in MULA: further to the comm made to this HQ last evening, he wished to confirm their anxiety over the situation in the mil districts of ARUNIA as the result of the failure to produce that to move the men away from the call-up centres. Acen was rescuing saturation pt - would be quite crowded out by Monday. BNI Territorial HQ considered there was a real danger of large scale desertions if the comm was not remedied soon. Inf'd GSD.

Lt Col BARRIO

Share of call-ups for ORABIANI: infd him that arrangement whereby CC ER can pick up to 40 of the men recalled to the colours at each recruiting centre is suspended until further notice. Requested him to inform BARRIO at once.

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Gen ROMEO

Following subjects discussed: - 11. 1. 1

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- Gen SANTI is NOT to be 2 i/c MANOVA after all, since he is only two places lower than Gen BOLACCA in order of seniority and it is felt that a more junior gen

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Lt Col SARPO

3. Volunteers on 21st March: info him of above.

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4. Call-up in AULIA: Further to the comm memo to this HQ last evening, he wished to confirm their anxiety over the situation in the hill districts of AULIA as the result of the failure to produce try to move the men away from the call-up centres. Action was reaching saturation pt - would be quite crowded out by Monday. BANI Territorial HQ considered there was a real danger of large scale desertions if the poem was not remedied soon. Info G-2.

Lt Col SARPO

5. Share of call-ups for CARABINIERI: info him that arrangement whereby CO RR can pick up to 40 of the men recalled to the colours at each recruiting centre is suspended until further notice. Requested him to inform SARDINIA at once.

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Gen RABCO

6. Following subjects discussed: - 1. 1. 1.

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- Gen SANTI is NOT to be 2 i/c MANTOVA after all, since he is only two places lower than Gen BOLOGNA in order of seniority, and it is felt that a more junior gen should occupy the post. SANTI is said to be making a fresh choice today. SANTI himself is now designated as 2 i/c of one of the northern Territorial HQ's;

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- Implementation of Territorial Org for the NORTH;

- Liaison office (now ceased under Gen WARR). RABCO is taking a great deal of interest in this office - he seems to have understood its purpose very well.

Lt Col SARPO

7. CO for 3 Co Parco Campola del Genio: Capt SPERATI Pierangelo was posted some time ago, ex SARDINIA, but as usual the Officer Personnel Branch failed to follow the matter up. Sansone will chase.

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Capt CICCONE (Delegazione 'M')

CIII ED

8. Volunteers ex FLORENCE (vide para 2 above): He phoned through to say that train ex ARIZZO was in fact laid on for today. Told him to go ahead, also to make enquiries locally about train for 18 or 20 Feb.

Lt Col SANDERGSD
Spec Sec
DAMS

9. Ref complaint from CIESNO that rfts ex SIDIY had NOT been med examined, it is confirmed that this is only too true. Requested that matter be taken up strongly with SIDIY HQ.

Gen FALLUCCIComd
2 i/c
GSD

10. Further gen talk about our situation and org of 135 Branch, followed by detailed discussion with Col CICCONE (of the statistical sec) on system of calculating offr strengths. As soon as MILA has fixed MEs/Ts for services of cat 1, MALOCCHI will produce a complete study of offr requirements for all category, to serve as basis for further discussion on offr ceilings.

Gen ROMEOComd
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11. Campaign for volunteers for Italian Army and possibilities of acceptance into the Army: ROMEO had fully appreciated the implications of tomorrow's ceremony and the policy laid down in our SD/41 of 8 Feb. Explained to him fully the background of the whole patriot question.

Lt Col ROCHONASSINI

CIII ED

12. Plan for emp of IRI-III rfts ex SARDINIA :-

1. Med rfts for RMSE	100
2. MT rfts for 9 Regg autieri	100
MT rfts for RMSE regain and recovery unit	50
3. Rfts for gd bus	150
209 div	430-330
228 div	150
210 div	120
4. 3rd Dvr course Ciargagliini	1000

CIII ED to please bid for rail move ex FROSINONE allowing margin for clothing and sorting.

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3. Rfts for gd hrs
4. 3rd Dvr course Ciargagliini

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50
150
230--330
150
120

1000

GIII SD to please bid for rail move ex FROSINONE allowing margin for clothing and sorting.

Count CASATI

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13. Accompanied GOC for talk on CRESANO and volunteers.

SECRETMaj RAVENHILL's Liaison Log14/15 Feb 45Lt Col PI BENTON and SANDS

1.

Italian Int Liaison Unit :

(a) on the assumption that the full number of 250 officers required by 5 Army will be in the PR-III category, there can be no objection by the War Ministry as to numbers, since the overall officer ceiling will be adjusted by MILA to meet requirements.

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(b) In view of the very real shortage of Interpreters officers, the War Ministry is instructing SANDS to take following action :

- instruct Gen Tasselli to constitute a selection board, with one of his senior officers and a rep of SANDS (Lt Col GRANDI)
- this board will have the power to grant Temp commissions (assimilazioni) to suitable types.
- men NOT suitable for commissions can be enrolled as WO's and sgts.

(c) SANDS await confirmation of above before implementing.

Lt Col SANDS

2.

Offr replacements for GERMANY: Gen Premier's original letter of 14 Jan was addressed personally to BIANCHI and cannot now be traced. One offr was posted 20 Jan, but it is NOT known whether he has arrived yet. Two further young majors have now been posted and will be moved to the GP as quickly as possible :

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- Maj MELICOLI (ex MANTOVA)
- Maj SESSINI (ex GENANO)

3.

Prisoners sentenced and awaiting trial at PAVIA :
Delegazione "A" state arrangements already in hand with 5 Army to move these men down by rd from LE MURATE to ROME (for those awaiting trial) and to civil prisons for those already sentenced. Requested SANDS to send infra that prisoners will NOT be allowed to accumulate in future, but moved in small parties.

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4.

O.C. for 3 Cq Parco Campole del Genio :- Infd him that this

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- with one of his senior officers and a Major (Lt Col GRANDI)
- this board will have the power to grant Temp commissions (assimilazioni) to suitable types.
 - men NOT suitable for commissions can be enrolled as WO's and sgts.

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Lt Col SANDERS

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2. Odr replacements for GRAMPA: Gen Grampa's original letter of 14 Jan was addressed personally to GRANDI and cannot now be traced. One ofir was posted 20 Jan, but it is NOT known whether he has arrived yet. Two further young majors have now been posted and will be moved to the 22 as quickly as possible:

- Maj HELLGELI (ex MANTOVA)
- Maj KESSLER (ex CREMANO)

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3. Prisoners sentenced and awaiting trial at FLORENCE: Delegazione "W" state arrangements already in hand with 5 Army to move these men down by rd from 13 MURATE to ROME (for those awaiting trial) and to civil prisons for those already sentenced. Requested SANDERS to send instrs that prisoners will NOT be allowed to accumulate in future, but moved in small parties.

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4. O.C. for 3 Op Parco Campole del Genio :- Told him that this officer had NOT yet reported to the MANTOVA div and must do so at once.

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5. War Ministry circular 8058 of 12 Sep :- he confirmed that this is the current adm instr regulating strength returns as regards personnel absent from units over 30 days, their movements, reporting for duty afterwards etc. This instr is incorrect in two main pts:

- men are being struck off unit strengths after 5 days AWOL;
- men are being instructed to report back to depots

Ed sign sent out to all addressees putting this in order - the branch concerned got it right the third attempt!! A new instr is being prepared and will be submitted in draft.

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Major BAUMANN's Liaison Log

15 Feb 45

Lt Col SAUPE

1. Patriot parade for 16 Feb : Sampo had rec'd instrs from Welfare Branch M of W to organize party 200 strong from CESANO. Infd him that this det was NOT authorized and that no tps from CESANO will take part. Spec Sec GIII (T)

2. Volunteers ex FLORENCE : confirmed train ex ANNEZO for 16 Feb. Infd him that further train might be available 18 Feb - promised to advise him later in the day. GII SD

Lt Col GUIDA
3. 58 Transit Camp (Gruppi) : this camp was formerly at BENVENUTO, where it was administered by MANIOVA Div, and is now at PESANO. After consultation with Spec Sec, infd him that adm will in future be done by local British Area (61) Spec Sec A/Q

Col LOMBARDI
4. Man management course : further chaser for answer to GOC's letter of 3 Feb. Reply had just been signed by CASATI and will be delivered to-day.

Lt Col SANBONE
5. Col MESSORI Luigi, comd 541 inf re: this ofr is urgently required for posting to MS branch M of W - in order to bolster-up the org of this branch. Infd him no objection providing replacement is on the ground first. GII SD

6. Replacements for two CEMMCHA ofrs: passed on to him text of 51 HLU sig with request for infm today as to action taken on Premieri's comd of 14 Jan. He later stated that MS branch had NOT received Premieri's letter and was investigating with SAMS. Spec Sec

Lt Col DI BITONTO
7. RCM Territorial HQ has infd M of W of deficiencies in 252 Pack Gp. Ofrs are being despatched to complete, but following OAs are NOT available :- GII SD

W.O.'s 2 cpls farriers 10
Set farriers 15 farriers 10

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Col Lombardi

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Lt Col BANSONE

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Sgt farriers	15	farriers	10
" carpenters	2	cpls cobblers	2
" saddlers	2	cobblers	11
		cpls cooks	14
		saddlers	10
		interpreters	13
			<u>70</u>

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

8. SICILY call-up : arrivals and departures at REGGIO :-
- | | | | |
|--------|-----|--------------------|---------|
| | in | out | on hand |
| 8 Feb | 55 | - | 1221 |
| 9 Feb | 197 | - | 1418 |
| 10 Feb | 43 | - | |
| | | 304 TRANI | |
| | | 508 BARI (ITI-ITI) | 849 |

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Lt Col SAMPSON

SICILY call-up phase III : saw War Ministry sig 203585 of 9 Feb ordering phase III to start 1 Mar. He confirmed that this meant that men would commence reporting on 1 Mar.

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Lt Col SAMPSON

Volunteers ex FLORENCE : clarified that train from AREZZO for 18 Feb is cancelled.

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Major BAUMANN's Liaison Log

Gen SANTI

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1. Inf'd him that IMIA would NOT oppose the visit to ROME of Gen ZANUSSI (now in the line as 2 i/c OFANCHA) who, it was understood, was urgently required as an important witness in the ROAFFA trial, providing the War Ministry considered it essential and gave the necessary orders.

Col SCARANUSSI (Welfare Offr - ROME Territorial HQ)

ADAMS

2. He confirmed that as soon as the Rest Camp starts to function it will come under COME West HQ. The comd (Maj AMATUCCI) will have disciplinary powers over personnel of all three services. Staff planned is three officers and about 50 civilians.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

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GIII SD

3. III-III note at SAUBHO : chased the report on men who absented themselves during recent despatch of rfts for 209 Div g'd bus (250 due to leave - 177 left). Inf'd him that rail move ordered for period 19-25 Feb for 500 men to MARARO for 8 Army g'd bus. Rochomanski to issue necessary instrs to MARLES.

Lt Col CANO (Mil Sec, Ministry for Occupied Territory)

G III(I)

4. CANO called to discuss projected parade of patriots and military personnel on 18 Feb. Details in separate memo to GIII (I).

Gen ROMEO

12 Feb

Comd

5. ROMEO called on GOC, on taking up new post as C of S SMAS.

Gen FALUGI (Director of Offr Personnel Branch M of War)

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6. Method of reporting on Italian offrs : general discussion on present system; collected copies of appropriate forms for Col FIDISINI.

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7. Strength of offrs Italian Army : in anticipation of review of offr ceiling by IMIA (vide log 6 Jan para 11), requested to be inf'd of present situation. Details referred to GOC.

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Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

3. III-III rive at SALERNO : closed the report on men who absented themselves during recent despatch of rifle for 209 Div Gd bns (250 due to leave - 177 left). Infd him that rail move ordered for period 19-25 Feb for 300 men to PERANO for 8 Army Gd bus. Rochowanski to issue necessary instructions to NAVIG.

4. Lt Col CANO (Mil Sec, Ministry for Occupied Territory)

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Gen MONDO

12 Feb

5. MONDO called on GOC, on taking up new post as C of S CMR.

Gen FALUFI (Director of Officer Personnel Branch M of War)

6. Method of reporting on Italian affairs : general discussion on present system; collected copies of appropriate forms for Col PIDGLEY.

7. Strength of officer Italian Army : in anticipation of review of officer ceiling by WLA (vide log 6 Jan para 11), requested to be inrd of present situation. Details referred to GOC.

Lt Col SANBONE (and Maj GALATERRI)

8. Org of mil tribunals : collected certain details, but only part of the general info requested. From subsequent follow-up SANBONE/BORGARI it transpires that the latter has taken fright and gone into a huddle with SMG and they are busy thinking out the best answer. BORGARI has promised to convey the full story to the War Minister on 15 Feb.

Lt Col SANBONE

9. Infd him that the sigs ordering all Territorial and Adm Div HQs to fly flags on 11 Feb (Anniversary of Vatican Treaty) had been held back because :

- (a) incorrectly made out
(b) handed in at 2135 on 10 Feb, hence too late to correct.

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SECRETMajor BAUMANN's Liaison log9/10 Feb 45Lt VANZETTIG2 SD
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1. 44 trained med personnel for 8 Army: Ref SD 2193 of 27 Jan, arranged for priority to be given to these rfts over other med rfts now pending. They will be taken from drafts arriving in ROME shortly from the SOUTH.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

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2. Discussed provision of above personnel ref his letter of 4 Feb, and requested him to coordinate with Vanzetti.

Lt Cols GUIDA/ DI BITONTO/ GRACEFFA

GSD

3. Cadres for CESANO: approved est for RTC ICF caters for 7000/9000 men. To take care of maximum rfts expected in Feb following additional personnel required. Sgts 60; Cpls and I/Cpls 100. Will SD please arrange ex TRANI or AFRAGOLA ORVETO GHI P

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4. 3 NCO's for weapon trg of 502 - 503 - 519 gd bns: Requested him to provide as soon as possible and notify date and location.

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5. SABAUDA I.S. Div: further discussion about the 300 undesirable types subject of para 15 log 5 Feb. DI Bitonto will ascertain from Territorial HQ PALERMO what sort of duties these men are suited for, with a view to reposting them to other ILI-ILI units. It is considered that it might be most unwise to send certain types to gd bns.

Gen SANTI

6. Infd him of results of latest decisions on CESANO: (a) maximum rfts planned for Feb (at any

Lt Cols GUIDA/ DI BITONTO/ CRACEFFA

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Gen SANTI

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Infid him of results of latest decisions on
CESANO : (a) maximum rfts planned for Feb (at any
one time) 11250;

(b) maximum cadre and trg staffs will be
those planned by SMRE/MMLA. Additional cadres
are NOT authorised;

(c) rfts will be accepted from following
sources only:

- assigned in call-up programmes;
- volunteers specifically authorised by
MMLA from time to time;
- personnel from one of the combat gps
reposting back from hosp etc ;
- individual rfts (specialists etc)
assigned to CESANO by MMLA from time
to time.

(d) requested SANTI to issue urgent orders
suspending acceptance of volunteers from all
other sources.

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Lt Col GRACEFFA

7. Ref para 3 above, infd him of decision at 6 b above.

Maj NICOLETTI

10 Feb

8. SICILY call-up: up to 7 Feb Incl 11679 men had arrived at REGGIO and 1166 were in the camp there. GIII SD

9. S/A. Instructors for three gd bns for 2 Dist: GIII SD
Following NCO's have been detailed and are awaiting
collection at MACAO Barracks, ROME:
Sgt Maj VERUSO Alfredo
Sgt MAZZUCCATO Ottorino
Sgt PARAVENTO Michele

Count CASATI

10. Repatriated PW's: CASATI stated GOC's letter meets the case admirably. List of outstanding requests now in his hands. He will add his comments for most senior offr and pass list to MMIA. Comd

11. Man management courses: CASATI had passed MMIA proposals to SMRE for their comment. He will hasten reply. Comd

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13. Gen MARIOTTI: CASATI confirmed that Mariotti has been placed on the reserve and will NOT be re-employed. Comd

Lt Col DL BITONTO

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Lt Col DI BITONTO
SARDINIA call-up: modified assignment programme as follows: 36850
item 7: +1000 +500 +500 - -3000 +1000
item 9: - 400 -- -- -400+1200 - 400

Lt Col SANZONE
SARDINIA:
following are depots in the island :
IGLESIAS 1)
CAGLIARI 2) strength
CAGLIARI 3) each
TEMPO TAUSANIA 4) 5
SASSARI 5) all ranks
SASSARI 6)
MACOMER 7)

Requested that all depots planned in Territorial lay-

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out be numbered and that the numbers be quoted in
future and NOT regimental or other designations.
First seven numbers allotted as above.

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SECRETMajor BAUMANN's liaison log6/7 Feb 45Lt Col GUIDA

1. 1 Regt HQ for 8d bns : he had Maj TROISI phone to NAPLES and is infd that authority for release of stores is still held up by MMIA NAPLES. 2 i/c G2 Ops

2. Personnel for ASTRONI cadres for new recruits: Requested him to hasten posting of offrs - he promised to advise posn later. 2 i/c

Col LEHR

3. Capt MACINA Nicola of 23 Engr Bn 210 Div :- This offr was taken on by Delegazione "T" and posted locally to 210 Div. Subsequently it was discovered that he had worked for the TODT org and he is consequently being released from the Army. 2 i/c

4. Call-up posters in AMG territory: infd him of the need to have these posters approved by competent AC authorities and also to inform Regional Commissioners before the posters are distributed. Copies of both posters (call-up and recall) will be submitted for this purpose. GIII(I)

5. Exemption of rly employees : he will advise as to the posn of rly personnel, method of exemption etc. with particular ref to forthcoming call-up in ARULLA. SCRE

6. Delegazione "A" - designated for Territorial HQ BOLOGNA :- infd him that the rep ordered to report to 228 Div HQ and MMIA LO 8 Army over one month ago had NOT yet reported. Requested him to enquire into the non-compliance with this order. G-1

7. Nominal role of gen ofrs and C of S's, Italian Army : requested him to hasten the provision of this list of current postings, together with personal record of each offr. Comd GIII(I)

Lt Col ROCHONANSKI

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CIII(I)

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(b) additional cadres to cope with 4000 men.

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Count CASATI

9. Col SILVESTRI: no reply recd yet from CREMONA Div, where investigation is taking place as to alleged granting of leave to 800 men of this offr's regt, immediately prior to his being relieved of his comd. Comd
Spec Sec

Gen SANTI

10. Introduced Lt Col Gibbnd. Santi will be reporting for duty with MANTOVA Div in about two weeks time. Spec Sec

Divisione Generale di Sanita'

GSD
DADMS

11. General situation of med rfts : -
- (a) now approx 2200 under strength;
 - (b) 500 men in process of being transferred from mil hosps in SOUTH to mil hosps further NORTH:
 - 150 leaving CATANZARO 7 Feb destined S.CALLO hosp FLORENCE;
 - 18 NCOs and 98 men departed ROME for LUGHERN and JAN;
 - 20 NCOs leaving NAPLES in two days time;
 - 17 NCOs and 83 men leaving BARI ditto
 - 14 NCOs and 100 men leaving SARDINIA in ten days time

Above movements do NOT alter overall strength of med category.

- (c) Recoverable from over 60 day hosps : estimated max 800 all ranks; date of availability NOT yet known.
- (d) Low med category rfts ex TRANI: 300 moving shortly and destined as follows

FLORENCE	100
ROME	100
NAPLES	50
BARI	50

(following arranged with SP Branch SURE)

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

- (e) Med personnel in ITI-ITI rfts ex SALENCO and SARDINIA to be allotted to med category (Ref log 5 Feb para 16 - in place of 200 men for Mine Lifting Coy now to be taken from 10 Engr Depot SACV).

Maj TAGLIONE

- (f) 100 med rfts for combat gps to be selected if possible from rfts already at CESAHO.

Lt Col SAMPO'

12. Spanish Mil Attache' : infd SAMPO' that AFHQ is NOT prepared GIII (I) to authorise visit to combat gps, so as NOT to create precedent.

- (c) Recoverable from over 50 day hops; estimates 800 all ranks; date of availability NOT yet known.
- (d) Low med category rfts ex TRANI: 300 moving shortly and destined as follows

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ROME	100
NAPLES	50
BARI	50

(following arranged with SD Branch SMRE)

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Lt Col ROCCHOWANSKI

13. ITI-ITI rfts ex SALERNO: 177 men entrained for 209 Div. NOT known at SMRE why full number of 250 did NOT leave. Making enquiries. GIII(SD)

Capt DELLA CORNA

14. CC RR HQ for each combat gp: follow-up enquiry about their proposal to institute such a HQ consisting of 1 Capt, 1 NCO, 1 clerk, 1 dvr. Later infd him that the proposal had been turned down as NOT necessary. Can this be confirmed in writing. Spec Sec

SECRETLiaison With War Ministry etc5 Feb 45Major TROISI

1. NAPIES and EARI gran coys: TROISI called to discuss order for 2 i/c - G1
disbandment of these units.

Col FIGURE-VERMAZZA

2. Ufficio Assistenza (ROME): in reply to enquiry FIGURE stated 2 i/c
that tps lodged here were in transit on duty, i.e. on the way to A/c, C-1
report to units of moving from one unit to another. He said the G-III(Cps)
rations were all chargeable to the unit's respective units. *Let a brief report!*

Lt. Col. GRANDI

3. Grandi phoned to say that Lt PRINCIPPE had failed to report C-1
to him, as instructed two days ago. Later informed him that he
had been sent on leave and would be instructed to report on his
return (about 14th).

Col. LEVER

4. 212 Div (PRS): -

- (a) Brig Gen PERONE Ernesto takes over from RESOLI w.e.f.
15 Feb 45.
(b) no change in 2 i/c or C of S.

Capt DETTIA CORVA

5. Surotus the ex CALABRIA: ref his infn of 4 Feb that the first 250
men would be at VICO VALENTIA by 7 Feb, infd him that tpt could G-II - SD
NOT be arranged earlier than period 12 - 18 Feb.

Col FIGURE

6. In answer to his enquiry, infd him that the "CHERSON" was docking
at CIVITAVECCHIA ex SARDINIA on 5 Feb. He is interested because
of unit personnel on board. GSD

Lt. Col. RICH WATSKI

7. Recruiting in Jan by screening agencies: he confirmed that the
figures shown in his table already include the men enrolled by
Cerseti detts - i.e. under headings "6" and "7". G III SD

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Col. LEVER

4. 212 Div (FES):-

- (a) Brig Gen FERRONE Ernesto takes over from RE SOLI W.C.F.
15 Feb 45.
(b) no change in 2 1/c or C of S.

2 1/c

Genl DELLA CORVA

5. Surculus the ex CALABRILLA: ref his infn of 4 Feb that the first 250 men would be at VICO VALENTIA by 7 Feb, infd him that tpt could NOT be arranged earlier than period 12 - 18 Feb.

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Col FIORE

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CSD

Lt. Col. RECH/VALENTI

7. Recruiting in Jan by screening agencies: he confirmed that the figures shown in his table already include the men enrolled by Cerseti dets - i.e. under headings "6" and "7".

C III SD

Col. LEVER

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8. Temp commissions of civilian Lds with 8 Army: infd him of text of MIA Sig O/486 to Main 8th and requested urgent action on their part to implement authority for TOMASELLI.

C-1
C III(T)

9. Identity discs for Combat Gps etc: CREMONA Gp was supplied with 8500 discs in December. It would appear that they still have some on hand as they have asked for sups of the special marking ink, which are awaiting collection in BO E, plus further 2700 discs. PRIULI recd 10,000 in Oct and has NOT requested further sups since.

Spec Sec
C III(T)

Count CASATI

10. New appointment:
Maj Gen BOSELLI to cord Territorial HQ RARI, vice Can DI NISIC, who becomes available for possible further employment elsewhere.
11. Handed to the Minister two letters from GOC ref "Adm Instr No 18" and "NAFIES M T Unit."

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Col LEMERDADT
DADME

12. Requested info about future org of MT Branch at War Ministry, with particular ref to requirements of Repair and Recovery Div, which needs to have first class office at its head.

13. General talk on office Personnel Branch.

14. Col DE ANGELIS has been appointed to comd 10 Artillery Depot NAPLES. 2 i/c

Lt Col DI BENTONTO

G-1

15. SABAUDA I.S. Div : This div is reported to contain 300 unreliable elements - men who are more of a menace than a help in maintaining public order. Can they be disposed of in ones and twos to auxiliary units and replaced ex call-up rfts?

GII (SD)

16. Programme for emp of Sardinian ITI-ITI rfts:

- For 3 Mine lifting Coy 200
- 9 Raggruppamento autieri (rfts) 150
- Rfts for gd bns

100
209 div
228 div
210 div

530
120
1000

- Div course RME

Above assignment takes into account likely deficiencies of SALERNO call-up.

Maj TAGLIONE and Lt Col SALPO:

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
G-1
Spec Sec

17. VOLUNTEERS for combat : as a result of press and party campaigns there is an ever-growing number of volunteers from all directions : FLORENCE, LIGURIA, ANCONA, SICILY, PUGLIA, FOMI, the LAZIO and CAMPANIA call-ups etc. Present plans are to accept 500 every four days from FLORENCE, where there are up to 6000 men waiting to join for combat. In addition, up to 500 per month can be accepted from local sources for direct assignment to "A" and "C" combat gps. Both schemes will need only a fraction of this spate of volunteers. Decision is urgently required on

- For 3 Mine lifting Coy 200
- 9 Raggruppamento antiaerei (rfts) 150
- Rfts for gd bns
209 div 100
228 div 330
210 div 100
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Maj TAGLIONE and Lt Col SAMPQ:

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Lt Col GUIDA and DI BITONTO

18. CESANO (ETC ICF): Much concern being expressed over the numbers of rfts already at or destined for CESANO, the total planned being allegedly considerably higher than capacity. Posn as seen by SWE is as follows:-

- already at CESANO (5 Feb), nearly 6000
- rfts ex FICINO (CC RR) 3000
- volunteers ex FLORENCE (500 each 4th day in Feb) 3500
- volunteers ex PUGLIA etc 1000
- 1924 and 25 recruits ex APULIA 6000
19000

Discussed with GII SD and Spec Sec by 'phone - arranged for rep SWE to attend meeting at CESANO 1000 hrs 6 Feb for necessary decisions and action. Vide para 17 above which also refers.

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
C-1
Spec Sec

Count CASATI

Cond
2 i/c
S/Q
C-1

19. Rpts ex SICILY absconding themselves en route from APRACOLA and TRAMI : Casati greatly regretted that so many men had deserted, particularly after all the efforts made in SICILY to make the call-up a success. Orders had been given to intercept as many as possible before they got back to SICILY, but the straits will NOT offer much of an obstacle to the deserters as there are fishing boats and other small craft continually crossing. Casati stated that the men are all doing wretched conditions at the camps to justify their deserting (vide log 4 Feb). He feels that if these men get back to SICILY and talk in this way it will have a most injurious effect on the third phase of the call-up there and give the men another excuse for NOT presenting themselves.

Col LAMBRARDI

20. RARE Territoriale HQ: conveyed GOC's approval of appointment of Gen BUSSELLI in place of Gen DI NISIO. Told him that the question of the latter's reemployment would be subject of next meeting with the Minister. Cord

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Liaison with War Ministry etc.

4 Feb 45

Col FARAGNE

1.

Italian offrs (promotions and removal) :- Attended meeting Col FIDOLBY/FARAGNE to discuss procedure on appointments and reporting on Italian offrs.

Spec Sec

Gen CHATRIAN

2.

Accompanied G-1 for discussion of following subjects:-

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
G-1

(a) Sardinia call-up - new policy with regard to clothing men in situ and consequent change in allotment of 3000 formerly destined to CESAMO.

(b) March call-up: Chatrian foresaw no difficulties over the plans worked out for March, both the recall in SARDINIA and the call-up of new classes in SARDINIA and CALABRIA.

(c) 500 offrs being recalled in SARDINIA: these are part of the 3000 additional offrs lately authorised. They are needed in the first place to accompany rfts to the mainland. Subsequently will be allotted to categories where required.

(d) Men due for demobilization and still with units: G-1 explained policy, which was appreciated and accepted by Chatrian.

(e) Territorial org: Chatrian stated he would shortly be making a detailed study of this subject. Ultimately he felt the personnel of some of the districts and depots would need to be strengthened. He will be making a special plan for retention of a Territorial Hq in SARDINIA, as he considers the island requires something more than a dot of the RME Hq. Both for admin and strategic reasons. To say his case, he made a comparison of the arrangements planned for SICILY, with its two IS divs and full Territorial Hq, and the arrangements for SARDINIA, with less than one div and no Territorial Hq.

(f) Volunteers versus new recruits for the Gruppi:- Chatrian agreed that in present circumstances the policy ought to be to accept volunteers of the right sort, who were keen men and already had basic mil trg, in preference over the raw recruits. However, he considered that a proportion of the latter should be sent to CESAMO and trained for assigning to Gruppi later in place of some of the older men of the 1918/19 classes who have gone many years consecutive service.

(g) Offrs ex LEON Academy: G-1 stated that it would NOT

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(g) Offrs ex LEONE Academy: G-1 stated that it would NOT be possible to attach new offrs to Gruppi in excess of est, except in the case of Mantova. 25 new offrs may be assigned to the latter GP. A proportion of these new offrs should be sent to CUSANO in the ordinary way as offr rifts and will be sent on to the Gruppi, when trained for combat as and when vacancies occur.

(h) Temporary commissions for civilian interpreters:- Chatrian saw no difficulty in giving temporary commissions to suitable types and will arrange for the men to be interviewed by Gen Tomeselli, who will be empowered to make decisions in the fd.

(i) AFRAGOLA and TRAPI camps: G-1 infd Chatrian that energetic action was being taken by MIA to obtain the required improvements in these two camps. GOC 3 Dist had spoken to Comd 227 Div about the discipline of the camp at AFRAGOLA, and had ordered that certain engr work be undertaken by 227. Chatrian promised to follow the matter personally and will advise if in his opinion 227 Div has been ordered to undertake work beyond its capabilities.

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Lt Col DI BITONIC

3.

Following is text of sig sent to Territorial HQ Palermo
by a senior offr who escorted a party of SICILIAN call-ups to
AFRAGOLA:

Comd
A/Q
C-1

"The Sicilian call-ups escorted to Afragola Camp have
been neglected by both Italian and Allied authorities. These
men, without any real clothing and almost barefoot have been
rotting for five days under canvas in a rd almost under water
as the result of continuous rains. The cold weather and only
two worn rd blankets make morale and hygiene conditions worse.
I appeal for an immediate intervention with the competent Allied
authority to obtain the immediate repatriation of the recruits to
their units."

This was shown to me "off the record".

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SECRETLiaison with War Ministry1/3 Feb 45COL LENER

1. Identity discs for Italian tps - especially combat gps: There is no stock and production is extremely limited owing to shortage of metal. There is an outstanding request for 5000 for CMAONA Gp, which they are unable to meet. He is having the poem looked into urgently.

Spec Sec
CIII(I)

2. Length of service by age gps: requested up-to-date infm showing approx length of service and strength of each "class".

G-1

Lt Col GUIDA

3. TROSINONE ITI-ITI Rft Depot: instead of sending the complete cadres planned for 2000 recruits immediately, he will arrange for 40 of rs and 100 ORs to report by 10 Feb, and the remainder at a later date, according to how the call-up is proceeding.

CII SD

4. 252 Pack Gp FOSSEMORONE: infd GUIDA that at 29 Jan there were still the following offr deficiencies:

CIII SD

Capts	2	x/c	2
Capts	Adm		3
Capts	Vet		1
Subs			2

GUIDA stated that some of the above are probably on the way - he will advise soon later.

Gen TALUCCI

5. Procedure for removal of of rs from "gruppi" and other units: Col MARONE will report to Spec Sec 0930 hrs 4 Feb to provide infm on current procedure and technical matters relating to posting and removal of offrs.

Spec Sec

Lt Col GUIDA

6. Cadres for recruits at ASTRONI: requested him to hasten the provision of offrs requested in MMIA letter of 1 Feb.

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Capt DELLA COENA

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Capt DELLA CORNA

7. Surplus personnel ex CALABRIA: infd him that rail tpt had been requested for 400 men ex VIBO VALENTIA between 12 and 18 Feb - and stressed importance of all the men being there in time. CII (SD) 3676

Count CASATI

(2 Feb)

8. Conveyed GOC's authority and/or approval of the following proposals:

- Col TESTI's appointment as LO to FOLGORE HC, Lt Col FOSCARI to cmd S. M. RCO Regt with two 2 i/c's - one mil, one naval
- Appointment of VANDEN HEUVEL to cmd ACSTA LAZZARINI to cmd SABAUDA SANTI to 2 i/c MANTOVA LIUZZI to Assistant Gen to C of S SARE
- CALILLA's future
- SICILY call-up to restart 1 Mar (i.e. men to start reporting on that date).

8. (cont'd)

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Other matters discussed:-

Comd

- Ministry of Occupied Territories (Mil Sec): Casati will keep GOC infd of developments
- Casati will supply list of gens epurated and grounds for epuration.
- Press conference which the War Ministry should hold (as opposed to President of the Council's office) on the recent epuration and other matters.
- Write up for Gen VERARONE - proposed as replacement for RAISOLI
- Welfare matters

Lt Col SAMPO

9. Spanish Mil Attache's request to be allowed to visit gruppi - referred to G-1 for action. G-1

Lt Col GUIDA

10. 252 Pack Op FOSSOMBRONE: further to para 4 above, Guida stated that War Ministry rep had visited FOSSOMBRONE 1 Feb and had found only the following deficiencies, which are being filled: GIII (SD)

268 Coy	Capt 2 i/o	1
269 Coy	Capt Adm	1
269 Coy	Capt Vet	1

Lt Col SAMPO

11. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: infd him that the date of the third train from AREZZO is confirmed for 8 Feb. GII (SD)
MOV

Col FIORE VERNAZZA

12. FROSINONE call-up: 67 men have been waiting to move to 212 Div for several days. FIORE was promised tpt some days ago, but when the men want to the sta they were turned back. GII (Ops)

Lt Col GRACEFFA

13. NCO's for ORVIEIO and FROSINONE:- following are required. GIII (SD)
ments ex AFRAGLIA:

ORVIEIO 150 cpls and 1/cpls

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GIII (SD)

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ORVIETO	150 cpls and 1/cpls
FROSINONE	45 sgts
	42 cpls and 1/cpls
	13 ptes

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Maj THOSI

14. 1 Regt Hq for gd bns: personnel has been ready at NAPLES for some days - eqpt reported to be still short. (208) thing other

GII (Ops)

SECRET

Liaison Duties

29 Jan 45

Lt Col SANSONE

ALLIA call-up: he confirmed that the notices had been posted up in most districts. The only exceptions were out-lying villages of Potenza and Campobasso where there are considerable communications difficulties to be overcome. Requested a copy of the proclamation for our info.

GII(I)

ADAMS

Welfare channels: asked him to circulate all branches (and also bring to attention of higher-ups) that there is now a properly constituted Welfare Branch and all matters relating to welfare should go through proper channels.

Gen CERICA

CERICA visited MALA to discuss various aspects of patriot activities and requirements. Explained policy and procedure. Owing to the patriot situation in Tuscany NOT being under proper control, CERICA has been called upon for assistance on various occasions, both by the Prefect and by 5 Army. CERICA asserted that patriot bands are still in the line with 5 Army in more than one sector and that they were in urgent need of certain items of clothing during recent cold spell which 5 Army were NOT able to supply. Infd GII Ops for discussion during visit to 5 Army. Arranged appointment for CERICA with Patriot Branch HQ AC.

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
C-1

Count CASATI

Following subjects discussed:

- Refugees ex CESANO
- Gen SANTI
- comds of 15 Divs SICILY
- FOLGO E SP: 2 i/c and C of S
- Mil attache BERN
- CASTELLANO
- Epuration: REISOLI

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Lt Col SANSONE

30 Jan 45

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CERICA visited EMIA to discuss various aspects of patriot activities and requirements. Explained policy and procedure. Owing to the patriot situation in Tuscany NOT being under proper control, CERICA has been called upon for assistance on various occasions, both by the Prefect and by 5 Army. CERICA asserted that patriot bands are still in the line with 5 Army in more than one sector and that they were in urgent need of certain items of clothing during recent cold spell which 5 Army were NOT able to supply. Inf'd CII Ops for discussion during visit to 5 Army. Arranged appointment for CERICA with Patriot Branch HQ AG.

Count CASATI

Following subjects discussed:

- refugees ex CEBANO
- Gen SANTI
- comds of 15 Divs SICILY
- FOLGOIE Ep: 2 i/c and C of S
- Mil attache BERN
- CASTELLANO
- Epuration: REISOLI

30 Jan 45

Lt Col SANSONE

MIL districts just SOUTH of Security Line: District offices and staffs are in process of organization in MARCHE and UMBRIA and call-up can be started there any time after the weather clears with 2 weeks notice. Only districts NOT organized are:

- ANCONA: in the process of moving from IESI where there is no accn
- CROSSETTO: no possibility of accn, which is being sought elsewhere.

Count CASATI

Following subjects discussed:

- comds of 15 divs SICILY
- assistant gen to C of S SMRE
- reactions to ROMEO's appointment
- SMC
- OXILIA
- SICILY call-up
- Ministry of Occupied Territories
- Press reaction to army changes

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Gen CHATRIAN

Following subjects discussed:

- Aliberti - Properzi - Mannerini
- Reorg of Gen staff
- Mil Tribunals: Functions, dependencies, and appointments
- NAPLES situation: MT Col
- Duration
- Functions of SMG
- Press

Count CASATI

LAZIO-and CAMPANIA call-ups :- Chatrian has just returned from tour of mil districts in these regions where call-ups are in progress. Because of difficulties of tpt and comms caused by weather etc, the full effects of the org for the call-up have NOT yet been felt. Casati and Chatrian accordingly strongly recommended extension of call-up by further 10 days - until 10 Feb. Discussed with GSD and approved verbally with Chatrian.

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Lt Col CHECCHIA and Lt Col ALORA

Following upon discussion at MHA of MT programme, and emp of Italian Army vehs, requested to have their proposals for assignment of minimum veh requirements to Cat I units and HQs. Explained roughly basis on which these should be calculated.

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SECRETLiaison Duties24 Jan 45Col SARPO

1. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: Infd him that rail tpt will be available AREZZO for 500 men on 30 Jan and 4 Feb. He is setting machinery in motion for first 1000 men. Most important that dates of subsequent departures be notified earliest. If possible they should follow at 4-day intervals as originally planned.

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C-2(SD)
NovGen SANTI

2. Volunteers ex TERMI (NOT RIETI) 200 men will be moved to CESANO within next few days under SMRE arrangements. Spec Sec infd.

C-2(SD)
Spec Sec

3. Men ANOL ex TRIULI: passed to SANTI 50 XLV list of names for period 26 Dec - 10 Jan. He will compare with SMRE records, and has asked to see copies of future lists.

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Count CASATI25 Jan 45

4. CASATI called on GOC: following subjects were discussed:
- Forthcoming important epuration programme;
 - Proposed change of C of S SMRE
 - Candidates proposed for the post
 - changes in SICILY (incl CASTELLANO)
 - reorganisation at War Ministry

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Col LINER

5. Age limits for regular ofrs: following are age-limits for regular army ofrs of inf, arty and engr branches:

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Lt 48
Capt 48
Maj 50
Lt Col 52
Col 55
Brig 58
Maj Gen 60
Lt Gen 63
Gen 64

Gen SANTI

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Count CASATI

25 Jan 45

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Col LENER

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Lt 48
Capt 48
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Lt Col 52
Col 55
Brig 58
Maj Gen 60
Lt Gen 63
Gen 64

Gen SANTI

6. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: discussed various aspects of first 315/5p2
move of 500 volunteers, incl provision of blankets, rations, tpt
FLORENCE/AREZZO - subsequently arranged with branches concerned.

Count CASATI

27 Jan 45

7. Accompanied GOC: following subjects were discussed:

- SICILY call-up
- combat volunteers
- press publicity for Italian Army
- appointment of new C of S SMRE
- refugees ex CESANO
- Garibaldi Div: sig to TITO
- Cooperators
- Repatriated PW's
- Man management courses
- St Andrews Camp
- Commissions for Patriot leaders
- Offrs removed from Gruppi
- Col SILVESTRI
- Gen SOLDARELLI

28 Jan 45

Count CASATI

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Following subjects discussed:

- cffrs removed from combat gps
- New C of S SMRE
- Divs comds for SICILY
- BRUNETTI's appointment in ROME
- FOLGONE - 2 i/c and C of S
- Assistant gen to C of S SMRE
- CESANO refugees
- SAN MARCO Marine Regt
- Welfare Matters

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LIAISON with SMRE

21/23 Jan

Genlt CASATI

23 Jan 45

1. LEGNANO and FULGIONE march through MME:- conveyed following reply from GOC: While it was appreciated that a march part of these two gps was desirable because of

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- (a) Propaganda value for Italian Army, particularly during the period of the ROME call-up and at a time when efforts are being made in press and other ways to enhance prestige and morale of the Army.
- (b) To avoid disappointment of these men of the two gps who were in action with the CIL and knew that the first two gps paraded through ROME while they are MT allowed to do so;

On the other hand, the following are sound reasons against the parades:-

- (a) Although a fire reply was given to SMRE 10 days ago, the latter is raised again at the last minute, when all arrangements for the move have already been made. Representative dets can only be arranged by rush change of movement orders or by cutting out one day's valuable trg.
- (b) The march part of first two gps was never intended to constitute a precedent. At that time it was felt that the publicity would be valuable, but since then very much had been done in the press in the way of propaganda for the Army, and more would be done in future. Allied fans do NOT parade through the streets on their way to the front - and there is no reason why this should become a regular habit with Italian fans.
- (c) Propaganda value would be of purely local character - insufficient justification for going to so much trouble and waste of petrol, tyres etc for the benefit of the Roman population.
- (d) Minister would remember the incidents which occurred during the second parade, in themselves a grave discourtesy towards the Allies, and because they brought politics into play, demonstrated the wrong spirit and outlook of certain sections of the public towards the Italian Army. It was felt that at that time that it would be unwise to run the risk

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- (e) This policy had been communicated to AFHQ and was agreed by them.

Info CASATI that on balance GOC considered there was no case for reversing original decision. Casati accepted this without comment.

Col LEWIS Col PALLAVICINO

2. Arranged appointments for Gen WCE with CASATI, BERARDI, CHATRIAN, PALEMO and FELICIA for Monday 22 Jan 44 and collected brief notes on each.

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Col LEWER22 Jan

3.

Move of rfts from REGGIO to CESANA :- Referred to him the report received from MMIA LO RUDICE and requested an explanation of following pts :-

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- why men were NOT redicallly examined at Mil Districts in SICILY;
- why men were despatched from REGGIO without blankets;
- why straw was NOT provided in the rly trucks.

4.

LAZIO call-up: infd him of MMIA concern over very poor results for first two days. He promised to draw Chatrian's attention to the matter immediately.

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5.

Accompanied Gen NUCE, 2 i/c MMIA, and Maj BARNES on visit to the following :-

Count CASATI
Gen BERARDI
Gen CHATRIAN
PAVINO
Gen PELLICORA

6.

New decrees and cabinet decisions affecting Italian Army :- pointed out to him that important announcement had just appeared in the press of considerable interest to Italian Army without MMIA being informed officially by the War Ministry that any of the measures were being put into force. Important that Mission be infd at least simultaneously with the press release. He will arrange for the future.

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Gen MANNERINI23 Jan

7.

Back from recent visit to AVERSA refugee camp, which he reports will be closing down shortly. This will leave no soon available for handling returned PWs, or stragglers from FRANCE, who are put ashore at NAPLES. No matter how rapidly they are dealt with, these men must have somewhere to put up for a night or two, while their papers are put in order, and they are med examined and receive their pay. Some of the men have nowhere to go until they are taken into the Army or find civilian jobs, as their homes are in EOT. Mannerini quite understands the policy aspect and that MMIA is precluded from dealing with ex PWs on account of their civilian status. On the other hand the Italian civil authorities and relief orgs are stated to be in-capable of handling the situation. The Italian Army is still morally responsible for dealing with these men and Mannerini requests MMIA advice on who to approach in the matter.

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Gen. KANNERINI

23 Jan

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8. Cooperators: further talk on this subject with Gen Kannerini, 3869 who promised M of W's opinion very shortly. He is greatly interested in the question, but was under the impression that the issue had already been settled between Gazzera and PF Sub Commission.

Gen SANTI

9. Accompanied C-1 - various subjects discussed :-

- CERSATI deta in PW areas employed on screening of volunteers and patriots.
- (a) Patriots Branch will organize more active employment of the deta in future with a view to stimulating recruitment to the utmost.
- (b) SWE to ensure that only keen and active efforts are assigned to the deta, preferably of PWs with recent combat experience.
- (c) SWE to consider putting all screening det personnel into ED (green) - which will be authorized by MFA on request.

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- Rfts for CESANO: discussion of strengths and rfts due to arrive. Maj TAGLIOME to visit GSD MIA for comparison of figures.
- BR-ITF rft plan: consideration of forms to be used for reporting and consolidating casualties and reporting movements at rft centres. SURET recommends combat gp forms be used for uniformity.

Count CASATI

10. Handed in letters on
(a) delays in MARLES port discharge
(b) reply to BONNI (SICILY call-up)
11. GARIBALDI Div: Italian sig for TITO still under consideration by cabinet. Casati will submit draft for GOC's approval. Infd him that sig would be sent through AC. He is concerned over assaults recently made on personnel of Garibaldi Div by local partisans - they may want to make ref to this in sig. He stated two of their officers shot (war criminal proceedings) and others on trial.
12. Refugees at CESANO: GOC's letter was duly laid before cabinet and CASATI is writing a third time, but for the moment he has no progress to report.

Lt Col RECHOWANSKI

13. SICILY call-up: moves at REGGIO

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LIAISON with SARE

19/20 Jan 45

COL LEMER

19 Jan

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1. AFULLIA call-up: infd him that in consideration of circumstances start of call-up would now be on 10 Feb - to finish 25 Feb. The 10 day postponement would be used to complete all arrangements, cadres etc.

CII (I)

2. Italian Army Bns - Type III Metallic Tubular:
Requested infm as to (a) numbers produced
(b) location
Later passed available details to CII (I)

CII (SD)

3. Lt Col Giulio Viterbi: through a misunderstanding War Ministry reply (dated 16 Jan) sent direct to Special Force Rep AC. Reply was in any event incorrectly worded. Requested fresh reply to MMIA.

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4. Cooperators: in view of intention of AFIA to transfer PMS on parole in ITALY from cooperator status to normal Italian Army status, requested War Ministry and SARE opinion on
(a) official point of view of such a transfer incl legal status of men concerned.
(b) reaction of the men themselves to reduced scale of rations, pay, clothing and other amenities.
Checked the draft enquiry he is circulating to War Ministry and SARE.

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5. Conveyed GOC's approval of appointment of Gen. BRUNETTI to comd ROME Territorial HQ.

Lt Col SAMFO

6. Volunteers for Italian Army :-

Following infm to hand from Delegazione "T" FLORENCE:

- (a) could be made available by 30 Jan in FLORENCE area: 2500 men
(b) could be made available with 10 days notice in the following areas:
ANCONA 600 - 700 men
FORLI 300 men

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Spec Sec

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Comd
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FORLI	300 men
AREZZO	150 men
SIENA	400 - 500 men

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After discussion with GSD it was decided that maximum rate of acceptance would be 500 men every four days, incl all sources and destinations. Governing factor for initiation of scheme: rail move from AREZZO which will NOT be available before 29 Jan. (Excl 500 men for RADDA who are being moved under Italian arrangements as soon as it can be arranged).

Gen SANTI

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7. Col SPADA (CC ORVIETO camp): experience of British cadre is that this offer is NOT satisfactory, whereas the acting CC, Lt Col PARADIA has done very good work. Infid SANTI accordingly and requested that PARADIA's appointment be confirmed and SPADA posted elsewhere.

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8. Accn at CESANO: infd him that Col KIDSLY had just returned from visit to CESANO and that it was his considered opinion that there was ample accn there for 10,000 men. Assurances had also been received as to clothing and the necessary accn stores.
- A/Q
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Spec Sec

9. Rfts for MANIOVA: in reply to his request that volunteers ex FLORENCE etc be moved direct to this GR, infd him that other arrangements had already been made, namely: 1st 1000: 5/600 volunteers ex AFRAGOLA
- Spec Sec
GII (SD)

2nd 1000: 400 volunteers ex CERSETI
500 volunteers ex AFRAGOLA
500 ex PICENCO (ex CC RR)

from Florence

It was NOT considered practicable to move volunteers, all the way down to BENEVENTO when they were needed further north, and while other volunteers were already available close at hand.

10. Double tier bunks: apart from bunks in Allied-occupied barracks in ROME (which are presumably untouched) there are only a few hundred available. SURE are therefore considering constructing continuous shelves along the sides of the CESANO buildings, a practice previously followed in the Italian Army. Main difficulty is likely to be tpt.
- A/Q
Spec Sec

Capt DELLA CORNA

11. SURE have been requested to post ofrs to new pack tpt coys being formed by 5 Army, but are still without infm as to designations of coys and other mobilization details (ests etc). infm awaited for over one month.
- GSD REP
GII (SD)

Col LEWER

20 Jan

12. Lt Clausepe MANZETTI: Stato Maggiore Generale (SUM) has no objection to the posting of this ofr to BARI and has infd BARI Territorial HQ accordingly.
- GIII (SD)

Lt Col ROCHONANSKI

13. SICILY call-up: REGGIC moves
- | | in | out | on hand | GIII (SD) |
|--------|-----|-----|---------|-----------|
| 17 Jan | 350 | - | 977 | |
| 18 Jan | 285 | - | 1262 | |

Count CASATI

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Capt DMILA COMAR

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GSD *REP*

GII (SA)

Col LEMER

20 Jan

12.

Lt Giuseppe MANZETTI: Stato Maggiore Generale (S.M.) has no objection to the posting of this ofr to BARI and has infd BARI Territorial HQ accordingly.

GIII (SD)

Lt Col ROCCHONARSKI

13.

SICILY call-up:
REGGIC moves
17 Jan
18 Jan

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Count CASATI

14.

FOLGORE and LEGNANO: representation for permission to march through ROME. Referred to GOC.

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15.

GARIBOLDI DIV.: Cabinet has agreed to send sig direct to TITO on similar lines to their previous message through AFHQ. Casati working on draft.

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SECRETLIAISON WITH S.M.R.E.

17/18 Jan 45

17 Jan

H. E. CASATISituation in SICILY

Further talk on suspension of call-up, from which it appears that:-

- (a) Direct order from BONOMI to ALDISIO was issued on 8 Jan;
- (b) CASATI had NOT been consulted. He was infd of action taken on 7 Jan and immediately wrote letter of protest to BONOMI.
- (c) MARIOTTI wired on 12 Jan informing of BONOMI/ALDISIO order on which he had already acted by suspending the mailing of the call-up notice for Phase III.
- (d) CASATI replied by taking cognisance of MARIOTTI's action.

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Lt. Col. ROCHICCIARIMove at REGGIO

In On Hand

15 Jan 205
(NOT 30 as previously reported)

1881

Out

16 Jan 469
890 ASTRONI
502 AFRAGOLA
31 CC.RR
CATANZARO

627

C III 2D

Col LEMER2. Delegazione "A" (Territorial HQ designated for BOLOGNA)

An offer has been ordered to report ahead to 288 Div HQ and
of 1/2 to be made to have into 8 ARMY Area as soon

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Lt. Col. ROCHOWANSKI

Move at REGGIO

In On Hand

1581

205

15 Jan (NCT 30 as previously reported)

Out

590 ASTRONI
502 AFFRAGOLA
31 CC.RR

459

CATANZARO

629

G III SD

Col LEMER

Delegazione "A" (Territorial HQ designated for BOLOGNA)

An offer has been ordered to report ahead to 225 Div HQ and an adv party of 15 to be ready to move into 8 ARMY Area as soon as arrangements are made with MILIA LO 8 ARMY.

18 Jan

Requested certain details with regard to strengths of Italian Army before and after Armistice.

H. E. CASATI

Busy all day with Cabinet meetings. Saw him for a moment at lunch-time and handed him SICILY letter of 18 Jan. He will see that a copy of this goes to KOFOMI.

Gen BRUNETTI's appointment to Comd ROMS Territorial HQ

CASATI particularly requested a reply by 19 Jan.

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Gen. SANITI (and Lt. Col. SAMPO)

7. Volunteers for Italian Army in FLORENCE (and other) regions - see log 15/16 Jan para 7

Infid SANITI that in view of improved situation at CESANO it would now be possible to accept volunteers for Combat Gps. At least 48 hrs notice required. SAMPO will obtain from Del. egazione T further particulars of numbers and dates. Mean- time, following action is requested of MAIA:-

- (a) 231 Div HQ be authorized to ration volunteers after induction and acceptance in FLORENCE;
- (b) Rail tpt be investigated from RH AREZZO to HOME.

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8 Rfts for Combat Gps

As a result of urgent representations by SANITI for des- patch of volunteers to "F" and "C" Gps, later infd him that:-

- (a) Authority was granted to move soonest ex FLORENCE 500 volunteers direct to RADIA. "F" to provide tpt.
- (b) "C" Gp had already collected 500 rfts ex volunteers in I District Area.
- (c) Despatch of rfts ex CESANO was being accelerated as fast as tpt arrangements would permit.

Spec Sec
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A/C

9. Two-tier Banks

Left message (through Col CHIARAVINO) to hasten transfer of two-tier banks from HOME to CESANO to increase econ there.

Spec Sec

Lt. Col. SANTOMAURO

10. AREZZO Call-up

Balance of personnel awaiting move to TRANT and Combat Rft Centre has all gone home and owing to rd conditions NOT possible to get them back again at present. Will be recovered as soon as circumstances permit.

C II SD

LAZIO Call-up

Arranged for SANTOMAURO to call 19 Jan on C II Gps to dis-

patch of volunteers to "F" and "C" Ops, later infd him that:-

- (a) Authority was granted to move soonest ex FLORENCE 500 volunteers direct to RADA. "F" to provide tpt.
- (b) "C" Op had already collected 500 rfts ex volunteers in I District Area.
- (c) Despatch of rfts ex CESSANO was being accelerated as fast as tpt arrangements would permit.

Spec Sec
G-1
A/Q

9. Two-tier Bunks

Left message (through Col CHIAPARINO) to hasten transfer of two-tier bunks from ROME to CESSANO to increase accn there.

Lt. Col. SANTOMAURO

Spec Sec

10. ABRUZZI Call-up

Balance of personnel awaiting move to IRANI and Combat Rft Centre has all gone home and owing to rd conditions NOT possible to get them back again at present. Will be recovered as soon as circumstances permit.

LAZIO Call-up

G II SD

Arranged for SANTOMAURO to call 19 Jan on G II Ops to discuss move of PAS personnel during forthcoming Call-up at ROME, FROSINONE and LITTORIA Mil Districts

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G II Ops
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LIMISON with SMRE

15/16 Jan 45

H.E. CASATI

1. As arranged at meeting on previous evening, conveyed letter from GOC in connection with refugees at CESANO camp and copy of GOC's message to clothing and boot factories.

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Lt Col BORDONI (for Gen MANZONI)

2. Leave for SARDINIA for men ex BALKANS: There are 21 men in St Andrews Camp plus 20 at TRANI and six ex PWs at LECCE waiting for permission to proceed on leave to SARDINIA. There are also over 200 men due for leave in SICILY in the three centres. Reminded him that there is nothing to prevent the latter from going home immediately - he will issue orders accordingly.

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SD

Col LEMER

3. (a) Maj Gen Cesare RADULI: requested info as to whereabouts etc of this gen offr.
(b) Col Giulio VITERBI: chased reply to enquiry of "Jan"

Staff Capt
"A"
"

- (c) Call-up of recruits in APULIA: reminded him that we had yet to receive their detailed plan, without which WMA could NOT issue their orders.
(d) Repeat of recall of "14-24" classes in PUGLIA district: informed him that Commissariat Branch were indenting for stores for 2,000 men before the matter had been discussed on the "Q" side.
(e) REGINA MARGHERITA Barracks - ROMA: Rome Territorial HQ is enquiring whether all or part of these barracks can be turned over to the Italian Army. Required for accn of detainees to be rounded up during forthcoming call-up. Stated at present to be housing only small numbers of French tps.
(f) Personal records of Gen Offrs and Cols: enquired into progress.

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G-II SD

A/Q

Lt Col BORDONANSKY

4. SICILY call-up; movement at REGGIO:-

Arrivals

330

Departure

698 ASTRONI

586 COLLE SALVETTI

196 CRIVETO

Balance in Camp

975

12 Jan

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3. (a) Maj Gen Cesare BABINI: requested info as to whereabouts etc of this gen offr.
 (b) Col Giulio VITERBI: chased reply to enquiry of "Jan"

(c) Call-up of recruits in APULIA: reminded him that we had yet to receive their detailed plan, without which MMIA could not issue their orders.

(d) Repeat of recall of "14-24" classes in FOGGIA district: informed him that Commissariat Branch were indenting for stores for 2,000 men before the matter had been discussed on the 'G' side.

(e) REGINA MARGHERITA Barracks - ROME:- Rome Territorial HQ is enquiring whether all or part of these barracks can be turned over to the Italian Army. Required for seen of detainees to be rounded up during forthcoming call-up. Stated at present to be housing only small numbers of French tps.

(f) Personal records of Gen Offrs and Cols: enquired into progress.

Lt Col ROCHOWSKI

4. SICILY call-up; movement at REGGIO:-

	Arrivals	Departure	Balance in Camp
12 Jan	339	698 ASTRONI 586 COLLE SALVETTI 196 CRIVETO	975
13 Jan	224	1 AFRAGOLA	1199
14 Jan	274	97 CCHER CATANZARO	1376
15 Jan	39		1406

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5. 212 Div volunteers for combat:- following earlier negotiations, SARE have received three lists of personnel wishing to join combat gps. They request that details be worked out soonest to enable men to proceed to rift camp.

GII Ops

6. Capt DELLA CORNA

New pack tpt coys being formed by 5 Army:- SARE still without copies of mob orders.

GII Ops

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Lt Col SAMPO

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Spec Sec

7. Volunteers for Italian Army in FLORENCE region:-
Following call from AMG 5 Army, infd SAMPO of following situation:-
- as result of CLN action in FLORENCE, a certain number of volunteers are coming fwd for the army. AMG have list of 200 names to date.
- AMG are in touch with MMIA LG 5 Army
- subject to their capacity to absorb and equip rfts, 210 and 231 divs can accept such volunteers after screening by local CEMETII screening dets.
- volunteers will only be accepted for posting to whatever branch of the army requires them at the moment. No volunteers for combat ops will be accepted until situation at CESSANO permits (Revised 18 Jan - see log).
- AMG 5 Army, MMIA LG 5 Army and SARE will all keep MMIA infd as situation develops and more men come fwd.
G-1 infd.

Lt Col ROCHONANSKI

8. Offr deficiencies: informed him of the following offr requirements to complete ests of HR-ITI units:

5 Army British Increment	13 offr
1 District	60 offr
3 District	9 offr

Col LENER

GII SD

9. Lt MANZETTI Giuseppe :- in correction of previous infm, informed him that this offr was reported to be with SIG.

10. Call-up in APULIA :- collected plan for call-up in Feb of '24 - '25 class recruits

GII SD

11. Col TIBERIO TIAMPI :- handed back to him War Ministry's credential letter endorsed by MMIA.

Staff Capt A
G II Ops ¹³²

H.E. CASATI

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
G-1

12. (a) Call-up in SICILY: requested infm on suspension of call-up after phase II. Referred results to GCG.
(b) Appointments: handed to the Minister AQ/11 of 16 Jan. Enlarged on case of Col BASILE.
(c) FOLGORE: infd the Minister that proposals with GCG 14 Jan were approved. He will

Lt Col RICHOWANSKI

8. Offr deficiencies: informed him of the following offr requirements to complete ests of BR-III units:

5 Army British Increment
1 District 13 offr
3 District 60 offr
9 offr

Col LEMER

9. Lt MANZETTI Giuseppe :- in correction of previous infm, informed him that this offr was reported to be with SM.

GII SD

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GII SD

11. Col TIBERIO TIBERI :- handed back to him War Ministry's credential letter endorsed by MIA.

Staff Capt A
C II Ops *per*

H.E. CASATI

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(b) Appointments: handed to the Minister AQ/II of 16 Jan. Enlarged on case of Col BASILE.
(c) FOLGORE: infd the Minister that proposals discussed with GOC 14 Jan were approved. He will submit names for new 2 i/o and C of S.
(d) ALIBERTI has been warned of impending change.

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Gen INFANTE

13. Called at his request for talk on general matters.

Comd
2 i/o

SECRET

LIASON with SMRE

13/14 Jan 45

Col FIO E VERNAZZA

1.

LAZIO call-up; he confirmed that

(a) there are NO Allied tps in L. BIANCHI barracks in VIA NOVENTANA.

(b) S. FRANCESCO barracks VITERBO is location of mil district, with accn for 100 men.

(c) plan for ROME is to effect call-up in VIA NOVENTANA (A) - ~~12~~ accomodate men there and use FORTE BRASCHI (B) as overflow accn. ROME Territorial HQ tpt will be used for ferrying from A to B.

(d) it is requested that SMS rep assigned for call-up at ROME, PROSINONE and LITTORIA contact Col FIORE or SANTOMAURO in Via PO within next few days to arrange move details.

Lt Col TURRINI (for Col LEMER)

2.

SARDINIA call-up;

(a) collected War Ministry draft plans for

(i) Recall of exempted men and men on leave in Feb and Mar

(ii) calling-up of '24 and '25 recruits in SARDINIA (and CALABRIA) in Mar to size 20,000 men;

(b) Turritini confirmed that warning orders for recall (2a (i) above) have now been issued.

3.

CORRONA Gp; conveyed to him for infm of mil Under Secretary contents of Gen PREMIERI's sig to SMRE (see below)

4.

Col TIBERI; infd him that this ofr, destined for the COMSO Div, should report X Transit Camp TARANTO by 20 Jan.

Lt Col GRACENTA

5.

ORVITO Camp; to overcome difficulties of long distance calls through Allied exchange, SMRE wish to est camps through civil exchange, which is said to be working to ORVITO. Extension to camp from civil exchange will be required. Can SD sigs advise please.

SD sigs

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Lt Col TURRINI (for Col LARA)

SARDINIA call-up:

- (a) collected War Ministry draft plans for
- (i) Recall of exempted men and men on leave in Feb and Mar
- (ii) calling-up of 124 and 125 recruits in SARDINIA (and CALABRIA) in Mar to give 20,000 men;
- (b) Turrini confirmed that warning orders for recall (2a (i) above) have not been issued.

CREMONA Gp: conveyed to him for info of mil Under Secretary contents of Gen RIMMIERI's sig to SMRE (see below)

Col TIBERI: info him that this ofir, destined for the CUNEO Div, should report X Transmit Camp TARANTO by 20 Jan.

Lt Col GRACIERA

ORVITO Camp: to overcome difficulties of long distances calls through Allied exchange, SMRE wish to est comms through civil exchange, which is said to be working to ORVITO. Extension to camp from civil exchange will be required. Can SD sigs advise please.

Lt Col GUINA

ORVITO camp: explained situation with regard to ofirs and requested that immediate action be taken to (a) discontinue camp comd's practice of diverting ofirs assigned to coys to camp cadres. (b) complete postings and reporting both for pack coys and cadres.

Gen SANTI

"I" ofir for CREMONA Gp: no objection by SMRE to appointment of Lt Col BERLETTANO; SM have asked for authority of 8 Army. Discussed with Spec Sec and arranged accordingly.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

RACIO Camp:
10 Jan arrivals NIL
11 Jan arrivals 1084 in camp 2117

SD sigs

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Spec Sec

G II(SD)

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9.

ITI-ITI rifts; infd him that his plan for camp rifts
ITI-ITI category is approved - vide log 9-10 Jan para 13.

OVI(2D)

Gen MANNERINI

10.

- (a) Mannerini has left on his trip to Taranto and
Aversa;
- (b) Requested numbers of men in St Andrews camp
waiting to go on leave to SICILY and SARDINIA;
- (c) Requested that orders be given for screening
of men in St Andrews back from FRANCE. NOT understood
why screening det stating NOT within their terms of reference
in view of action already taken by Mannerini - vide log
5 - 7 Jan para 5.

H.E. PALERMO

11.

Hostel for Italian tps in GMB; further discussions
following talk with A/Q and ALANK. Requested him to put fwd
his scheme in writing via War Ministry Welfare Branch. Original
plan modified as follows:-

Comd
A/Q
ALANK

- (a) Hostel to be used for normal privilege leave - NOT
good conduct leave.
- (b) Accn to be reserved for men with homes in enemy
occupied Territory.
- (c) Suggestion that Italian hostel be attached Allied
Rest Camp for issue and control of rations.

H.E. CASATI14 Jan

12.

Accompanied GOG to meeting on following agenda;

- (a) Morigi and HQ Staff FOLGORE.
- (b) Galliani stay at St Andrews Camp
- (c) Baletti not to interfere in Arty Trg of Ops
- (d) Regional org - telling everyone
- (e) San Marco - control by M of Marine? Role -
also of NEBO.
- (f) Director of Personnel - offers still required
and not sent (MANTOVA and FOLGORE).
- (g) SAN MARCO Lt Col on FOLGORE 14. Q Staff.
- (h) Maintenance and misuse of equipment, of vehicles
run into each other.
- (i) Production - clothes and boots - propaganda.
- (j) CECANO - refugees to go
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H.E. CASATI

14 Jan

12.

Accompanied GOC to meeting on following agenda:

- (a) Morigi and HQ Staff FOLGORE.
- (b) Galliani stay at St Andrews Camp
- (c) Ballelli not to interfere in Arty Trg of Ops
- (d) Regional org - telling everyone
- (e) San Marco - control by M of Marine? Role - also of NEMBO.
- (f) Director of Personnel - of rs still required and not sent (MANTOVA and FOLGORE).
- (g) SAN MARCO Lt Col on FOLGORE H. Q. Staff.
- (h) Maintenance and misuse of equipment, of vehicles run into each other.
- (i) Production - clothes and boots - propaganda.
- (j) CESANO - refugees to go ORVIEVO
- (k) ST ANDREWS CAMP
- (l) GARIBOLDI Div
- (1) Appointments - various M.A. BERNE
- (m) 2 i/o PICENO
- (n) Corps H.Q. for Combat Gps - not permitted
- (o) Personal records of gen of rs and cols action taken by War Minister to improve call-up - he will send in details in writing.

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Gen SANI

13 Jan

13.

CREMONA Div: Passed on to him contents of sig dated 12 Jan from Gen PRIMIARI to SMRE on occasion of his going into the line.

SECRET

9 - 10 Jan 45

LIAISON with SHRM

Col LEVER

1. Lt MANFREDI Giuseppe: Inquired whether this offer can be spared by SHRM for assignment to HQ Force 299 on account of his special knowledge of conditions in the BAL KANG.

G III SD

Lt Col GUIDA

2. 101 Lt Rob Wks: requested that an est and order be issued for this new unit in accordance with details supplied by WMA. This is category I unit. Similar requests in future should be routed through Italian service channels.

G II SD
ST

3. Offrs for POSSUMBERG: ref log 5-7 Jan para 6, six offrs will be ready to leave RMK 11 Jan. Referred SD for trt.

G II SD

4. Category I ests: requested summarized est for CMB - re-draft is just now being completed. Also requested certain details in connection with CERSETI and CENSA ests.

G II SD
RMKI. DISTRICT

5. G I phoned with regard to identity cards for PRULL. Infd his 7000 being despatched p.m. 10 Jan. He stressed need for all Italian trs being in possession, incl gd bus and service units. Will take up with War Ministry.

Spec Sec
G III (I)Gen SANTI

6. Replacement of Bn Comdr PRULL: Lt Col SCAROLA Giuseppe and Maj VAZZEO Giovanni have been appointed to replace VISUAMA and VESCELI. Leaving RMK 10 Jan.

Spec Sec

Lt Col GUIDA

7. Liaison offrs for Pact Tpt Coys: none available at the moment. In view of large numbers of I.I.L.O.s employed by 8 Army, query whether high priority of pact tpt coys would not justify eight of them being transferred.

G II SD

Gen MANFREDI

8. St Andrews Camp Taranto: Immediate solution be proposed

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4. Category 3 ests: requested summarized est for 7000 draft is just now being completed. Also requested certain details in connection with CARACCI and CARACCI ests.

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Spec Sec
G-1 (I)

5. G-1 phoned with regard to identity cards for FRUILL. Info his 7000 being despatched p. 5. 10 Jan. He stressed need for all Italian tps being in possession, incl gd bns and service units. Will take up with War Ministry.

Gen. SANTU

Spec Sec

6. Replacement of Bn Cards FRUILL: Lt Col SCAROLA Giuseppe and Maj MAZZEO Giovanni have been appointed to replace VISIARA and BUSCARI. Leaving RUM 10 Jan.

Lt Col GUIDA

G-11 SP

7. Liaison of rs for Pack Tpt Coys: none available at the moment. In view of large numbers of I.I.I.C.S. employed by 8 Army, query whether high priority of pack tpt coys would not justify eight of them being transferred.

Gen. MANFREDI

A/Q

8. St Andrews Camp Taranto: Immediate solution to process (see log 5-7 Jan para 1) is erection of large shelters constructed of birch bark halves and heated, where men can get some warmth and dry out. For this purpose Q authority sought and given for release of 1000 shelter halves and 15 wood stoves, on loan to the Camp.

Col. LEMER

9. SARDINIA call-up: the question of numbers involved in the forthcoming recall still under discussion between G-1 and War Ministry. Reply promised for 11 Jan.

G-1 I DISTRICT

Spec Sec

10. Phoned 11 Jan to inform him that C of S FRUILL Op had signed for 10000 OR identity cards on 2 Jan - consequently 7000 ref para 5 despatched 10 Jan to CARACCI.

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Mr. HOPKINS (Political Sec A.C.)

11. Info hit with regard to poem of Gen MAMMOI - Italian
Mil Attache in BERG - also name of his successor Brig Gen
RODA Alberto.

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2 i/c
GTT (SD)

12. Returned suggested PW2 report on A227 case with 2 i/c's
com-ents.

Lt Col RICHOWANSKI

13. ITI-JTI rfts: the following is plan for exp of rfts
shortly to be made available:

G II (SD)

	Now under strength	To be assigned
Gd Bde 212 Div	885	800 ex 1st & 3rd SICILY det.
230 Div	287	300 ex 2nd SICILY det.
A-3 209 Div	581	240 ex SALERNO 296 ex TIRNO
A-2 210 Div	254	200 ex SALERNO
A-1 228 Div	720	440 ex SALERNO 120 ex SALERNO

911 P to
note

411 O K
check with
present figures

(A - order of priority ex SALERNO)

Lt Col SAWNO

14. Communicated for SURE info contents of sig 15 Army Gp
to Freedom SD 1123 of 8 Jan.

Spec Sec

Must have more
details i.e. present strength
of individuals Gd Bde.

A-3 209 Div 581
A-2 210 Div 254
A-1 223 Div 720
for 171-JUN div course in RUSE

(A - order of priority ex SALEMNO)

Lt Col SALEMNO

14. Communicated for SNSE info contents of sig 15 Army Gp Spec Sec
to Freedom SD 1123 of 8 Jan.

*Must have more
details I.E. present strengths
of individuals Gd Bns.
These figures cannot
be checked against 3658
info & held. Galt*

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*check with
present figures*

SECRETLIASON with SMRE

5-7 Jan 45

Gen MANNERINIA/S
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1. St ANDREWS Camp TARANTO: called at Mannerini's request. Situation at camp considered to be very bad and Mannerini makes urgent representations

(a) to accelerate departure for various destinations
(b) to move camp to more sheltered and better drained site
(c) to provide better tents.

Infd him that (c) is out of the question. Men are in bivouac tents, some have two and others only one blanket. Rvy rains have made conditions in camp very bad - no possibility of heating tents. Mannerini appreciates that Allied troops at the front are undergoing similar hardships all the time, but makes special plea because morale of ~~these~~ men is already very low and in view of reemployment most important not to allow situation to worsen. Referred to OLI(SD)

Col LAMER

2. Notice in ROIE papers of 30 Dec calling for Army engs of the res to report to War Ministry; asked him for more info and future exp of these offrs. OLI (I)

3. AFRAGOLA camp: requested him to hurry the release of materials and authority for local purchase of materials required for improvements at Afragola Camp. OLI (SD)

Gen MANNERINI

4. Going to TARANTO 3 Jan and thence later to AVERSA. Can AVERSA camp be infd of his proposed visit, object - to arrange for similar org for handling men repatriated from FRANCE to that working at St Andrews. OLI (SD)

5. 6 offrs 422 men ex FRANCE arriving TARANTO 6 Jan; agreed that these shall go to St ANDREWS and handled in same way as men ex Balkans. He is advising the camp personnel. OLI (SD)

Lt Col GUILA

6. ORVETO and FOSCOBRONE: investigations into situation of camp personnel required and ordered for both these camps.

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Col LENER

GIII (I)

2. Notice in ROME papers of 30 Dec calling for Army cadre of the res to report to War Ministry; asked him for more info and future esp of these offrs.

GIII (SD)

3. AFRAGOLA camp; requested him to hurry the release of materials and authority for local purchase of materials required for improvements at Afragola Camp.

Gen MANNERINI

GII (SD)

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GIII (SD)

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Lt Col GUTTA

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6. ORVITO and FOSSOMBRONE; investigations into situation of camp personnel required and ordered for both these camps. Arranged for cadres for two further bas at ORVITO (twice 36 all ranks). While NCO's and OR's originally ordered were on their way to FOSSOMBRONE on the dates arranged, NO offrs had left by 6 Jan. Requested that some offrs be produced immediately if only on temporary basis. Arranged for 209 Div to loan four offrs - order to be given through MMIA. Chased the provision of med personnel on camp east and return of Hyg sec to ORVITO with disinfecter. As a result of all this it is apparent that there is a serious shortage of offrs.

Gen BUTTA'

7. Recall in Campania; BUTTA' confirmed 7 Jan p.m. that there is no difficulty about seen for the men to be recalled at the Campania districts later in the month.

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Gen CHATRIAN(5 Jan)

8.

Following pts were dealt with

- shortage of offrs
- delay in offrs following posting instrs
- situation of mil prisoners generally and FORT BOCCA in particular
- appointment and agenda for meeting with GOC 6 Jan
- title of new paper for Italian tps
- trg and accn for new recruits of '24 and '25 classes.

Gen BERARDI(6 Jan)

9.

Discussed agenda for meeting with GOC later in the day.

10.

Attended meeting at MMIA - present GOC, Col PILLEY,

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- CESANO and ORVETC camps
- Col LOMBARDI and his successor as C of S LEONANO Gp
- MORICI
- C of S FRIULI Gp (VEDOVATI) and new instrs on chain of comd for group, definition of responsibilities of MMIA and SERE Memorandum handed to BERARDI.
- Comd of SAN MARCO Regt - Berardi to discuss with M of Marine
- Patriots and Alpini.

Gen CHATRIAN(6 Jan)

11.

 Attended meeting at MMIA - present GOC, 2 i/c, Cl, Maj
GALATIERI. Following pts were discussed :-

 Comd
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Cl

- Mil attache BURN
- Brig Gen TAMASSIA approved as head of new Welfare Branch
- Brig Gen IMPERIALI approved as 2 i/c LEONANO Gp vice MORICCA
- PATRIA approved as title for new daily paper for Italian tps
- Chatrian gave assurances that mil prisoners at FORT BOCCA would all be dealt with within first week in Feb. He has requested Gen. BOSSARI to investigate situation of all mil prisoners in liberated ITALY.
- shortage of Italian offrs - GOC gave authority for increasing officers ceiling by further 1000 offrs forthwith. Plan to be reviewed after two mcs. Meantime proper appreciation to be prepared by War Ministry and efforts made to repost 100 and other offrs at present held by Allied Units without authority. Chatrian requested that ceiling for own offrs be stated in writing to

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11.

Gen. CHATRIAN(6 Jan)

Attended meeting at MMIA - present GOC, 2 i/c, Cl, Maj
GALATINI. Follow up pts were discussed :-

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- Shortage of Italian offrs - GOC gave authority for increasing offrs ceiling by further 1000 offrs forthwith. Seen to be reversed after two moe. Meantime proper appreciation to be prepared by War Ministry and efforts made to repost LCOs and other offrs at present held by Allied Units without authority. Chatrian requested that ceiling for gen offrs be stated in writing to War Minister.
- Delay in offrs following posting instrs and investigation of head of offr Personnel Branch at War Ministry.
- ALBERTI - Previous situation confirmed.
- Chatrian stated M of W case for
 - (a) soon end trg of new recruits
 - (b) subsequent emp of new recruits.
- Accepted in principle by MMIA who will investigate possibilities of meeting the case whenever practicable.
- Central office - Chatrian has given the new col 5 days to get reorganized. Col will have two other offrs with him, but no departmental responsibilities. Approved.

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Gen BERARDI

7 Jan

Spec Sec

12. Left message with his secretary re warning orders for moves of Gruppi with instrs to treat as secret and NOT to be repeated.

Col LEVER

6 Jan

GII (SD)

13. VITERBO call-up; in view of difficulties of even at VITERBO infd him that arrangements will be made to move men daily to CESANO thus obviating the need to put them up at VITERBO.

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SECRET

LIAISON with SMH 3

3 - 4 Jan 45

Gen BERARDI

1. Appointment of Chef de Cabinet: Berardi does NOT oppose choice of Lombardi. There are two other suitable offers under consideration to replace him.

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Spec Sec

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2. Berardi off to visit CREMONA Op 3 Jan. Rd blocked by snow at AQUILA. Visited FULGORI instead 4 Jan. Expected back 5 Jan 1700 hrs.

Col FIORE-VERMAZZA (Territorial Hq ROME)

3. Phoned in connection with UMBRIA/MARCHE call-up.

(a) NO news yet from his reg for ASCOLI PICENO who was held up by deep snow at AQUILA. FIORE very pessimistic about effect of present weather and road conditions on results of call-up. He foresees difficulties in getting rations etc to the districts, putting up the proclamations, and conveying the men from the villages to the district centres. Put him onto info Div AO for news of rd conditions in Adriatic sector.

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(b) Capt Orsini - the official liaison offer for FIORE's Hq. Will be loaned to ORVITO for a further week. MARIA to arrange tpt. FIORE said please be sure to send him back after a week as they are lost without him.

Col LENER

CIII SD

4. Maj NELLI : This offer has been requested by name for 4 Vet Hosp. At present assigned to ELO Div, but ill in bed and has NOT yet taken up post. Enquiring whether he cannot be re-placed in ELO Div.

CIII SD

5. Gd rfts at AQUILA and TERAMO ; requested him to ensure thorough ROME Hq that rfts destined for gd bns in fwd areas are moved soonest under Italian arrangements. Also men for TRANI.

6. 1 District rfts at AQUILA and TERAMO : Requested him to warn ROME Hq that 1 District will be collecting its rfts with-in next few days. Men to be held in readiness to move.

Major ROMANO3654
CIII SD

districts, putting up the proclamations, and conveying the men from the villages to the district centres. Put him onto Inform Div AC for news of ré conditions in Adriatic sector.

(b) Capt Orgini - the official liaison oftr for FIORI's HQ. Will be loaned to ORVINO for a further week. ALIA to arrange tpt. FIORI said please be sure to send him back after a week as they are lost without him.

Col LEGER

GIII SD

4. Maj NEMIL : This oftr has been requested by name for 4 Vet Hosp. At present assigned to 210 Div, but ill in bed and has NOT yet taken up post. Inquiring whether he cannot be re-placed in 210 Div.

GIII SD

5. Gd oftrs at AQUILA and TERAMO ; requested him to ensure through ROME HQ that oftrs destined for Gd bns in fwd areas are moved soonest under Italian arrangements. Also men for TRANI.

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GIII SD

6. 1 District oftr at AQUILA and TERAMO : Requested him to warn ROME HQ that 1 District will be collecting its oftrs with- in next few days. Men to be held in readiness to move.

Major ROMANO

GII SD

7. AFRAGOLA Camp : requested that following deficiencies in camp est be made good, possibly with regular oftrs:
2 Capts 6 subalterns

GII SD

8. REGGIO : requested copy of their figures of men arriving from SICILY call-up and departures by destinations.

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9. 211/12/13 DID increments and 552 Service Bty: requested disbanding order for these ~~three~~ units, no longer required. Personnel awaiting reemployment at AFRAGOLA.

Count CASALI

Comd
2 1/c

10. Following matters discussed and referred to GOC :
- appointment of new Chef de Cabinet;
- men detained in FORT BOCCIA mil prison and general situation of mil detainees awaiting trial.

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Lt Col CAMPBELL (PW Sub Commission)

11. Gazzera's proposals for repatriating a block of officers and specialist ORs from PW camps to strength cadres and units in ITALY was only received during the course of 3 Jan. Now under consideration. Info him of MMIA interest in the project. He will maintain contact.

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Lt Col GUIDA

12. Proposed to assign MONTECORNERO Dn to ACSTA Div and ACSTA personnel to Carabinieri: inform that this proposal was NOT acceptable as the ALPINI were all of demobilizable classes and might have to be sent home within very few months.

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SECRET1 - 2 Jan 45LIAISON with SMRZ1 Jan 45Gen MANNERINI

1.

(a) Concerned about problem of clothing, rations and food for returned PWs arriving at NAVIES ON NORTH AFRICA. These men are at present lodged in 8. Martine Masum, NAVIES, are fed on a lower than normal scale civilian ration. Reminded him that under current policy these men are civilians, therefore outside MIA terms. Italian gov't must cope or apply to AG on their own level. No one gov't insisting that War Ministry continue worrying MIA.

Comd

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(b) Among PWs returning NAVIES are many stragglers from FRANKS (i.e. NOT PWs) who are being shipped via NAVIN AFRICA. These are being dealt with through Averna civilian camp and suitable personnel for Army passed to Afragola. Mannerini will shortly visit Averna to see how the process is working, and ensure suitable screening dot and documentation arrangements are available.

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Gen OXLEY

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Gen CASATI

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Gen. INFANTE

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Count GASATI

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4. Military Detainees at FARM BOCCA:-

(1) Explained object of visit of MILIA offr as instructed by GOC.

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(2) Discussed very unsatisfactory poem of 120 deserters awaiting trial.

(3) Suggested that commission be formed to investigate general situation of prisoners, with a view to getting these men back to their units as soon as possible. Gasati in full agreement; promised written proposals for 4 Jan. It is confirmed that under existing Italian law these cases can NOT be dealt with summarily by GOCs. The new decree now under consideration will enable div coms to try desertion cases and make awards.

5. Further discussion of OXILIA's case - details referred to GOC.

Card

6. Gasati indicated that following appointments would shortly be proposed to GOC:

Gen ofr in charge of Welfare: Brig Gen TAMBALLA
2 i/c IGHANO Div : Brig Gen TAMBALLA

General CHAPMAN

7. Discussion of new arrangements for central office -
he seems to have the right idea. Cond
8. Chairman spoke in general terms about need for reorg
within War Ministry (incl JMS). His knowledge of org of
foreign armies (incl British and U.S.) makes it likely that
he will propose changes within higher spheres of War
Ministry, very much in line with our own ideas. Cond
9. Chairman proposes calling on GOC 4 Jan to discuss
ALBANY case and new appointments at 6 above. Cond
10. Territorial layout: made it quite clear that approval
of the overall plan did not imply a right for the Italian
Army to take over any particular building formerly a depot,
district or territorial H.Q. and now occupied or earmarked
for Allied use. This is quite understood. Cond
11. Italian Army Barracks: referred to MIA request in
Nov for info on barracks soon in liberated Italy and re-
quested that this be expedited. Details to be given of
present condition of barracks, whether occupied by Allied
or Italian troops. Cond
- Lt Col GUINA
12. Cadres for Orvieto: requested him to arrange for
cadres for second and third bus to proceed forthwith to
Orvieto, each 36 all ranks. R SIX (33)

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SECRETL I A I S O N with S M R E23 - 30 Dec.Gen BERARDI

1. Discussed following pts raised by Special Sec :-

- 2 1/c LEGNANO Div
- Cmd FIOLORE Div
- C O PIEMONTE (ALPINI) Bn
- 43 surplus field officers of LEGNANO Div.
- subsequent destination of officers removed from GPS as unsuitable.
- accelerated promotion in Italian Army.

Cmd
Spec Sec

Answers to first five questions will follow. There is NO accelerated promotion in the Italian Army. This system was tried out during the Fascist period but was found to be unsatisfactory. Trouble is that senior officers cannot be trusted not to abuse the system. When an officer does exceptionally well he can be posted to an appointment of the next higher rank, and while he continues to maintain existing rank, receives pay of the higher rank.

2. Absenteeism in FRIULI and CREMONA Gps :- Requested confirmation of figures for men absent without leave, also what plans Berardi had in mind for producing rifts now needed. Berardi was about to visit pack units in 5 Army, but postponed this journey and visited the FRIULI 3p instead 28 Dec. Gen MATTIOLI visited the CREMONA at the same time. On their return (29 Dec) Berardi stated that absenteeism was due to men failing to return from authorized leave - which he attributed to pressure by their families and friends. Main pts produced by Berardi were as follows :-

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- Problem of mil prisons for men sentenced. Owing to reduction in mil staffs and soon there is nowhere to send these men. Berardi proposes the use of mil concentration camps in some out-of-the-way place, such as an island, staffed by mil personnel on army rations, the prisoners to be on civilian rations and given hard work to do to induce them to change their ways.

- rifts immediately required for Friuli and Cremona to be found from Mantova - two or three complete bns to be transferred.

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3. On the general subject of call-ups and desertions, Berardi stated that for many months now the General Staff has been making urgent representations to the War Ministry for action to tighten up discipline and improve conditions of the tps, without any appreciable results to-date.

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Count CASATI
24 Dec
4. Accompanied CCC ref change of Mil Under Secretary: appointment of CHAIRMAN approved and OXILIA's desn discussed.

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Gen OXILIA
26 Dec
5. Attended meeting CCC/OXILIA: Oxilia taking his leave on relinquishing post of Mil Under Secretary.

Comd

Gen CHAIRMAN
29 Dec
6. Attended meeting CCC/CHAIRMAN: Chatrian calling to present himself on taking up new appointment as Mil Under Secretary (28 Dec).

Comd

Gen CORONATI
24 Dec
7. Attended meeting CCC/CORONATI: Coronati taking his leave on relinquishing comd of Calabria Mil HQ on his retirement from the Army.

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Col DE MICHELIS
29 Dec
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Col DE MICHELIS
23-24 Dec

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23-24 Dec

Col DE MICHELIS

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10. Sicily call-up: various meetings following the failure of the first block call-up in Sicily; measures to be taken to round - up "penitenti" during period 23 Dec - 2 Jan and confirmation of dates for second and third blocks.

23 - 29 Dec

Col LARER

11. Call-up on mainland: various meetings with offrs of branches concerned to consider further possibilities of immediate call-ups on mainland. Following plan was authorized 29 Dec :-

(a) * 1914 - 24 classes in 5 districts of Umbria and Marche	8000
Men of 14 - 24 classes exempted prior to Armistice on account of reserved occupations	5000
(Lazio Region Campania Region)	5000

above to take place 21 - 31 Jan.

(*) subject to availability of accn at the five mil districts.

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(b) 1924 - 25 classes in Apulia to give 24,000, to take place 1 - 15 Feb.

These are new recruits for the army requiring 6-8 weeks basic trg.

Distribution:	6000 US-ITIS	Astroni *
	6000 BR-ITIS	Orvieto *
	6000 BR-ITIS	Cesano *
	2000 ITL-ITIS	Viterbo or
		Prosimone

* War Ministry make special plea that these new recruits start army life under reasonable conditions as regards accn etc., and that they are kept apart from older classes during trg period, to avoid their becoming tainted by adverse propaganda.

Count CASATI

12.

Accompanied GOC for meeting on following agenda :-

- OMLIA case - 'chief commissioner)
- call-up arrangements (SICILY in particular)
- Territorial Region layout
- Picene gp - balance for Bracciano - 3000 back
- CC BR - mobile columns and arming - strength.
- Garibaldi Div
- Gd bns from Gardinia to Calabria - and Aosta bns back to Sicily.
- Patriots policy - no bands as such
- FMs to be repatriated.
- Aliberti
- G. Registry
- Welfare (gen offr to comd.)
- ~~Mangi~~ *Mangi*
- Azzi - Nicolini
- Prelormo agreed for Rfr Depot Bracciano.
- Tighten up discipline - punishment of deserters - suspended sentences - concentration camps.

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Par 1 - why not send as muleteers?
 Moving to TRANS 300 every other day.
 Will be treated as normal SE-1715 and booked
 for muleteer farmers 2c first

Major. Bannan

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All blankets, mess kits, cups and
 spoons must come over as ordered
 by Col Simmons.

The strength of the Garrison is
 too high as shown - What
 should it be?

(K)

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D. IC

What about the call up in
 Sardinia? why ship backwards for 1?
 24 Dec.

Call-up not yet approved

(K)

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-----ECR 31-----LIAISON with SMED
-----22 Dec 44
-----Gen MANNERINI21 Dec

1. Taranto Camp :- 1100 men destined as BR-LTI rfts for IRANI have been waiting in the camp for some time. There is no prospect of their immediate departure owing to IRANI being full-up. As these men are unable to go home on leave, Mannerini request an alternative destination.

O I
GII(SD)Maj SOLASOLA21 Dec

2. ROSSOBROOME: camp staff will be on est of 63 all ranks. English speaking offr being alerted for 25 Dec, adv party for 31 Dec and main party within first week in Jan.

O I (SD)

3. ROSSOBROOME's depot: English speaking officer will be available at Florence 26 Dec; Adv party for 31 Dec and main parties for 5 Jan ex Naples. These dates must be confirmed 24 Dec latest to enable Italians to arrange rail move.

GII(SD)

Count CASATI21 Dec

4. Garibaldi Div:- accompanied O I to discuss repatriation of the fin and find a compromise which will satisfy AFHQ - TPO - and the Italian Gov't. Very friendly talk with promise of successful outcome.

Comd
O ICol LEVER22 Dec

5. 205 Div:- the plan worked out by Gen LAMA is just to hand - approved by USMAF - and details will be forwarded to MIA by the War Ministry within next few days.

O I

Lt Col ROSSOBROOME23 Dec

6. SICILY Call-up:- situation at REGGIO - 21 Dec.....1162
arrived 22 Dec.....177
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First move planned for 23 Dec:-
400 to AFRAGOLA
400 to ASTICORI
415 to CENASO

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5. Passenger report: English speaking officer will be available at Florence 26 Dec; Adv party for 31 Dec and main parties for 3 Jan ex Naples. These dates must be confirmed 24 Dec latest to enable Italians to arrange rail move.

Count CASATI

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Comd
G I

Col LEAR

22 Dec

5. 805 Div:- the plan worked out by Gen LAMA is just to hand - approved by USAF - and details will be forwarded to MMIA by the War Ministry within next few days.

G I

Lt Col ROCHOWANET

23 Dec

6. SICILY Call-up:- situation at REGGIO - 21 Dec.....1182
arrived 22 Dec.....177
1359

First move planned for 23 Dec:-

400 to AFRAGOLA
400 to ASERONT
415 to CERSANO

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7. Modena Div patriots in Florence area: Recruitment by
Cersati 15 - 17 Dec

210 Div 10
Combat Gps 7

G I
GII(SD)

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

22 Dec

8. Naval personnel ex AA in Sardinia: In view of many technical difficulties of transferring sailors to army and intention of Navy Sub Commission to make these men available on loan only, instructed Millefiorini to consider MMIA letter of 7 Dec ref G 3 as cancelled.

G I

Col CHECCHIA

22 Dec

9. Mil stores in Sardinia:- ref MMIA instrs to transfer all surplus stores to mainland, they will arrange to leave behind sufficient stores to cater for following:-

Sardinia Grn and Calabria Div	8000
(incl personnel in hosp and rear parties)	
CC RR	4000
acca stores, blankets, mess tins, cups and spoons for	50,000

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Col CHACCHIA (continued)

9. Latter item to cater for recall to the colours of
20,000 men and 10,000 men of 1924/5 classes planned
for 1945. A/Q
G I

Gen SANTI

22 Dec

10. Enquired about suitable English-speaking offer to do
the work now being done by Firzio Birrelli. This may be
difficult, but Santi promised to do his best. G I

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SECRETLIASON with SMRE20 Dec 44Maj SCIASCIA

1. POSCUMERONE Depot, left message re provision of depot staff on similar basis to ORVIETO. Details to be completed 21 Dec.

GIX(SD)

Lt Cols DI BITONTO and ROCHOWANSKI

2. Farriers for new pack tpt eqs: 112 farriers are needed on the eqs - against this figure 29 are trg at PARI on course ending approx end Feb, and further 10 trained farriers have been found by War Ministry and will be sent to ORVIETO. No prospect of finding the remainder. SMRE query whether too many farriers on eqs.

GIX(SD)

3. 2000 muleteers ex PICENO etc: investigated possibilities of finding these eqs without taking specialists of PICENO. Final compromise is: (a) 1400 men from PICENO incl specialists if necessary to make up this number, (b) 350 men from SPIDICE, (c) balance of 250 as directed by MILIA from other eqs destined for combat gp. SMRE taking action on (a) and (b).

GI
GIX(SD)

4. Sicily call-up: 800 men reported to be at RAGGIO (20 Dec) - SMRE request move soonest.

GIX(SD)

5. Modena Patriot Div: following are figures reported for period 9 - 14 Dec as a result of screening by ORVETI in FLORENCE area:

GI
GIX(SD)

- 210 Div: 2 oftrs 43 ORs
- for Group: 2 MCOs 43 ORs

6. 120 men for ITI-ITI driving course in ROME, unless orders are given to the contrary, the 120 men will be provided out of the 800 ITI-ITI eqs of the SICILY call-up.

GI
GIX(SD)Lt Col ANDREONI (851548)

7. Welfare: he called to enquire about developments. He has nothing to report nor has he recd any comm from the War Ministry.

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5. Modena District Div: following are figures reported
for period 9 - 14 Dec as a result of screening by CERRATI
in FLORENCE area: GI
GI(ED)

- 210 Div: 2 officers 43 ORs
- for Gruppi: 2 MGs 43 ORs

6. 120 men for III-IMI driving course in ROMA: unless
orders are given to the contrary, the 120 men will be pro-
vided out of the 800 III-IMI rfts of the SICILY call-up. GI
GI(ED)
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Lt Col ABELONI (851548)

7. Welfare: he called to enquire about developments.
He has nothing to report nor has he recd any comm from the
War Ministry. A/Q

Lt Col MILLIFIORINI and TURRINI

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8. Call-up of 1924/25 classes: War Ministry proposals
complete except for location of trg depots, on which subject
Engl Branch has yet to communicate its recommendations.
Requested MILLIFIORINI to send in their scheme, omitting
details of trg centres until these are available. GI

Col DE MICHELIS

9. Sicily call-up: sig just to hand from Gen MARIOTTI
proposing postponement of second block of call-up in view
of disturbed political situation and until arrival of rfts
to undertake the rounding up of ring leaders and men who
failed to report at call-up centres. Requested DE MICHELIS
to inform MARIOTTI by phone same evening (20 Dec) that:

- (a) Call-up can NOT be postponed for operational reasons.
- (b) MONTESANO Bn already on its way to SICILY.
- (c) With arrival of rfts, action planned by MARIOTTI can be undertaken in interval between first and second blocks.

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17/13 Dec 44

LIAISON with SMRE

Lt Col TURRINI

1. Was informed that W.M. intend to use the L.35 Lt Tanks now at MESSAGNE for the CC 82 Bn destined for SICILY. These tanks are most suitable for ground recon. Armament consists of two MGs. They are tracked and very manoeuvrable.

2. Col T. stated that Gen MARIOTTI was willing to allocate tpt for this Bn from that available now in SICILY. W.M. would like our views on this.

3. 78 men evacuated from BIRA have been passed unfit for Mil service. These men have their homes in BIRA and should return. I spoke to Maj MARCHIE AND ZARA who stated he would arrange tpt for this party from FIGUINO to the Island. W.M. will send these men up to FIGUINO today. MIA will signal BIRA.

Lt Col ROCHONARDI

4. HQ Campania have found 136 mts for 1 Gran Bn. Nothing for these men has been found locally by Campania HQ. W.M. asked for authority to issue. Told Col R. that when Campania send indent into MIA LO NAPLES, authority for release will be given.

Gen MANTERINI

5. Has returned from TARANTO and has several points to discuss with G I. Will visit MIA today.

6. Gen MANTERINI called to see G I and A/G. Discussed various problems of St Andrews Camp. Have a summary of work

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G II (SR)
G III (PMS)
Maj GOLSA/G
G I

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Lt Col ROXOMANINI

4.

Hq Campesina have found 136 rats for 1 Gran Bn. Clothing for these men has been found locally by Campesina Hq. W.M. asked for authority to issue. Told Col R. that when Campesina send indent into MMIA LO NAPLES, authority for release will be given.

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G IX(31)
G III (AHB)
Maj GALE

Gen MANERINI

5.

Has returned from TABANNO and has several points to discuss with G I. Will visit MMIA today.

A/Q
G I

6.

Gen MANERINI called to see G I and A/Q. Discussed various problems of St Andrews Camp. Gave a summary of work done and results of his visits and personal contacts. Was promised all possible help from MMIA on question of clothing.

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SECRET

LIAISON with SMRE

16 Dec 44

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

1. Asked when MIA authorization will be given for formation of CC RR Mobile Bn in SICILY. Urged the necessity for this as situation in the Island is acute owing to riots over call-up and for other reasons.

2. Spoke to Maj WILSON Public Safety who stated difficulty was tpt for Bn. Lt Armed Cars for the Bn are still in Sardinia. These will have to be brought over.

3. Told M. that we are working out W.M. and will ask AFHQ if 20 Lt Tks and 24 vehs may be allotted to Bn.

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G II (SD)Lt Col ROCKCHANEV

4. 3 Gd Regt have requested M of W via 212 Div 3 offrs and 687 ORs to make up deficiencies in Gd Bns owing to loss of personnel due for demobilization. 212 Div asked PBS to make up deficiencies. PBS cannot meet. M of W request MIA action. Told R. that M of W must submit a full list of deficiencies in Gd Bns to MIA who will give priority where possible. This will be done by letter.

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5. Lazio Mil Hq have sent urgent request for tpt for call-up pers not awaiting despatch from ABRUZZI Dist. Dist Hq is overflowing and posn is serious as men may desert.

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G II (SD)
MOVCapt NINI

6. 6 MGs and 171 men of MANTOVA still in Calabria on Gd duties. Mil Hq Calabria say that 3 Dist will not release until replacements are found. Maj BAUMANN told M of W that this personnel must be relieved and sent up to MANTOVA Op. M of W request that signal be sent to 3 Dist copy W.M. to the effect that these men will be despatched forthwith and that no rpt or replacement will

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G II (SD)3641
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Lt Col ROCKBURN

4. 3 Gd Regt have requested M of W via 212 Div 8 others and 687 OMs to make up deficiencies in Gd Bns aside to loss of personnel due for demobilization. 212 Div asked Bns to make up deficiencies. Bns cannot meet. M of W request MIA action. Told R. that M of W must submit a full list of deficiencies in Gd Bns to MIA who will give priority where possible. This will be done by letter.

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G II (SD)

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Lt Col GRANDI

7. Warned him that Lieut MAURELIO CAMERINO would report to him as officer for France. Instructed Lt. M to regularise his posn with M of W and standby in Rome for further orders.

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GII (QBS)

SECRET

L I A I S O N with SMME

15 Dec 44

H.E. CASATI

1. Accompanied CI to War Minister. Showed H.E. Italian translation of our proposed signal to AFHQ on the question of the "CARIBALDI" Div. WAR MINISTER stated signal fully represented views and desires of ITI Gov't and War Ministry. A/C. He expressed his personal appreciation and pleasure for the attitude of trust, co-operation and help shown by MMIA. A most successful visit. Signal sent 20:45 hrs 14th.

Comd
2 i/c
CI

Lt Col VALLESE

14/15 Dec

2. Screening of personnel at AVERSA Camp. Agreed that it was not necessary to send a det down from Rome. Cdo Mil Campania are handling situation and will send all suitable personnel to AVERSA Camp. Vallese requested to instruct Campanian Mil HQ to signal numbers screened giving numbers of specialists - also numbers still in the camp to be screened.

2 i/c
CI
CI II (Ops) ^{Nov}
CI II (SD)

Gen SANTI

3. Gen BARABDI very anxious to repatriate a certain number of officers suitable for immediate employment in ITI Army. Told SANTI we wanted MM's proposals stating numbers of officers by ranks, and arm of Service. MMIA would consider proposals and pass to higher authority for action. SANTI will forward proposals soonest.

2 i/c
Col P
CI

Lt Col CANALE

4. Discussed whole question of the control of movement. SMME have now issued a full comprehensive directive on this subj which will have circulation right down to coys. This directive was checked over by me and complied fully with existing Allied instrs. May put a stop to illicit travel in fed area.

2 i/c
A/Q
CI

Lt Col RICHMONDS

Agreed where the 120 dhrs for Rome ITI-ITI Dhrs School

Lt 3640

2 i/c
Col P
G I

3. Gen BARBARI very anxious to repatriate a certain number of officers suitable for immediate employment in ITI Army. Told SAKTI we wanted MA's proposals stating numbers of officers by ranks, and army of service. MAIA would consider proposals and pass to higher authority for action. SAKTI will forward proposals soonest.

Lt Col CAMALE

2 i/c
A/S
G I

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Lt Col ROCHERWORTH

Lt 3040
Perceived
G I
G II (SD)

5. Asked where the 120 dvrs for Rome ITI-ITI Dvrs School should come from. SMRE are not authorised to take bodies from Afragola or Trani. This also applies to the 15 instrs required on School Staff. Can MAIA pss direct.

ITI-ITI all that

ex call - up

17 Jan

SECRET

10 Dec 44

LIAISON with SMRE

Gen BERARDI

2 Dec

Italian tps in fwd areas:- BERARDI very pleased with gen conditions and morale of tps - particularly muleteer and engr units. Several units have been granted large measure of autonomy - i.e. CC unit given a task and told to get on with it without supervision and interference by the Allies. BERARDI stated that this system was giving excellent results according to Allied authorities and resulting in better work and increased morale noticeable in engr and pack units where this system had been adopted. BERARDI said he would like this method extended. This is personal message for GOC.

Comd
2 i/c
A/Q
G 1

Gen SANTI

2 Dec

Muleteer rfts ex TARANTO camp:- he had just rec'd info 2400 men had been found as muleteer rfts at this camp.

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Lt Col GUIDA

ORVIETO Base Depot :- Further to previous instrs, requested him to alert a responsible English-speaking officer of the depot staff for 13 Dec; adv party of 25 all ranks to be ready by 15 Dec; remainder of staff 20 Dec. Info him that while there is no objection to seeking the OR's for the staff at AFRAGOLA - should they NOT be available there, there are plenty at TRANI.

G II (SD)
G III (OAE)

Lt Col TURRINI

SICILY call-up:- Info him that MESSINA - REGGIO ferry can take up to 2000 per day, therefore no objection to org of transit camp at REGGIO to take up to 4000 men. He is taking necessary action to implement this part of the plan. Query: have arrangements been made locally for rail move in SICILY?

G II (SD)
G III (SD)

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3. Banda SAIPIA:- with ref to yesterday's conversation with BERARDI, infd him it would be quite in order to send rep to visit the unit, to enable SAIPIA to make recommendation for emp of personnel.

Lt Col GUIDA

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Maj VENTURA

6. Missing cipher key:- No trace can be found of Sgt VERGINI in FLORENCE and the police have no idea where he is. It is NOT to be excluded that he may have crossed into enemy lines. Search continues.

Lt Col De FRANCESCO (SDI)

9 Dec

7. SIM ests:- examined the situation of the different SIM secs and requested ests for those secs for which ests are still lacking.

Maj SOLASCIA

8. ORVIETO:- English speaking offr, Capt ORSINI, to accompany Brit Camp Comd, available immediately in ROME. Adv party will be ready to move to ORVIETO 15 Dec. Main body ready 20 Dec. Above moves should be confirmed direct with SCIASCIA.

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G III (OAB)

G II (SD)
G III (SD)

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G III (I)

SOR Sigs

G II (SD)

Maj N. GRALLI

9.

Welfare office for group. - N. GRALLI enquired whether decision had been reached as to posting of the four officers who recently completed the course in ROKA. Informed him that question of welfare was under discussion - decision would be communicated in due course.

Lt Col WILLIAMSON

10.

Mil Districts. - drew his attention to location of district boundaries - in many cases the HQ's are at one extremity of the area, compelling the recruits to traverse the entire length or width of the district in order to report. The whole geographical arrangement is based on the traditional grouping of communes and this in turn is related to their man-power records which form the basis of these call-ups. Requested him to work out some special arrangement more suited to current conditions and lack of tpt.

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S.E. R.E.T.LIAISON with SMRE

8 Dec 44

Lt. Col. MILLEFIORINI

8 Dec 44

1. Mil HQ BARI report that TOMM MAJOR LECOE has intimated intention of taking over CASAMARINE FUNZIONALI at CALATONE for Allied tps effective 8 Dec. These buildings are property of War Ministry and intended for convalescent centre in immediate future.

Gen OXILIA

2. Banda MAIELLA :- OXILIA has evidently NOT made up his mind yet as to best way of disposing of this patriot band - which will be released from under Allied Comd. 20 Dec. All he could say was to conc the band in the rear and then decide on course of action.

Lt. Col. TURRINI

3. SICILY Call-up:- Sig just received from MARIOTTI stating he had discussed details with MMIA IO; men to be moved soonest from districts to MESSINA; MARIOTTI recommends immediate transfer to REGGIO to await there for onward tpt up mainland. Object is to avoid men deserting at MESSINA. G 2 infd. TURRINI awaits MMIA agreement before organizing necessary action at REGGIO through Mil HQ CALABRIA. This is urgent.

Lt. Col. SAMPO

4. Rfts for ITI-ITI category:- Discussion of sites proposed for the three rft and trg depots. Explained that work done when NOT trg would be for benefit of ITI and NOT Allied authorities. Work such as re-pairing rds, brs and buildings. Suggested that area between NAPLES and HOME offers possibilities for all three depots. Part of this area is bad malaria zone, but they know of two possible sites and will submit proposals.

Gen BERARDI

5. MAIELLA Ban:- referred gist of conversations with OXILIA. SMRE is NOT in touch with this Band and BERARDI

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G 1
G 11 (SD)See 5019120/11
For bid ad
PRT conference
B21/c
G 1

Lt. Col. TURRINI

3. STOLLY Call-up:- Sig just received from MARIOTTI stating he had discussed details with MIA IC; men to be moved soonest from districts to MASSIMA; MARIOTTI recommends immediate transfer to REGGIO to await there for onward tpt up mainland. Object is to avoid men deserting at MASSIMA. G 2 infd. TURRINI awaits MIA agreement before organizing necessary accn at REGGIO through Mil HQ CALABRIA. This is urgent.

Lt. Col. SAIRO

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Gen BERARDI

5. MARELLA Ban:- referred list of conversations with OXILIA. BAN is NOT in touch with this Band and BERARDI NOT in posn to give definite opinion. In view of combat experience he thinks it might be feasible to constitute a complete bn of the PIGRO with this Band. Would like to send rep to contact the Band and see what sort of people they are etc. It is evident that ITI authorities very much in the dark over the whole thing and that decision rests with MIA.

6. Patriots in FLORENCE area :- Just back from visit to Florence to settle major problem of MODENA Patriot div. This worked out much better than he had hoped. During tour he met Gen CLARK, CRITCHEMSON and HUME and Maj WENDENSON. Total of about 2500 men involved. CLARK is retaining 1000 men for combat duties with 5 Army and has promised to feed and cloth them. Remainder being screened at FLORENCE and PISTOIA for 210 Div, for emp as muleteer or other rfts. About 200 specialists etc probably passing through normal channels for combat sps. Those who do NOT elect for any of above alternatives will be found civil esp by Gen CERICA or will be dealt with as refugees. BERARDI thinks latter will be few only. Detailed figures in a day or two.

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G 11 (SD)

See 5019120/11
for to bid at
port emergency.

2 i/c
G 1

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G 1
Spec Sec

Scott spoke
did not favour
normal Patriot
policy for Mailer

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G 11 (SD)
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note figures.
Scott. Checking with A for
rft figures.

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LIAISON with SMRE

8 Dec 44

Lt Col DI BITONTO

1. Trg of muleteers at ONVIETO:- Requested him to revise proposed sets contained in SMRE letter of 23 Oct to cater for trg of 2000 muleteers at one center - also to state how soon the trg staff can be found.

G 1
G 11 (SD)

2. LEGNANO GP and TET DEPOT:- Infd him of planned move of LEGNANO Gp to BRACCIANO by rd on or after 10 Dec - under orders 3 Dist; adv party reporting soonest RAAC. PRUSINONE area being recce'd by Col P for RFD.

Spec Sec

Lt Col. ROCHOWANSKY

3. Call-up in SICILY:- SMRE propose assigning ITI-ITI rfts (800) as follows:

G 111 (Ops)

500 Campania
300 Bari

to meet corresponding deficiencies in gd bns. Infd him no objections.

4. CERSETI recruiting centre ROME:- Small numbers of recruits are still being picked up in ROME and stragglers also being sent down from VITERBO. These have all been sent to 405 IPL Regt at AREZZO. Scored Nov 176 Dec (to 5 incl) 97. 405 IPL Regt no longer need rfts and subsequent personnel will be available as gen rfts at AREZZO.

G 11
DADL

5. Personnel for farrier course FRANCAVILLA:- authority already given to screen TRANI camp, but these are NOT sufficient. Authority now sought and granted to select suitable men from TARANTO camp - 50 men in all required.

G 11 (SD)

Maj D'ANTONA

6. ET Det for MONTECATINI:- at request of Maj PINKLEY a det has been found by MIL HQ APULIA to cater for 400 vehs from Balkans. Det will consist of 2 subalterns, 10 NCO's, 40 dvrs. Query whether this det is temporary or has to be formed into unit with proper est.

G 11 (Ops) REP
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Lt Col GRACEFFA

7. 4 Vet Hosp MARTINA FRANCA (NOT FRANCAVILLA FONTANA) strength 5 offrs, 3 NCOs, 20 ORs; can be made available but NOT at once owing to several cases of glanders. Investigating possibility of making up to strength requested by AFHQ. Also endeavouring to trace Major NELLI.

G III

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Gen SANTI

8. Enquired about furniture polisher. 2 1/c
9. Muleteers programme:- gave SANTI full details of plans for meeting AAI requirements of muleteer rfts, incl particulars of the muleteer trg planned at new ORVIETO depot - adm staff and trg staff required; also details of British adm cadre being supplied by AAI. SANTI stated that provision of technical trg personnel will represent serious problem. Adm staff to be as for TRAMI and an adv party to be ready to go fwd as soon as possible. 0 1

Lt Col GUIDA

10. SMI est :- requested that a rep of SMI call at MMIA to discuss ests. 0 1
0 3 (I)

SECRETL I A I S O N with SAGE

7 Dec 44

Lt. Col. TURPINI2 1/c
G I
G II (SD)

1. ELBA :- An offr from PIOMBINO has infd War Min that men in ELBA are being called together today (7 Dec) at PORTO FERRAIO for move to mainland. TURPINI requested confirmation and any further details.

Col LEINER

2. Requested him to arrange acen for the SCHIABOD brothers as they cannot remain any longer at the PATRIA Hotel. Chased Maj TULLOCH (PATRIOT Branch) for decision as to return of these offr. He promised to sig 1 Spec Force. Cl

Lt. Col. ROCHOMANSKI

3. 43 Saddlers at SALERNO:- he ascertained by phone 6 Dec that they had NOT yet moved and gave necessary warning order. G II (SD)

Maj. SCIASCIA

4. 4 Vet Increment:- infd him that this unit was completed on 16 Sept - query now designated 611 Increment with British 4 Vet Hosp. G II (SD)

Capt Della CORNA

5. 4 Vet Hosp FRANCAVILLA :- R requested whether this unit can be made available for Allied Unit. Strength:- 5 offr 94 ORs incl Maj NELLI Vet offr. Requested date of readiness. G III (SD)

Gen. SANTI

6. Patriots in FLORENCE are :- SAMPO has phoned that matters are proceeding satisfactorily along lines agreed with War Ministry. Cerseti det commence screening 8 Dec. Berardi and Sampe returning 8 Dec- more details later. G I

Col. De SAREO

7. Col COMCARO:- Engr offr for 5 Argy - to report Lt. MILLER, 2 1/o
SORE

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Maj. SCIASCIA

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4 Vet Hosp.

Capt Della CORNA

5. 4 Vet Hosp FRANCAVILLA :- Requested whether this unit G III (SD)
can be made available for Allied Unit. Strength:- 5 offrs
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Cen. SANTE

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Col. De SARENO

7. Col CONCARO:- Engr offr for 5 Army - to report Lt. MILLER, 2 1/c
EXELSIOR Hotel 8 Dec 0900 hrs. SORE

Lt. Col. MILLEPIONI

8. Capt MEDUCCI Vasco :- infd him that this offr is to return 2 1/c
to SARDINIA as soon as he reports to Ministry. Necessary pass
will be issued on application.

9. Clarified that the offr 50 ELU is interested in is Maj Spec Sec
CASTELLI Tullio - infd spe of the TURIN District born 1903
etc, etc. Requested urgent settlement of his case or his
replacement.

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SECRET

LIAISON WITH SMRE

3/6 Dec 44

Maj ROMANO/Lt Col KOCHOWSKI

24 prisoners identified as POWs. SMRE report that four of the original 24 are in deep and must be written off; ten have been collected at TRINI. SMRE recommends they be moved soonest. Remaining ten are in quarantine in CAMPANIA and can NOT be moved for the time being.

Capt NINI

Gii Ops

MANIOW move to GILABRIA: 6 officers and approx 170 men of the 1st remained behind to continue various duties which had NOT been absorbed by the AGUSTA bns. Advised NINI that this rear party must move at once, irrespective of what they may be engaged in at the moment. Gii Ops to contact 3 Dist and ensure that no difficulties are raised on the part of the Allied authorities.

Gen JASTI and Lt Col GUIDA

Col to command engr fan of 210 Div: requested appointment soonest of this officer, preferably someone available in or nr AGUSTA. Later clarified that regimental officer would meet the case, as it was an SDA and NOT a technical appointment.

Patriots of MODENA Div: vch sent to FLORENCE with the object of transporting the patriots to HOME returned to HOME during the night of 5/6 Dec, carrying stores and men going on leave. No info to date on the progress made by BERLINI and SAMPO in their negotiations with the patriots.

GERSOXIA, BUTTA, and MANUZZINI and SANI

Attended meeting with G i to discuss provision of muleteers from TIRANO camp for 5 Army. A rather tricky situation has to be faced on account of:

- Certainty that only a proportion of the men in the camp have the time, physique or stamina to carry out muleteer duties, and that the proportion may not be a high one;

- Men have all been promised 30 days leave - those still in the camp have been unable to go on leave through lack of rail transport. GALLIA is sending MANUZZINI to TIRANO to deal with the situation and so the best be done.

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3. Gen SANTI and Lt Col GUINIA
Col to command engr fan of 210 Div: requested appointment soon- 2 i/c
est of this offr, preferably someone available in or up ROME. SORE
Later clarified that regimental offr would meet the case, as it
was enX/ sda and NOT a technical appointment.
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of transporting the patriots to ROME returned to ROME during the
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camp have been unable to go on leave through lack of rail tp 3033
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and do the best he can.
6. Lt Col MILLEFORINI
V and R personnel in SICILY:- It appears that MILA LO in SICILY G i
has already ordered that the 60 men proceed to the mainland for
duty with the Allies. Milleforini clarified that these men had
already been transferred to Min of Agriculture and that most of
them were over the present call-up age. He is asking for info
on this subject from Mil HQ SICILY.
7. Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI
53 men at AFRAGOLA suitable for sedentary duties:- SMHE request Cili
these men are moved to 9 Compagnia Sanità MARI.
8. Lt Col DIBONOTTO
Call-up in AFRAGOLA:- Rite for ed bns in two areas to be organized
by SMHE thro an ACM civ Hqs and rite to be transported under
local arrangements. Rite for "gruppi" to be called in and
moved under MILA arrangements.

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LIAISON WITH SHRE

1/2 Dec 44

COL LAMER

1. Ack ofr for CUVAO Div:- Col MILAZZO having been posted elsewhere in the meantime, an ofr has been selected to take his place; Col TIBERI TIRE-IO. G i

2. With ref to recent complaints from SICILY on account of delays in issue of clothing and gen slowness in handling indents, it is stated that mail between SICILY and SHRE takes on an average 12 days each way. This accounts for the months interval between demand for clothing and its issue. Requested LAMER to find out why Allied sig commo were not used for transmitting mail of this nature. Took the opportunity to stress the need for more energetic action on improving sigs arrangements at the War Ministry and SHAB. Full sp has been promised by SHAB, but not enough is being done at the Italian end, and little effort being made to take advantage of this sp. A/Q G i SO Sigs

Lt Col MILLESTONINI

3. As of yet had not been info of the arrangements for communicating with MILA IO MANTOVA Div and were under the impression that a sig of 29 Nov from MILA to this IO had been sent to the Ministry for info. The sig has now been forwarded via Mil HQ CALABRIA, SO Sigs

Count CASATI

4. Enquired of the War Minister as to the source of an article on patriots which appeared in Stars and Stripes 27 Nov, and which has been accredited by the paper to SHRE. CASATI has made enquiries through War Ministry and SHRE and stated categorically that the article was not issued by them, nor does he consider it likely that any one on the staff would have taken it on himself to make an unofficial statement of this sort, though he cannot guarantee this. He is making arrangements that in future no statement will be issued to the press except over his own signature. Discussed in detail the facts of the situation of the MODENA and POTENZA Patriot Bands, and steps to be taken for dealing with the situation, all of which referred to and discussed with GOC and G i. BERNARDI himself spin to Florence to settle the matter within next 24 hrs. COMG 3632

SO Sig

Lt Col MILLEPICHINI

3. M of War has not been info of the arrangements for communicating with SMLE LO SANTOVA Div and were under the impression that a sig of 29 Nov from MILA to this LO had been sent to the Ministry for info. The sig has now been forwarded via Mil HQ CALABRIA.

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Gens OXILIA and MARIOTTI

5. Call-up in SICILY:-- MA-IOTTI most anxious to raise two pts in connection with proposed plans for the forthcoming call-up: GI

- requests postponement until after Xmas holidays on political and psychological grounds,
- requests that there be no delay in moving the men from the districts on account of very limited accommodation at the districts. At subsequent meeting with GI, satisfactory compromise was reached on the first point.

Gen SANTI

6. IPL Repts:-- He has heard from TOMASILLI and verbally from DADD GI

of change in designation of these units, but has had nothing in writing. Can this be confirmed please to enable SMRE to implement the change.

7. LO's for SMRE: two of the original have fallen out through sickness - SMRE submitting names of substitutes. GI li Ops

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SECRET

LIAISON WITH SMRE 23/30 Nov 44

Gen PROPERZI and Col PASCHUCCI

1. Request for infm concerning stocks and production of arms and amn, concition of govt ord and filling plants and potentiality of production.

comd
A/Q

2. Col CALMONESI

Detailed infm on system of conscripting men into the Italian Army. Part 1 - to be contd later.

comd

Col LUNER and Lt Col MILLEFIOINI

3. Call-up in ABRUZZI:- infd them (27/11) of latest situation: impossibility of using SPOLITO as central depot and the need to hold men for a number of days at mil districts, until tpt can be arranged to following destinations:

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A X Q

- 500 to JESI for 228 Div
- 500 to ABRUZZO for 231 Div;
- 3000 to A. A. G. L. A;
- 2000 to combat ops. These may be selected from the 6000 as to the following specialists:

MT avrs and mechanics, WT operators and mechanics, Alpini, Bersaglieri, Granatieri, and cav personnel.

Details of where the men have to be taken from for each destination?

Lt Col SANTOMAURO

4. Meeting with "G" and "Q" reps to discuss final details of ABRUZZI call-up. SANTOMAURO will represent the ROMAN Territorial Hq at AQUILA and direct things from there.

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A/Q

5. Gen OALLIA, INFANTE and Lt Col PIROTTI

Various contacts in connection with final details of march-past of CREMONA Gp.

Spec Sec

Gen OALLIA

6. Patriots waiting to be moved from FLORENCE and PISTOIA areas. Negotiations for the disposal of patriots who recently crossed the lines. Details referred separately.

comd

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can be arranged to following destinations:

- 500 to IVSI for 228 Div
- 500 to AREZZO for 231 Div;
- 3000 to AFACOLA;
- 2000 to combat eps. These may be selected from the 6000 as to the following specialists:

MT avrs and mechanics, MT operators and mechanics, Alpini, Bersaglieri, Crantieri, and cav personnel.

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Lt Col SANTOMAURO

4. Meeting with "P" and "Q" reps to discuss final details of ASRUZZI call-up. SANTOMAURO will represent the HOME Territorial HQ at AQUILA and direct things from there. G 1 A/Q

5. Gen ORILLA, INFANTE and Lt Col PIROTTI
Various contacts in connection with final details of march-
past of CREMONA Gp. Spec Sec

Gen ORILLA

6. Patriots waiting to be moved from FLORENCE and PISOLIA areas. comd
Negotiations for the disposal of patriots who recently crossed the lines. Details referred separately.

Gen SAN I

7. Confirmed that arrangements made for patriots to be moved south had been suspended, and definite instrs given to 110 Div that noone was to be moved without further orders. comd

SECRET

LIAISON WITH SMRE

21/22 Nov 44

Col CHIAVARINO

1. Reorg of 266/1 Service and AT Coy:- instrs were sent out on 11 Nov. G i

Lt Col ROCHONANSEI

2. Muleteers in units under comd 209 Div:- G ii

- 18 in 401 IPL Regt

- 4 402 " "

- 24 413 " "

- 10 in AREZZO camp with muleteer rif unit

total: 56. As usual, employing 1mm refusees to release these men until the replacements are on the ground.

3. Saddlers: 43 trained saddlers have been passed out from the course organized in CAMPANIA to meet AMI requirements. G ii

Location: 10 Arty Depot CASERTA. Disposal instrs required.

4. Cooks course for 3 Dist:- confirmed that the 30 men have to be found in APULIA by the Italian HQ there. M of W would like to be info of the pay and conditions authorized for these men as civilians at the end of the course. G ii

5. Following info has reached SMRE on deficiencies in strength: G i
- 209 Div - overall 2789 short on ests, incl 914 men still with units but liable to demobilization. G ii

- 227 Div - 915 Lav Artillery Unit is 50 engs below est - Mil HQ CAMPANIA want to know if they can take them from the Engr Depot at S M A IA CAPUA VETERE.

Gen SANTI

6. Liaison affairs for SMRE:- Seven of the twelve have already arrived in ROME. NATV has been eliminated as being unsuitable, and is at the moment under arrest. His replacement is among the seven. Requested SANTI for particulars required by AFHC. G ii
Lt Col GRANDI of the Personnel Branch handling.

Gen OLLIA

7. TRIULI party for ROME:- info him of change in plan for march Spec

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6. Gen SANTI
 Liaison offrs for SMRE:- Seven of the twelve have already arrived in HOME. NATY has been eliminated as being unsuitable, and is at the moment under arrest. His replacement is among the seen. Requested SANTI for particulars required by AVHQ. Lt Col GRANDI of the Personnel Branch is handling. G i
7. Gen OXILIA
 PRIULI party for HOME:- infd him of change in plan for march through the city. 3030 Spec Sec
8. Unsuitable offrs appointed to TAMANO camp:- discussed this in Gen terms with particular ref to the need for action against the offr responsible for the appointments. A/Q G ii
9. Welfare for Gruppi:- OXILIA is instructing the offr who deals with welfare at SMRE to call on Col PIDSLEY to discuss details of the canteens which could be made available from Allied sources. A/Q SpecSec
10. Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI
 81mm mortars:- requested infm on availability of mortars and spare barrels - infm to be available am 23 Nov. 2 i/c
11. Col LEWNER
 MT census:- arranged for instrs to go out without further delay and for a/cft letter to be submitted by 30 for approval by A/Q

