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MMIA - AFHQ Liaison Log No. 5

1.

G-3 Org

(a) Mobile CC BR for SICILY

A letter is on the way agreeing to all our proposals.

(b) Unauthorized changes in designations of Italian Army Units

A letter is on the way asking for specific instances of such changes.

(c) Formation of 2 Guard Bns

Plan altered owing to Bns now being formed from British personnel. One British Guard Bn being used to replace two Italian Bns.

(a) SICILY Call-up

I expressed regret at the disappointing SICILY Call-up figures and explained that a fresh start was being made on 3 Jan and also that energetic steps were being taken by the Italian authorities to round up the absentees. In reply it was stated that the painting of rosy figures could be overdone and might lead to embarrassing explanations. I explained that MMIA had to rely on Italian estimates which were always reduced before being passed on to AFHQ.

(e) 7 Mountain Regt

A reply is awaited by G-3 Org from G-1 Br before a decision can be given as to whether the Italian Increment to this unit can be used as muleteers.

(f) CARIBALDI DIV

Two ships are available to ship this Division to the mainland but the movement is held up temporarily owing to some shooting incidents. At the moment no other use is foreseen than "Rifts for Gruppi Combattimenti".

(g) DMI & Rift Meetings

The date for these meetings is fixed for 5 Jan.

(h) British Cadres for Rift Camps (23-III)

Application should be made to G-1 Br for these personnel to be made available.

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(e) 7 Mountain Regt

A reply is awaited by G-3 Org from G-1 Br before a decision can be given as to whether the Italian Movement to this unit can be used as muleteers.

(f) CANIGLI DI VAY

Two ships are available to ship this Division to the mainland but the movement is held up temporarily owing to some shooting incidents. At the moment no other use is foreseen than "Gifts for Gruppi Combattimenti".

(g) IMT & Rft Meetings

The date for these meetings is fixed for 5 Jan.

(h) British Cadres for Rft Camps (RR-IT)

Application should be made to G-1 Br for these personnel to be made available.

(i) CC RR

I pointed out that there would be a discrepancy between the total of CC RR as shown by MIA in Orbat No 2/5 and that shown in Public Safety Sub Commission letter AG/14522/P.8. of 12 Dec. This discrepancy was accounted for by the fact that Public Safety figures do not include personnel on leave, in hospital, AMOL etc.

(j) Allied Commission illegally employing Italian Officers

It was requested by G-3 Org that specific instances of these unauthorized employments be submitted so that direct

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action can be taken.

(k) 610 Service Squadron

This unit is IRI-ITI but formed on a British RE AI/48/1 now Na/847/1.

The unit is employed on operational duty and works frequently in the German lines.

The following are required:-

1. 1 Car preferably civilian otherwise Italian Army.
2. 40 Suits of Battle Dress
3. 40 Greatcoats

Will we please let G-3 Org know ~~whether~~ whether these items can be supplied.

2. Q Maint.

(a) Polignano Driving School

Explained that instructions had not yet reached 54 Area that this school was not to be closed. Unfortunately Major BARNISH was not available and I spoke to someone else who knew nothing about it. However I was assured that, in consultation with G-3 Org, something would be done to keep the school open.

3. Patriots

At a C.A.O's conference held on Wednesday 27 Dec it was laid down that all Patriots from the time they cross the line to the time that they are finally disposed of, would be an MHA responsibility. This period is estimated at 3 weeks.

This responsibility includes clothing, feeding, housing but not screening. QAS and G-4 are instructed to boost clothing and food to meet this new commitment.

In view of IRI-ITI ceiling being full, these patriots would have to be considered as US-IRIS and RE-ITIs since neither of these ceilings were yet full.

It was estimated that 2% would be available for the Army 26% for civilian labour. The remainder unsuitable for employment and would be returned to their homes.

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Will we please let G-3 Org know whether these items can be supplied.

2. G Maint.

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This responsibility includes clothing, feeding, housing but not screening. Q43 and G-4 are instructed to best clothing and food to meet this new commitment.

In view of ITI-ITI ceiling being full, these patriots would have to be considered as US-ITIs and IS-ITIs since neither of these ceilings were yet full.

It was estimated that 2% would be available for the army 26% for civilian labour. The remainder unsuitable for employment and would be returned to their homes.

4. G-5

(a) Italians in ALBANIA

Discussed reports received from Force 399 ICS. These reports had not reached Major DRIFFIELD while however he was conversant with the matter and had taken steps to effect the movement of all Italian personnel, including military, to the mainland. The difficulties at the moment are shipping and vehicles in ALBANIA.

Lt. Col. BOUVARIE S.C.M. has asked Force 399 for reports to be sent direct to G-5.

(b) ST ANDREWS Camp

A query was raised as to whether the two British Capt's sent to this camp, had returned to KALD. If not will we please return them at once and inform G-5 of the "fact accompli"

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MOV SHIPPING(a) Vehicles in GRELLOT

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After much searching the alleged signal on this subject was produced. The signal referred to personnel only no mention of vehicles appeared. Our signal must therefore have arrived corrupt.

(b) SARDINIA Call-up21/e  
G A/Q

G-3 Org had passed on our request to Mov Shipping who in turn had passed it to G in C Med. Upon enquiry as to why no answer had been received from the latter, it transpired that the letter had never reached them. A reply will now be given soonest. It was confidently expected that 2 cruisers would be able to be made available for this Call-up.

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Q A3(a) 93,000 Battledress

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The ship from UK with this B.D. is due to arrive at the end of Dec but probably will not arrive until the middle or even end of January.

(b) Stocks of M-LTI Clothing

A/Q

Handed letter to Col. SLOAN, and explained position re Battle Dress. He expressed a wish to know what Italian stocks were in existence and where. It would appear that this question is about to be fully dealt with!!!

AFRAGOLA CAMP

Visited this camp with Capt THURUP. Total in Camp Thursday 28 Dec (inclusive of the days departures) ----- 4500  
The following were moving on that day

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| For ORVINTO (SICILIAN Call-up)                | ----- | 790 |
| For AREZZO (Labour Effs) (ex South of FRANCE) | ----- | 230 |
| For PASSO CORRESE (Potential Parriers)        | ----- | 05  |
| (50 ex SICILIAN Call-up)                      | ----- | 92  |
| For ROMA Ely Enger personnel                  | ----- | 12  |
| For ORVINTO (Permanent Staff) (CSMs)          | ----- |     |

The state of Goya was:-

|                   |       |     |
|-------------------|-------|-----|
| 1 Provisional Coy | ----- | 227 |
| "                 | ----- | 283 |
| "                 | ----- | 443 |

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2. AE(a) 93,000 Battledress

The ship from UK with this B.D. is due to arrive at the end of Dec but probably will not arrive until the middle or even end of January.

(b) Stocks of M-107 Clothing

Handed letter to Col. GLOAN, and explained position re Battle Dress. He expressed a wish to know what Italian stocks were in existence and where. It would appear that this question is about to be fully dealt with!!!

AFRAGOLA CAMP

Visited this camp with Capt THORP. Total in Camp Thurs-  
day 28 Dec (inclusive of the days departures) ----- 4200  
The following were moving on that day

|                                                                    |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For ORVLETO (SICILIAN Call-up)                                     | 790 |
| For AREZZO (Labour Kits) (ex South of FRANCO)                      | 200 |
| For PASSO CORRESE (Potential Ferriers)<br>(50 ex SICILIAN Call-up) | 55  |
| For ROMA Rly Engin personnel                                       | 92  |
| For CAVIATO (Permanent Staff) (CMS)                                | 12  |

The state of Coy's was:-

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 Provisional Coy | 227         |
| 2 "               | 283         |
| 3 "               | 449         |
| 4 "               | 354         |
| 5 "               | 189         |
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The same formed units as listed last week were still in the camp. 1007 OT Coy has been reformed into 1 and 2 OT Coys for the Gruppi. Equipment is awaited. Some Rft drivers remain unassigned. These are being used in batches of approx 10 to bring "unfrozen" vehicles to ROMA. On arrival the drivers are attached to 8 Autieri Coy and are available for onward routing to CERNIC. So far 20 have been sent to ROMA, a further 11 will be arriving in a few days.

To run the camp efficiently the following are required:-

5 Captains (Regulars)  
8 Subalterns "

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Could we please bring "pressure" on War Ministry to find 11 suitable officers.

Capt PACINI and I had a talk to the Col commanding the Camp. He bemoaned the fact that so few facilities were available. No heating, insufficient tents, insufficient cigarettes - no recreation tents - no shower baths etc etc. He said that this would not matter so much if people were only there for 2 or 3 days but some remain for 2 or 3 months. E.G. 99 Telegraphist Coy - 319 Field Bakery, 53 Medical Sec.

Capt THURPP is endeavouring to move some huts previously occupied by AA Batteries and troops.

*30 Dec*

*G. Pax*  
Capt.  
AFHQ HQ.

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G-3 OrgSARDINIAN Call-up

QAL and MOV & IN are being consulted regarding the proposed recalls in SARDINIA. Until their reply is received no answer can be given to this HQ

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MOV

1925 Call-up

Informed this Branch that we were sounding Italian General Staff on the subject of calling up 1925 class without releasing 1914.

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Minutes of Hft Meeting

Made two observations on the minutes as requested

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## 1. Re G II Training

2. " Transit Camps at ISSI and AREZZO both being IR-III.

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Leave for Muleteers sent to VIFTH ARMY

Nothing had been done requesting FIFTH ARMY to allow leave to the recent batch of muleteers who had come from CRENCE. A signal was written in my presence.

Overall orbat

Obtained 4 extra copies of File 952.2 dated 3 Dec. (Handed to G III (O)) Requested 15 copies of all such documents in future.

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Obtained amendment No. 2 to overall order of battle (Handed to G III (O))

Availability of Italian Mines

A reply is still awaited reference a request for Italian Mines. See Log No 2 and para 1 d Log No 3.

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III-III Orbat

A reminder was handed out that the III-III Order of Battle, acted for some time ago was now expected in the near future.

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Start on the subject of calling up 1925 class without re-  
leasing 1914.

#### Minutes of Rft Meeting

Made two observations on the minutes as requested

#### 1. Re G II Training

2. " Transit Camps at LBSI and AREZZO both being  
BR-ITI.

#### Leave for Muleteers sent to FIFTH ARMY

Nothing had been done requesting FIFTH Army to allow leave  
to the recent batch of muleteers who had come from GREECE.  
A signal was written in my presence.

#### Overall orbat

Obtained 4 extra copies of File 922.2 dated 3 Dec. (Handed  
to G III (O)) Requested 15 copies of all such documents  
in future.

Obtained amendment No. 2 to overall order of battle (Handed  
to G III (O))

#### Availability of Italian Mines

A reply is still awaited reference a request for Italian  
Mines. See Log No 2 and para 1 d Log No 3.

#### ITI-ITI Orbat

A reminder was handed out that the ITI-ITI Order of Battle,  
asked for some time ago has now expected in the near fut-  
ure.

#### Changes in ME's

A comparison of the old AAI overall order of battle and the  
new AAI overall will give the necessary comparative table.  
Otherwise, deduct 1 and add 800 to the middle number. EG  
AI/45/1 becomes NA/842/1

#### Formation Order for Field Hospitals for Gruppo I Tail

Formation orders for 230 - 232 - 429 - 519 Field Hospitals  
were forwarded from G 3 Org to G 2 on 16 Dec.

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MOVEMENTS

P.O.M. Conference

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Attended P.O.M. Conference. All bids for stores were accepted except for 50 tons of wine to Rome.

No bids "OUT OF CALABRIA WESTWARD" were considered owing to the line still being out of action. This is the third week these bids have not been accepted for this reason.

MOV Shipping Col GREENHILL

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Italian Army Vehicles in GREECE

Was unable to contact Col GREENHILL as he was out on both occasions when I called. Nobody else knew anything about vehicles in GREECE. In any case, no shipping would be available for 3 or 4 weeks.

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Col SLOAN

British Vehicles for POLCOCK and LEONARD

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Spec Sec

Position re issue of British Vehicles is:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| At present issued            | 50% |
| To be issued by end of month | 40% |

Maj. BRADLEY

Had just returned from visit to England. Letter re pullovers vests etc despatched 19 Dec.

A/Q

Q 46

JHR COMD CUNNINGHAM RAID

The confirming releases to VR/923 of the 14 Dec was despatched on the 18 Dec. It should therefore now be in our hands.

S & T

Major Parsons

Release for anklets gloves etc despatched to this HQ 18 Dec.

A/Q

Q 47

Maj BRADLEY

The authority for the issue of fuel to Italians for cooking heating & lighting is receiving attention and will be sent to MHA within 3 or 4 days.

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COL SLEIGH

British Vehicles for FOLCORE and LIGNANO

Position re issue of British Vehicles is:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| At present issued            | 60% |
| To be issued by end of month | 40% |

MAJ. HEASLEY

Had just returned from visit to England. Letter re pullovers vests etc despatched 19 Dec.

QND BRITISH JAR COMD CUMMINGS RAID

The confirming release to VR/V23 of the 14 Dec was despatched on the 18 Dec. It should therefore now be in our hands.

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Q Maint

MAJ BARNIER

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Lt. Col. MC CLEAN

Travel rations for personnel on leave

A signal was sent to MMIA in my presence authorizing the issue of not more than two days travel rations per leave personnel on the outward journey only.

MMIA Signal A/Q 2409 17 Dec

This signal requesting movement of 2 tons clothing from BARI to ARMAO should have been sent to 15 Army Group and not to AFHQ. However as the amount was so small, the bid was accepted.

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Lt. Col. HIGGINS

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Rfts Conference

Had a long and interesting chat in this office on the subject of the Italian Army. The usual troubles only too prevalent throughout AFH were encountered. Why are we bothering with the Italian Army etc etc. At the moment Col HIGGINS is acting Brigadier while he is away. The meeting is proposed for the 23 or 25 Dec and very possibly will be held in Rome in order to save a four hour journey for those coming from A.I. I said we would be able to arrange suitable accommodation for the meeting.

G 2 Col. HILL - DILLAN

Was unable to contact Col HILL - DILLAN as he was out when I called. Left message that I had called reference our letter re wireless sets in SPAIN, in case he had any comments.

AFRAGOLA CAMP

Visited AFRAGOLA Camp. Capt THURP was not there nor any Italian Officer in the personnel office. The Sgt Clark was present who gave me the following information

Departed WEDNESDAY 20 Dec to ASTORI for PBS

| M.F. Unit (Raparto Autieri) | No. arrived ex |     | No. departed<br>to PBS |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----|------------------------|
|                             | SARDINIA       |     |                        |
|                             | 55             | 52  |                        |
| MACOMER ARTY Group          | 178            | 170 |                        |
| SARCAVINO Unit              | 286            | 283 |                        |
| 13 Supply Coy (Assistenza)  | 232            | 223 |                        |

The following Units were in the Camp.

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 331 Field Hospital  | 53  |
| 520 Field Hospital  | 67  |
| 552 Service Battery | 25  |
| 319 Field Bakery    | 33  |
| 33 Hygiene Section  | 42  |
| 1007 G.I. Coy       | 384 |

The following personnel are also in the Camp and formed into Provisional Coys. These provisional Coys are merely Convenient Units and correspond to A B C D Coys in a British Camp.

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| 13 Supply Coy (Sussistenza) | 236                     | 233                 |
|                             | 232                     | 233                 |

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|---------------------|-----|
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| 552 Service Battery | 25  |
| 219 Field Bakery    | 33  |
| SS Hygiene Section  | 42  |
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|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1 Provisional Coy | 159 |
| 2 Provisional Coy | 242 |
| 3 Provisional Coy | 237 |
| 4 Provisional Coy | 298 |
| 5 Provisional Coy | 280 |

No's 1 & 2 Coys are unsuitable personnel from Combat Groups.

No's 3 & 4 Coys are ex prisoners from FRANCE.

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A nominal roll by trades is being compiled but was not complete yesterday 20 Dec.

All the above personnel are available for employment by the Allies.

I was impressed by AERASOLA Camp, it was clean and well organized. I was able to obtain answers to all questions asked. It appeared to me to be a very good effort to work harmoniously in accordance with Allied wishes.

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Col THOMPSON

Visited O 28 re the non appearance of a Sgt Clerk. I arranged to phone particulars of the posting as I had not them with me.

Later arranged for Staff Capt A to pursue the matter.

Mentioned Staff Capt Q and was informed that there should be no difficulty in finding one.

Officers from FIELDMARK

After over an hour I managed to locate "A/C personnel" who knew something about these officers. Little wonder that the SCHLAFER brothers are still kicking their heels in Rome since so little is known about them at AFHQ.

A signal had been sent on the 19 Dec in answer to our E 1155 of 14 Dec which stated that the officers concerned must obtain visas from the French Authorities before application to O 2 AFHQ can be made.

It will therefore still be sometime before these officers do actually move.

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Capt.  
AFHQ 10.

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Later arranged for Staff Capt A to pursue the matter.

Mentioned Staff Capt Q and was informed that there should be no difficulty in finding one.

Officers from PIERMONT

After over an hour I managed to locate "A/C personnel" who knew something about these officers. Little wonder that the SCHIAEDL brothers are still kicking their heels in ROME since so little is known about them at AFHQ.

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Capt.  
AFHQ IO.

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1. C 3 Org

(a) Rifts System. The paper on this subject has been written and a meeting will be held in the near future - possibly on Monday next.

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(b) Redesignation of 1 PL Regts. These Regiments are being redesignated and instructions will be published in a GRC soon.

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(c) Shipping - SARDINIA. The leave ship AMAZZIA which is to run to and from SARDINIA will be available for any call-ups made in the island. If this is insufficient a cruiser can be recalled to this service. The original intention for the AMAZZIA was to run it entirely for military personnel (See Log No. 2 page 4). It has now been made available to A.C. and application for military personnel to travel will have to be made to A.C.

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(d) Italian Mines. A reply is awaited ref the availability of certain mines, details of which were stated in Log No. 2 page 4.

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(e) 255/1 Services and Mt Corps. It is finally agreed that these two Corps are AK-III. This subject is now closed.

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(f) Combat Groups. Formation orders are to be published for the Combat Groups by 31 Br. They require dates from MMIA for each group.

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(g) Banda Patricios Muiella. Suggested that this force should be used for Combat when it becomes available on 15 Dec.

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(h) A reply is awaited from MMIA to the letter from AFHQ on the subject of NUCLEO I.

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2. Mov & In

(a) Attended P.O.M. Conference with Capt. WESTERBY. Personnel moves as under were all accepted.

|      |         |    |               |
|------|---------|----|---------------|
| 2400 | TARANTO | to | COLLE SALVETE |
| 500  | ORONA   | to | TRANI         |
| 1000 | TEANO   | to | ORTONA        |

The road move to get the 500 to ORONA will be arranged by 2 Maint (Maj. BARKIN) as soon as firm date has been given for the rail move.

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was to run it entirely for military personnel (See Log No. 2 page 4), it has now been made available to A.C. and application for military personnel to travel will have to be made to A.C.

(d) Italian Mines. A reply is awaited ref the available of certain mines, details of which were stated in Log No. 2 page 4.

(e) 286/1 Services and Mt Coys. It is finally agreed that these two Coys are EX-ITI. This subject is now closed.

(f) Combat Groups. Formation orders are to be published for the Combat Groups by 31 Dec. They require Gates from MMIA for each group.

(g) Banda Patriota Maiella. Suggested that this force should be used for Combat when it becomes available on 15 Dec. *by AFHQ*

(h) A reply is awaited from MMIA to the letter from AFHQ on the subject of NUCLEO I.

## 2. Dev & Tr

(a) Attended P.O.M. Conference with Capt. WESTBURY. Personnel moves as under were all accepted.

|      |         |    |               |
|------|---------|----|---------------|
| 2400 | TARANTO | to | COLLE SALVETE |
| 800  | ORTONA  | to | TRANI         |
| 1600 | TEANO   | to | ORTONA        |

The road move to get the 800 to ORTONA will be arranged by Q Maint (Maj. BARNHURST) as soon as firm date has been given for the rail move.

(b) SICILY call-up. No difficulties are anticipated re the move of the personnel except that it will not be possible to move as many as 4,000 on 28 Dec. Movements will let us know how many they can move and on what days.

There is feeling of doubt as to whether these target figures will be reached in view of the proximity of Christmas. Movements at the moment are being most helpful and it would be most unfortunate if they were let down and moved a lot of rolling stock to MESSINA and only a small proportion of the expected total turned up.

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Q 3 Org would prefer to have a collecting centre at MESSINA where personnel can be housed and fed for a short period. When a suitable number are available, then rail tpt can be applied for and the correct number of wagons sent to collect.

### 3. G 5 Major BRIDFIELD WHITE

Italian personnel from FRANCE. The movement of Italian personnel from FRANCE is not being encouraged at the moment owing to other considerations of a secret nature. These have been mentioned verbally to G 1.

ALBANIA. There are reports that there are 15,000 military personnel in ALBANIA. If this is found to be true they will be returned to the mainland and treated in the same way as those from CHEROKEE. ST ANDREWS Camp may be retained for this purpose.

CARIBALDI Div. This Division may be brought over as an organized Division in which case it will be handed over to MLIA. It should not require any organisation.

### 4. G 2E Col. THOMPSON

Saw Col Thompson re filling MLIA staff vacancy

7 Dec 44

*C. J. Fox*

Capt.  
MLIA 10 AFHQ.

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LIAISON LOG FMIA - AFHQ NO. 2

## ACTION

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Rifts Systems: The paper being written on this subject is not yet available but should be in our hands by the end of this week.

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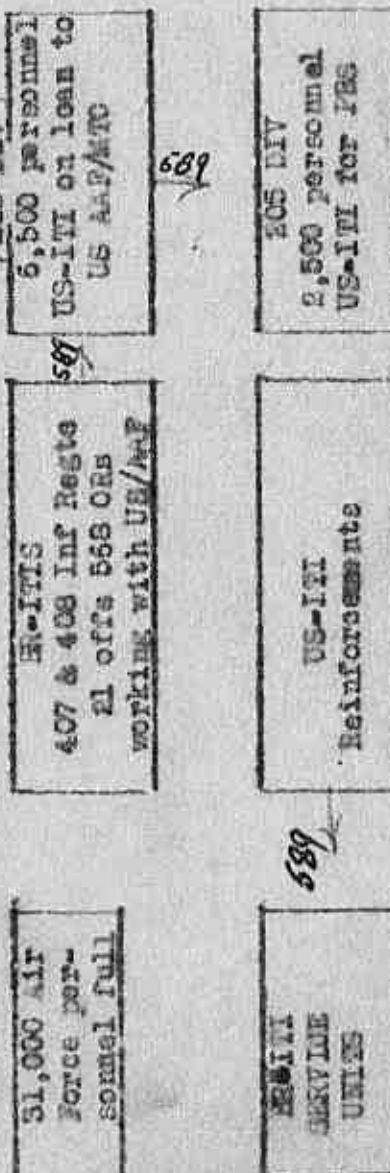
407 and 408 Inf Regts: The total of these Regts is now 21 offa 568 OMs and not 959 as per AFHQ previous letter. In view of the fact that the Air Force Sub Com-mission has stated that there is no room in the Air Force ceiling for these personnel to be transferred to the Air Force the following is recommended by AFHQ in accordance with para 3 of their AG 091,711/189 OCT.O of 21 Nov. (Folio 268 on FMIA 5B/47)

1. 579 offa and men of 407 and 408 Inf Regts removed from HR-ITL order of battle.

2. 579 offa and men of 407 and 408 Inf Regts to form part of the 6,500 personnel of 205 Div US-ITIS on loan to US AAF/MTC.

3. 579 offa and men from the 6,500 personnel of 205 Div: originally intended to be on loan to US AAF/MTC to go to PMS.

4. 579 offa and men from rifts originally destined for PMS to go to HR-ITL Service Units. The following diagrams may help to make a clearer picture.



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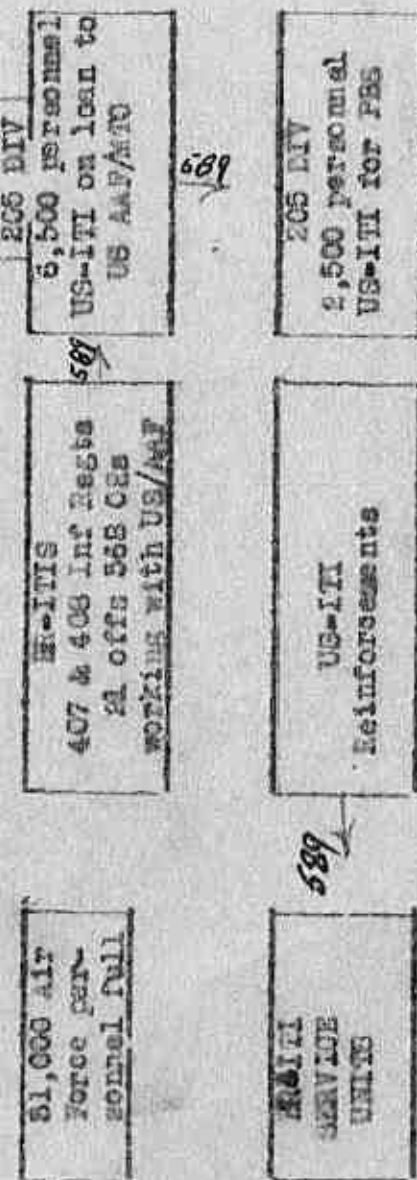
force the following is recommended by AFM in accordance with para 3 of their AD 091.711/189 COT.C of 21 Nov. (folio 266 en MIA 5D/47)

1. 279 offs and men of 407 and 408 Inf Regts removed from HR-III order of battle.

2. 589 offs and men of 407 and 408 Inf Regts to form part of the 6,500 personnel of 205 Div US-III on loan to US AAF/MTO.

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Will we please confirm that this is being done or put forward counter proposals.

266/1 Service Coy 266/1 MT Coy

These Coys are to be HR-III and carried under Internal Security together with other AC units. A letter to this effect will be sent out.

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20 Maltese Officers for Groups

20 Maltese Officers have been requested by AFHQ to act as interpreters for the Groups. This was done in a hurry and we were not consulted. Suitable apologies offered and accepted by me. AFHQ now want to know whether we have any objections.

Shipping List 7

Information is required by AFHQ to bring List 7 up to date. There are a number of serials which require deleting owing to their having arrived or having been disbanded etc. An amendment is being published covering the last three shipments i.e. Highland Princess on 13 Nov; Fort Meductic 15 Nov; Montecuscoli 15 Nov.

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Q A2 Major BRADLEY

Could not obtain wastage rates but matter was well in hand and a reply from Ordnance awaited.

Major BRADLEY was somewhat alarmed at the time taken to collect clothing allocated to MIA. He fully appreciated the transport difficulties but pointed out that if things were not collected quickly they were likely to be issued to someone else by the issuing clerks etc.

I mentioned this fact to Q Maint. when asking for transport assistance.

G-1 Br. Major THORPE

Exemptions from Call-up

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My visit here coincided with that of Staff Capt. "A" S District on this subject. The number of unskilled exemption certificates appears now to be a much larger body than at first anticipated. There was a pile amounting to about 700 in 3 Dist Hq. These under the new directive are passed to MMIA for approval.

It was suggested:

(a) That MMIA LO's be authorized to approve or disapprove exemption certificates.

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Ref (b) This would considerably reduce the amount of "bumps" which this whole business is creating. At present as soon as an exemption is granted, another one is submitted for the next 3 months.

A-1 Major MILL

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On the subject of leave to SICILY. An internal letter has been sent by this office to G-3 Org agreeing in principle to leave to SICILY provided that transport arrangements in no way interfere with leave for the Allied Armies. This letter had not reached G-3 Org when I left yesterday.

I pointed out that G-3 Org were not really interested and that the letter should have been sent to us. However at the moment everybody flies to G-3 Org on all matters concerning the Italian Army.

I also pointed out (a) that "Command and Administration" of 16 Nov states that leave will be governed by current regulations and that Current Regulations at the moment do not permit leave to SICILY or SARDINIA from the mainland.

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(b) That what is required now is "The Current Regulations".

It was agreed that the question of responsibility for leave for the Italian Army should be precipitated and that perhaps the best way to attain this would be for MIA to ask by letter for the Current Regulations to be published. I stated that it might be possible to enclose a draft of such regulations.

G-3 OGA was informed that leave to SARDINIA at the rate of \$56 per month for the whole of the Italian army would start when the Island was clear. The name of the leave ship is ARIZONA.

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#### G-3 OGA

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|------------------------------------|----------|
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| M2 "                               | 100      |
| M2 SC                              | 100      |
| Type 9                             | 100      |
| Type 10                            | 100      |
| M4                                 | 100      |
| Electric Mine (Type 2)             | 100      |
| Type 9 (improved tension operated) | 100      |
| Type 9 (pressure operated)         | 100      |
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#### G-5 Major DRIFFIELD WHITE

#### 12 Interpreter LO's for SHAF

Was unable to obtain any useful information on these personnel. However was assured that attention would be paid to such matters as pay - personal mail etc and instructions would be issued to them before leaving.

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#### Personnel from GRENOR

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#### General

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Action

1. SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS OF CHILINGS

Explained our proposals on this subject. Was informed (a) That the 1000 exceeding the ceiling of the Italians employed by K.A.F. were going to be given up (b) That Air-Forces Sub-Commission was to sort out its own troubles (c) That instructions would be issued by AFHQ for the transfer of personnel of 408 Inf Regt from the rolls of the Army to the rolls of the Air Force (d) That if the Air Forces Sub-Commission could not submit a satisfactory solution, our proposals would be discussed with them.

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This order of battle is to include in detail Admin. Hqs - Hospitals - Depots - Transit Camps etc. etc.

4. GABRIELLI DIV.

No reply yet to AFHQ signal re return of personnel

5. 7 MOUNTAIN REGT

No decision yet re retention or handing over of mule-teers. HQ AMI are investigating and will inform us soonest

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6. PERSONNEL FROM CEFALONIA

Arrived 12 Nov.

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No further personnel to be shipped.

7. MONTENAPPELO EN

No decision could be arrived at regarding the disposal of the 500 personnel of this En. The position is at the moment that a decision is being awaited from C-5 as to whether they are required as CO ER.

I suggested that as an alternative they might be used as guards in CALABRIA for the SILAS works.

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(b) That Capt. CHARLES MIA LO TARANTO was responsible, in the first instance, for reporting the numbers arriving.

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I mentioned the contents of the letter received recently from the Ministry of War on this subject. 2 1/c

First reactions were that the information was based on rumors and exaggerated. In any case the matter would have to be taken up through the two countries Ambassadors.

Repatriation to Italy of such personnel would be extremely difficult and it was considered that in dealing with Greece the Allies had sufficient on their plate for the time being.

Col Dr. Major THORPE

11. DIRECTIVE ON EXEMPTIONS FROM CALL-UP

The onus of the preparation of a directive on exempting authorities and all matters relating to exemptions from call-up has finally and rather unwillingly been accepted by G-1 Dr.

A draft administrative instruction was handed to me and has been passed to AA and GMD.

In view of exemption certificates piling up in AFHQ which are not being dealt with at the moment, the urgency and necessity of reaching a final decision and implementing a directive, cannot be too highly stressed. It will be observed that the draft directive proposes to pass 3 types of exemptions to MIA for decision.

1. Unskilled personnel of the Armed Forces
2. Individuals and/or parties of formed units
3. Unskilled civilians.

The reasons given for this are that

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2. MIA will be in a better position than anyone else to allow such exemptions.
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C. AE. Major REASLEY

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#### COMBAT GROUPS

Was informed that there were NOT sufficient blankets for 2 per man. Supplies were not even sufficient for the British Army.

#### HRI-ITIS

Was asked whether there was a shortage of boots? Not knowing I gave a non-committal reply.

There is available 197 tons of salvage clothing. Do we require it and can we store it. Understood this request had already been made in writing but no answer had yet been received from M.M.I.A.

In this connection a minor man was thrown out that a number of articles of clothing had been offered to M.M.I.A. (all second hand) and a long delay always occurred before acceptance as refusal was received. I gave several reasons why there might be a delay of a few days and these were accepted and recognised as difficulties not easy to overcome.

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A request was made that all outstanding demands for MHI-171 clothing should be forwarded by any available means to reach AFHQ before the close of business on Thursday night in each week. This is in view of the fact that a meeting is held every Friday morning.

This coming meeting on Friday is particularly important.

22 Nov.

*G. J. Pax*

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