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2. Mario PALERMO called (28 June) on relinquishing the post of Civil Under Secretary of State for War.

3. Brig. Gen. PIALORSI called (29 June) prior to taking over comd of FOLGORE Combat Gp.

4. H.E. JACINI called (29 June) on taking up his appointment as Minister for War. Matters discussed reported in separate log.

Col. LOMBARDI

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MED and V and R

Commissariat and Adm

Arty and Engr

(c) Inspectorate of Auxiliary Tps has been abolished.

(d) Separate office has been created for the "Military Review" which is now independent of the Trg Branch.

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(e) Adm Unit of SMRE has been transformed into SMRE HQ Coy and is now part of the autonomous Adm Unit of the War Ministry.

(f) As a result of above changes the WE/TO of SMRE has been reduced by 58 all ranks.

8. Article in "CANTACHIARO":

RONCO has taken up very energetically with the Minister the question of a defamatory article against SMRE which appeared in the issue of 29 June, written by the Editor (MONICELLI). RONCO has been to see the Editor and has asked that an apology and a correction be published. The article is certainly inaccurate and libelous, but it is doubtful whether any satisfaction will be forthcoming through ordinary channels.

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Col. LOMBARDI

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Gen. LIUZZI
Gen. SUPINO

1. Mine clearance and Bomb disposal:

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According to the War Ministry, the situation at the present time is as follows:-

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(ii) In A.M.G. Territory it is an A.M.G. responsibility.

(b) War Ministry responsibility in Italian Govt area is delegated to Territorial HQs, at each of which there are Arty and Engr Branches (the former responsible for Bomb disposal and salvage of Arty amn, the latter for mine clearance). Each Branch has the necessary technical staff for training personnel for these duties.

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(e) War Ministry, given adequate facilities, could take on responsibility for bomb clearance in all ITALY and would welcome the opportunity for reorganizing the bomb disposal arrangements on a more systematic basis. The employment of civilians for this duty is NOT considered satisfactory, and is very much more expensive for the Italian Govt.

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Zone of maximum work. (Territorial HQs 1-5)	10	45	320	30	10	15
Zone of average work. (Territorial HQs VI, VII, VIII, & X)	-	15	60	16	4 (Plus 88 civilians already trained)	8

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Zone of minimum work. (Territorial HQs IX & XI)	-	6	18	6	-	6
		(Plus 53 civilians already trained)				

(f) NOTE:

War Ministry would welcome any material help and technical information from the Allies in taking over this commitment.

UNPA is the civil Air Raid Precaution Org and NOT the War Ministry operative body.

Lt. Col. SILLI

2. Pay - Italian Army: A

The situation is regarded as a tricky one. On the one hand the Treasury is exerting maximum pressure for the abolition of bonuses; on the other hand the inequality of obligations for military service (i.e. half the population liable and the other half NOT liable) requires some compensation for those carrying the unequal burden.

Nevertheless, subject to the Minister's approval, bonus for Combat Ops will be reduced effective 1 July from lire 45 to lire 32. (SILLI agrees "A" Branch proposal to abolish this bonus entirely at RTC ICF, except for personnel already in receipt of it). Next step envisaged, possibly for 1 Aug, is reduction of 32 lire bonus to 20 lire. By making the reduction gradually in this way it is hoped to soften the blow and cause less discontent.

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Overall requirements	7,500	2,658	10,108
At present held	1,569	1,242	2,811
Additional requirements	5,931	1,416	7,297

(b) These additional requirements are dependent on approval of proposals for interim Army, for without some additional personnel to look after the animals the project can NOT be considered.

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(c) At present, depots, districts, Territorial HQs and sundry ests hire animal tpt from local contractors at exhorbitant prices.

(d) Order of priority for various categories is as follows:-

(i) Pack Tpt for Gruppi.

(ii) I.S. Divs (SICILY only plus two Bns in CALABRIA. NO further quadrupeds may be maintained in SARDINIA dus to lack of forage).

(iii) Depots & Districts etc.

(iv) Sundry ests.

(v) Territorial Bdes.

(e) All animals handed over to Italian Army should be accompanied by harness, saddles, carts and other V & R stores, of which SMRE say they are completely deficient.

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PASSO CORESE
PERSANO

plus one new centre which might well be at

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Detailed calculations are NOT available, but a rough estimate places at 3000/4000 the number of animals which can be maintained from Italian sources this year.

Col. LOMBARDI

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Lt. Col. ROVELLI

6. War Ministry Domestic Tpt Gov:

With ref to Tpt requirements of Gen. MANNERINI (Repatriated PW Office) and Gen. TAMASSIA (Welfare Office), requested ROVELLI to submit to MMIA the following information:-

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Breakdown of average daily detail showing to whom vehs are allotted.

Request for increased est for above two offices if considered justified.

Lt. Col. SILLI

7. Flashes for Italian Mkep Org:

A request for distinctive markings of Italian Army Mkep personnel has filtered through to the "Gabinatto" from a lower level. SILLI wanted to know if this was official.

Gen. LIUZZI

8. MANTOVA Combat Gp:

At request of MMIA LO investigated replacement of Lt. Col. DONATO (2 i/c 76 Inf Regt) and non-arrival of Majs. ALICICCHIO and LOMBARDI (2 i/c 1 Bn and CC 3 Bn same Regt). Drew LIUZZI's attention to para 12(b) of Adm Instruction 18 which had NOT been followed.

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21 - 23 June 45

Gen PROPERZI

1. CHSANO chemical Works: as requested by Mr. DARKOVICH, Head of Chemical Div, Industry Sub-Commission, A.C., secured from War Ministry a copy of agreement of 15 June, between War Ministry and Ministry of Industry etc, and of the three appendices, and passed to Mr. DARKOVICH. C of S Q

Count CASATI

2. Courtesy call on the outgoing War Minister. Casati is planning to stay on for about two weeks to help his successor to take over, and will be leaving for the NORTH about 5 July. He is very obviously sorry to be going, and blames his party for their lack of support. Cond C of S

Casati will be calling at MMIA to take leave of GOC and other members of the staff during the coming week.

Lt. Col. CHECCHIA

3. Italian Army M.T. in the NORTH: general talk on the contents of the Minister's letter of 16 June ref 1/2621/Serv. Checchia was very definite that the intention of the letter was to represent in very mild and unassuming terms the urgent need of the Italian Army for more tpt. Cond Q

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Capt PACINI	Col PIACENTINI
	Lt Col TROVATI

(a) It was agreed by both sides, bearing in mind current disciplinary procedure in the Italian Army that the new correction centre would receive the younger offender rather than the "old lag". In practical terms, this is the distinction between punishment awarded by unit or fmn comds for disciplinary offences, and charges and sentences for "crimes" against the penal code, which are handled by the mil tribunal.

Maximum award by fmn comds is now 60 days, but longer periods of detention at the disciplinary centre can be achieved by "transferring" men from the unit to the centre. Such men will be of the intractable type, not amenable to mil discipline, who have already served one or more sentences for breaches of discipline but who are considered capable of reformation with the proper treatment.

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(b) SHAPE to submit by the first half of next week:

(i) report on recce of VITERBO barracks with plan for empl of existing accn and details of work to be done;

(ii) proposed WE of staff for the new centre (to be known as "Correction Centre") on the basis of 63 all ranks (of whom 54 between offrs and NCOs).

(iii) details of curriculum followed at the previous correction centre run by the Italian Army at Pizzighettone

(c) At the same time "A" Branch MMIA will obtain further particulars of British methods and systems for running similar disciplinary units.

<u>On JACIMI</u>

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(i)	for two Alpini raggruppamenti, or for service with existing combat gps located in the Alps	2500 animals
(ii)	for eleven territorial bdes	1650 "
(iii)	for three internal security divs	900 "
(iv)	for all districts and depots	1000 "
(v)	for remount depots	400 "
(vi)	for sundry other ests	1000 "

/what are these ?

Above figures include animals already with the units and HQ's.

(b) RONCO stressed that item (i) above should be first priority both for men and animals, and that existing units ought to be combed for men of Alpini Regt and men whose homes are in the mountains.

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(c) As a rough guide, org of animals in Alpini Raggruppamenti would be on following lines :

44 mules per Alpini coy (3/4 pack ¼ draft)	
three coys per bn - 44 x 3 -	132 mules
bn HQ	28 "
	160 mules
three bns per gp - 160 x 3 -	480 mules
gp HQ and services	120 "
	600 mules
two gps per raggruppamento	1200 mules
two raggruppamenti (incl HQs)	2500 mules

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G-1	AQMG
GI I SD	DAAG
Asst G-3	

Gen MANNERINI

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17-20 Jun 45

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1. (a) Attended meeting to discuss "demobilization", at which were present:-

MMLA	SMFM
C of S	C of S
Col "A"	Col i/c SD Branch
G-1	
Staff Capt "A"	

(b) C of S MMLA opened the meeting by stating that the demobilization of the older classes was NOT proceeding nearly fast enough. Immediate steps must be taken to bring this phase to a conclusion.

(c) GOC MMLA had decided on the following measures :-

- all depots to be stripped to a minimum;
- replacements to be on a "man for man" basis and no account to be taken of specialists;
- further publicity to be given in "LA PATRIA" to the demobilization situation with particular ref to what has already been achieved to date and intentions for the future.

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	212 div	210 div
1914 (1st four mos and older)	14709	1507
1914 (2nd and 3rd four mos)	1741	546
	16450	2053
	18503	

Gen RONCO estimated that two thirds of the 42000 men liable to demobilization had in fact already gone home, counting authorized and unauthorized demobilizations.

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1. (h) In reply to a question he stated that no penalty would be inflicted on those men who had arbitrarily gone home: there was no loss of pay or bonus (exception those volunteers entitled to a bonus) but of course their papers would NOT be in order. This was only relatively serious, as there had been over 300,000 deserters all told in this war and it was inconceivable that they could all be dealt with. In any case popular opinion was counting on an amnesty. (Ronco is dead against this himself as penalizing the high sense of duty and patriotism of those who did well by their country).

(i) In reply to a further question, RONCO stated that in the event of further rfts being required these should be obtained by:

(i) recall of 20 - 24 classes in MARCHE and UMBRIA to give 13000;
(ii) further enlistment of recruits (24 and 25 classes), in the SOUTH (completion of APULIA and the CALABRIA call-up would produce 20,000). The pros and cons of recruiting in the NORTH and SOUTH were examined and Ronco concluded by saying that he hoped it would be possible to defer all call ups until such time as the mil districts in the NORTH have been organized and the machinery of gov't working properly, and passions got under control, so that the NORTH can contribute its share to the Army's requirements.

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Until the regulations are clarified or altered the next step after failure of Carabinieri is for local Italian civil and/or mil authorities to approach local Allied authorities for permission to employ such Italian tps as can be spared by the Allies.

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Col LOMBARDI

3. Chemical Works CESANO: Lombardi ascertained from PROPERZI that an "agreement" had been concluded between War Ministry and Ministry for Industry and Commerce on 15 Jun, to be implemented at a later date by hand over of plant to civilian undertaking. Up to 19 June no firm had been designated to take over the machinery. Properzi will supply copy of "agreement" for use of Industry Sub Comm AC. — C of S G

4. FOLGORE Combat Gp: infd LOMBARDI that Brig Gen PIALORSI had been approved by CG 5 Army as new comd of the FOLGORE in place of MORIGI. — Comd A

5. Maj SCAPATI: Gen UTILI has infd LOMBARDI by phone that the enquiry (ref log 14/16 June, para 1) is nearly concluded (19 June) will be sent to War Ministry by special messenger. Utili stated that the irregularities did not appear as serious as the implications suggested. He has asked Lombardi to find a replacement. — A

Count CASATI and Col LOMBARDI

6. Cooperators for SEAC: infd Lombardi of intention to send 2000 cooperators from ME to SEAC and requested that a suitable offr be made available soonest to address the men at the commencement of their journey to the EAST. Suggested suitable basis for this talk, i.e. — C of S
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Col PIACENTINI

8. Bomb disposal org: The responsibility for organizing bomb disposal units had been entirely decentralized and is now in the hands of Territorial HQs. At each of these HQs there is a gen offr at the head of the arty service, and he has on his est technical personnel for organizing and trg the necessary civilian teams. According to Piacentini's experience in Florence, territorial HQs are gradually taking over bomb clearing functions from UNRRA. There is no doubt at SHAEF that responsibility for bomb clearing is fully accepted by War Ministry. Phoned Col CRIPPS and infd him accordingly. G

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Count CASATI

9. GARIBALDI Regt: The Minister has again spoken to RAVNICH on the subject of rfts needed to complete the MR. (see log II/I3 June para I3) According to CASATI, RAVNICH jumped at the idea of selecting men of the GRAMSCI unit, providing they were commanded by their own GRAMSCI offrs. The minister added that in his personal opinion there would be no harm in forming them into a couple of coys entirely of GRAMSCI personnel. — Comd G A

I0. Cooperators: further to para 6 above CASATI let it be known through Lombard (20 June) that as it was now certain that there would be a new Minister for War, he did not propose to take a decision on the despatch of the offr to MR. — C of S

Col PIACENTINI

II. Disciplinary Bn: arranged meeting to take place at MAIA I030 hrs 2I June to discuss procedure and org of experimental disciplinary bn. SMRE will represented by Gen RONCO, Lt Col TROVATI, and an officer from the Gabinetto — A

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Count CASATI

1. FOLGORE Combat Gp: the Minister confirmed that there had been no change in his designation of the new comd to replace MORIGI. — Comd A

Sig accordingly sent to CG 5 Army requesting approval and authority for Brig Gen PIALORSI to take over comd. Meantime, Casati will call Pialorsi to ROME and brief him.

2. Maj SCAPATI: infd the Minister of serious charges pending against this officer, for having helped Republican personnel and even released Republican offr entrusted to the custody of the LEGNANO. SCAPATI is head of Ops and Int Branch and has been acting C of S of Legnano Combat Gp. — A

Sig is being sent to UTILI to arrange for enquiry locally. SCAPATI to be suspended and sent to ROME on conclusion of enquiry.

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Col PIACENTINI

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5. Demobilization: preparatory talks for meeting at MMIA on Sunday 17 Jun 45.

Gen PINNA (High Commissioner for SARDINIA)

6. Transportation to and from the mainland is one of Pinna's main worries (the others are mostly connected with the food situation: a large part of the crops has been ruined by the drought and the rest is being eaten up by the locusts). — C of S A

In brief, there are about 1000 refugees waiting to be moved from SARDINIA to the mainland and about 750 demobilizeable soldiers at NAPLES waiting to go to Sardinia. Obvious thing is to arrange for one ship to make one round trip, but this seems to be beyond the powers of anyone to arrange.

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Lt Col WILSON, Public Safety, rang up to say that the approx 750 demobilised Sards in NAPLES (Garibaldi Barracks) waiting to get back to Sardinia are causing a lot of trouble by demonstrations and acts of hooliganism. Public Safety does not wish to have them put

curfew i.e. AFHQ must problem?

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in jail and would be relieved if they could be got back to Sardinia more quickly than at present.

Count CASATI

7. LA PATRIA: further to log 11 - 13 Jun para 2, the Minister stated that fresh pressure had been brought to bear by the Treasury for the suppression of the paper on the grounds of the high cost involved. Between 30 and 40 million lire had already been spent, and at a time when the utmost economy was required of the country, it was difficult to justify the need for a separate daily Army paper. The arguments put fwd by the Treasury officials were :- Comd A

(a) The country is rapidly returning to normality in the matter of daily papers, and in nearly all districts a choice of papers is available;

(b) in the more out-of-the-way places the PATRIA arrives no quicker than other papers produced in the nearest large town;

(c) with the cessation of hostilities there are no longer valid security reasons for a separate Army news sheet - the men will read and buy the paper carrying the views of their own party.

The Minister asked whether a special papers is produced for British tps at home. He said that it was difficult to oppose these arguments, that he had to admit that the Treasury had a case, and that the present expenditure was too great a luxury at this time. Accordingly he would recommend to MMIA that the present PATRIA be converted into a single edition published twice a week in ROME. This would replace the present weekly paper. He would like to retain the name PATRIA in view of the success achieved by the daily paper and the goodwill acquired with the tps. Such an arrangement would bring the expenditure within reasonable limits, and would still give the Minister the medium he required for publicising ideas and facts among the tps.

8. "March on ROME" : Casati produced a report he had received from BRUNETTI alleging preparations made and orders given for a march on ROME by armed parties belonging to the left. The rising would take place on the 18th unless the gov't crisis were settled by that date. CASATI said that while necessary precautions were being taken by the carabinieri, it might become necessary to call on Italian tps to assist, in which event he would like to be able to rely on the intervention of some of the units of the Garibaldi Regt. Accordingly he hoped that their departure could be postponed a few days. The writer stated that the [illegible] Comd C of S G

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Count CASATI

1. GARIBALDI Regt: discussed with the Minister the present very unsatisfactory situation of this unit, which is due to leave in the near future and is below 50% of its WE and still losing strength. Reminded him of the pressure brought to bear on MMIA by the War Ministry for the retention of this unit on its repatriation from MONTENEGRO, which GOC had succeeded in obtaining on account of:- Comd G A

(a) The traditional ties of the GARIBALDI name

(b) The valorous fight put up by these men in the 18 months following the Armistice

(c) The reputed discipline and morale of the Regt as a Unit.

A clear cut order was given to RAVNICH on 2 June that no further personnel would be sent on leave. Notwithstanding this, there had been a further considerable reduction of strength. It looked very much as though (c) above is unfounded.

CASATI fully agreed, and added that RAVNICH had given cause for displeasure on a number of other counts recently.

He had taken advantage of the special powers conferred on him in the Balkans for giving medals for valour in the field to distribute a further 1400 such decorations after his return to Italy. This had placed the Minister in serious embarassment.

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(c) Providing a medium for educational and informative official War Ministry news.

With regard to the part played by the Allies, the Minister admitted that some unpleasantness had occurred over differences of opinion on matters of policy - details referred to "A" Branch. On the whole, though, he was very pleased with the results obtained to date.

Visit to GOC

3. GRAMSCI Div: Lt. Col. MONTI, OC Unit, and Capt. COTTA, Arty Offr, formerly Arty Tp Comd in the FIRENZE Div, made courtesy call on GOC. Comd G

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Gen talk on activities of the Unit in ALBANIA, where the 2,000 men of the GRAMSCI participated in actions against the enemy. 300 of these men fought as the GRAMSCI Bn, and the remainder were included in the ranks of ALBANIAN Partisan Forces.

They subsequently stated that approx 1,000 men would be returning from leave with mil obligations, and reporting part to TRANI and part to ASTRONI. It was explained to them why at this stage of things it would NOT be possible to reconstitute a special unit with the 1,000 men remaining under arms. They requested that these men at least be sent to CESANO on rejoining.

Gen. ORLANDO

4. This officer is feeling nervous about the atrocity charges levelled against him by the Yugoslavs. He had prepared a "dossier" intended to clear his posn, and which he wanted MMIA to send to LONDON. GIII(I) agrees that dossier is mostly irrelevant and NOT within MMIA terms of ref. Accordingly papers being returned to ORLANDO. They can always be got back again if required. G

Col. LOMBARDI

5. Discussed confidential matter relating to BARI T.HQ. Referred to Col. "A" and G-1. G A

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Col. PIACENTINI

10. Regular Offrs: during the course of conversation PIACENTINI stated that 25% of officers now under arms were regular offrs. — Comd A G

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Col. LOMBARDI (13 June)

11. Republican Army personnel in the NORTH: LOMBARDI confirmed that instns to the Offr screening commissions set up at each of the Territorial HQs in the NORTH are that names and infm about offrs who have served with the Republican Fascist Forces will be passed to Comds of Territorial HQs, who will in turn take action via the Carabinieri for the arrest and internment of the offrs involved. No details are yet available of arrests to date but LOMBARDI signalled for these today. — Comd A

Count CASATI (13 June)

12. Demobilization: the Minister handed to the writer a copy of RONCO's report on demobilization with a request for GOC's earnest consideration. CASATI said that he well knew the situation, and that recruitment of further rfts was ruled out because of lack of clothing, boots etc. Nevertheless, it was hoped that a solution to meet the case could be found without delay. — Comd A G

13. GARIBALDI Regt: the Minister had had RAVNICH on the mat before him, and said that his bearing and demeanor convinced him that he really had the interests of his regt at heart. He was most downcast because of his trouble over the strength. Latest situation was as follows:- — Comd G A

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This leaves 1041 NOT accounted for.
Of these:
30 are in Hosp
238 have been demobilized because of age or on compassionate ground
96 still to be demobilized for same reasons.
677 still to return from leave.

The writer pointed out to the Minister that even if all 677 reported back, there would still be a deficiency of 500/400. CASATI will find out from RAVNICH whether it would be more in keeping with the character of the unit to make up the numbers:-

(a) From rfts to be obtained in the NORTH when the Regt gets up there (i.e. suitable ALPINI types)

(b)

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- 238 have been demobilized because of age or on compassionate ground
- 96 still to be demobilized for same reasons.
- 677 still to return from leave.

The writer pointed out to the Minister that even if all 677 reported back, there would still be a deficiency of 300/400. CASATI will find out from RAVNICH whether it would be more in keeping with the character of the unit to make up the numbers:-

(a) From rfts to be obtained in the NORTH when the Regt gets up there (i.e. suitable ALPINI types)

(b) From selected <u>individuals</u> of the GRAMSCI unit.

<u>Col. LOMBARDI</u>

14. Demobilization: infd him (for the Minister) of meeting to discuss RONCO's report to be held at MMIA 1000 hrs 16 June, at which RONCO and any other offrs he cares to bring with him are invited to be present. Comd C of S G A

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Col LOMBARDI, Lt. Cols. SILLI and PERRONE

1. Cooperators with PBS: for the purpose of documenting 3,000 cooperators due for demobilization in the near future, passed authority to LOMBARDI etc for the immediate despatch to CG PBS LEGHORN for duty with 2694 Technical Supervisory Regt of 3 offrs and 9 ORs. This detachment will join up with the officer who has already gone to LEGHORN in advance. — A

2. Secret org of left wing parties in ROME: secured copy of SIM report to SMRE for GOC's attention. — Cond

Count CASATI

3. 2 i/c CREMONA Combat Gp: infd the Minister of GOC's point of view on acceptance of ZANUSSI's resignation and agreement to seconding Col DONADONI to PREMIER's staff for special duties (see log 4/6 June para 13) — Cond A

It would appear that ZANUSSI's epuration, which was suspended while he was with the CREMONA, will now be concluded, after which he may be available for re-employment.

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(a) sig sent to CG 5 Army (copy was shown to CASATI before being despatched);
(b) RONCO going to 5 Army HQ and BOLZANO to investigate on the spot and assist with removal of MORIGI if necessary. (RONCO departed ROME mid-day 8 June);
(c) GOC approved appointment of Brig Gen PALOMBI Guido to succeed MORIGI. The new comd is said by the Minister to be the best disciplinarian they have available. It is probable that CASATI will brief him personally before he takes over the comd.

5. Press release on Italian Army: the Minister requested that his appreciation be conveyed to GOC for the articles on the Italian Army published in the press on 7 and 8 June. Comd

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Gen LIUZZI and Col QUILICA (9 June)

6. Accompanied G-1 for discussions on:-

(a) Trg courses at CESANO: new system for allocation of vacancies and provision of personnal for instr ; G

(b) Urgent need for demobilisation of older classes and provision of rfts. LIUZZI explained SMRE point of view and G-1 reviewed present situation and measures being taken during next few weeks.

Gen LIUZZI

7. Disciplinary bn: Handed him 'A' Branch letter setting forth general ideas on experimental org to be set up. Contents to be discussed on RONCO's return. Lt. Col. TROVATI has been selected as a suitable offr to org the first unit. A

Col CRAWSHAW (Finance Sub-Commission)

8. Guarding of Allied supplies for civilians: the Italian Treasury has applied to War Ministry for approx 1000 tps to assist Carabinieri in guarding food stores located at scattered points throughout the country. Civilian guards have been tried and found NOT reliable: supplies are being stolen. Confirmed War Ministry statement that they have no tps under their comd for this purpose. CRAWSHAW will arrange for FOOD Sub-Commission to contact G-3 Org, AFHQ, to request provision of Tps required. C

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Lt Col GUIDA

1. Banda MAIELLA: Avv TROILO is in ROME again and reports that the band has been instructed by 8 Army to move 5 June to TREGENTA (provincia ROVIGO) GOOO7, to look after PWs. G

Apart from the fact that this is contrary to the AFHQ order to disband the unit, SMRE state that according to TROILO this assignment would be most unpopular with the men, who want to go home now that the fighting is over. SMRE recently requested that the men be disbanded near their home town (vide log 28/29 May para 10), and NOT at their present location CASTEL S. PIETRO (nr BOLOGNA).

Col LOMBARDI

2. 2.i/c TURIN HQ: infd him of COC's agreement to appointment of Col CONTINI Massimo as deputy cond to Gen BERADUO di PRELORMO. A

Col GUY Aurelio is C of S at TURIN, in place of Col BERTI, who had been provisionally appointed to this post.

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Count CASATI

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Col PIACENTINI

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8. "A" and "B" Screening Agencies: he will be writing to MMIA proposing that personnel of "A" type dets be employed for fmn of further Recovery Units, urgently required on account of vast amount of Italian Army stores to be dealt with in the NORTH. G Q

The "B" type units have just started to function in the NORTH, and are likely to be busy for some time to come. He is writing about this too.

Col CRIPPS (Patriot Branch A.C.)

9. Banda MAIELLA: infd him of latest developments affecting the disbandment of this unit and of the desire of the partisans to be transported to their own area on disbandment. He will see what he can do to help. G

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Gen RONCO

10. (a) Disciplinary bn to be established at VITERBO. RONCO is selecting a suitable col or lt col to organize the unit and will send the offr to discuss the project with "A" Branch. — Comd A G

(b) Political agitation against the army; political incident at 68 Regt barracks 23 May; bad effect on morale caused by delay in demobilization of older classes - all contributing to weaken discipline.

(c) Base Garibaldi: Ronco not quite sure what is going on at Lecce. The org has now changed name (Ufficio Balcania) and is run by (former Lt Col) STAGNI in civilian clothes. Ronco suspects a political racket in which Palermo is involved. (see para 11 below)

(d) Ronco's ideas on strength of interim Italian Army.

Wing Comd. PEARCE (Air Force Sub-Commission)

11. Base Garibaldi: requested him to find out through security channels what STAGNI is up to in LECCE in connection with air tpt to and from the Balkans. Explained that the activities of this former (?) Italian Army offr are NOT authorized by MMIA nor approved by the Italian Gen Staff. — G

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Agreed by Scattini.

Scattini also concerned about offr replacements.

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Col PIACENTINI

1. UDINE Territorial HQ : Following receipt of signal from MMIA LO Rear 8 Army advising that 1 District did not agree with move of main body of HQ to PADUA, instructed PIACENTINI to hold up departure until position has been clarified. — G

2. Recovery Units: informed PIACENTINI that MMIA instructions relating to 24 Recovery unit are unchanged, and that this unit is to proceed to BOLZANO. — G, Q

Col PIACENTINI and Lt Col's DI BITONTO and CRESCI

3. Enlistment of volunteers in the NORTH: daily meetings to discuss method of implementing enlistment of 4000 partisans (vide log 28/29 May). SMNE proposed instructions in signal form submitted to "A" Branch comments passed to SMNE. Signal subsequently submitted to and approved by Gen CADORNA (1 June); final discussions with "A" Branch (2 June); and approved by War Minister 3 June. Sig despatched via MMIA 3 June. — Cond, C of S, G, A, Q

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(d) CADORNA stated that decisions were urgently awaited on

(i) granting of ranks to patriot leaders;
(ii) payment of demobilization bonus;
(iii) granting pay and back pay to patriot leaders.

He hoped to take decisions back with him on 2 June.

Col LOMBARDI

5. Ranks and pay for partisan leaders (see 4(d) above): informed LOMBARDI of general trend of conversation GOC/CADORNA and enquired in particular into the position of pay, bonus and ranks for patriots.

(a) the granting of ranks had been stymied by unacceptable counter proposals from SCOCCIMARRO (Minister of Occupied Territory) after the draft decree (which had been approved by AC) had already

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5. been passed by the Cabinet. Main purpose of CADORNA's visit was to enable the Minister to hear his views on this subject. It appeared that CADORNA's policy is, if anything, more conservative and reactionay than the Ministers. Comd G A Q

Later the same day (1 June) LOMBARDI stated that CADORNA had been to see SCOCCIMARRO, and had swayed the latter completely to his point of view. The matter ought now to be quite plain sailing.

(b) Apart from the formal passing of the decree by the cabinet next Friday, the decision to pay demobilization bonuses is agreed by all concerned. The Ministry for Occupied Territory already has the necessary funds (160 millions) and it is only a question of transportation of the money to the NORTH.

No decision has yet been reached on back pay for patriot leaders. A sum running into milliards is involved and the Treasury still has to give an answer.

Col CRIPPS and Jnr Comd BROSH

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Informed CRIPPS at the same time of progress with plan for enlistment of 4000 patriots.

Promised copy of SAUK signal for his information. At his request supplied copy of decree on "Ranks for patriot leaders" which he had not seen.

Col LOMBARDI

7. 2 i/c UDINE THQ: reference proposal to appoint Brig Gen ZAULI Adolfo to serve under ARMELLINI, saw DC letter which ARMELLINI had sent to RISI in which he said, "there are no Generals here." Informed GOC and secured approval of ZAULI's appointment; notified LOMBARDI accordingly. Comd A Q

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8. LERICI: LOMBARDI has already replied to GOC's letter. LERICI Comd

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LOMBARDI confirmed that LERICI had been issued with unauthorized rations in APULIA.

Col PIACENTINI

9. GARIBALDI REGT: informed him of probability that Regt will receive its marching orders by 15 June, subject to receipt of equipment by that date. Therefore necessary to have personnel complete and training finished before 15 June. — Comd G

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9. PLACENTINI had RAVNICH in from VITERBO 3 June. Following liberation of NORTH Italy and derestriction of movement for men going on leave further large numbers have been sent home on month's leave and others are waiting to go. Situation is NOT easy at the moment.

Estimate is that by stopping all further departures immediately the strength on the ground will be about 1700/1800 by June 15. Majority of those absent should be back by month end.

Proposal is:

(a) to postpone departure until 30 June;
(b) complete establishment (where needed) by taking rfts from RTC ICF.

10. UDINE THQ: owing to difficulties of accomodating and keeping men together in ROME, the main body of UDINE has gone forward to SENIGALLIA (NORTH of ANCONA), where there are empty Italian barracks lately vacated by the Allies. Regt awaits further instructions at Military District ANCONA. G

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- Officers
- automatic weapons
- carts

for this units, which is only awaiting arrival of above to commence its duties.

Col LOMBARDI and Lt Col MARALDI

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Col LOMBARDI

1. 2 i/c GENOA THQ : infd Lombardi that Frattini is urgently awaiting approval of appointment of Gen MARTINENGO as 2 i/c. Martinengo was leader of patriots in LIGURIA and is now giving full support and cooperation to Frattini. — Comd A

Lombardi stated that War Minister entirely approves of the proposal. Discussed with "A" Branch and secured SCC's agreement to the appointment. Arranged for signal to be sent to MMIA LO with PBS for onward transmission to Frattini.

Col PIACENTINI, Lt Col DI BITONTO, Lt Col FRANCHI

2. Enlistment of patriots in the NORTH: passed on infn secured during visit to the NORTH and subsequent decisions taken by MMIA and Patriot Branch AC to implement enlistment of 4000 patriots within one month, this being the maximum figure that can be entertained at the moment. CADORNA is expected in ROME on Wed 30 May, and against his visit draft orders are being prepared by SHAEF regulating the whole business. Piacentini perfectly satisfied with arrangements as now proposed. — Comd C of S G A Q

Col PIACENTINI

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Approval has been given for four such units, as follows:

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22 " " " UDINE THQ, " " ROVIGO
23 " " " MILAN THQ, " " MILAN
24 " " " TURIN THQ, still in ROME

This leaves GENOA and BOLOGNA without. Latest instrs from MMIA are that No 24 shall proceed to BOLZANO which gives two dets to Bolzano area, but deprives Piedmont of its det. Italian General Staff strongly recommends 24 Recovery Unit be allowed to proceed to TURIN. Discussed with Cols Q, Q2 and G.

4. UDINE THQ : impressed on PIACENTINI that no further personnel must be allowed to start for Udine [illegible] — G

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22 " " " UDINE THQ, " " ROVIGO
23 " " " MILAN THQ, " " MILAN
24 " " " TURIN THQ, still in ROME

This leaves GENOA and BOLOGNA without. Latest instrs from MMIA are that No 24 shall proceed to BOLZANO which gives two dets to Bolzano area, but deprives Piedmont of its det. Italian General Staff strongly recommends 24 Recovery Unit be allowed to proceed to TURIN. Discussed with Cols Q, Q2 and G.

4. UDINE THQ : impressed on PIACENTINI that no further personnel must be allowed to start for Udine. In justification of the adv party having gone there, NEGRONI continues to maintain that Lt Col SCOTT definitely gave him approval for party of 50 to go to UDINE.

5. Special screening dets: the five special dets, each one gen offr and two cols, subject MMIA SD/25/2 of 16 May are stated by SMRE to be carried on permanent est of War Ministry under heading "Commissions for interrogation of offrs below the rank of col" - 18 offrs, 4 NCOs. For the purpose of dealing with the mass of offrs in the NORTH, these commissions, which normally do this same work at the War Ministry, have temporarily transferred their activities to the NORTH.

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

6. Volunteers: in view of the uncertainty about ceiling of Italian Army and need for replacements, and the limitation on the numbers of partisans to be enlisted in the NORTH, the question arises as to whether volunteers in other parts of the country are still to be enlisted. Discussed with "A" Branch. — G A

Col LOMBARDI

7. Writer's visit to the NORTH: the Minister being out, infd LOMBARDI of negotiations undertaken in MILAN and TURIN for settlement of the TRABUCCHI question. Lombardi considers that the "rebels" have lost ground, and that the trouble will be settled quite soon. He has rec'd comms from some of Trabucchi's entourage which indicate that the officers he has gathered round him are weakening. Trabucchi has to face a serious charge relating to orders issued by him as C of S of the Italian 4 Army. — Comd A

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Gen RONCO

12. General talk on variety of subjects, incl

- the writers visit to the NORTH;
- RONCO's ideas on composition of Italian Army in the immediate future;
- vexed question of dismissal of incompetent offrs, size and ests of SMKE and War Ministry.

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22 May	a.m.	Meeting with Col WALKER (Deputy C of S G-5 IV Corps)
	p.m.	Meeting with Gen CADORNA
23 May	p.m.	With Lt Col HOWARD at IV Corps to discuss (i) patriot problems with Col LADUE (C of S IV Corps) and Col WALKER. (ii) situation at TURIN with Gen CRITTENBERGER (CG IV Corps) and Col LAUDE.
	p.m.	meeting with Gen CADORNA and his political committee
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	p.m.	Lunch with Cols FOLETTI and HANCOCK (Regional and Deputy Regional Commissioners Lombardi Region AMG)
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SUMMARY OF CONVERSATIONS ON ENLISTMENT OF PATRIOTS IN THE NORTH

Patriot enlistment into the Army

1. Gen CADORNA and patriot leaders are pressing for the implementation of the promised enlistment into the Army for two basic reasons:

a) in order to ease the handing over of arms, dead line for which is now 7 June.

b) in fulfilment written agreement which is alleged to have been signed between patriot leaders and AFHQ about the end of last year or early this year. Under this agreement entry into the Army and granting of ranks were to be sponsored by the Allies. It is asserted that non-fulfillment of this agreement would increase sense of discontent and handicap disbandment etc. IV Corps C of S (Col LADUE) and G5 (Col WALKER) did NOT display such a sense of urgency over the enlistment problem though agreeing that it would undoubtedly help the situation. IV Corps immediate concern is with handing in of arms, which is giving scant results and proving a big problem, to date. They have NOT apparently connected the two.

On the other hand, senior AMG officials for LOMBARDY Region (Cols POLETTI and HANCOCK Regional and Deputy Regional Commissioners) were well informed and anxious to learn what action is being taken to meet patriot demands.

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e) the screening agencies type 'B' are for dealing with officers and regular NCO's only. They are NOT recruiting agencies, and in any event it is stressed that it would be impossible to do the job with personnel sent up from the SOUTH, who are NOT acceptable to patriots. Screening agencies type 'A' are still under Patriot Branch command, and Col CRIPPS was NOT able to state just where they are located. He considers his work is done and that they should be handed back to Italian comd.

After discussing all these points in detail with Cadorna, he proposed the following solution :

i) to be allowed to recruit up to an agreed token figure in NORTH WEST Italy based on Territorial HQs, Districts and Depots ;

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ii) personnel employed for such recruitment, i.e. offrs, NCOs and cadres to be former Italian Army personnel selected by Cadorna from local patriots ;

iii) volunteers to be accepted as individuals and enlisted automatically into the Italian Army; at each centre the rfts to be organised as rfts bns 1000 strong.

iv) rfts to be drafted insmall numbers, to Admn Divsn and posted to units as required to make up deficiencies.

v) responsibility for feeding, clothing, accommodation and general organisation to be Cadorna's responsibility up to the time rfts arrive at Adm Divs.

The above plan was discussed with Cols LAMUR and WALKER, and a draft sig prepared for IV Corps to send to AFHQ. This was submitted (as a working basis) to Cadorna who was asked explicitly whether he would accept the responsibility for his part of the plan. The writer accompanied Cadorna to submit the plan to his political committee, who accepted the scheme, but made two requests :

i) that consideration should be given to enlisting complete bands and allowing them to serve together ;

ii) that enlistment into the ARMY was a right due to them (vide 1 b) and not a favour to be granted.

The difficulties inherent in (i) above were explained to the committee.

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5. Conclusions

It was the common opinion of Allied and Italian authorities that

a) enlistment of volunteers in NORTH-WEST Italy should be implemented soonest, in any event NOT later than 7 June;

b) that a token ceiling be fixed, irrespective of actual requirements of rfts - to satisfy the political exigencies of the moment.

c) that the organisation be left in Italian hands up to the moment the rfts join adm divs (excl tpt from depots to admin divs)

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N.B. There still remains the area EAST of IV Corps boundary to be dealt with.

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Col LOMBARDI

1. Inspector of Auxiliary tps : conveyed COC's approval of appointment of Brig Gen FANTONI Euclide vice Brig Gen MONO, who has left to take up post of Arty Comd BOLZANO THQ. — Comd A

2. Col BORDA : infd LOMBARDI that the case in which BORDA is involved is in the hands of AFHQ. — Comd C of S A

Lt Col SANSOME

3. MAIELLA Band: infd him that instrs have been issued by AFHQ for the disbandment of this band in accordance with usual procedure for patriot bands. — Comd G

Lt Comd DAVIES (Navy Sub-Commission)

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7. Situation in TURIN : collected confidential report just received for BERAUDO di PRELORMO. Situation continues to be difficult. Comd G

Lt Col FALLACI

8. SMG Courtesy call on TREZZANI 's ADC, who is also responsible for SD/WE duties. Also saw Gen RICCARDI, assistant Gen to TREZZANI and head of the staff of SMG. Various subjects of gen interest touched on. Comd

SMG is sharing the same building as IAI & SP.

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15/17 May 45

Lt Col GUIDA

1. 6 Coy 513 Regt: Simultaneously with the arrival of MAIA letter of 23 Apr, SMRE recd a comm dated 21 Apr from NAPLES THQ, stating that this unit was disbanded on instr AHL 56 Area. Personnel was disposed of as follows : G

- offrs to 803 BRD,
- NCOs and ORs, part to 803 BRD
  part to 506 Smoke Coy
  part to 182 Pnr Coy
- stores to 803 BRD.

Gen MANNERINI

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Mannerini is proposing to find the 15 COs from existing dets further South and will request the War Ministry to produce 15 adm offrs. The remaining personnel (15 offrs and 225 ORs) will have to come from the 6000 tps made available by AFHQ.

Meantime he is very busy organizing the transit camp in ROME at the Michele BIANCHI Barracks in Via Nomentana.

Maj CIACCIA

4. Following is strength state of GARIBALDI Div at 17 May :

- 79 offrs, 157 NCO's, 1642 ORs.

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Gen RONCO

5. SICILY: Personnel of the Montegranero Bn is at present organized in two mixed units at Palermo and Catania, each with a proportion of Carabinieri. In accordance with the original arrangements, now that orders for demobilization have been given, all the men of the Montegranero Bn will be returning to their homes in the North. Formal approval is awaited by SMRE. Contact has been made with Public Safety S.C., who request that they be given formal notification of the intention to send these men home and not replace them. They will then have a letter sent over CC's signature to Bonomi, in view of the agreement with the Italian Gov't NOT to withdraw any further police forces from SICILY or SARDINIA. — Comd C of S G

BERARDI now proposes (and has in fact actually issued orders) that two new mixed units be formed with personnel detached from I.S. divs on the following ME:

- 22 offrs, 36 NCOs, 342 ORs (incl 100 CC RR.

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Lt Col DI MITOMTO

6. Demobilization: collected copy of SMRE sig to all Territorial, Combat and Adm Div HQs passing on MAIA instrs of 16 May for demobilization of men with homes in NORTH ITALY. For "A" Branch. — A

Lt Col SANSONE

7. Units drawing rations in CALABRIA: collected the explanations put fwd by SMRE in reply to MAIA queries about certain unidentified units. Handed to ME branch. — G

8. Transfer of NCO's: collected proposed draft of regulations for consideration by "A" branch. — A

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Count CASATI

9. Territorial HQs in the NORTH: the Minister stated that the different HQs which have recently been sent up are settling in and taking over their functions and responsibilities. This is a gradual process, particularly to avoid friction with existing patriot forces. At TURIN the situation is particularly difficult because :

(a) the patriot forces are most numerous and still armed;
(b) the local Allied mil comd (a Col) deals with the patriot leaders direct (Gen TRABUCCHI) and NOT with Gen BERAUDO di PRELORMO, the War Ministry representative.

Casati requested that the Allied rep in TURIN be asked to deal through BERAUDO insofar as circumstances permit. Discussed with G and infd LOMBARDI of action being taken.

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Col LOMBARDI

10. S. MARCO Regt: Requested him to inform the Minister that the transfer of the Marines to the Navy would NOT take place in the immediate future because the Garibaldi Regt was far from ready. The transfer would be a slow and gradual process, and the Minister of Marine need have no anxiety about being faced with a "fait accompli". — Comd G

Col LOMBARDI

11. Discussed the following pts : — Comd A

- official statement By the Italian Gov't on patriots in the NORTH;
- pamphlet on Italian Army for distribution in the NORTH. NOT yet ready - copy for GOC in about 2 days.
- Patria, NORTH Italy edition. Staff is being organized. (Lombardi stated that other Roman dailies were protesting because PATRIA was getting an advantage over them).

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Lt Col SILLI

1. Increased pay for Italian Parachutists: Existing regulations lay down extra pay for Italian parachutists at the rate of £7 lire per day for all ranks. War Ministry agree to paying this bonus to the personnel referred to in AFHQ letter of 1 May ref CR/6335/G-1(Br). A

Col PIACENTINI

2. Disbandment of MAIELLA Band and "F" Recce Sqn:

(a) MAIELLA Band is NOT Italian Army, therefore the unit should be dispersed in the same way as any other patriot band.

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5. Partisans: Gen Cadorna flew down from Milan for urgent consultations with the Italian Gov't. Patriots in the NORTH were one of the main subjects. From general indications from different sources one gathers that the patriots who took the more active share in events in the NORTH are proving difficult to manage, insofar as Comd G A

(a) they have little idea of the reality of the situation of Italy vis-a-vis the Allies; they consider that by virtue of the part recently played by them they are on an equal footing with the Allies.

(b) they are very ignorant about the Italian Army and seem to think that it should now consist of themselves (i.e. the active patriots) plus the combat tps and other partisans who took an active part in things further south;

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(c) It is likely that they will not react very favourably to the idea of joining the army as service tps and doing PL duties;

(d) the idea of their independence is heightened by the fact that in the NORTH they probably could maintain a small army - in rations, clothing and arms - without relying on the Allies.

Requested Lombardi to keep the writer infd of developments.

Lt. Col GUIDA

6. 524 Gd Bn : In reply to an enquiry Guida stated that this unit left FROSINONE ?? all ranks under strength. G A

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Col PIACENTINI

9. San MARCO Regt: following enquiry by the writer as to SMRE view on the return of S.MARCO personnel to Italian Navy and its replacement in the Folgore by the Garibaldi Regt, Piacentini stated : Comd G A

(a) SMRE fully supports such a proposal
(b) Liuzzi had called on the Italian Admiralty to discuss the proposal and the naval authorities were immediately "up in arms" and strongly opposing the suggestion. It was stated that if would be a severe blow to the morale of the S.MARCO personnel if they were to be taken from under comd of XV Army Gp and lose their eqpt.

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9. Later infd Naval Sub-Commission (Capt BLACKBURN) of the posn and requested that the matter be gone into with the Italian Admiralty, with a view to finding suitable emp on naval installations, docks etc. Capt BLACKBURN stated that the regt was already included in the ceiling of the Italian Navy. At a subsequent meeting between GOC and Casati, the Minister said that he was having to [illegible] somebody else's cause, [illegible] that the Minister of Marine had already twice phoned him that day requesting most vehemently that the San Marco Regt be left where it is, at least for the time being.

Gen RONCO

10. Demobilization of older classes with homes in NORTH ITALY: Ronco stated that the moment had arrived when a decision must be taken without further delay and orders given to initiate the demobilization scheme. He was most concerned because nothing had yet been done, and his latest infm showed that offrs would NOT be able to hold the men back much longer. Already a trickle had started (about 5% absent without leave in 2L2 Div) and if the dam bursts the older men will desert en masse and the younger ones will go as well, and the whole army will disintigrate. Comd G A

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Count CASATI

1. Chief of Staff SMRS : Called at the Minister's request (3 May). Casati said that the President of the Council had that morning requested the Chief Commissioner AC for approval to appoint Gen CADORNA Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, with RONCO as deputy C of S. The minister stated that this would be an excellent move tending to bring together the forces of North and South, and was a well-deserved gesture towards CADORNA for the invaluable work he had done as head of the patriot forces in the North. The appointment was very acceptable to Cadorna and Ronco had readily agreed to serve under Cadorna as Deputy C of S. In any event the appointment which RONCO held was that of acting C of S, on account of his rank. I pointed out to the Minister - in passing - that this had not been made clear to GOC at the time. The personal impression on the writer is that this is something the Minister has had in mind for some time, but has not wished to disclose for reasons best known to himself.

Casati continued to say that things would remain unchanged for the moment, Ronco would continue to direct things from here and Cadorna would remain in Milan until the transition and fusion periods are completed.

The Minister concluded that he was most anxious to have GOC's personal opinion on this proposal before the cabinet meeting later that morning, and he only regretted that this comm had been somewhat delayed.

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2. 'V' Day. handed to the Minister letter from GOC in connection with invitation to senior War Ministry official for 'V' Day. Casati very pleased with the suggestion, discussed also in very general terms SAC's intention as to the sort of way the day should be spent by Allied units.

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4. Col LOMBARDI

2 i/c BOLOGNA THQ : in view of the fact the Gen. CERICA had NOT been able to find a suitable 2 i/c locally, infd Lombardi of GOC's approval to send Brig. Gen PALMA Vittorio from Rome. Lombardi confirmed that PALMA had been cleared for his political and mil past.

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5. Ranks for patriots : the regulations governing the granting of ranks to patriot offrs and NCOs have been held up on the last lap by the intervention of the Ministry for Occupied Territories. The whole project is on the rock, as the counterproposals of Scoccimarro that -

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- all offr ranks (incl gen offr) be open to patriots (as opposed to Lt Col as upper limit);

- jumps of two or more ranks be recognised for regular offrs (as opposed to one such promotion in the fd).

are NOT acceptable to the War Ministry. Negotiations continue.

6. Offrs for SHAEF : collected letter on pay authorised for Italian offrs destined for SHAEF.

7. Type 'B' screening dets: following receipt of sig from Gen CADORNA calling fwd urgently screening commission for MILAN, discussed with SSD and arranged.

- sig to be sent to 15 Army Gp requesting authority for move fwd of above, plus the other dets to their respective centres ;

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Cols PIACENTINI and CREMONESI

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Piacentini was NOT very optimistic about the volunteers, owing to the lack of inducement. Life in the army under present conditions was very much less attractive than life out of the army.

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

9. Personnel excluded from exemptions APULIA and CALABRIA : ref the gradual recall (commencing 6 May) of men of '14 - '24 classes no longer exempt, following the revision of the exemption regulations, SMRE request assurance that necessary instrs have been given to 803 and 804 HRDs to receive such personnel into the depots. About 1000 men involved all told. C

10. Round up of '24 - '25 class men in APULIA :- infd him that in conformity with recent policy on rfts - see para 8 above - it would NOT be possible to authorise the recruitment of further young soldiers in APULIA, over and above the target figure, which had already been reached. C

Gen. BRUNETTI & Col DELLA CHIESA (CCRR GHQ

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29/30 Apr 45

Col PIACENTINI

1. No 6 (BOLOGNA) Territorial H Q: Infd him that authority had now been rec'd from CG 5 Army (via MMIA LO 5 Army) for the complete staff and services of above HQ to move soonest to BOLOGNA. Piacentini later phoned through following details for move in three phases : Cmd G Q

Phase I: 69 offrs, 53 ORs, total 122 (mostly staff personnel) ready to move 1 May.
14 load carriers already requested by SMME to ST incl space for baggage.

Phase II: 28 offrs, 141 ORs, 169 total

Phase III: 28 offrs, 141 ORs, 170 total

Phases II and III consist of service personnel. Tpt requirements incl baggage in same proportions as for Phase I.

2. FOGGIA round-up: infd him that MAAF had not yet sent in the names of personnel liable to call-up whom they wished to have exempted; and that until these lists are to hand no start can be made in the round-up ops. SMME is suspending further action until notified to continue by MMIA. G

Lt Col DI BITONTO

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6. Offrs and NCO's in NORTH ITALY: after consulting Legal S/C and CA infd SANSOME (for CHATRIAN) that there was no objection on the part of MMIA to the release of press and wireless statement affecting offrs and NCO's in Territory just liberated. A

7. Lt DE ROBERTIS : requested him to ensure that the Italian Interpreter offr at 802 BRD is NOT removed, in view of the departure of the British interpreter from the camp. G

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8. Lt Cols SANSONE and GUIDA

Grenadier gd units in ROME: infd them that action on our SH/13/2 of 16 Apr is to be suspended, and that the two Grenadier coys will remain at a strength of 5 offrs 150 men each - and no more. 534, 535 and King's Coys to conform to same strength. No bn HQ to be implemented. Confirmation of above will be forthcoming on receipt of definite instrs from AFHQ. C of S G

Col PIACENTINI

9. BOLOGNA HQ : confirmed to him that subject to details being worked out by respective service branches, phase I of the move from ROME to BOLOGNA would be effected 1 May, phase II would be effected with additional tpt 3-4 days later, and phase III on return of vehs from phase I lift. A G

10. Adv parties for THQs 1, 2, and 3: Piacentini confirmed that 25 all ranks are ready to leave at 48 hrs notice at following locations : G Q

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No. 2 (GENOA) SANTA SEVERA
No. 3 (MILAN) SALERNO

Spoke DADT about tpt.

Col LOMBARDI

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27/28 Apr 45

Col PIACENTINI

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1. FOGGIA round-up : I infd Piacentini that it was now the intention of AAIA that the round-up should take place 9 - 19 May, that additional Carabinieri would be drafted from APULIA and that AAIA would assist with 10 load carriers to convey Carabinieri to FOGGIA and for use locally during the period of the call-up.

The SAME pt of view is as follows :

(a) they are anxious that the round-up shall take place, but only if success is assured. A failure, or partial failure, would have unfortunate political repercussions.

(b) A senior offr of CC RR GHQ has called on the War Ministry and infd them that no carabinieri can be spared at this time.

(c) the forthcoming harvest in the FOGGIANO is an additional factor operating against the success.

As regards the Carabinieri rfts :

(d) Public Safety Sub Commission is NOT in the posn to order the CC RR GHQ to produce additional personnel for this operation. It can recommend that such rfts be supplied, but under the present circumstances (i.e. potential state of unrest) and withdrawal of 10000 men for the NORTH from the NAPLES div alone, it would NOT recommend more than 100 or so rfts for this round-up from the entire NAPLES div.

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Lt Col SANSONE

2. ASTRONI camp : at the time the first US-ITI recruits of the '24 - '25 classes were drafted to ASTRONI camp, Col PERETTI Angelo was assigned to 212 Div to take charge of their trg. This has now been completed and PERETTI is available for posting elsewhere.

SACRE request authority to transfer this offr to 45 Inf Regt Depot in Sardinia.

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3. TOR di QUINTO : requested Sansone to have copies made of previous correspondence on new application made for de-requisition of part of the riding school - ref log 23/25 Apr para 7 — Q2

Col PIACENTINI

4. CALABRIA call-up : in response to his request that the length of the call-up be cut down to 15 days (15 - 31 May), it was explained to him that apart from the question of limited rail capacity, the problem of accn was the main obstacle to be faced. In fact, the US-ITI and ITI-ITI categories require no further rfts, and all three HR-ITI HRDs are full. Until it becomes known what the volume of rfts for the NORTH is likely to be no large commitments can be taken on. Accordingly, at the most only half of the Calabria call-up (7000) can be dealt with in May (15 - 31) and the other half (7000) during the first half of June. Piacentini accepted this as going a long way to meet their request. — G

Lt Col GUIDA

5. New gd bns : requested infn on progress of 526/7 Gd Bns in course of fmn at FROSINONE. One gathers that things proceed slowly, but he promises details for tomorrow. They are short of some officers and NCOs (+) and also part of the eqpt. Infd him that one bn might be needed very soon and instructed him to proceed with the fmn of yet another gd bn (530?) (+) ("A" Branch producing NCO's for one bn ex TRANI in week 30 Apr - 6 May). — G × A (G2L / Mov 'A' and 'B' Bns)

Col QUERCIA

6. Sitreps on activities of 'Gruppi': arranged with Quercia for copies of SMRE daily bulletins to be sent to MMIA by special messenger, commencing 23 Apr. First day will include all reports for April. Infn is supplied by Col NEGRONI from 15 Army Gp. — G

Lt Col SANSONE

7. AC Service Pl. SARDINIA : infd Sansone (for Guida and Mannerini) that with disbandment of above unit unallotted personnel for AC now numbered 77. This personnel to be attached to WRD and IPW Sub Commission for the fmn of Collection and Transit Centres for handling returned PWs. WE to be published later. Meantime the following breakdown is agreed : — G

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Col PIACENTINI

8. FOGGIA round-up : further to para 1 above, and on proposal of G-1, consideration will be given to moving the following tps to FOGGIA area for three-week period to assist with the round-up :- G

(a) 100 Carabinieri from APULIA - to be arranged between War Ministry and CC RR G3Q;

(b) Gd Pl 100 strong from 804 BRD;

(c) Gd Pl 100 strong from 803 BRD;

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(b) and (c) to be arranged by MMIA. Piacentini's first reactions were favourable, subject to BRD's being in a posn to spare their gd pls. The 300 rfts will give them the minimum additional strength needed to carry out the round-up operations.

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MMLA LO 5 ARMY

9. No. 6 Territorial HQ : spoke VAN KIRK, who confirmed that adv party from FLORENCE was already functioning in BOLOGNA, and that 5 Army authority did NOT yet apply to main party still in ROME. Requested VAN KIRK to discuss with appropriate authorities the move fwd of adv parties of THQs 1,2 and 3. Requested GSD to confirm request by Sig. Infd Col PLACENTINI of above. G

Capt GAY

10. "F" Recce Sqn : met OC of this unit at SIENA, just back from latest op at FERRARA, where 120 of his men were dropped by parachute. This was a very difficult task and 20 men were lost. Present situation is that O A

(a) 8 Army has told Gay that his unit is to be reorg;

(b) present strength is about 180 - mostly parachutists;

(c) Gay had no idea where the rfts for the new est would come from - he said this would have to be governed by 8 Army intentions as to future emp for his unit.

Lt Col SAMSONE

11. ITI CMP/TC Coys: ref log 15/17 Apr para 12, requested further action to hasten the posting of 6 offrs of Sardinian origin. A

Capt Munro to 3 Coy employed units.

Gen RONCO

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Capt Munro to A Coy 5th Highland Light Infy employed with Partisan units. Clark Parachute training. I agreed

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Gen LIUZZI (ref log 23/25 Apr para 5)

1. Capt GAY : further talk with LIUZZI, who had now read through the relevant papers and found the situation more complicated than was at first thought. Gay has two charges outstanding:

(a) Criminal charge of desertion from his unit at the time of the armistice and attempt to join the enemy (Germans). This allegation is made by XXXI (Italian) Corps and the case is already in the hands of the Mil Tribunal, though action is temporarily suspended until the end of hostilities. There is no question of this action being definitely suspended as the machinery of law has already been set in motion. To complicate things, Gay has recently demanded that the case be proceeded without further delay, though nothing appears to have been done to meet this wish.

(b) Disciplinary action for inciting men of the FOLGORE Div to desert during the recent reorg of the NEMBO, for the purpose of joining 'F' Recce Sqn. Charge made by MORIGI. Although this is serious enough, it could be disposed of by a nominal sentence, in view of the circumstances.

(c) Liuzzi considers that SHAPE would have no objection to GAY continuing to comd one of the new Recce Bns converted from 'F' Recce Sqn, but they can NOT drop above charges for good, nor pretend that they never existed.

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- GARIBALDI Regt reorg ;
- Activities of combat gps;
- NNOLs in Liberated Italy

Casati said that for the moment the situation was well under control, largely due to comprehension shown by Allied Army comds, who were allowing men to go home, even if only for a few hours, to see how their homes and

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- SMG

Casati confirmed that TREZZANI will be taking over from MEZZ 1 May, and simultaneously the est reduced to 10 offrs and proportionate ORs.

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- Mil Tribunals — Comd

A decree was approved by the Cabinet 25 Apr passing the Tribunals under the jurisdiction of War Ministry wef 1 May. BORSARI would continue to direct the tribunals, being the only available official qualified for the work. At GCC's request, the Minister promised to take the following action :

(a) Investigate the numbers of officials on the strength of Divisional Tribunals, with a view to reducing them from seven to about three;
(b) Write to Territorial Comds to stress that the mil tribunals are among their most important responsibilities, and must receive close and constant attention.
(c) Give consideration to a general amnesty as soon as the whole of Italy is liberated. The Minister to give a considered opinion on this suggestion in about two weeks time.

- SIM

No change of staff planned in the immediate future.

- Repatriation of PW offrs;

- Suspected illegal practices in connection with 1 R & R unit and PARIOLI inefficient veh park. The Minister to conduct immediate investigation.

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4. Information Centres : with the reduction in personnel movements in the SOUTH and corresponding increase in CENTRAL ITALY, SMRE propose transferring the following infm centres to fresh locations :-

Infm centre BARLETTA	to	PERUGIA
Infm centre FOGGIA	to	ANCONA
Infm centre LECCE	to	RIMINI
Infm centre POTENZA	to	LIVORNO
Infm centre SALERNO	to	FLORENCE
Infm centre CASERTA	to	AREZZO

SMRE await MMIA authority on individual moves as and when it can be given.

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Gen MANNARINI

1. Italian tps in CRETE : In answer to MMIA request for infm on this subject, Mannerini has supplied the following details : — Comd G A

Already at TARANTO (Camp 'A') :

III Bn (less 1 Coy) Legione Volontari Italiani 3 offrs 600 ORs

Still in CRETE :

1 Coy III Bn Legione Volontari (about 200 all ranks)) operating
I and II Bn Legione Volontari (1400 all ranks)) with the
141 Bn Guardie Repubblicane (700 all ranks)) Germans

In concentration camps in German hands :

2000 all ranks belonging to various units.

Lt Col DI RITONTO

2. CARABINIERI rfts : discussed contents of MMIA letter SD/47 of 22 Apr authorising rfts to be selected from RR-ITI and ITI-ITI RRD's. In pt of fact, with the ceiling limited at 55000, no rfts are required at this moment, since the few hundred they are now below authorised strength will serve as a margin for absorbing suitable personnel found in the NORTH. What the Carabinieri are interested in is to have the 4% of the call-ups, which is now approved once more, in order to replace wastage and secure suitable types of the right ages as regular rfts. SMRE and Public Safety both agree with above. — Comd G A

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Col LOMBARDI

4. AWOLs in NORTH Italy : discussed draft of Minister's letter (ref other log 21 Apr) and suggested small amendment. Revised letter sent to comds of all fmns 23 Apr. Copy shown to GOC. — Comd A

Gen LIUZZI

5. C Capt GAY : discussed contents of 8 Army letter 9 Apr M 9023 A. Both LIUZZI and RONCO take a very practical view of the problem and are well disposed to acceeding to 8 Army request. LIUZZI wants to read through GAY's papers first to inform himself fully of the posn. RONCO started GAY off on his present enterprise at the time of the armistice! — A

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Gen RONCO

6. Mil Academy LECCE : very short of clothing, particularly socks. While appreciating gen difficulties of clothing situation for ITI-ITI categories, Ronco makes special plea to let the Academy have the things they need.

Official Visits

7. Following gen offrs called on GOC pm 24 Apr : Comd

- Maj Gen BERAUDO di PRALORMO, designated to comd T.H.Q. TURIN;
- Maj Gen FALUCI, head of Personnel Offrs Directorate, Ministry of War;
- Brig Gen DEL PANTA, head of V & R Directorate, Ministry of War;

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. Liberation of NORTH Italy: discussed the statistics worked out by SHAEF and War Ministry in respect of personnel with homes in NORTH Italy. Di Bitonto considers these a fair and conservative appreciation of the situation.

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In the meantime, the figure of 65000 men of 1916-24 classes with homes in NORTHERN Italy seems a fair and reasonable proportion of the total of about 185000 men of these same age gps now in the Army.

Lt Col VALERI CURTI

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Col LOMBARDI

10. Italian Army medals : Cond A

(a) Regulations covering the campaign medal (8 Sep 43 onwards) will be published in the official gazette in about 10 days. The ribbon has been approved, but difficulties are foreseen over production. The design of the medal will be left until after the war.
(b) Liberation of ROME medal : design of ribbon and medal already approved by War Ministry - now awaiting assent of Air and Navy Ministries. Planned for issue on 4 June, mostly for US tps. Only 200 - 300 Italian tps are eligible (one coy 67 Regt and few SIM personnel).

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Major JEFFSON (CSDIC)

11. Garibaldi Div : discussed the recent repatriation of this fmn. Asked him for any "I" infm in possession of his org, which he subsequently supplied. Passed to 'G'. — Comd G A

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Lt Col SAUNDBY

1. CALABRIA call-up : infd him that a call-up of the '24 - '25 classes in CALABRIA would probably be required to take place between 20 May - 30 Jun, to produce 14000 men as originally planned. Requested him to have rates of call-up worked out. — G A

2. 523/4 Gd Bns: infd him that 523 Gd Bn would be required to move on 23 Apr and 524 Gd Bn during period 23/29 Apr. — G

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

3. ABRUZZI mil districts : further to log 18/20 Apr para 8, ROME T.H.Q. state that vehs are being removed from the mil districts of ABRUZZI on direct orders of MMIA. Discussed with Q2 and ST. — Q

4. Patriots in FLORENCE : SMBE is infd that two batches of patriots volunteers for the army have been accepted in FLORENCE and drafted direct to 210 Div (92 + 115), on orders given by MMIA LO 5 Army. Rochowanski requested confirmation. Discussed with "A". — G A

Lt Col SAUNDBY

5. Special Tpt Gp - A.C. : handed him copy of MMIA Q5 of 15 Apr containing such infm as is available on the proposed org of AC Tpt Gp - ref log 15/17 Apr para 7. — G

6. Spoke also about following items :

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- Disorders at ASCOLI PICENO
- cheques for NAAFI goods
- Foggia call-up (Carabinieri)
- 1000 volunteers for CESANO
- Tpt of mil districts in ABRUZZI

Lt Col GUIDA

7. 227 Det for BARI : - infd him that pending definite instrs from AFHQ, the posn at the moment is as follows : — G A Q

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- the whole question being negotiated between 3 Dist and 227 Div, therefore SMRE must contact 227 Div to find out what action that has to be taken by them.

ROME T.H.Q.

8. 523/4 Gd Bns: spoke duty offr about revised plan for departures ex FROSINONE : G

- 524 Gd Bn to TARANTO 23 Apr
- 523 Gd Bn to PRATO 25 Apr

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Col LOMBARDI

9. Liberation of Northern Italy : put Lombardi into the picture of talk with CASATI - see other log 21 Apr. — Comd

10. Ranks, badges and decorations : asked him for a copy of any charts they may have on this subject. — Comd

11. Further long talk on offrs of Italian Army : system of promotions, reports, appointments etc. — A

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Gen LIUZZI

1. 209 Adm Div HQ : spoke Liuzzi about this HQ's need for greater attention to correspondence, ref letter of MMIA LO 1 Dist 16 Apr ref G14. — G

Col DODGEN (RAAC)

2. Grenadier Gd Coys - ROME : Dodgen phoned in connection with infm just rec'd from senior coy comd regarding reorg of present two coys into bn HQ and one gd coy. He wanted to know on whose authority this was being done as RAAC had NOT been consulted. Quoted AFHQ letter on which he will be taking action. — G

Lt Col GALLO

3. Double tier bunks for FROSINONE: Gallo enquired about possibility of hastening tpt of bunks for 800 men from CASTROVILLARI to FROSINONE. Tpt already requested and turned down. Spoke Col "Q" and infd Gallo that a renewed bid for rail move would be put in as soon as possible. Agreed NOT practical to tpt by rd. — Q Mov

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Lt Col SILLI (20 Apr

7. Republican tps : ref log 11/13 Apr para 5, infd him that the eight men taken as wounded PWs at ANZIO are to be handed over to CSDIC (ROME) for attention Capt SANDERS. He later phoned that this is being done to-day, under arrangements carabinieri. — A

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

8. ABRUZZI mil districts: if the rounding-up of recalcitrant conscripts is to continue, which it must do in all fairness to the men who answered the call of their own accord, a minimum of tpt is required to ferry the men from mil districts to CHIETI for rail move to TRANI. Rochowanski stated that the vehs alloted to the four districts were all being withdrawn. Discussed with Q2 and replied that this is a matter for decision of ROME T.H.Q., under whose control the vhes are placed. — G A Q 6982

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Col LOMBARDI

9. CAGLIARI Broadcasting Sta : on the eve of the departure for the mainland of the mil personnel it transpired that without them the only broadcasting sta in SARDINIA will have to close down. CASATI's intervention has been sought because of the political implications of discontinuing broadcasting altogether in the island. Accordingly War Ministry had been compelled to request a postponement of the departure (until civilian replacements arrive) and to give orders locally to this effect. Phoned Gl and secured agreement to delay departure by one week.

Gen MANNERINI

10. Repatriated PW offrs from ME : Mannerini phoned that the ship with the offrs on board had arrived at TARANTO but that some hitch had arisme as 52 Area had NOT received instrs and had applied to AFHQ to send the party to AVERSA, instead of LECCE. Infd "A" for necessary action. Later learned from Mannerini that the matter had been righted and that everything now going according to plan.

11. Italian Army personnel in CRETE: requested all available infm on composition of tps still in CRETE, roughly estimated at 10000. Infd him of possibility of repatriation in ear future.

Gen LIUZZI

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Lt Col SANSONE

1. Two IS bns for gd duties in SICILY: SMRE have already replied with their letter 2521 of 14 Apr. The two bns can be made available in whatever party of the island they are required by III Dist, and will be designated as soon as this infm is supplied to Territorial HQ Palermo. The latter is in close touch with MMIA LO, but up to two days ago he was NOT "au fait" with the matter. G

2. SARDINIA call-up: following request for imfn from Mil HQ SARDINIA clarified the following pts (after consultation with GSD): C A

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7. AC Tpt Regt : S&RE continue to press for infm about the two new truck bns, which according to their infm have already been formed. S&RE is NOT in a posn to regularise these new units until fmn orders are rec'd from MMIA, and in the meantime no one gets any pay! — G

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

8. Exemptions: the recent change in the law on exemptions from call-up was NOT applied to APULIA and CALABRIA, where the recall to the colours of 1914 to 24 classes had long since been completed. To make the situation equitable they propose calling-up the men no longer exempted, who are estimated at 1000 - 1500 for both regions. The op would be a gradual one and no special org required. Discussed with and approved by "A" and "G". Personnel recalled on EAST coast will be sent to 804 and on WEST coast to 803 RRD. To commence 5 May.

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Gen RONCO

9. Repatriated PWs: infd RONCO of arrival of party from ME due 19 Apr.

10. FROSINONE Depot: the comd designated for the ITI-ITI depot (Col CAFFARO) had called on RONCO to ask to be relieved of the new appointment, as he felt it was beyond his capabilities. RONCO said that when he used to know CAFFARO two years ago in the Aegean he was an active and capable offr, and it was very shaking now to see how he had completely "gone to seed". Ronco considered that in the circumstances there was nothing to do but accept his request and discharge him from the army as soon as possible. Accompanied Ronco to LOMBARDI's office to discuss this case and generally how it comes that offrs of this type are appointed to responsible posns. Col DE SARNO (head of Cols Branch) was brought into the discussion, and said that he could only go on the records held by his office. The trouble is that these records are often misleading, being based on standards of values that bear no relation to reality, or to the exigencies of the moment. Various other candidates for the post were considered, and it was later announced that Col LUCCHETTI Augusto had volunteered for the job and would take over in two days time.

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Comd.

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

12. CMP Coys: requested him to hasten the posting of the six Sardinian offrs ref log 4/5 Apr para 15, only one of whom had so far reported. A

Col LOMBARDI

13. Army Lists (Gens and Cols): collected copy No. 77 of Italian Army 'MURLINO' of gen offrs and cols brought up-to-date. For "A" branch. "A"

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Lt Col SAMSONE

1. 523/4 Gd Bns: enquiries made of the ROME Territorial HQ elicited the infm that these two new gd units are now ready at FROSINONE. — C REP

2. SALERNO call-up: it was seemingly beyond the capacity of the SALERNO district to hold the 260 men who were waiting to move in the first week in Apr. By the time the MT arrived to tpt the men to FROSINONE only 112 were left; a further 31 reappeared later, but the remaining 117 are AWOL. SMRE has given orders for the vehs to report back to their unit at once. — G A ST

3. Class "B" screening dets: 5,7 and 8 dets deparrted ROME 13 Apr for FLORENCE where they will report to Territorial HQ pending instrs : — G

- 5 and 7 for screening first two patriot bands designated for recce bns;
- 8 at temporary disposal Patriot Branch.

Gen LIUZZI

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Lt Col GUIDA

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(b) other matters of importance or of a policy nature which concern the Gen Staff will be signed by Ronco, though he will have the Gen Staff letter heading altered to "SMRE Branch of the War Ministry".

(c) matters of lesser importance can be signed by the "assistant gen to C of S" (LIUZZI) - who is the only official (other than RONCO) entitled to sign for SMRE.

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Chief of Staff SMRE is empowered by law to sign in his own name. But apart from this, RONCO says that as technical adviser to the Minister, everything he signs is bound to represent the policy and views of the Minister.

8. Met Lt Col DEMARCO in Ronco's office. He is one of the LAI reps at 5 Army HQ, and has under him approx 50 Nucleo 'I' offrs with various 5 Army units. G A

9. Divisional tribunals: personnel for the first two courts is being organized on the basis of three or four all ranks per court and will be allocated to Friuli/Cremona and Folgore/Legnano respectively. Ronco is anxious that two further courts be constituted soonest and would like to see personnel of the SASSARI and LECCE tribunals used for this purpose. He fears, however, that when an attempt is made to transfer the personnel the constituent offrs will fall out on some pretext or other because of local ties and desire not to be moved from where they now are. Spoke Lombardi about this. A

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Brig Gen AMOROSO — Inspector of Engrs
Maj Gen BERAUDO di PRALORMO — Comd TURIN T.H.Q.

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MAJOR BAUMANN'S LIAISON LOG

11/13 Apr 45.

Lt. Col. SANSONE

1. 230 ADM DIV: the outgoing C of S (Lt Col INSINNA) has submitted his proposals for overhauling the staff, which incl the removal of most of the key personnel ! SMRE consider it NOT practicable to do this and will use their judgement. C. G.
Maj PICCHIONI, Commissariat Branch 228 Div will be trans-ferred to 230. It is NOT proposed to transfer any further offrs from 228.
SMRE will submit proposed est for the 227 Div det for APULIA.

2. A.C. Truck Bdes: Col CELLI Rodolfo, regular arty offr, is being posted as OC of this unit - ref Log 10 Apr para 2. CELLI was recently OC 8 Centre Riparazioni e Ricuperi G. A.

3. FROSINONE ITI - ITI Depot: ROME Territorial HQ is very definite that there has been no influx at FROSINONE of "bad types" sent there direct from other units. MMIA current instrs are that men absent from units over 30 days because of sickness, leave, desertion, detention in prison etc will report back to their respective Base Depots. ITI-ITI personnel reporting to FROSINONE in this way are estimated at 100 - 200 per month. In addition, there are the shirkers from the call-ups, rounded up by the police and escorted from the mil districts. These also represent undesirable elements. ROME Territorial HQ is investigating the situation at FROSINONE, but it is unlikely that the posn can be changed unless existing regulations are altered. C of S G. A.

Lt. Col. SILLI

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Comd.
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Col. LOMBARDI

6. Mil Hosp CATANZARO: the investigations carried out by Terr-itorial HQ NAPLES have fully confirmed the allegations in the letter addressed to War Minister (ref Log 26 Mar para 6). All the officers on the staff are being suspended forthwith and will either be retired (as is proposed for the CO) or dealt with less severely according to the results of the detailed enquiries into the cases of the individual officers. Full particulars from the War Ministry to follow.

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7. Visit to MAIELLA Band: the official visit of the Prince, accompanied by CASATI, has been postponed - ref Log 6/7 Apr para 9

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8. GOC's visit to LECCE: LOMBARDI confirmed that all arrangements had been made for the visit to Mil Academy for Sat. 14 Apr. Cond.

Gen. MANNERINI

9. Repatriated PW's: MANNERINI called at MMIA in connection with following queries: Cond G A Q

(a) he required authority to quote Adm Instruction No 18 (paras 6 a & b) to UNRRA, in connection with help he is trying to enlist for sick and naked personnel returning from GERMANY. The above is the relevant passage which lays down that such PW's are civilians. Consulted Col. 'A' and infd him no objection.

(b) TARANTO Presidio: MANNERINI thought there was some misunderstanding over this Unit. He asserted that the personnel was specifically authorised as additional staff for ST. ANDREWs camp as far back as 6 Dec 44. I pointed out that if this was the case it should figure as part of the camp staff and NOT as an independent unit.

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MAJOR BAUMANN'S LIAISON LCO 10 Apr 45.

Lt Col SANSONE

1. 68 Regt LEGNANO: requested infn concerning Lt MENCUNI and 2/Lt AVANZO - whether posted or attd as LOs to 68 Regt. Infn required for XV Army Gp. It was later stated that both offrs belong to NUCLEO 'I' and were only temporarily att'd 68 Regt. C.

2. US-ITI Truck Units: requested full Col be posted to AC for US-ITI truck coys. Required as CO for cond and discipline and NOT as technical offr. SANSONE will notify as soon as they have found suitable offr - possibly within 48 hrs. C.

3. Flashes for service units: to avoid confusion with existing regimental flashes of the same colours it is agreed that the new flashes recently approved for gd, tns, pnr and miscellaneous units be about half the length of the usual flashes. Sketch submitted and approved by 'A'. C. A. Q.

Col. LOMBARDI

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Gen. LIUZZI

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

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(b) The low med category personnel liable to demob-ilisation but with homes in EOT presents a serious headache for the Italian Govt. Their disposal is NOT the responsibility of Ministry of War, and a letter has accordingly been sent to BONOMI to inform him of the orders rec'd from MMIA and representing the urgent need to find accn and work for these men.

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(b) It is said that BONOMI will write to AC to request that the demobilisation be deferred to give them time to find a solution.

Gen LIUZZI

7. FOLGORE Gp: At the last moment the posting of Lt Col SINCHETTI was cancelled by RONCO, following the discovery of a parachutist offr suitable to be 2 i/c NEMBC Regt: Lt Col LUSENA. Further infn to hand indicates tht Lt Col IZZO (formerly 2 i/c) has been assigned to cond a bn of the SAN MARCO Regt vice ? GALLO. A.

OFFICIAL VISITS

8. The following called on GOC 10 Apr: Comd. A.
Maj Gen FRATTINI, designated as cond GENOA Territorial HQ.

Maj Gen SOLDARELLI, on taking up cond of ROME Territorial HQ

Lt Col D'AGATA

9. MAIELLA Band and 'F' Recce Sqn: After consultation with 'A' Branch, infd above offr NOT to take action ref Log 4/5 Apr para 12, pending further instrs from MMIA. D'AGATA was about to visit both Units to obtain infn in connection with their incorporation in the Army. G. A.

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Maj Gen SOLDARELLI, on taking up comd of
ROME Territorial HQ

Lt Col D'AGATA

9. MAIELLA Band and 'F' Recce Sqn: After consultation with 'A' Branch, infd above offr NOT to take action ref Log 4/5 Apr para 12, pending further instrs from MAIA. D'AGATA was about to visit both Units to obtain infn in connection with their incorporation in the Army. G. A.

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Informed G + A that 228 Motor Bde

Awaiting report G & A Army

+ that G & A Army considered it unnecessary for Staff to investigate also.

ABC 13/4

At request Col 'A'

why more action required please?

G(SD) 12/4/

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8/9 Apr 45

Gen LIUZZI

1. Arty installations : collected revised table of infm on amn dumps in ROME and to the SOUTH, for which gds are required. These consist of 29 dumps, depots or installations holding an estimated total of 20,000 tons of arty and mortar amn and amn charges of all kinds, hand grenades and S.A. amn. SICILY and SARDINIA are excluded from these figures, since the dumps on the islands are guarded by Internal Security tps. — Comd G Q

2. Cut in rations: Liuzzi had just rec'd a phone call from Negroni (XX Army GP) on the abolition of the supplementary ration. This was being made effective 8 Apr and it was feared would produce unfortunate reaction on the part of the combat gps. — Q

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7. MRC ICF : After giving Col FANIZZA another chance (ref log [illegible] para 8) VEGNI and RONCO have both decided that he must be replaced. VEGNI will propose to OC BLU that Col TOSCHI be transferred from 4 Bn to take his place. — A

8. Div tribunals: general discussion of this subject. RONCO considers it quite a nonsense that seven members of the J.A. branch are needed on each div tribunal: one, or at the most two, is all that is needed in his estimation. This would enable a larger number of courts to be set up, thus speeding up procedure considerably. He is writing a letter to this effect to the Mil Tribunal Branch of SMG, with copy to MMIA. — Comd A

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9. FRIULI Gp : Ronco was very satisfied with the visit just made to the FRIULI and with the situation there. Although the divisional comd appeared a trifle run down, Ronco thought him absolutely on top of the job, and quite fit mentally and physically. The 2 i/c and C of S are both working well with SCATTINI, and there is also an excellent understanding between the latter and his regimental comds. Ronco thanked CC HLU for his very frank report on the gp. — Comd A

Official visits:

10. The following called on GOC 9 Apr : — Comd A

- Brig Gen MOROSINI, designated to comd Arty Branch at TURIN Territorial HQ;
- Brig Gen RODA, to be comd Arty Branch GENOA Territorial HQ, or Mil Attache BERN.

Col LOMBARDI

11. Collected the following cmns : — A ADAMS

- List of ladies for Welfare Service (8 Apr)
- List of Territorial HQs for the NORTH (9 Apr)

12. Mil attaches : the Italian Foreign office has decided that it can no longer afford to maintain separate reps of the three services at foreign capitals. Accordingly the Navy will provide the attache for ANKARA and MADRID, leaving STOCKHOLM, SOFIA and BERN for the Army. This leaves the Army designates for ANKARA and MADRID surplus, and may result in RODA NOT going to BERN after all (see para 11 above). — Comd A

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Chief Commissioner, A.C.

1. Submitted translation of new decree law on functions of SMG and discussed various aspects of the case. — Comd

Following subjects also mentioned :

- GARIBALDI Bde,
- Commissions for patriot leaders

Details referred to GCC.

Count CASATI (6 Apr)

2. SMG : infd the Minister that no developments likely for 48 hrs. — Comd

Col LOMBARDI

3. Chased him for following infm which had been promised for today (6 Apr), and which will now be available 7 Apr : — Comd 'A' ADAMS

- list of 30 names for Women's Welfare Service;
- list of gen offrs for Territorial HQs in the NORTH.

4. Appointments : conveyed approval of following postings after consultation with 'A' Branch : — Comd C of S 'A'

- Brig Gen FAVA to 2 i/c 209 Div;
- Col CAFFARO Ettore to CC FROSINONE Depot (vice CROSA);
- Col GATTO to CC 802 RRC ORVIETO vice Lt Col PAPADIA;

5. Lt Col BERTONE : after discussion with Maj COLLINS and consultation with G1, it was decided that above offr should be posted to Nucleo 'I'. Lombardi and 'A' Branch infd accordingly. This suits British 'I' org since they particularly request that he is NOT carried on 'LAI & SP' strength. — Comd 'A'

6. Cooperators : infd Lombardi that the question of the conversion of PW's on parole in ITALY into Italian Army personnel was in the hands of AFHQ and that there were no further developments to report. — Comd 'A' 'G'

7. Mil Academy LECCE : infd Lombardi that GOC will be visiting the Academy Sat 14 Apr at 1130 hrs. Lombardi will make the necessary arrangements. — Comd

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8. Infd the Minister (7 Apr) that Chief Commissioner AC had notified GOC that the SMG decree was approved, and that TREZZANI's name had been recommended for AFHQ approval as the new head of SMG. Casati was very pleased to hear that the negotiations were proceeding smoothly and grateful to GOC for his guidance and help in the matter. The Minister added that he had heard that Stone had called on DE COURTEN and consulted him on the question, and that DE COURTEN had expressed himself fully in accord with CASATI's proposals. The Air Minister had been similarly consulted. — Comd

9. Banda MAIELLA : At the Prince's request, the War Minister will accompany him on Monday 9 Apr on a visit to Banda MAIELLA for the presentation of decorations. The trip is being organized by INFANTE; and CASATI taking no action as regards passes. — Comd 'A' GIII(I) 6979

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Gen LIUZZI

10. Amn dumps : assisted at meeting with Cl to discuss the guarding of amn dumps and powder stocks. LIUZZI produced figures in sp of his request for a minimum of 200 mil personnel required to safeguard these installations. MMIA to obtain ruling and issue directive on disposal of Italian amn and explosives so as to eliminate need for these dumps and their gds. Meantime the 200 mil gds are to be carried against vacancies in category 1 (b). Liuzzi's request to be allowed additional personnel to clear unexploded shells and bombs was NOT granted. He was told to get this organized with demobilized Army personnel with the necessary qualifications. — Comd C of S C Q

Gen MORO

11. MORO called on GOC on taking up his appointment as Inspector of Auxiliary Tps vice MATTIOLI. DADL present. — Comd

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

12. Ascertained that the surplus 100 sussistenza (sup) personnel required to be moved to NAPLES are to be assigned to Territorial HQs in the NORTH. — GIIISD

13. Infd him that 260 call-up personnel at SALERNO will be moved to FROSINONE 8 Apr. — GIII SD

Gen LIUZZI

14. FOLGORE : Liuzzi will make enquiries about the request for the assignment of Lt Col SIMONETTI Carlo as 2 i/c NEMBO Regt. He had heard nothing about it. — 'A'

Col LOMBARDI

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1. Col. LOMBARDI

Mil hosp, CATANZARO: ref Log 25/26 Mar para 6, investigations are being carried out by Territorial HQ NAPLES and Medical Directorate, M of W. Results will be notified 10 Apr. "A"

2. Gen offrs to call on C.C.C : LOMBARDI is getting this organised. Within a day or two the revised list of Gens designated for HQs in the North will be ready; a number of these Gens are in RSI and appointments will be fixed. Cond.

3. Lt Col BERTONE: This offr was carried on the strength of the Italian Army as M.A. to Marshal BASTICO. With the abolition of the latter's office, War Ministry made several unsuccessful attempts to post BERTONE. They had no knowledge of the fact that he was working for I.A.I. His transfer has now been stopped, but it remains to be settled on whose strength he is to be carried. Will discuss with PAGE. Cond.

4. Cooperator Units: LOMBARDI enquired about progress of negotiations for transformation of cooperators with Italian Army personnel. War Ministry is now continually under pressure on this subject. Cond. "A".

5. Gen. RONCO

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6. 230 Inf Div: Put RONCO and PIACENTINI into the picture regarding further plans for 230 Div, subject approval A.F.H.Q. RONCO gave orders that: Cond. "C" "A" "C"

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c) A small number of key personnel of 222 Div familiar with adm and org of sups and stores in fwd areas be transferred to 230 Div;

They are going into the whole question and will submit proposals in 2/3 days.

7. BARI Territorial HQ has already given up its C of S (PIAZZO) to CESANO, and now the Deputy C of S is to go(see 6 b above). INGUILLERI was to be posted from CESANO to take BIANCHI's place, but BARI does NOT want him. "A"

8. Territorial HQs for the NORTH will have to deal with Adm Div org. Neither the former CAGLIARI and CATANZARO HQs going to TORINO and GENOA respectively, nor the other HQs being formed from scratch have experience of Adm Divs, and it has been accordingly proposed that the C of S of each HQ or some senior official be attached to one of the fwd Adm Divs for instr for a short time. "A" "C"

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8. (Contd). LIUZZI will discuss this with the three Cs of S (TURIN, GENOVA and MILAN) when they report to him for a conference 6 Apr.

9. Maj GALATERI

Commissions for Patriot Offrs: Cond. "A".

a) The decision to grant commissioned and non-commissioned ranks to patriot leaders was taken by the Council of Ministers as far back as 18 Jan and widely publicized in the Press etc.

b) The decree law confirming this decision was passed by the Council of Ministers 16 Mar.

c) The regulations for implementing this law will be published by decree of the Lt Gen of the Realm. They are at present being drawn up by the War Ministry in consultation with the other Ministeries concerned.

d) The org for implementing the regulations is being worked out by SMRE - see log 30/31 Mar para 8.

e) SMRE and War Ministry take a most conservative view of the application of this policy, and there is no intention of throwing the door wide open for this type of commission.

10. Col LOMBARDI.

Colonello JONES: handed to him comm ref investigat- "A"
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11. Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

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13. Gen. CERICA

BOLOGNA Territorial HQ: Had first-hand from CERICA details of plans for the HQ which he is organising for BOLOGNA. This is a good example of the correct application of the directives on this subject laid down by M.M.I.A. CERICA is in close touch with Allied authorities destined for BOLOGNA and has readily obtained approval to concentrate his adv party (18 strong) at SAN CASCIANO, where the A.M.G. party for BOLOGNA is also located. The adv party at PESARO is accordingly mov-ing to S. CASCIANO, and will go fwd to BOLOGNA early on with A.M.G. officials. In the meantime the members of the adv party will be getting to know the senior A.M.G. officials. The re-mainder of the H.Q. is being set up in ROME. Comd, G(SD)

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14. Gen. RONCO

FRIULI Gp: RONCO has received from SCATTINI the negative result of the enquiry into the alleged alteration of a patrol report by a capt of this fmn. Each regimental Comd has stated that he is unable to trace the incident complained of. RONCO wants to know if he is to let the matter drop or whether NMIA can supply further details. "A"

15. Lt Col GRACEFFA

5 & 6 T.C. Coys : Requested him to have posted to each of these Units at OTTAVIANO (Nr NAPLES) the following offrs of SARDINIAN origin - since the O.Rs of the units are from the same region: G(SD)

- 1 Capt.
- 2 Subalterns.

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Gen RONCO

1. Visit to FRIULI Gp : ETA 1600 hrs 5 Apr - remaining with the gp 2 - 3 days. — GIII (I)

2. Discipline: Casati had passed GOC's letter A/6 of 26 Mar to RONCO for action. Ronco was debating in his mind how to set about it. He subsequently decided to send a confidential comm to each fmn comd, with a separate note to MORIGI whose tps are the most seriously implicated. — Comd "A"

Col LOMBARDI

3. 2 i/c Mantova : consigned to him for the Minister GOC's letter of 31 Mar on the subject of Gen BOGLIONE. Lombardi went into further details of this offr's case. BOGLIONE was duly discriminated by the War Ministry commission as regards his mil conduct, and subsequently examined and cleared by the High Commissioner for Epuration for the political side. Later however, additional infmn was laid before the Epuration authorities, of a very serious nature, which caused his case to be reopened. Lombardi said that this was quite normal procedure - in fact every Italian is living under the shadow of being denounced any day for something in his past. All decisions of the Epuration Commission are given subject to review in the event of further developments. Lombardi had annotated the latest comm from the epuration authorities about BOGLIONE to the effect that it would make them cut a nice figure vis-a-vis MMLA. — Comd C of S "A"

4. Prince BASTIANO : spoke LOMBARDI about property near LITTORIA requisitioned by War Ministry for SL site. Now required for cultigation.

5. Lt Col BERTONE : War Ministry had posted this offr from SIM to PICENO Div. Infd Lombardi that Allied authorities will continue to require his services, with SIM and that the posting order must be cancelled. Lombardi said he would look into the matter. There was some particular aspect to this posting of which he will tell me tomorrow. — Comd "A"

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

6. IAI Industrial party: infd him that this is now approved and that it is in order to supply the 21 CRs. — "A"

Lt Col GRACEFFA

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Lt Col GRACEFFA

7. 523/4 Gd Bns : ROME Territorial HQ had notified him this morning (3 Apr) that the NCC's for the cadres of these units had NOT yet arrived at FROSINONE. Infd GSD. — GSD

Col PIACENTINI

8. Called at MAIA to make contacts with heads of branches on taking up appointment as head of SD (inc rfts) Branch at SMRE, vice CHIAVARINO. The latter is awaiting a new posting.

Col LOMBARDI

9. Mobile canteens : requested infmn as to when list of 30 names would be available. About middle of week, he thought. He will arrange for list to be delivered to me personally to save time. — ADAMS.

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30/31 Mar 45

Gen LIUZZI

1. Territorial HQ's for the NORTH : infd Liuzzi of the latest developments and discussions in connection with the implementing of one third only of HQs for the NORTH. To meet emergency requirements in the event of HQ's NOT being able to find suitable offrs when they reach their destination, a res pool of 70 offrs will be set up to serve all six territorial HQ's, incl a complete range of ranks and arms of the service. I told Liuzzi that GSD would like these offrs concentrated at FROSINONE - he will look into this, but if there is no accn there, some other convenient centre can be found, such as Sta S VERA. Any other ranks required to fill last-minute gaps can be taken from FROSINONE.

Comd GSD

Gen RONCO

2. CC RR offrs ex PW : infd him that two Carabinieri offrs had been added to short list for repatriation ex Egypt, and a more generous proportion to the more complete lists still under consideration. The first two offrs are required urgently for CESANO and AFRAGOLA.

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Col LOMBARDI

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- a second maj being sent down tomorrow as res.

5. Army offrs with Patriot Branch Org : Following infn supplied by Col FAVA (Patriot Branch AC) and confirmed by LOMBARDI :

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(a) First contacts with patriots are made through Italian Army offrs working under comd AMG org and under direction of Patriot Branch reps in fwd areas.
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(c) This work was formerly done by supposedly non-political civilians, who in fact caused much heart-burning because of their political activities, as referred to MMIA on several occasions by War Ministry reps.
(d) There are at present 18 such offrs employed. They are posted by War Ministry to Ministry for Occupied Territories. They wear uniforms and are paid their straight [illegible] War Ministry.

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(d) There are at present 18 such offrs employed. They are posted by War Ministry to Ministry for Occupied Territories. They wear uniforms and are paid their straight salary by the War Ministry. Their rations are supplied by AMG. They do NOT appear in the Army strength state.
(e) A demand for a further 48 officers for Northern Italy is in process of being met by War Ministry.
(f) Patriot Branch is understood to have "on the stocks" a gen directive for these offrs. Copy will be submitted to MMIA. Patriot Branch consider the system as at present organised is working very well.

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6. Carabinieri appointments: — Comd "A"

(a) Infd Patriot Branch (Lt Col Wilson) that MMIA has no objection to appointments of senior offrs as listed in War Ministry letter 551/V of 22 Mar.

(b) Wilson said that Public Safety could NOT agree that 2 i/c should also comd 2 Div. While pointing out that this was NOT the concern of MMIA, I said that in communicating to the War Ministry GOC's agreement with the four postings I would mention this other pt as well.

(c) Phoned Lombardi and referred above details, reminding him also that C of S Carabinieri was one of the posns for which AFHQ approval was required. Therefore, when DELLA CHIESA's replacement was selected they must NOT forget to consult AC first.

Lt Col VALERI CURTI

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8 Army

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9. Lt Col SANSONE

FOGGIA Call-up : For the fresh attempt to effect the call-up in the FOGGIA area SMRE are ordering extra district personnel to report from APULIA: 5 offrs, 30 ORs, and request that rations for this personnel be authorized between 28 Apr and 30 May, incl extended period for round-up. SMRE also request the assistance of local Allied authorities in FOGGIA area in ensuring that call-up posters are NOT torn down as soon as they are put up, as is alledged to have been done with Allied connivance on previous occasions. — 2 i/c GSD A Q

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Gen LIUZZI

10. Brigata Maiella : (Ref 26 ELU letter of 27 Mar) the posting of Italian Army offrs to this patriot band would not present serious difficulties as regards availability or type of specialist (although they are not very certain about the Browning MG). GSD A

THE difficulty is over the status of the band, as the men are NOT Italian Army, therefore NOT subject to Mil law and discipline, or wearing official Italian Army badges and insignia. Posn of the offrs would be very tricky, and under present circumstances SMMA NOT willing to play. Given the opportunity of regularising the posn of the personnel of the band, the situation would be very different. ?

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Col LOMBARDI

1. Gabriele PARESCE : ref log 25/26 Mar para 3. Paresce has been interviewed by Lombardi, re-commissioned with his former rank of Capt and posted as LO to CESANO. — Comd "A"

2. Appointments: infd Lombardi that GOC approved appointments referred to in log 25/26 Mar para 4. — Comd

Gen BRUNETTI

3. Brunetti phoned to request appointment with GOC for 30 Mar to convey Easter greetings and deliver the statistics discussed at previous meeting. Later conveyed message from GOC to Brunetti acknowledging the courtesy, but pointing out that procedure and channels of comd dictated that all official comms between CC RR and AC must be direct with Public Safety Sub Com. Brunetti will supply the figures in duplicate to latter branch. — Comd

Lt Col WILSON (Public Safety)

4. Infd him of circumstances of earlier visit of BRUNETTI to GOC and today's phone conversations (3 above). — Comd

Gen RONCO

5. MANTOVA Gp : Infd him of highly successful visit of GOC to this gp. Discussed following offr appointments: — Comd "A"

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Lt Col LAMBARDI) immediately.

(b) Col LEONARDI-CATTOLICA

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- 29 Mar: 209 Div and 1 Dist
- First week in April: FRIULI Gp
- In between, a quick trip to FROSINONE.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

7. Low Med Category personnel : discussion of SMRE letter 13680/Mob of 4 Mar and MMIA letter A/17 of 13 Mar. The problem is in two parts : — 2 i/c GSD "A" "Q"

(a) Men of low med category of 1921 - 24 classes who still have mil obligations. It is estimated that these number 2000. He will obtain breakdown by adm divs. Requested him to have the necessary decree started, exempting these men from mil service.

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(b) Men of low med category of 1920 and older classes with no homes to go to, plus a proportion of similar cases included in para (a) above. All branches concerned at War Min and SMRE are working on plans to dispose of these men, but the problem presents many difficulties and it will NOT be possible to implement by 1 Apr. Requested him to send written comm of gen intentions. — 2 i/c GSD "A" "Q"

Gen RONCO

8. CESANO : Lt Col MALAVASI has reported to RONCO prior to taking up his duties as C of S RTC ICF. Ronco's first impressions were good. — "A"

Lt Col SAMPO

9. Sampo called to take leave on his posting to comd the AQUILA Bn (LEONARDO Gp). — "A"

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Gen LIUZZI

1. Pnr ccys in 1 Dist : ref SMME letter of 22 Mar 11597, explained to Liuzzi that the question of regrouping of pnr ccys and the r respective HQs was one which local adm div should discuss and settled with Allied HQ, in this case 209 Div and 1 Dist. Only in the unlikely event of no satisfactory solution being arrived at would it be necessary for 209 to refer the matter to SMME. Liuzzi will handle accordingly with 209; MMIA to fwd SMME letter to MMIA LO 1 Dist. GSD

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

2. Rfts for 808 CS Bn (IAI and SP): warned him of impending request via SMG for 10 or 20 CC RR personnel as rfts for above unit. Infd him that this matter had been subject of discussion between "Gabinetto" and Carabinieri GHQ, and that Carabinieri are prepared to supply limited number of personnel. 2 i/c GSD

Col LOMBARDI

3. Gabriele PARESCE : further to previous conversation on this subject, requested Lombardi to have someone get into touch with PARESCE and arrange interview at War Ministry, with a view to posting as LO where best suited. Infd him of background and SAC's suggestion of RTC HQF. Comd "A"

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Count CASATI

7. Back at his desk again after being unwell for 8 days.

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8. Territorial HQs for the NORTH: referred GOC's observations on CASATI's request for increase to "one-half" of proportion of HQ's to be implemented at once. Explained that GOC had already discussed the policy agreed between him and the Minister with AFHQ and AG, and the matter was too far gone now to permit of a change. GOC appreciated that in certain cases the Territorial comds might have difficulties and experience considerable delays in finding the right personnel. Against this contingency he was prepared to agree to the difference between "one-third" and "one-half" being set aside as a reserve, such personnel NOT to go fwd unless called for by the Territorial HQs after they have arrived at destination and are unable to fill the est locally. In the meantime, therefore, the Ministry can create this res, which according to CASATI will be mostly technical Arty and Engr personnel.

9. Handed to the Minister GOC's letter of 26 Mar subject, "Discipline - Italian Army".

Lt Col SANSOME

10. Ufficio Staccato di lavori del Genio, TARANTO: ref Capt PACINI's report No. 22, this office is said to be part of the est of the BARI Territorial HQ and to have plenty of work to do at TARANTO. According to info supplied, it would be most inconvenient to run the work from BARI. 2 i/c GII Ops

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Count CASATI

1. Following subjects discussed :

- Palermo's visit to GOC earlier in the day and the form about his proposed visit to the front.
- SMC letter of 28 Feb in connection with Banda Maiella;
- Folgore gp comd - action taken by MMIA;
- Chased Casati's reply to 'Welfare' letter on Mobile Canteens.

2. Casati raised the question of implementing one third only of the Territorial HQ's for the NORTH. He said that he had welcomed GOC's proposal and orders had at once been given to this effect. On further consideration, however, it appeared that there would be serious difficulties over implementing the policy exactly as it now stood. Comd

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Therefore he recommends increasing the "one-third" to "one-half". This extra personnel can always be replaced by local people as soon as the first rush is over. The 2 i/c would in any event be left open. One of their major problems is how to staff Districts and Depots with only one-third of the staffs allotted.

Lt Col ROCKOWANSKI

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Lt Col SANSONE

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Col LOMBARDI

6. Requested to see copy of SS HLU letter of 17 Mar addressed to comd FOLGORE gp - subject "Discipline". — "A"

Col CREMONESI

7. SARDINIA call-up : latest infm is that recall of older classes will NOT produce the original target figure. Revised estimate is total of 15 - 16000 (compared with latest demand of 18000). Against this the young recruits can be slightly increased to give overall total of 22/23000 (instead of 24000). — 2 i/c GSD

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Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

8. No. Territorial HQ : with ref to latest tpt request, infd him that : — 2 I/c GIII SD

(a) personnel strength OK - any adjustments can be made on mainland.
(b) NO vehs to be moved ;
(c) stores to be cut down to a more reasonalbe proportion.

Col CREMONESI

9. SARDINIA call-up : requested him to obtain latest infm on situation of phase II. Only 9000 men had been moved of phase I (out of the 12000 men enlisted) and although we were twothirds of the way through phase II there appeared to be no men at all ready to be shipped. Cremonesi explained that approx 1700 of the first 12000 were in hosp or had gone home on short leave. He will phone CAGLIARI and submit infm later in the day. — 2 i/c GSD

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Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

1. Delegazione "T" FLORENCE : Infd him that there was now no longer any objection to converting the designation to FLORENCE Territorial HQ. — Comd, 2 i/c, CSD, A/Q

Lt Col THACKRAH (Legal Sub Commission)

2. Infd him that Professor Conti Giovanni PALLASTRELLI was NOT a member of the ITALIAN army and that MMIA had no objection to his being nominated Vice Comd of the National Association of Combattenti. — G-1

Col LOMBARDI

3. Infd him that following appointments were approved by GOC : — All branches

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Lt Col SANSONE

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5. GARIBALDI Div : infd him of latest developments : — G II SD

- 100 adv party to move TARANTO/AFRAGOLA for special gd duties at 805 Italian HRD;
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- 2/3 ditto 2nd week Apr.

Maj TAGLIONE

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Lt Col SANSONE

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8. ITI-ITI rfts : spoke about 6 above. HQ use them basing their calculations on situation at beginning of Mar, as several batches of rfts had since been sent up, and situation now quite changed. Requested that adm divs be contacted by phone and latest infm obtained that way. GII SD

Count CASATI

9. Following subjects discussed : Comd

- Mil attache BERN
- SICILY call-up
- GARIBALDI Div
- Welfare org (especially mob canteens)
- SMG
- SIM
- FOLGORE Gp (especially MORIGI)

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Referred to GOC.

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10. Lt Col SANSONE(and Maj ROSSI)

GARIBALDI Div : confirmed instrs on meeting of rep and Town Major for 24 Mar; party from CESANO to take possession of buildings on 25 Mar; adv party 100 strong arriving 26 Mar.

11. 803 Italian EKD: infd him of proposal to move this depot to RAVISCANINA, while maintaining a small camp at AFRAGOLA for transit purpose.

Mario PALERMO

12. Palermo called on COC to discuss the following : Comd

- Repatriation of Italian tps in ALBANIA
- BASE GARIBALDI at Lecce
- Visit to the front by PALERMO at the beginning of April.

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Major GALATERI

1. Phoned him, and later spoke, about awaited War Ministry draft on transfer of SIM and new project of law on SMG. — Comd 2 i/c

Gen OXILIA

2. Just back from APULIA, where he assisted at the repatriation of the Garibaldi Div, of which he was the former comd. Most enthusiastic about the whole thing: morale and bearing of the men, their strong anti-communist and pro-monarchical sentiments, co-operation of local Allied authorities etc. Oxilia said he much regretted that there was no senior MMIA rep present. He wished to thank GOC for his interest in the future of these men and hoped he had not minded the signal OXILIA had sent to GOC from Brindisi.

Maj ROMANO

3. 2/Lt MONETA : ref the posting of this offr, who had applied to spec sec for assistance in getting to one of the gruppi, ROMANO said that MONETA had a very bad past and they would like to get their hands onto him, since he was "wanted" for masquerading as a col and drawing col's pay. If he reappears, he should be referred to Maj ROMANO, of Offr Personnel Branch, or detained until he can be sent for. — spec sec

Maj TAGLIONE

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Capt DELLA CORNA

6. Gd Bns : SMRE submits for consideration that after reorg of 516 Gd Bn by the transfer of 550 Train Gd Coy to the new 525 Gd Bn, the est of the two GRANATIERI coys under comd ROME Allied Area — 2i/c GSD

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6. Gd Bns : SHAEF submits for consideration that after reorg of 516 Gd Bn by the transfer of 550 Train Gd Coy to the new 525 Gd Bn, the est of the two GRANATIERI coys under comd ROME Allied Area Comd be increased for the following reasons : — A/C GSD

- to meet present commitments, which are said to be considerably in excess of their capacity,
- to enable Ministry of War to "borrow" a small det required from time to time for ceremonial purposes.

RONCO himself is interested in coming to an arrangement of this sort, as the Army finds difficulty in being represented at the functions held in ROME, at which the other services are present.

7. 525 Gd Bn : discussed change of plan for forming this unit. Infm required as soon as possible as to strength and details of personnel to be made available from other bns to enable NCOs and offrs to be made up to strength. 6953

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Lt Col SANSONE (and Gen LIUZZI)

8. ITI-ITI rfts : requested that an immediate plan be worked out for emp of rfts now at SALERNO (200) and at FROSINONE, in view of the fact that gd bns were now all up to strneght. CSD

Maj CRESCI

9. Surplus NCOs : there are reputed to be 2000 sgts surplus to est at present with units of all categories. A substantial proportion of these is with PBS. One proposal is to employ and/or train these men as dvrs in place of ptes, who would be released for CESANO or for emp in some other capacity. NOT a very satisfactory solution, but a difficult problem to solve. 2 i/c GSD

10 Men rounded up in SICILY and other out-lying districts : Italian Mil authorities are faced with the problem of conveying and escorting small parties of men rounded up from out-lying regions to the Rft Centres. The difficulties to be overcome are : 2 i/c GSD A

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Gen BRUNETTI

17. Brunetti called to pay his respects on taking up post as Comd Gen of Carabinieri. GOC took the occasion to run over matters of common interest : 695 Comd

- org and ests of Carabinieri;
- method of emp, incl use of mob bns;
- arms on issue and required;
- stocks and returns of clothing, MT etc.
- situation in SARDINIA.

2 i/c and G-1 were also present.

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Gen. RONCO

All branches

1. PW offrs for repatriation for CESANO : discussions between RONCO and GAZZERA have elicited following facts and proposals :-

- There are no gen offr or Col PWs left in England;
- The following Gen offrs are PWs in EGYPT :-

Brig Gen (Inf) PIALORSI Guido - 304 PW Camp
? Gen GOTTI - PORCINARI

- PIALORSI enjoys their full confidence and RONCO proposes that he be entrusted with the selection of Cols, Lt-Cols and other offrs.
- RONCO has added two more junior offrs to the list.

2. FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot :- infd him of yesterdays visit to FROSINONE and ANAGNI, as reported in log 16 Mar para 13. Told him that a deputation of rfts, about 20 strong, had called at A.C. building this morning asking to see an offr from MMIA. The matter had been reported to ROME Territorial HQ and dealt with by them. The ROME HQ was NOT taking sufficient interest and action in the ITI-ITI depot. Gen. NICOLINI, the acting comd, to whom I had spoken on the phone this morning, talked of going to see the place with Gen. ALBORGHETTI "one of these days". This was the biggest single responsibility of ROME HQ at the moment, and until the camp is running properly, the Gen. or some senior offr from ROME should be out there every few days and giving it their full attention. Explained to RONCO that this was entirely an Italian commitment - THE Italian Base Depot, in fact - and it was up to them to see that it compared favourably with ORVIETO and other Allied Camps. RONCO will speak to NICOLINI at once and visit FROSINONE himself within 10 days or so.

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4. Tactical details of 50 BLU report : conveyed message from Col P. Among other things that "if offrs of FRIULI div would pay more attention to the advice and experience of OC BLU there would be less likelihood of these incidents and less need for circular instrs on trg". RONCO will postpone talk until after his visit to FOLGORE. Spec Sec

5. Lt. Col. SANSONE
Campobasso Mil Dist : explained to him what had happened over the tpt of personnel from District to ASTRONI - i.e. all surplus BARI vehs had been placed at disposal of campobasso and had been used to ferry men daily to NAPLES. Consequently, when PBS tpt arrived there were no men ! Requested him to ascertain who was responsible for calling fwd the PBS vehs three times when there was no one to move. 6951 GSD

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6. Garibaldi Div. : ref gd and escort dets for three BR-ITI depots, requested him to warn St ANDREWS Camp to earmark 250 all ranks for this purpose, consisting of men of 1915 and older classes of ALPINI regt with homes in ZOT, and consequently NOT demobilizable. This will avoid dispersal of men if and when approval is received from AFHQ for forming the gd and escort dets. GSD

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Col LOMBARDI

1. Medals for Italian tps : discussed situation by phone and referred to GOC.

MACKENDRICK - PRB (Film Production Sec) 843203

2. Films for Italian Units : no difficulty in making extra copies for the Italians, providing they supply the raw materials (film). Up to the present the following films on Italian Army etc have been made : Spec Sec ADAWS

- Cremona div
- Partisans (partisan day in ROME - BULOW's band etc)
- CESANO (Field Marshal Alexander's visit).
- Italian contribution to war effort ("call-up" activities - presentation of medals by Gen Clark)

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Spoke independently with above on subject of visits to GOC of comds of territorial HQs whenever they come to ROME. Comd

Explained that while the courtesy nature of these return visits was appreciated by GOC, they inevitably led to discussion of some official topic, if only in passing. This was difficult to avoid. On the other hand, official subjects ought NOT to be discussed unless someone from SMME is present. In the circumstances, better that these courtesy visits be taken for granted, and if at any time there is some fundamental reason for territorial comds wishing to see GOC, such visits to be requested and spensored by SMME.

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Gen RONCO

5. Territorial HQ's in the NORTH : general discussion of the decision taken at recent meeting COC/Casati to implement only one third of Territorial orgs for the NORTH, and complete the remainder from local resources. Explained latest interpretation, i.e. this to apply only to HQ staff itself - (80 - 100 - 120, according to type). RONCO does NOT agree this policy and feels strongly that all HQ's should be completed now. He affirmed that these HQ's will need to be able to function at full efficiency from the moment they set up shop, and will NOT be able to afford the time and deficiencies in staff while the comd looks round the local resources to find reliable candidates who are quite clear of suspicion and capable of fitting in with present system of org elaborated by the Allies. By all means, he says, introduce local blood, but do this gradually by replacing offrs sent up from the south as soon as the machine is working properly.

Comd
2 i/c
GSD

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Lt Col SANPO

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GSD

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  - (d) RONCO proposes the decision be delayed another week or ten days and CC British Cadre consulted at the end of this period.
- Lt Col MALAVASI, now at RIMINI awaiting posting, to be C of S vice INGHILLERI. MALAVASI has already been sent for.
- Lt Col DE MARINIS, now OC Sigs school NOCERA, to be OC Engr Bn. He will move up when the school moves.
- Still to be found : Lt Col to comd the mixed bn - preferably an MT offr, of whom they are very short at the moment.

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9. AFRAGOLA : Ronco just back from his visit to the ER-ITI camp, where he met Gens SOLDARELLI and ROSSI, as well as British O.C. camp. Ronco summed up his impressions by saying that while the men were NOT mutinous there was complete lack of control by the camp authorities. He recounted several incidents worthy of a place in Gilbertain Opera. Fundamental pts were

(a) Camp too near NAPLES : subject to all bad local influences and too easy for men to get into the town;
(b) insufficient gds : only 14 carabinieri on duty. Both RONCO and Italian Camp Comd anxious to have det of Alpini ex Garibaldi Div (now at St Andrews) assigned for this purpose;
(c) camp comd new to the post - says that if he is given the Alpini det he will get the place in order in fifteen days;
(d) Gen ROSSI - comd 227 Div - has been taking too little interest in the camp. RONCO spoke to ROSSI during his visit and confirmed in writing on his return.

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"Q"

16 Mar 45

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FROSINONE Rpt Depot

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FROSINONE Rft Depot

13. With GIII (I) and Lt Col SANTOMAURO to visit the ITI-ITI Base Depot. Detailed report on progress being submitted by GIII (I). General impressions : — Comd 2 i/c GSD A/Q

- that OC is NOT the right offr for the job. A younger, more active and energetic man needed. This also goes for the adjt and some of the staff;
- that ROME Territorial HQ is NOT using enough push to get the thing organised:
- for instance, after one month the rifles required for trg are NOT yet delivered.
- that reorg of MT in Italian Army has still a very long way to go: Santomauro quoted 18 only out of over 80 load carriers assigned ROME Territorial HQ being on the rd.

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13. Cont'd)

- that ANAGNI sub depot (Parodi and Bomprini Works) offers excellent possibilities as a depot for tps, but NOT at present properly coordinated with their HQ depot at FROSINONE. For instance, short of clothing and no petrol. They need 100 litres petrol per day: 40 for water carts, 30 for water pump and 30 for domestic tpt.

Have arranged to discuss above and other pts with RUNOO 17 Mar.

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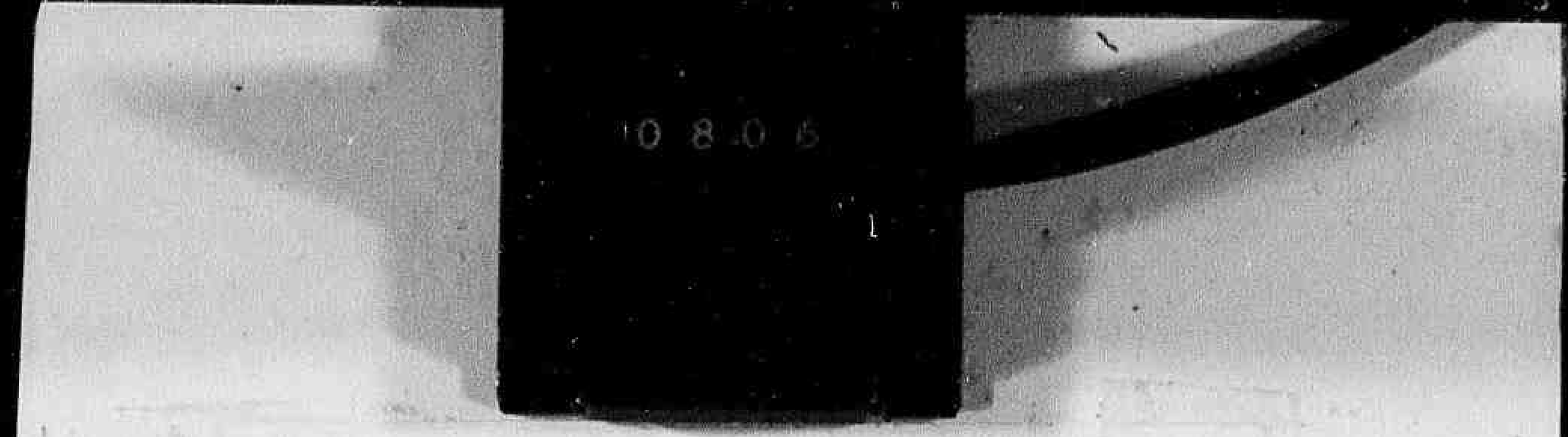

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Lt Col GRACEFFA

1. FROSINONE ITI-ITI rft depot : following is latest accn posn as reported by ROME Territorial HQ : — GSD "Q"

Already held at Frosinone	1200 rfts
Avagni	800 rfts
	2000 rfts
by 15 Mar at Frosinone further	1500
by 25 Mar at Frosinone further	1500
	4800

Lt Col SANSONE

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13 Mar 45

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Lt Col SANSONE

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8. GARIBALDI Div : requested brief write-up for press release purposes on recent activities and back-ground of Garibaldi Div. — GSD

Lt Col ANTOSSO

9. ST ANDREWS Camp TARANTO: Gen Mannerini has been worrying about the breaking-up of the camp and where he is going to put the 35000 odd Italians still in the Balkans when they get back to the mainland. He submits for consideration whether some of the personnel now employed at ST ANDREWS and experienced in this sort of work (about 40 all ranks) cannot be retained for dealing with subsequent batches of repatriates. He also requests that the Taranto garrison (sic) be allowed to continue until the camp is broken up. — Comd 2 i/c G SD A/Q

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10. Transformation of cooperators : assuming that personnel and units will be transferred to Italian Army "in situ" so as not to disturb the work, some form of commission will have to visit units to take down statements and do the usual work to regularize the posn of offrs and NCOs. This is the normal procedure in any army when men return from PW, and until it is completed they are NOT entitled to back pay - promotion etc. — Comd, Spec Sec, GSD, A/Q

Nineteen cooperator offrs and seven ORs have been released from their units within past fortnight for urgent employment in civilian posts. They were NOT replaced. Screening was done at the Territorial HQs, as in this instance offrs were able to report to the HQs in person.

Major TAGLIONE

11. Manpower wastage : requested revision of wastage figures for various categories of Italian Army. — GSD

Lt Col SANTOMAURO

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Count CASATI

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Col PICONE

1. Loudspeaker for CESANO : made arrangements for installation of set for 12 Mar through local firm.

Gen RONCO

2. Accompanied Col PIDSLEY for talk on following subjects :

- Confidential report from HLU on FRIULI combat gp;
- Org of rft system at CESANO incl conference to take place at RTC ICF 13 Mar.
- Gen BOLOGNA, comd of MANTOVA combat gp;
- Gen SCATTINI, comd of FRIULI combat gp.

Capt DELLA CORNA

3. Clear-out of CALABRIA : all arrangements have been made to move remaining personnel before 15 Mar, though this is, in some measure dependent on move of animals which is scheduled for 12 - 18 Mar. Should this latter move NoT take place until after the 15th, move of accompanying personnel will be correspondingly delayed.

Count CASATI

4. SMG and SIM : long talk on this subject; reported separately to COC.

5. Accompanied COC for talk on following pts :

- Transfer and reorg of SIM - AGRIFOGLIO
- ARAKLINI
- CERICA (and his C of S, PICCININI), COMERSI, NANNEI;
- Comds and staffs for Northern Regions;
- CREMONA battle
- RONCO as DMT
- VECCHI for CESANO
- Office Mgr, Territorial HQs
- Investigation in SARDINIA
- ROATTA - hospital

Lt Col SANSONE

10 Mar

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Capo DELLA GOMA

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Lt Col SANSONE — 10 Mar

6. AFRAGOLA : infd him of the seriousness of the situation of the camp, complete lack of control by the local Italian comd, and details of the latest failure to get men away according to programme. Requested him to inform C of S as soon as he returned to his office. Sansone later phoned that RONCO would visit Afragola on Wed 14 Mar. — Comd, 2 i/c, GSD

7. Appointments : infd him that following postings were approved by GOC :- — All Branches

- Brig Gen CARASI to be 2 i/c BARI Territorial HQ;
- Col SICLARI to be President of the BARI Mil Tribunal;
- Brig Gen ALBORGHETTI to be 2 i/c ROME Territorial HQ.

Also that the following changes had been noted by GOC:

- Gen CIGLIA to replace AYMONINO as head of the Guardia di Finanza;
- Gen BUTTA replaced by a civilian (CUCUSH Efisio) as head of the ORs Personnel Branch at the Ministry.

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Col LOMBARDI

8. Appointments for the NORTH: handed back the Minister's letter 404/V of 24 Feb, as agreed at previous evening's meeting. — Comd

9. Meeting with SAC: requested him to warn Casati that SAC greatly regretted he would be unable to see the Minister on the occasion of this visit, owing to pressure of prior engagements, but that he hoped it could be arranged another time. — Comd Spec Sec

10. GOFF : phoned LOMBARDI to point out that, as in the recent case of BRUNETTI, nobody appeared to have infd AC of CXILIA's appointment as head of the Guardia di Finanze. This is one of the key posns in which the Allies continue to maintain an interest - ref New Deal for Italy (4001/155/AC of 27 Feb 45). Lombardi said he would inform BONOMI's Chef de Cabinet. — Comd

Lt Col SANSONE

11. FOSSOMBRONE : requested him to arrange following posting most urgently:- — GII SD

- one maj, coy comd, for 269 Pack Tpt Coy 252 Gp, to replace Maj ERBA who is only suitable for static emp.

12. AAFSC comm ref S-14357 of 6 Feb: infd him that there was no trace of this comm at MMIA.

13. Offrs for Truck Bns of AC : requested him to amend request for 77 offrs, deleting one subaltern and adding one lt Col. — GII Ops

Lt Col DI BITONTO

14. Surplus personnel in CALABRIA Div : an excess of 747 ORs over est is reported from SARDINIA. SMRE propose bringing them to mainland and assigning as follows : — GSD

- to gd bns 288 Div 300
- to gd bns 212 Div 447

No Frosinone for new 111-131 Gd Bns

Gp Capt ① What is the Sicily situation — wx 250 to Actonia are

Brig Gen BIAR Maj 100 more ... new —

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- to gd bns 212 Div 447

No Frosinone for rec 171-171 Gd Bns

GHQ.

① What is the Sicily situation — next 250 to Actonia are due to complete the 447 for 212 — have they appeared in view yet?

② Twelfth thousand to go Frosinone for new Gd Bns 6942

③ 747 to come over when Call ups are in — also Frosinone.

500 % strength BHAR
Hqrs 100 more ready now —
next 200 by train end 12-13 Mar

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Gen LIUZZI

1. Attended meeting at SMRE to discuss details of BR-ITI rft plan. Present : — G3D

AMIA	SMRE
G II SD	Gen LIUZZI assistant to C of S
G II Trg	Lt Col DI MITONTO
Mov rep	Gen TOMASELLI GOC 228 Div
OC Brit Cadre ORVIETO	Lt Col SALVINARI deputy C of S 209 Div
OC Brit Cadre AFRAGOLA	Lt Col VARRONE deputy C of S 231 Div
OC Brit Cadre TRANI	Capt PORTA "G" branch 227 Div
	Lt Col INSINNA deputy C of S 230 Div

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

2. Grenadier gd coys ROME : SMRE is trying to remove personnel surplus to est required as grenadier rfts at CESANO. RAAC reported to be making difficulties. Discussed with GII Ops and settled satisfactorily. — G3D

Gen RONCO

3. FRIULI Div : handed him comm from spec sec and arranged meeting to discuss same for 1130 hrs 4 Mar. Subsequently RONCO was unable to maintain appointment, which was postponed to 1100 hrs 8 Mar, and again later to 1100 hrs 9 Mar. — Spec Sec

Maj MAIOCCHI

4. Overall offr ests - called to discuss study he has prepared in order to determine how many offrs are needed to meet present requirements and ests. Later collected figures and passed to G3D. — G-1

Lt Col SANSONE

5. Phase III SICILY call-up: made it quite clear that this call-up was definitely to take place on 1 - 15 Apr - vide log 1/2 Mar para 3 — G-1

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PALERMO Territorial HQ	(8 - 12 (14 - 17
CALABRIA Territorial HQ	(8 - 12 (16 - 19

(1) From 1630 to 1900 hrs each office has skeleton staff on duty for urgent business.

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Gen FALUCI

7. Introduced Capt PACCINI; requested infm on cadets passed out from first course at LECCE Academy.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

8. Territorial HQs for the NORTH (ref last sig 23 Feb para 4): owing to difficulties over accn (available buildings were badly damaged and have to be repaired), moves of CALABRIA and SARDINIA HQs have had to be postponed, and latest situation is as follows : G Q DADT

CALABRIA HQ will become No. 2 GENOVA moving to SANTA SEVERA 20 Mar;
SARDINIA HQ will become No. 1 TURIN moving to CIVITAVECCHIA 20 Mar;

Discussed also tpt and MT units, wksps, parks etc for these two HQs. SARDINIA leaves everything behind, CALABRIA HQ brings all vehs that can be spared from Calabria region. These will be dealt with by DADT on arrival NORTH and sufficient vehs allowed for each HQ for domestic requirements.

Lt Col SANTOMAURO

9. FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot: with ref to delays in getting stores, arms and rg eqpt to the new depot - asked him why no ~~objection~~ had been made to MMIA for special mov arrangements. He will do so now through SMRG. Discussed with DADT. 2 i/c G-1 DADT

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

10. Call-up at CAMPOBASSO : Ref AFHQ sig FX 38206 of 05 Mar, SMRE figures of recruits moved to ASTRONI, do NOT tally. Complete details of moves as notified by Campobasso are given below : GSD

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22/2	N.	53	"
23/2	N.	212	"
24/2	N.	227	"
26/2	N.	376	"
28/2	N.	164	"
1/3	N.	258	"
Total		2,547	

11. Call-up figures for Feb: collected tables for: SICILY (REGGIO) ABRUZZI SALERNO (four districts) — GSD

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12. 210 Topo Pl: No difficulty over "militarising" the specialist civilians. SMRE must first register the unit, which is a new one for them, and then assign the personnel to it. They will also try to complete the deficiencies. — G2 Ops

Capt DELLA CORNA

13. I.S. Divs: collected printed copy of SMRE est I.S. divs, incl details of pack and draft animals and carts. — G2 Ops

Lt Col DI DITONTO

14. Sardinia call-up: In view of failure to speed up tpt to mainland, Italian authorities request postponement of later phases of call-up as follows: — Comd, 2 i/c, GSD, A, Q

- 1924 - 25 recruits to 15 - 31 Apr
- 1915 - 18 classes to 1 - 15 May

With an overflow from the first phase, it is stated that accn will otherwise become an insoluble p roblem.

Lt Col SANSONE

15. Possibilities of limited demobilisation in near future: Requested him to produce if possible within next 48 hrs, approximate figures relating to: — Comd, 2 i/c, GSD, A, Q

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Gen RONCO

16. Discussed Field [illegible]

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Comd
2 i/c
GSD
A
Q

Gen RONCO

16. Discussed Field Marshal ALEXANDER's visit to CESANO and meeting at CESANO to implement rft plan.

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1/2 Mar 45

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Gen MANNERINI

1. Arrivals at TARANTO : 25 offrs and 1254 ORs arrived ex VOLO (Greece) 28 Feb. — GSD

Lt Col SANSONE

2. 212 Div : Col CIACCIO has been posted to one of the Territorial HQs in the NORTH. His place is being taken by Col CAVALIERI Ferdinando, who is already with 212 Div. Instrs are being issued that CIACCIO is NOT to leave until the new man has been doing the job for 15 days. — 2 i/c

3. SICILY call-up, phase III : enquiry whether a decision had been reached regarding postponement singe die of phase III. Ref recent conversation GOC/War Minister. Later infd him that in view of good results of current call-ups elsewhere, it was agreed to postpone final decision until 1 Apr. — Comd, 2 i/c, GSD, A/Q

Lt Col GRACEFFA

4. FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot : following ORs required to complete cadres of III and IV bns :- — GII SD

- 57 sgts
- 76 cpls and l/cpls
- 8 ors

GSD to please arrange ex TRANI etc, as soon as possible.

Lt Col GRACEFFA

5. FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot : further accn possibilites are as follows — GII SD

- 6 Mar 1000
- 15 Mar 1000

Lt Col SANSONE

6. CREMONA gp : new bn comds (vide log 14/15 Feb para 2); Maj SCHETTINI has already arrived at the gp and has replaced LOSITO ; Maj MELOGLIO departed ROME 27 Feb; Maj SESSICH leaving in 2/3 days. — Spec Sec

7. Internal Security divs : requested infm on number of horses and carts required as est of L.S. divs. — GII Ops

8. 212 Div : ref para 2 above, Sansone regretted that MGIA authority had NOT been requested before CIACCIO was reposted. — Comd, 2 i/c

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Lt Col SANSONE

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7. Internal Security divs : requested infm on number of horses and carts required as est of I.S. divs. GII Ops

8. 212 Div : ref para 2 above, Sansone regretted that MVIA authority had NOT been requested before CIACCIO was reposted. The offr at the War Ministry who handled the case was under the impression that Allies had requested his removal. CIACCIO is being assigned to Territorial HQ near his home town on compassionate grounds. Economic conditions are so difficult for Italian Army offrs that wherever possible they try to re-unite with their families to ease the financial strain. Comd 2 i/c A Q G

9. New AC truck bns : infd SANSONE of the following :

(a) PBS is loaning 2500 US-ITIS to AC for the truck bns;
(b) M of W required to furnish following offrs : GII Ops

- 3 bn comds)
- 3 adjts,)
- 3 sup offrs,) to be carried in US-ITI ceiling (PBS)
- 16 coy comds,)
- 52 junior offrs)

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9. (cont'd)

(c) needed at once

- 1 bn comd
- 1 adjt
- 1 sup offr
- 48 offrs

GII Ops
REP

He will advise posn later.

10. Capt FACCHI's reports on LECCE Depots: War Ministry state that NO new orders have been given about low-category men. Those reporting to LECCE depots are either : 2 i/c GSD A Q

(a) men returning from hospital or convalescent and NOT yet able to undertake full duties.
(b) men down-graded at their units and NOT employable by Allied units.

At present these men can NOT report to Allied rft centres, as they are NOT accepted there on account of their med category. This explains their turning up at the depots. Have requested Lt Col MORRA to insert in the "over 30 day circular" a new para, enabling low category men to be sent on renewable leave after they come out of hosp or convalescence. This will remove them from circulation without disturbing the remainder of low category personnel of 1921-24 classes who are still liable by law for Mil service.

11. Arty and engr personnel for SARDINIA : requested infm in connection with SD/150 of 27 Feb. G-1

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27 Feb 45

Gen MANNERINI

1. Repatriations ex Balkans: 10 offrs and 1040 men arrived at TARANTO 25 Feb from VOLO. GSD

Lt Col DI MITONTO

2. SARDINIA call-up: Ref log 21/22 Feb para 5, following is latest posn (22 Feb) GSD

- Med personnel 528 (7 Gp SANITA FLORENCE)
- Sussistenza personnel 486 (8 Gp SUSSISTENZA ROME)

Confirmation is required that these men will be shipped on serial 5. Destinations are indicated above, and if they can be moved there direct from Naples, it will save double handling at FROSINONE, and taking up valuable accn required for young recruits.

3. RFTs ex SALERNO : Infd him of move arranged withing next few days of 500 rfts for gd bns 8 Army; a further 500 odd to be withdrawn by III Dist also for gd bns; balance to be emp for med or other rfts for cat 1 (e). GSD

4. MR-ITI rft procedure; further discussion of details and the new posn required. C of S's of Adm Divs concerned have been summoned to ROME for meeting at SMRE on Sat morning 3 Mar. GSD

Count CASATI

5. SANTA MARINELLA: conveyed mes age from GOC in connection with offrs rest villa. Casati very glad to be able to help. He will instruct CHIVARO to make arrangements. Later requested SANSONE to org rep to visit the villa 28 Feb. Comd

Maj NICOLETTA

28 Feb 45

6. MR-ITI rfts : Nicoletta visited MMIA to settle details connected with "return" which will be made out by units and Adm Divs. Talked with G II SD. Meeting with C of S's and CO's Brit Camp cadres confirmed for 9 a.m. 3 Mar. GSD

Maj BUCHI

7. Ste MARINELLA : accompanied this offr of the Territorial HQ engr office and MMIA party to visit offrs rest villa. Buchi instructed the local contractors about work to be done. NO action of any kind to be taken until the project is confirmed by MMIA. Comd SORE

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Gen CHATRIAN

8. Called at Chatrian's request in connection with confidential proposals for reorg of gen offrs. Referred to GOC. Also ref to BOLOGNA and SCATTINI. Comd Spec Sec

9. Reorg in SMRE :
- Ops and Trg brnaches have been reorganized under Col QUERCIA, formerly head of "Servizi"
- SD branch (Ordinamento and Mobilitazione): Col PIACENTINI being brought down from FLORENCE to take over this branch from Col CHIAVARINO

10. AFRAGOLA Camp : New CO has been appointed - Col MUSSO, of the ALPINI. Chatrian says he is a good man. He took over from BORATTO on 20 Feb. Comd A/C

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Col LOMBARDI

1. FOLGORE : infd him (0900 hrs) of contents of sig from 55 MLU ref visit of DE COURTEN. Later handed him copy of the sig. — Spec Sec

Maj TAGLIONE

2. Offrs MANTOVA Div : infd him of complete text of sig from 56 MLU. Following talk with C of S p.m. 23 Feb, Ronco had given instrs for the whole posn to be gone into by SD branch of SMRE and an offr to visit MANTOVA soonest to ascertain the actual posn. This may NOT now be necessary, in view of details in the sig. — Spec Sec

3. Volunteers for combat : as a result of previous publicity there are 80 men collected at COSENZA. Confirmed that they can NOT go to CESANO, but may be sent to ORVIETO for emp with 228 or 231. A further batch of 79 at REGGIO ex SICILY call-up will go through normal channels. — OSD

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Gen RONCO

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7. Following subjects discussed :-

- Mantova offrs ;
- CESANO: Ronco confirmed that Mattioli was being posted 2 i/c Piceno Div - he welcomed the appointment;
- DI CASTIGLIONE: Inspectorate of trg.

Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

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8. Repatriation of PW's: requested certain infm in amplification of scheme to repatriate 3000 offrs and 26000 ORs: 6935

(a) proposals on how each "block" of 4000 should be constituted;
(b) how Gazzera visualized the choice of individuals at the despatching end. Comd G-1

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Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

9. Gen offrs and cols : discussed details of the figures they are to sumbit as a guide to their requirements. G-1

Count CASATI

10. Accompanied GOC; following subjects discussed : Comd

- CESANO: gen situation and appointment of new comd and 2 i/c;
- SMO
- Cooperators: see Casati's letter of 26 Feb in confirmation.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI 26 Feb 45

11. Territorial org for the NORTH: further discussion of details regarding move of CAGLIARI and CATANZARO HQ's. CAGLIARI HQ going to CIVITA VECCHIA and CATANZARO to S. SEVERO. G-1

Lt Col GRACEFFA

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Major BAUMANN's Liaison Log

23 Feb 45

Col LOMBARDI

1. FOLGORE : discussion on comd of this gp; details referred separately.

Gen MANNERINI

2. GARIBALDI Div : he wished to be infd as soon as possible of further details, dates etc regarding arrival of this fmn. — G3D

Gen FALUGI

3. Gen offrs and cols : requested infm on numbers of gens and cols they estimate will be required to implement the Army org for the whole of Italy, incl all HQs and fmns. — G-1

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

4. Territorial Org : further discussion on implementation of Territorial HQ's in the NORTH incl service units as detailed in SD/94 of 22 Feb. Following is situation regarding Territorial HQs :- — Comd, 2 i/c, A/Q, G-1

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

5. With G-1 : explained new plot for call-up in Sardinia, which corresponds generally with instrs already given by MMIA LO Sardinia to the local HQ, and of which they already have a copy. — G-1

6. CALABRIA call-up : following additional personnel required to man districts :- — GSD

- 53 NCO's
- 54 ORs

from Apulia call up
Campania Officials 8.

Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

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7. With G-1; following subjects discussed :-

- Garibaldi Div;
- Territorial org;
- Frosinone rft depot;
- CERSA and CERSETI

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Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

8. Ref para 4 above, latest infm from NAPLES is that the CALABRIA HQ will be moving up by rd. GSD

Count CASATI

9. Following subjects discussed : Comd 2 i/c

- Transformation of cooperators;
- Incidents at CESANO;
- BERANDO di PRELORMO designated comd TURIN Territorial HQ. In his place as comd RTC ICF the Minister is proposing to appoint Brig Gen VEGNI.

Gen RONCO

10. Following subjects discussed :-

- Incidents at CESANO. Ronco will visit CESANO 24 Feb am and report his findings to GOC in the afternoon;
- Mantoga offrs;
- Di Castiglione.

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Major BARRON's Liaison Log 21/22 Feb 45

Lt Col BARRON

1. PERUGIA Mil District: Infd BARRON and Lt Col CUTILLO of Off II of the situation, as reported by MAIA LO 1 Dist :- A/Q G-1

(a) Mil District buildings indispensable for 209 Div HQ owing to lack of alternative accn;
(b) As soon as call-up is considered again, alternative accn will be found by 1 Dist either for the call-ups or for 209 Div H.Q.;
(c) C.C. Mil District to stop pressing for release of buildings which have been occupied for some time by the Allies and which are still operationally needed. Requested that this offr liaise more closely with MAIA LO.

2. Identity discs : further to previous discussion (ref log 1/3 Feb para 1), requested to be infd what action had been taken to meet immediate requirements of gruppi and other forms. There are over 50,000 discs in store in APULIA and he will find out how many have been distributed. A/Q Spec Sec GIII (I)

Lt Col DI BUDURO

3. Volunteers at CHIETI (ROME) : a further 30 volunteers have been persuaded to enlist for service units and have been moved to ORVIETO for emp in fwd areas. GIII SD infd. GIII SD

4. RM-ITI rft procedure : long session on details of new plan and SHAEF instrs to adm divs. Also instrs covering return for CCS. SHAEF favour meeting in ROME of Adm Div C of S's to discuss details before the scheme starts. GII SD

5. SARDINIA call-up : SHAEF urgently recommend that following personnel concentrated at one of the districts and required for category 1 (c) be allotted to serial 5 (1000 ITI-ITI rfts :- GIII SD

- 430 sanitarians
- 570 medical

Infd GIII SD.

Gen LUSKY

6. The assistant designate to C of S has arrived and will be working alongside SANTI for a few days. He was formerly C of S to Gen De Stefanis (Delegazione A) Cond 2 i/c A/Q G-1

Col MORASSI

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Lt Col DI BENEDETTO

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Col LOMBARDI

7. 2 i/c MANFRONA : Brig Gen FAVA (Arty) has been appointed to fill this post. — Comd 2 i/c A/G G-1

8. Office accn for CA (Central Liaison) Office : Under the reorg scheme now in progress this office was to be pushed upstairs to an out-of-the-way corridor in the SHAEF sec. Pointed out to LOMBARDI that this office was performing most useful work for both MMIA and War Ministry, and that it was most essential that it should continue to function in a central posn, where it could best fulfill its duties of coordinating SHAEF and Directorates and at the same time be readily accessible to MMIA LO's. He later confirmed that it would be retained in the main corridor. — 6931

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Gen RONCO

9. San Marco Regt : pressed for a decision regarding 2 i/c - Ronco will be visiting Ministry of Marine later in the day. — Spec Sec

10. Central Liaison (CA) Office : discussed its work, officers etc.

11. Increased responsibilities of adm divs in fwd areas : Ronco quite happy that comds of [redacted] divs will be relieved of some of their responsibilities for tail units. Infd him that fuller details are contained in new adm instr No. 22 about to be issued. — A/Q

12. ARRACCIA camp : infd him of latest serious case of desertion during move out of camp; requested him to look into poss of camp cond who was earlier suspended for incompetence and is now reinstated. — G-1

Col LOMBARDI

13. LERICI : infd him that providing the new decree, which enables them to use all grades of offrs, is passed in the next 3/4 weeks and LERICI disposed of within this period and NOT further employed, GOC agrees to postponing the action requested in his letter G/6 dated 21 Jul '44. — Cond 2 i/c A/Q

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Gen MANTEGAZZI

15. Repatriates ex GOUBOU : he phoned to say that serial 1 of memo 16 Feb had arrived TARANTO 21 Feb with 575 men on board - instead of 1000 announced. — Cond 2 i/c A/Q G-1

Lt Col SANSONE

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17. Collected draft of "over-30 day" circular for "vetting" by MELA - vide log 14/15 Feb para 5. — 2 i/c A/Q

18. Collected outstanding list of PWs still to be repatriated. War Ministry has no particular interest in having these offrs back - they were all requested by SHC. List passed to GOC. — Cond 6939

19. Call-up in APULIA : requested him to confirm reports reaching this HQ to the effect that large proportion of recruits at BARI and TARANTO were absent from the districts, having either gone AWOL or been sent home by the authorities. He phoned BARI, and later confirmed that this was so. The Mil districts had accepted many more men than they had accn for, and when the buildings were full to overflowing had sent those living within a short distance back to their homes for 3/4 days. — Cond 2 i/c A/Q G-1

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19. (cont'd)

Others had gone off of their own accord, and steps were being taken to round them up. He confirmed that NO orders on this subject had been issued by War Ministry - and that there were emergency decisions taken on the spot. He also stated that the Territorial HQ were quite happy about the situation and had things under control. The first train out of RARI had left in an excellent atmosphere, with an organised "send-off" supported by local authorities and population.

Cond 2 i/c A/Q G-1

Count CASATI

20. Following subjects were discussed :

- GOC's visit to CESANO had gone off very successfully, according to reports reaching CASATI. GOC's address met the situation admirably;
- Certificates issued by previous regime: he confirmed LOMBARDI's story (vide para 14.) and will raise the matter in the proper quarter.
- Numbers of gen offrs : general discussion of this subject. Plans are in hand for substantial cut in brig gens during March. Maj gens will also be cut down further. Those gen offrs who have returned from PW during recent months were NOT asked for by War Ministry, to whom they are a source of embarrassment.
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