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SUBJECT: Stationery - M.T.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/29
18 February 45

TO : 50 BLU,
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
OC BLU RTC ICF CESANO

Copy to: Ministry of War.

Ref RTC ICF letter LO 20// dated 5 Feb 45 not to all.

1. With regard to the distribution of Italian editions of AB 412, AB 406, and "The Inspection, Care and Maintenance of Vehicles," the Ufficio Addestramento (T. Col. D'AGATA), S.M.R.E. is dealing with this matter for Combat Groups and R.T.C. I.C.F.

2. S.M.R.E. has already given orders to all Combat Groups and to R.T.C. I.C.F. to send a representative to collect their allocation of copies to the Ufficio Addestramento as soon as these are ready for distribution, which it is expected will be within the next 7 days.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Personnel Statistics - Italian Army (BR-ITI)

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/42
18 Feb 45.

G.2.E.
CMF.

copy to: AFHQ Gpr GI(Br) AI.

Ref your G2E/70661/Stats of 12 Feb.

1. Under authority AFHQ AG.091.711/169 GCT.S dated 16 November 44 the reinforcement of BR-ITI Units has been dealt with by AFHQ.

2. This will be supervised by MMIA w.e.f. 10 Mar 45 under authority AFHQ CR/1611/G-1(Br) dated 5 Feb 45, after which date returns showing the situation regarding BR-ITI service units will be made by this H.Q. and copies will be forwarded to you as requested.

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Major General

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PERSONNEL SITUATION OF ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS AS AT
(Combat Groups and Auxiliary Units only are included)

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									KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
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Signals														
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PERSONNEL SITUATION OF ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS AS AT 1945.
(Combat Groups and Auxiliary Units only are included)

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TO
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T MEMT
FROM 15 ARMY GROUP 20145 A
TO MMIA
GCX CR 39 ET
RA 447 RESTRICTED . PROPOSE HOLDING MEETING THIS HQ 1100 HRS
26 FEB 45 TO DISCUSS ORGANISATION OF GRUPPI IN LIGHT
EXPERIENCE GAINED BY CREMONA CP . REPRESENTATIVES INVITED FROM
CREMONA FRIULI AND REGGIANO CPS . SUGGEST YOU ARE REPRESENTED
ALSO IF DESIROUS
HT
SENT NR 363 AC AR
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Maj Dobbs
Please deal with this. WP.

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Roma .11.44

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione V.E. Sez.
Prot. N.° 23413/V Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

Al LA DIREZ. COMM/TO DEL COMANDO
MIL. PUGLIA E LUCANIA
= BARI =

OGGETTO Assegnazione di materiali di provenienza italiana.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) = ROMA =
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFF.SERV.SEZ.COMM/TO = P.M.151 =
AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FIULI" = P.M.79 =
" " " " "FOLGORE" = P.M.146 =
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" " " " "PICENO" = P.M.92 =
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p. IL MINISTRO

Eseguito -

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto 29/29

Prot. N. 403503/1 Allegati
137.1.3.
Risposta al f. del

Roma, 5 FEB 1945

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Piastrini di riconoscimento.
Identity Discs

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Rif. richiesta del Maggiore BAUMANN

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

N° 103000 /I di prot.
137.1.3.

P.M. 3800, 1° febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Piastrini di riconoscimento.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI PALERMO
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA CATANZARO
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 75/A
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212 P.M. 181
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR. P.M. 3800
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" dello S.M.R.E. P.M. 179
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO SEDE
e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE P.M. 3800
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO P.M. 3800
ALL'UFFICIO DELL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA ROMA
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è, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE — P.M. 3333
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO — P.M. 3838
ALL'UFFICIO DELL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA — R O M A
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A distribuzione avvenuta si gradirà assicurazione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO 6642

Too damned polite !!

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Maz/Rio

FRIULI 29/29 (2)

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
1^ Sezione - Op., Inf. e Serv.

n° 413/O.M. di prot. P.M.79, 17 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: servizio postale - quadro di battaglia.

Postel Service

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Missione di collegamento con il Comando
Armate Alleate in Italia

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POSTA MILITARE 3800

Si comunicano qui di seguito le varianti ed aggiunte all'ordine di battaglia trasmesso con foglio n° 4341/O.M. in data 12/12/1944:

VARIANTE

82° ospedale da campo capitano cpl. FRASSINETTI G.B.

AGGIUNTE

29^ Ambul. radiologica cap. cpl. SANTINELLI Enrico.

d'ordine
IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S. M.
(Guido Vedovato)

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19 FEB 1945

TRANSLATION

21/29

From : SMM,(Personnel and Recruiting Office) Ref No: 12300/Mob

To : Various Addressee as per original letter. Date: Feb 14 1945

Info : MMIA

Subject : Selection of personnel to be used in the Italian Combat Forces.

Sem. W.P. 5/1+5 5/1 Sec. 6.

1. This Ministry has repeatedly affirmed the necessity that the personnel intended for the Italian combat forces(combat groups,auxiliary units,training camp) be carefully selected from a moral and professional as well as physical standpoint.

This is all the more necessary, and both because these proposals can be put into effect in that the Italian combat forces represent a small part of our Army and because they are now complete both as to cadres and manpower.

Accordingly, while in the past it was not always possible to pay strict attention to quality, this, as a rule, is now quite feasible.

2. In view of the forgoing, the following orders are hereby reconfirmed:

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- possess the necessary physical qualifications of unconditional fitness, and must belong to classes destined to be used in combat units (1915 or younger, plus, possibly, volunteers of earlier classes)
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(c) avoid under any and all circumstances the return or dispatch of undesirable personnel to the training camps.

(d) exercise the greatest care in ascertaining the actual degree of specialisation and ability of all personnel describing itself or classified as specialised, before assigning it as such.

3. This S.M. relies upon the effective collaboration of commanders of all ranks - especially these at lower levels of command who are in more direct contact with the personnel - in order to ensure strict adherence to these instructions and to all those issued previously in this matter.

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Commanders of the units to which the unfit or undesirable personnel belongs shall be held directly responsible for any infractions.

4. The above addressees are requested to issue proper instructions to all organisations under it's direct control, and to repeat all infractions.

By order of the Chief of S.M.

Signed : [redacted] Santi.

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by Translation Ref. 13th I/ Dated 17/2/45 = 29/29 ND

From S.M.R.E.

To :- M.M.I.A. ~~[redacted]~~

To :- M.of W. (Cabinet) for information.

Subject :- Undesirable personel in the Italian Fighting Forces

In all fighting groups, and auxiliary units, there are elements, who although physicaly fit for service in combat areas, are undesirable from the point of view of morale.

It is a case of refractive individuals, of no character or discipline, lacking any sense of duty, who act in an (Subject) undisciplinary manner, and a [redacted] discontent within their units

At the same time these elements are skillful enough to keep just within the law, thus making it impossible for disciplinary action to be taken

In the interests of these units it is desirable that these elements be eliminated; they are not numerous and number about 50 within each group.

This problem could be solved by designating to each combat group, a large auxiliary unit -- (209^, 210^, 227^, 228^, 230^, 231^, divisions. and from there can be further split up between dependent units.

This precaution does not apparently seem the most ~~[redacted]~~ appropriate, but it is the only solution that can be easily realised.

We would ask the MMIA to examine the above question and communicate their decision.

Signed :- Chief of S.M.R.E.

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

IN

N. 12894/Mob.di prot.

R.o.m a , li 17 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Personale indesiderabile nelle F.I.C.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

P.M. 3800

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Nell'interesse stesso dei reparti combattenti è opportuno eliminarli. D'altra parte si tratta di pochi elementi, circa una cinquantina per ogni gruppo.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
DELL'ESERCITO

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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See Sig I 176 of 25 Jan

SUBJECT:- Identity Docs - Italian GRUPPI.

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HQ 15 ARMY GROUP,

Tel:- FOXGLOVE 224,

3149/11/A(O),

16 Feb 45.

AFHQ G-1(Br) - (2)

Copy to:- CG FIFTH Army (for "A" Br. Inc) (2)
"A" Main HQ EIGHTH Army. (2)
MMIA (2)
GSI (B)
Pro
File 3074/9/A(O).

Ref this HQ 3149/11/A(O) dated 5 Jan 45.

1. It has come to notice that a considerable number of ITALIAN OR of both CREMONA and FRIULI Gruppi are still NOT in possession of identity documents.

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L. Clark
LTCR
for Commanding General.

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Subject: Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(Ma No I. a.)
A/16

16 Feb 45.

To : A.F.H.Q.:
Hq. 15 Army Group

1. In this HQ letter A/16 of 23 Nov 44 (copy attached) the Ministry of War was informed that in view of the increased civilian postal services authorized by CCS AAI letter 14:1/12/GAI(O) of 23 Nov 44 (copy attached) it was not considered necessary to implement special postal arrangements for correspondence between Italian military personnel and their families in recently liberated areas.

2. Nevertheless the Ministry of War have requested that they may be allowed to implement a special military postal scheme on the grounds that such a postal service by transmitting family news would be of great morale benefit to the Italian Soldier. This view is strongly supported by this HQ as part of the Welfare Service now being organized.

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This service is to be operated by the Italian Army Postal Service and the CMAB no call being made upon the Allied Postal Services or transports. The cards having been delivered to the family by the CMAB will be completed and returned to the CMAB who will in turn return them to the Italian Military postal service for delivery to the soldier.

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L. Brownjohn

Major General,
A. A. I. B.

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COPY

Subject:- Postal Arrangements - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
AQ/16

22 Dec/44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref your 304945 / 312-IV-1 of 23 Nov/44

1. The Communications Sub Comm. A.C., has informed this H.Q. that with effect from 18 Dec/44 the civilian postal services are to be extended to include the provinces of ANCONA, PERUGIA, AREZZO, SIENA and LIVORNO. The Southern parts of PISA-FLORENCE Provinces, which lie to the South of the river ARNO and inclusive of the towns PISA and FLORENCE, will also be included in the new area where civilian postal services will operate.

2. Furthermore it is understood that as the Armies move Northward the civilian postal services will be extended to cover newly liberated areas as soon as possible, subject to the limitations of Security policy.

3. It is considered that these new arrangements cover the proposals made in your above quoted letter and that it is not necessary to put those proposals in to effect.

4. Will you please advise this H.Q. of your views in this matter.

F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- H.Q. 15 Army Group.
A.A.I. (Main) Signal A962 of 9 Dec refers.

Communications S.C - H.Q. AC Ref.AAI ltr 1407/12/G-51(B) of 23 Nov/44

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COPY

Subject:- Restoration of Civil Postal Services.

RESTRICTED

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel:- FILPOT Adv 79
1401/12/GSI(b)
23 Nov 44

Director, Communications Sub Commission, ALCOM

Copy to:- G-2 Fifth Army
GSI EIGHTH Army
G-2 P.B.S. Fwd Ech
GSI 1 District
GSI (c) AAI
Civil Affairs Section, AAI

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Ref your 16/16.224/PS dated 17 Nov 44.

1. We have now given full consideration to your proposals for the extension of civil postal services and for the modification of the security restrictions hitherto imposed. We have also consulted Armies on the subject.

2. The value and importance of restoring civil mail facilities as soon as possible, consistent with security, is fully appreciated. Moreover, experience has by now shown that civil mail does not on the whole present a very serious danger to our security.

3. It is therefore agreed that:

(a) the standard security restrictions set out in our letter of even number dated 3 Oct 44 should be relaxed.

(b) civil mail services may now be extended to certain additional provinces. (see para 4 below).

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(c) in future, each province should be treated on its merits, taking into consideration both the general military situation, the security situation, and the special needs of the Province concerned. (ALCOM should continue, as hitherto, to seek the security approval of this HQ to any proposed extension).

4.(a) Security approval is now given to the extension of civil postal services to the provinces of ANCONA, PERUGIA, AREZZO, SIENA, LIVORNO.

(b) If you are able to restore such services to only half a province, we are also prepared to agree to their restoration in the Southern half of PISA Province (i.e. PISA town and that part of the province which lies South of the River ARNO), and the Southern half of FLORENCE Province (i.e. FLORENCE CITY and that part of FLORENCE Province which lies South of the River ARNO as far East as PONTASSIEVE and then South of the rd leading East from PONTASSIEVE).

(c) Outgoing mail should be restricted to business letters and

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private post-cards in respect of the Province of LEGHORN, South PISA, South FLORENCE and AREZZO.

5. It is requested that arrangements be made for mail from all these forward Provinces to be subject to partial censorship under Allied Control.

6. It is further requested that mail vans should cross the rear Army Security Control line as few times per week as is compatible with a reasonably efficient services. All mail vans and drivers should, of course, carry proper AMG passes.

7. The extended mail services authorised above are intend to mean interprovincial services, with house to house delivery.

8. The above references to postal extensions do NOT umply or include similar extensions of civil telephone and telegraph services.

(Sgd) W.D. GIBSON Lt Col
For Brigadier B.G.S. (I).

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Subject:- Italian Co-operator Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AG/11/1

17 Feb 45.

A.F.H.Q.
for G1 (Br).

1. As arranged between Capt. Hilton and G1 (Br) attached are the certificates obtained from 2 officers and 27 O.R.'s; co-operator personnel who have certified their willingness to be re-enrolled into the Italian Army and lose their cooperator status. A list of the personnel concerned is shown at Appendix "A".

2. The Ministry of War has been instructed to receive these men into the Italian Army and post them to N.T.C. I.C.F. CESANO, where they now are, as instructors for the Mechanics School.

S P Wilson Capor
Lieut-Colonel,
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- A.F.H.Q. for G3 Org.
" " R.E.M.E.
B.L.O. N.T.C. I.C.F.
G. M.M.I.A.
Spec.Sec. M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "A"
to M.M.I.A. letter
AG/11/1 of Feb/45

Nominal of Italian Officers and O.R.s Instructors in the MECHANICS SCHOOL.

OFFICERS.

Ten.	SAVIO	F.Dellemani,1. BIELLA (Vercelli)	NA/T 35774
2nd Ten.	CAROBBI	M.A.Via Vergiolesi 11,PISTOIA	NA/T 35777

Warrant Officers.

Mar.	Alonsa	F. Via Stefano. Belbo (Cuneo)	T/ 187006

Sgts & Sgt Majors.

Sgt, M.	Bortessi	W. Via Le Vittoria,9,PARMANA	NA/T 38351
" "	Giudici	G. Via Fresco MILO (Como)	NA/T 20441
" "	Luisi	V. Via Vetera, 5, VARESE	NA/T 395
" "	Martini	U. Via Macci, 61 FIRENZE	NA/T 62825
" "	Mascolini	O. Via Provinciale, Pisona 28 PISA	NA/T 823
" "	Finin	G. Via R.Parisano, 20 RIMINI	T/ 247001
" "	Polello	M. Via Strada,Vercelli 44 CASALE MONFERRATO (Alessandria)	NA/T 38466
			T/ 193335
" "	Raffaghelli	D. Corso Magento 67 Milano	T/ 192383
" "	Salerno	R. Via Carlo Pisacane 50 VITTORIA (Ragusa)	NA/T 34807
Sgt	Boschiero	F. Casco Cerola Fraz Cerola Pavia	NA/T 33874
"	Cerioli	G. Torre Pienmardi S.Lorenzo (Cremona)	T/ 183176
"	Cattullo	G. Piazza Vitt.Veneto, 13 TORINO	NA/T 40790
"	Monteguti	E. Via Morgani, 2 MILANO	T/245750
"	Stabilini	V. Via Sacco 2, Varese	T/ 193319
"	Varese	P. Via P.M. Pavinudi 2 PARMA	T/ 192106
Cap.Magg	Manno	A. Via San Giammone 28 ROMA	NA/T 36888
"	Mussinano	D. Via Roma 39 P/LUZZA (Udine)	T/ 103639
"	Peverini	N. Via S.Lucia 18 CASTELLEONE DI SUASA (Ancona)	NA/T 40772
"	Rosina	G. Via Settembrini 74a MILANO	NA/T 28060
"	Ruffini	P. Via Vittorio Veneto SONDRIO	NA/T 192589
Cap.	Ricardi	M. Via Michele Coppino 79 TORINO	T/ 186937
Sold.	Beretta	N. Via Selvanesco 57 MILANO	T/ 180378
	Fumagalli	P. Via Bella Vista 42 COSTA MASNAGA (Como)	T/ 240308
	Galimberti	V. Piazza Mercati 4b OGGIONO (Como)	T/ 186606
	Ghislandi	G. Via Vitt. Veneto 8 PONTIDA (Bergamo)	T/ 179404
Sgt.	Gastaldon	G. Via Portico Seuro 2 TREVISO	

is at present being held by 713 Workshops R.E.M.E.
as witness in a court martial, and will be arriving
at the Mechanics School at a later date.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Transfer of personnel from Prisoner of War (Cooperator Status) to the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
FORM
AG/11/1

MINISTRY OF WAR. 12 Feb 43.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of officers and O.R.'s now at CESANO, ex prisoners of War, who are willing to be transferred to the Italian Army and to be released from Cooperator status.

2. At Appendix "B" is a copy of the form which each man has signed. These forms have been forwarded to A.F.H.Q.

3. You are requested to re-enrol these men into the Italian Army and post them to M.T.C. I.C.F., CESANO. They will be used as permanent staff for the Mechanics School.

S P Archer Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- C. M.M.I.A.
Spec.Sec. M.M.I.A.
D.I.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.

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to M.M.I.A. letter
AQ/11/1 of Feb/45

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" "	Luisi	V. Via Vetera, 5, VARESE	NA/T 395
" "	Martini	U. Via Macci, 61 FIRENZE	NA/T 62825
" "	Masolini	O. Via Provinciale, Pisana 28 PISA	NA/T 823
" "	Pinin	G. Via R.Parisano, 20 RIMINI	T/ 247001
" "	Polello	M. Via Strada, Vercelli 44 CASALE MONFERRATO (Alessandria)	
" "	Raffaghelli	D.Corso Magento 87 Milano	NA/T 38466
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"	Cerioli	G. Torre Picenardi S.Lorenzo (Cremona)	NA/T 34807
"	Gattullo	G. Piazza Vitt.Veneto, 13 TORINO	NA/T 33874
"	Montaguti	E. Via Morgani, 2 MILANO	T/ 183176
"	Stabilini	V. Via Sacco 2, Varese	NA/T 40790
"	Varese	P. Via P.M. Paciaudi 2 PARMA	T/ 245750
Cap.Magg	Manno	A. Via San Giannone 28 ROMA	T/ 193310
"	Mussineno	D. Via Roma 39 PALUZZA (Udine)	T/ 192106
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I..... age .....

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am willing to be transferred to the Italian Army proper, and be released from Cooperator Status for the specific purpose of Instructing at Cesano.

I understand and agree to the conditions of the Italian Army.

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Date..... Sgd.....

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SUBJECT: Publications.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
3/G/29/29
15 February 45

TO : 52 BLU.

Reference your letter LO A/4 dated 10 Feb 45.

1. Herewith 2 copies of "Military Dictionary, English-Italian, Italian-English" published by the War Department, Washington, D.C.

2. We hope to be able to let you have a further two copies in a few weeks time.

R S A Fraser-Rae
Capt
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Military Dictionaries.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)
AG 22/1
14 Feb 45

TO : S.M.R.E.

Reference your letter 273/SF/4 dated 31 Jan 45.

1. We have no objection to your reprinting the Italian - English, English - Italian Military Dictionaries, 1942 and 1943 editions published by the British War Office.

2. We suggest that these dictionaries should be reprinted in the orange-coloured cover which you use for the translated editions of British Training Pamphlets.

3. These reprinted Dictionaries will only be issued as authorised by MVIA to Italian Units under Allied Command in the same way as the other British Training pamphlets translated and reprinted by you.

M.P.
Major General
M.V.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

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SUBJECT:- Publications.

P3S/43/23

CC,
10 Publications Depot, CMF.

Copy to:- HQ, M.M.I.A., CMF.

1. Please despatch to second addressee 200 copies English Italian Military Dictionary and quote their signal SS 610 of 7 Feb 45.

2. Also note please that this Directorate has signalled U.K. for delivery to you, by air, of 800 copies of the complementary Italian English Military Dictionary.

600 of these are to be sent to HQ, M.M.I.A. immediately on arrivial. The balance are for your stocks.

11 Feb 45
HPH/PGM

Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S. A.F.H.Q.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees and Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11/3

15 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. The attached lists show particulars of further Absentees and Deserters from Friuli Combat Group (total 29).

2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures to effect the apprehension of these men.

3. You will forward to this H.Q. on 15 March/45 a return showing against each man's name whether or not he has been apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action to be taken.

4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. as it is anticipated that active cooperation of CCRR will be required to effect the apprehension of these Absentees and Deserters.

D.F. BYATT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- Public Safety
Sub Comm. A.C.
H.Q. 1 District
(your ID/11/21/A dated 8 Feb refers)
Spec. Sec. M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Man Management.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

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DMT/87/MT1

13 Feb 45.

Col S.C.W.W.REA. c/o MMIA.

Copy to:- G - 3 Trg (Br) AFHQ
G - 3 Trg (Br) 15 Army Gp
MMIA
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51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
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Further to DMT/87/MT1 of 7 Feb 45 with particular reference to sub para 7 (c).

No pamphlets received

1. Enclosed are copies of:-

Comrades in Arms.

Questions for the Junior Officer.

2. It is decided that the above should be used instead of the pamphlet "The Officer and Fighting Efficiency". Certain portions of "Comrades in Arms" have been struck out as not applicable to the Italian Army. "Questions for the Junior Officer" is a collection of questions taken from various pamphlets. 6622

3. It is requested that these two documents should be translated into Italian, combined into one pamphlet, and issued on a large scale as soon as possible.

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CONFIDENTIAL File 29/29

SUBJECT: WE's Adm Div HQs BR-ITI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/45
4 Feb 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 Ops (9)

1. Further to this HQ SD/7 of 12 Jan herewith proposed WEs for Adm Div HQs (BR-ITI) as follows:-

		Offrs	ORs
2.	At Appx "A"		
	209 Div under comd 1 Dist	35	137
3.	At Appx "B"		
	227 Div under comd 3 Dist	30	110
4.	At Appx "C"		
	228 Div under comd 8 ARMY	35	137
5.	At Appx "D"		
	231 Div under comd 5 ARMY (Br Incr)	35	137
6.	At Appx "E"		
	230 Div under comd 3 Dist	30	110

7. These HQs will be carried in category 3 MMLA Orbat under the appropriate Army or District sub-heading.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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	230 Div under comd 3 Dist	30	110

7. These HQs will be carried in category 3 MMIA Orbat under the appropriate Army or District sub-heading.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LO REAR HQ 5 ARMY BR INCR (with copy of Appx "D")
MMIA LO REAR HQ 8 ARMY (" " " " "C")
MMIA LO HQ 1 DISTRICT (" " " " "A")
MMIA LO HQ 3 DISTRICT (" copies of Appendices "B" & "E")
MMIA LO 54 AREA (" copy of Appx "E")

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WE HQ 231 DIVISION

APPX 'D'.

	OFFICERS				Senior NCOs	CRs
	Generals	Cols	Lt Col or Maj	Capt or Subs		
A) DIV HQ						
Commander (Division General)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Officer Attache	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dep Comdr (Brig Gen)	1					
Office of the Dep Comdr	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chief of Staff	-		(3)(1) 1	-	-	-
Interpreter Officer	-	-	-	1	-	-
Office of C of S						
SD	-	-	(1)1	1	-	-
Services	-	-	(1)1	2	-	-
Personnel and Secretariat	-	-	1	2	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	1	-	-
Terr. Branch & misc affairs	-	-	1	-	-	-
Eng. HQ	-	-	1	2	-	-
Med Office	-	-	1	1	-	-
Supply Office	-	-	1	2	-	-
Adm. "	-	-	1	1 (2)(7)	-	-
MT Office	-	-	1	1	-	-
Recovery Office	-	-	1	-	-	-
Chaplain	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	2		10	17	-	-
			29			
B) CAMP						
Camp Commandant (Capt)	-	-	-	1	-	-
Admin Offr (2nd Lt)	-	-	-	1	-	-
HQ Unit	-	-	-	(3) 1	(4) 17	(5)100
MT Unit	-	-	-	-	2	15
Post Office	-	-	-	3	1	2
TOTAL	-	-	-	5	20	117
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Personnel and Secretariat	-	-	-	2	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	1	-	-
Terr. Branch & misc affairs	-	-	1	-	-	-
Eng. HQ	-	-	1	2	-	-
Med Office	-	-	1	1	-	-
Supply Office	-	-	1	2	-	-
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CC RR Det	-	-	-	-	4	22

NOTE:

(1) Staff Officer
(2) As technical consultant on Admin affairs to Div HQ
(3) Subaltern
(4) Clerks, typists, Accounts NCOs, ration orderlies, etc.
(5) Typists, clerks, cyclists, batmen, G.D.
(6) May be a Colonel
(7) May be a Lt Col or Major.

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Subject:- Italian Army - Absentees and Deserters. 29/29

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. .I.A.)
A/33/3

SECRET & PER.

10 Feb 45.

1. The attached lists show particulars of Absentees and Deserters from Friuli Combat Group for the period 11 Jan/45 and 28 Jan/45 (total 107).

2. You are required to take strong and urgent measures to effect the apprehension of these men.

3. You will forward to this H.Q. on 15 March/45 a return showing against each man whether or not he has been apprehended, and returned to his unit for disciplinary action to be taken.

4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. as it is anticipated that active cooperation of PSSC will be required to effect the apprehension of these Absentees and Deserters.

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K.F. EVATT, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Public Safety
Sub Comm. A.C.
H.Q. 15 Army Group
A.M.F.
(your 5149/13/A(G) dtd 5 Feb refers)
Spec. Sec. M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Man Management.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel:16872

DMT/57/MT1

7 Feb 45.

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
Col S.C.W.T.REA (DMT)

Copy to:- G 3 Trg (Br) AFHQ
G 3 Trg (Br) 15 Army Gp (20)
NAMIA (5)

General.

1. It is evident from reports of the first actions of CREMONA Gp and from the observation of training of the other Gruppi that it is in man management and leadership that the Italian Officer and NCO is most lacking.

2. This is a fault of which, I am sure, you are fully aware but I make no apology for emphasizing it, as until we can improve the standard of man management within the Gruppi we can not hope to produce divs fit to take their place alongside the Allies in the line.

3. These notes are therefore an attempt to analyse the problem and to offer some suggestions which will help to improve this vital aspect of soldiering.

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The problem therefore is not to improve something which already exists, but to persuade the Italian officer that our system of man management and the relationship between our officers and men is sound and does in fact produce better results.

Psychological aspect.

5. To put this idea across is not an easy task particularly during training, and before considering the methods by which we can do it, it is essential to study the psychological aspect.

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The Italian Nation is a defeated nation, and therefore suffers from an inferiority complex. It is essential that we do everything in our power to get the army back on its feet and engender in all ranks a pride in themselves and their army.

Any attempt therefore to point out faults or change customs must be most tactfully put if we are to achieve any results.

It is quite useless to attempt to dragoon them into it and the object can be achieved only if the Italians will adopt it of their own free will.

Suggested methods.

6. Logically we must start at the top and work down. The first step is therefore to persuade the senior offrs - Bde and Bn comds - that a special drive on own management is necessary. This could be done by the following ways.

(a) Arranging attachments of Italian senior offrs to selected British units in order that they may see for themselves.

(b) By discussion between British offrs of the BLUs and Italian offrs.

(c) Obtaining assistance of MOs to preach the importance of personal hygiene and sanitation.

(d) To persuade senior Italian offrs to take a personal and active interest in the welfare of their men.

(e) Offrs of the BLU must accompany Italian offrs during visits of inspection to cook houses, canteens etc.

7. As soon as the senior offrs have been converted, you are over the first fence. The next big task is to see that a sense of the urgency of this is passed on by the Italians to the junior offrs and NCOs. It 6617 be impressed on them that each offr and NCO must personally play an active part in this.

All lectures and discussions are useless unless all concerned will put into action what they have learnt from discussions and talks.

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(a) By the example and supervision of senior Italian offrs and offrs of the BLU.

(b) Special lectures and discussions and films.

* (c) Att to this letter is a copy of the pamphlet "The Officer and Fighting Efficiency". This will be found useful as a basis for discussion and it may be worth while to have extracts translated so that each offr and NCO may have a reminder of his responsibilities towards his men.

(d) All exercises and TEWTs must include problems designed to bring out and prove beyond argument the importance of personal hygiene and man management, etc.

* Pamphlet will follow.

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8. Reinforcement officers at the RTC will be dealt with in the same way. Special periods on all tactical and adm courses will be allotted to the subject.

Special emphasis will be laid on leadership and man management in the junior leaders courses.

Examples of good and bad man management etc should be circulated by BLUs from time to time to assist in driving the lessons home.

9. These notes are in no way a comprehensive precis on the subject, and no doubt you will be able to think of many other ways of achieving the object.

I wish you to give this your immediate attention and I would like to know in due course what steps you are taking to deal with the problem.

I wish also a special paragraph to be included in the Progress Reports, indicating what success you are achieving.

A.G. Kendrew

Brig.
D.M.T.

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SUBJECT: Italian-English Military Dictionaries

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/29
4 Feb 45

TO : 56 B.I.U.

References your letter 14 G dated 20 Jan 45.

We are sending you herewith 100 copies of the Italian-English Military Dictionary.

R.G.A. Groves-Raines
Capt
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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GSI Branch MAIN EIGHTH ARMY.

15 ARMY GROUP (BS)
MMIA LO NEAR EIGHTH ARMY.

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ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY ARE PREPARED TO GIVE TEMP OR HONORARY COMMISSION TO CERTAIN SELECTED CIVILIANS TO ACT AS INTERPRETERS (*) IN ORDER SPEED UP PROCEDURE WAR MINISTRY WILL DELEGATE CERTAIN POWERS TO GOC 228 DIV (*) MMIA LO PLEASE CONTACT MEMBERS OF GSI

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Subject: Road Report.

DSI

5 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : DIVERSE 031130A IMPORTANT.

TO : MEA :: ROSE AREA (BRIT) :: 201 SUB AREA

GO 2239 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ROAD REP (.-) ALL RDS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SNOW BOUND ARE NOW CLEAR (.) ALL REPORTED (.)

Original AQ.
Copy to : MOV
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Spl. Sec.

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Capt. RE.
S/Capt. Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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GPS (.) WAR MINISTRY ARRANGING FOR PAY IN CASH TO BE
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SUBJECT:- Publications

10PD/101
27 Jan 45

HQ MMIA

Forwarded to you under separate cover are the u/m:-

150 copies Eng/It Mil Dictionary

In accordance with instructions received from AIPSS, AFHQ 100 copies of these are for issue to HQ Gruppi Rft Trg Centre.

CMF

2/Lieut RASC,
OC, No.10 Publications Depot RASC.

See letter 29/2a dated 4 Feb't. 56 BLV

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TO BLU 91 BLU
HERE Ufficio Automobilismo for
transmission to SS LEGNANO and FOLGORE

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PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY THIS HQ STATEMENT ALL EXT ALL ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES NOW REMAINING IN POSSESSION LEGNANO - FOLGORE DIVISION (.) ALL THESE VEHICLES WILL WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS WHATSOEVER BE RETURNED AT ONCE TO CASERMA ACIONE/VIA BORGHIANA ROME (.) ACK

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SUBJECT: Subversive Activities in ASCOLI-PICENO

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.I.A.)
I/102/2
26 Jan 45

TO : Gno District

Copy to: G-2 Sec A.F.H.Q.

1. Several reports from Allied and Italian sources indicate that, in ASCOLI-PICENO, the subversive activities of certain unspecified elements have had a serious effect on the morale of the Italian Combat troops located in the area on their way up to the Front.

2. The main activities of those elements aim at inciting Italian soldiers to desert and exploit any feeling of discontent and low morale amongst the men.

The 87 Inf. Regt. of the FRIULI Dp. suffered considerable losses through desertion during their stay in this area.

3. In view of the fact that further units of other Italian Combat Dps. will be moved to the ASCOLI-PICENO area in the near future and will probably be subjected to similar subversive propaganda, it is requested that Field Security and Counter Intelligence units operating in this area be instructed to investigate this matter and report persons or parties involved in any propaganda liable to undermine the morale of Italian troops.

4. It is further requested that reports be submitted by F.S.S. to this H.Q. in about ten days time in order that prompt action may be taken by us through the War Ministry against any persons involved in these serious attempts at sabotaging the War Effort of the Italian Army.

Major General
M.I.A.

Internal:
Spec Sec

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SUBJECT: Italian-English Military Dictionaries. RESTRICTED.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
S/C/29/29
30 Jan 45.

To : 56 B.L.U.

Reference your letter 14 C dated 20 Jan 45.

We are sending you herewith 6 copies of the Italian-English Military Dictionary as specified in your letter. We regret that we can only send you so small a number as there are very few copies of the Dictionary in existence but we hope that it will help to some degree with your problem.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Int: CIRC.

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SUBJECT: Italian-English Military Dictionary. RESTRICTED.

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Land Forces Sub Cor, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/S/29/29
29 Jan 45.

To : D.P.S.S., AFHQ.

Ref letters, B.389.229(Library) dated 8 Jan 45, PSS/43/23 para 9 dated 6 Jan 45 and PSS/43/23 para 2 dated 17 Dec 4.

There is a need for a military dictionary which will help Italian officers to become familiar with British military terms and abbreviations.

Would it be possible for a further 500 copies of the existing Italian-English Military Dictionary to be reprinted for wide distribution to the Italian Army ?

Alternatively could authority be given for the Italian Army to reprint the Dictionary themselves ?

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RGAS K
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

into CIRC
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Subject :- Army Forms - Translation.

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18 Jan 45

MMIA., Special Section.

Reference attached AF G1045.

1. It is felt that a far better check could be kept on repairs of vehicles in Mechanical Engineer Wksps and LAD's if a bilingual AF G1045 could be produced for the Gruppi.

2. A list of the Army Forms and Army Books produced either in Italian or bilingually has already been requested but has not as yet arrived. Could this be expedited please.

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REPT MMIA requested to arrange ... Gruppi & Comb Gruppi by T. Company

J. C. Moodie
Lt-Col.
GS.

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Army Form G 1045
(Pads of 100.)

R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E. } **WORKSHOP INDENT**

(To be rendered in triplicate. E.R. Part 1, 1939, para. 403, or E.R. Part 3, 1935, para. 43 for T.A. will be complied with)

†R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E. } Serial No. .....

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				Materials			
				Contracts			
				Travelling Exes.			
				Carriage of Stores			
				Total Cost			

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NOTE.—A separate form will be used for stores in each Vocabulary Section. *For R.A.O.C. or R.E.M.E. use only. †Delete inapplicable

(Signed) .....

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To note completion of service (‡and cost).

(Signed) .....

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SUBJECT:- Publications

10 PD/101
17 Jan 45

HQ, M.M.I.A.
Rome Allied Area Command

Forwarded to you by separate registered post are 30 copies Collins Italian / English Dictionary in accordance with instructions from ADPSS, AFHQ.

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C.F.

2/Lieut RASC
OC, No.10 Publications Depot RASC

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Subject :- Italian - English Military Glossary.

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20 Jan 45

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1. It is thought that there is a need for a military glossary which will help Italian officers to become familiar with British military terms and abbreviations. It is suggested that the W.O. English - Italian military dictionary of Dec 1942 should be revised and reprinted. It is suggested that all the words should be arranged in an alphabetical series, in place of the present classification by subjects, and that a column for authorized abbreviations should be added.

2. It is realised that this is not a perfect solution, but it is thought that a completely new dictionary would take too long to produce.

In the Field.
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Lt-Col.
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LAND FORCES SUB - COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Maint/1
23 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Office Equipment.

To : Office Space Section,
HQ. A.C.

It is requested that arrangements be made for the installation of a bell on the 7th Floor as shown below:-

Buzzer..... Room 39

Button..... Room 43

The distance between these rooms is approx 30 yards.

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Lt. Col,
GS.

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REQUEST THAT 541 INF REGT STHENGTH 30 OFFICERS 144 OTHER RANKS LOCATED C R T C N A AND 2 COY INQUADRAMENTC STRENGTH 4 OFFRS 36 OTHER RANKS LOCATED P A S T E N A BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY CAMP ADM STAFF FOR BRI-ITI DRIVING SCHOOL SHORTLY TO BE ESTABLISHED (.) CAPACITY OF SCHOOL 2000

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PLEASE REDIRECT MAIL FOR DVR BEATTIE TO THIS H.Q.

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H.F.H. EDWARDS, CAPT.

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SECRET

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

MMIA Special Section WAR DIARY for DECEMBER 1945.

1. Progress during December in training and equipping the six Combat Groups was delayed by shortage and poor quality of equipment and transport by bad weather and poor accommodation and by Christmas leave. To the consequent lowering of morale as well as to outside influences such as family anxieties, black market opportunities and political agitation can be attributed the rise in the rate of absence without leave and admissions to hospital.

2. These same factors, coupled with the impossibility of arrest or of effective punishment, have caused large numbers of men to evade the call-up on which we were relying for reinforcements.

3. This man power and equipment problem was further complicated by urgent demands from A.F.H.Q. for large numbers of men and material for other commitments such as attachments to the Carabinieri, formation of mule transport companies and other service units. The Theatre Commander therefore decided on 20 December to disband the sixth (FICENO) Group and use it's personnel to meet these requirements, and as reinforcements to other Groups.

4. The situation regarding Combat Groups therefore is as follows:-

FRIULI GROUP formed from remnants of FRIULI Division ex SARDINIA and harvesting plus reinforcements from various sources has been the most difficult to organise and train, and is probably the least efficient; there has been a heavy desertion rate and much loss and damage to equipment. The Comd and many officers have been replaced with good results. The Group was doing higher training (under 1 District) in the area RADDA (SIENA) during December and is due to move into the forward area under 13 Corps on 15 January.

CREMONA GROUP coming more or less complete from SARDINIA, has experienced less difficulties and should be proportionately more efficient has, however, had less time to train in a poor training area, and has been exposed to outside political influence which have caused some discontent. The Group was doing higher training in the ASCOLI-TERAMO area and is due to move into the forward area under 1 Cdn Corps on 12 January.

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LEGNANO GROUP formed part of C.I.L. and the majority of the officers and men have had battle experience. During December they moved to the BRACCIANO Training Area N.W.of ROME. They are about 70% equipped and trained and due to move to intermediate training area on 25 January. They should be capable of going into action by the end of February, if there are no further delays in the issue of equipment.

FOLGORE GROUP as for LEGNANO but being composed of ex-parachutists and marines, they consider themselves more of the commando type and require handling accordingly. During November they have been located at TARESE.

MANTOVA GROUP has been on internal security duties in CALABRIA until the end of November when it moved to S. GIORGIO; it is about 2,000 below strength, but potentially good as regards morale, and made a good start with individual training. Training scale of equipment has been issued and general equipment begun. It is due to be ready to move to the intermediate training area end of February.

PICENO GROUP as such has been disbanded, but its identity is being preserved in the permanent staff of the Reinforcement Training Centre now being formed at CESANO.

5. The Reinforcement Training Centre and Schools for the Combat Force. A most satisfactory area has been allotted , including barracks for 12,000 men at CESANO - BRACCIANO north west of ROME, in which it is proposed to form "an Italian Aldershot" The Centre, complete with reception,training and holding regiments and all the necessary schools is being planned on the lines of Appx 'A' attached, and the problem of staffs, equipment and procedure is now being tackled so as to ensure the supply of some 2,000 trained reinforcements per month.

6. Auxiliary Units.for duties in rear of Combat Groups are being formed as planned but there is some delay in the receipt of equipment.

7. The Italian outlook during December has been as follows: -

(a) The Ministry of War, whose hopes of obtaining a really effective Combat Force had been raised, are very disappointed at the disbandment of some of the Groups and the delay in equipping others and are doing everything in their power to improve the man-power situation; they have proposed the repatriation for service of Italian P.W. in Allied hands.

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7. (b) The Government has been putting out feelers to the Allied Commission for greater participation in the war effort and better conditions.

(c) The Press has been agitating for better treatment of the Army and for the announcement of the Armistice terms before Italian troops are committed to battle for the Allies.

(d) Partisan Organisations. are demanding the right to continue the fight in their own formed bands as part of the Italian Army.

(e) The people in many places have not only been apathetic but have tried to prevent the call-up of men, and to persuade soldiers to desert.

8. GENERALLY.

The month has been one of uncertainty and change of plans as a result of which officers and men have become somewhat discouraged and progress has consequently not been as marked as previously. The crisis is not yet passed, it is hoped to put two Groups into action during January and two during February, anything might happen after that.

7. Jan 1945.

W Pidsley.
Colonel.
MMIA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

B 389.229 OI(Library)

8 January 1945

SUBJECT : Military Dictionaries.

TO : Headquarters, Military Mission to the Italian Army, C.M.F.

As requested by A.D., P. and S.S., A.F.H.Q. we send you herewith 30 copies of the Italian-English Military Dictionary, 1943.

For the A.C. of S., G-2.,

H. BLACKMORE,
Captain, G.S.
G-2 Section, OI(Library)

COPY TO: Printing and Stationery Services Directorate,
A.F.H.Q. (Ref: your PSS/43/23 dated 6 January).

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SUBJECT:- Typewriters & Duplicators

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
13 Jan 45

TO:- Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

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A/22/26

Spec Sec

14/1

Reference your S/G/29/29 of 28 Nov 44.

Legnano Gruppo have informed us that they hold a total of 41 typewriters in the Group. This is in accordance with the scale laid down in the above mentioned letter, but as the Group have pointed out, 5 of the typewriters are in such a poor condition that it is neceesary for them to have them replaced. Will you please inform us if it is possible for you to obtain replacements for them.

Legnano are also in need of 3 Duplicators which are considered to be very essential. As your letter made no reference to duplicators would you please state if they can be made available.

WN.

Bluebach
Major.
for, DAA&QMG.

Copy to:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

SUBJECT:- Publications.

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12 Jan

CC, 9 Publications Depot, CMF.
CC, 10 Publications Depot, CMF.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMIA), CMF.
D.M.T., AFHQ, CMF.
G-2 Section (OI) Library, AFHQ, CMF.

At the request of DMT, AFHQ the following amendment will be made to the distribution list for English Italian Military Dictionaries embodied in our letter of even reference dated 6 Jan 45 (para 2).

Delete :- "25 each HQ".

Insert :- "25 to 50 HQ".
"25 to 51 HQ".
"25 to 52 HQ".
"25 to 53 HQ".
"25 to 56 HQ".

Delete :- "10 each RA Training Team".

Insert :- "10 to No. 10 RA Training Team".

Delete :- "100 each Gruppi Rft Training Centre".
"50 to HQ, M.M.I.A., CMF."

Insert :- "150 to HQ, M.M.I.A., CMF accompanied by a slip stating that 100 of the copies are for Gruppi Rft Training Centre."

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Hamilton
Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S. A.F.H.Q.

10 Jan 45
HQ/PGM

Subject: Office Equipment & Stationery

53 B.L.U.
Ref Q7 - 16
8 Jan 45

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To :- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MAIA)

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1. Ref your S/Q/29/29 of 28 Nov 44.

2. Very considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining from HQ Combat Group FOLGORE the true picture re the office equipment they now hold and their requirements in stationery for a period of three months.

3. The requirements of the Gp of stationery for three months are as follows :-

Typing paper, thin	reams	860	Rubbers, ink		980
Duplicating paper	"	860	Rubbers, pencil		980
Ruled paper	"	120	Rubbers, type		300
Typing paper, thick	"	160	Paste	pots	25
Graph paper ¼" sq	"	160	Pins	lbs	60
Drawing paper	sq yds	180	Paper Fasteners	boxes	310
Graph paper (map 1mm sq)	" "	150	Drawing Pins	boxes	135
Tracing paper	" "	345	Note books, AB 153		255
Blotting paper	sheets	6315	File covers, paper		200
Carbon paper	"	10125	AB 193 (Register of letters)		140
Stencils, duplicator	"	2000	Envelopes ¼ foolscap		46200
Ink, duplicator	tubes	100	Envelopes ½ foolscap		17600
Ink, blue-black	litres	126	Envelopes foolscap		6500
Ink, red	"	45	Exercise books S.O.136½		1000
Ink, Indian	bottles	20	AB 130		50
Ink, stamp pad	"	10	Message Forms C2136		1000
Pen nibs	pkts	40			
Pen holders		50			
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Pencils, coloured red-blue		60			
Typewriter ribbons		350			

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Clips, Bulldog	300

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Engineer Bn	5	2	3
Medical	7	3	4
Ord Fd Pk	2	1	1

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Workshops	2	2	-
ST	2	1	1
Pro (1 each)	3	1	2
TOTALS	75	53	22

6. The above figures include the requirements of all the auxiliary units now attached to the Gp less 1 MAC.

It is considered that at least 70% of the typewriters which will be supplied to the Gp should have 14" carriages as at present they hold no typewriters with more than a 10" carriage.

Lt. Col.
G. S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

PSS/43/23.

Subject: Publications.

O.C. 9 Publications Depot.
O.C.10 Publications Depot.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) CMF.
(Your S/G/29/29 of 2 Jan. 45.)
D.M.T., A.F.H.Q.
G.2 Section (O.I.) Library.

1. In letter reference 10PD/101 of 24 Nov., O.C. 10 Publications Depot notified the availability of a quantity of English Italian Military Dictionaries 1942.

2. D.M.T., A.F.H.Q., in conjunction with H.Q., M.M.I.A. have furnished the following distribution list :-

25 each HQUs.
10 each R.A. Training Team.
100 each Gruppi Eft. Training Centre.
20 each H.Q., C.M.T.C.
5 each H.Q., R.A.S.C.T.D.
5 each R.A.T.D.
5 each S.M.E. and R.E.T.D.
5 each Royal Sigs. T.D.+
25 each R.A.O.C. Training Centre.
5 each Depot and Training Est. C.M.P.
15 each Schools of E & M.E.
5 each Mountain School.
50 copies to H.Q. M.M.I.A. C.M.F.

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3. To avoid moving the stock will O.C. 9 Publications Depot please forward O.C. 10 Publications Depot a distribution list by formation and unit designations, based on the above.

O.C. 10 Publications Depot will assume responsibility for despatch.

4. Should there be a balance remaining after distribution they will be retained for stock. If the quantities held are not sufficient to make full distribution, quantities proportionate to the scaled figures will be sent, so that all formations and units shown will receive copies.

H.Q., M.M.I.A. also request that 30 copies of the complementary Italian-English please accept action. See letter

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6 Jan. 45.
HEW/SHB.

Hamilton Lieut
Lt.Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT: English-Italian Italian-English Military Dictionaries. RESTRICTED.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
3/G/29/29
2 Jan 45.

To: Printing and Stationery Services Directorate.
A.F.H.Q.

copy to: D.M.T.

Reference your PSS/43/23 of 17 Dec and DST/46/MT1 of 24 Dec.

1. MMIA agrees to the distribution suggested by D.M.T. for the English-Italian Dictionary 1942 and requests 50 further copies be sent to MMIA for distribution to Liaison Officers, Interpreters etc.

2. Of the 50 copies available of the complementary Italian-English version would you please send 30 copies to MMIA for distribution to the Ministry of War.

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W. Pidgley Brig

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Int: G 111 I.

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SUBJECT: Publications.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel:11667

DMT/16/MT1

24 Dec 44, 29/29

HQ MMIA CMF.

Copy to:- P & SS Directorate
AFHQ

1. The attached letter PSS/43/23 dated 17 Dec 44 is forwarded to you for action.

2. It is suggested that the distribution below is required from a purely Training point of view. 6590

All BLUs	25 each
RA Trg Team	10 "
Gruppi Rft Trg Centre	100 "
HQ CMTC	20 "
HQ RASCTD	5 "
HQ RATD	5 "
SME & RETD	5 "
R.Sigs Trg Depot	5 "
RAOC Trg Centre	25 "
Depot & Trg Est CMP	5 "
School of E & ME	15 "
Mountain School	5 "

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HMF/mt

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

SUBJECT:- Publications. P33/43/23

D.M.T.,
AFHQ, CMF.

1. Publications Depots in this theatre hold approximately 1,250 copies of English - Italian Military Dictionary 1942, two specimens of which are attached.

G-2 Section AFHQ have suggested we inform you of our availabilities. It is wished to put them to the best use possible. Can you suggest to whom they would be of value please? Few demands are received from units now.

2. G-2 Section also advise us that they have 50 copies of the complementary Italian - English version which are surplus to their needs.

G-1 Seen

17 Dec 44
HFH/PGM

D. M. T. (BRITISH)
Ref 19DEC194
Date 46/MT7

Ham 6589
Lt.Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S. A.F.H.Q.

Subject:- Office Equipment and Stationery

51 British Liaison Unit

A 10/1

To:

HQ M.M.L.A.

PSS AFHQ
50 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
55 BLU
56 BLU

Ref your S/G/29/29 of 28 Nov 44.

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I therefore suggest that the scale for an Arty Regt be doubled making a total of 16 machines.

(c) HQ INF REGT

It appears to have been overlooked that such an HQ exists since there is no mention of it in the scale.

I consider at least four machines are required.

Presuming the HQ coy to which you refer and to which one machine is allotted infact is meant for the Regt Support coy, the total for an Inf Regt becomes 11.

(d) S & T COY - Scale 4

(i) There are two composite plns.

/(ii) I think.....

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(ii) I think the Coy HQ should hold a third typewriter for lending to detached tpt plns.

This brings the total for the Coy up to 6.

(e) Pro - Scale 1 per Coy

It is considered 1 per sec is required making a total of 2.

3. On this basis the total entitlement for the Gruppo becomes:-

GRUPPO HQ	-	20
Arty Regt	-	16
Inf Regts (2)	-	22
Engr Bn	-	5
Medical	-	3
O.F.P.	-	3
Wksps	-	1
S.T.	-	6
Pro	-	2
		78

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4. It is realised that it is probably quite impossible to issue this quantity of typewriters to each Gruppo, but on the other hand CREMONA at least already holds some machines. Providing the need for 78 machines per Gruppo is recognised perhaps it will be possible to provide the difference between the scale and present holdings from Allied sources.

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7. In view of this there seems to be no object in submitting proposals to you since these could only be in respect of initial issues and so far as CREMONA is concerned such issues are already demanded.

Lt Col.
General Staff.

Field.
17 Dec 44.
RWH/KS.

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AG 2574

SUBJECT IS LEAVE FOR ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL OF COMBAT GROUPS (.) LEAVE MAY BE GRANTED TO PERSONNEL OF COMBAT GROUPS TO AREAS NORTH OF LINE LUCCA - PISTOIA - RIMINI INCLUSIVE THOSE TOWNS (.) NOA GRANTED LEAVE TO AREA SOUTH OF REAR ARMY SECURITY LINE AND SOUTH OF LINE AS ABOVE WILL BE IN POSSESSION OF STANDARD ARO YELLOW MOVEMENT PERMIT (.) ALL'S WILL CREATE AND PERMITS FROM BN AG AND CONFLICTS IN RESPECT OF NEW GRANTED SIGN LEAVE (.) 6586
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From : MMIA

To (Action) 52 ELU.

Ref No : SS 460

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Please contact RAAC earliest reference AFHQ AG 354 No 1/145/GCT - 0 of 9 Dec

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Authenticated

for Col Pinsky

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Royal Artillery Training Team
(Italian Forces)
C.M.F.

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9 Dec 44. 3/100.

Headquarters Royal Artillery. A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: Headquarters Royal Artillery, A.A.I.
M.M.I.A.

Would you please ensure that the G.S.O.11 RA on the strength of RLU's with the Gruppi get copies of all letters which would normally be sent to Divisional HQ RA. We are so busy at the moment translating and instructing and the Divisions are now so scattered that I cannot myself be responsible for translating into Italian straight away the numerous documents which arrive here. I feel that if you would be kind enough to send copies of your Information Letter direct to G.S.Os 11 RA and instruct Publications to put them on their mailing list, they could then pass on the information direct to the Regt Comds.

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R.A. Dehn
Lt Col, G.S.
Commanding R.A. Training Team (Italian Forces)

Field.

Distr "G" Spec See by AG

Subject:- Leave - Italian Army

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext.226

3074/27/A(O)

8 Dec 44.

CG FIFTH Army (5)
CG FIFTH Army (for attention Br Increment) (5)
Main HQ EIGHTH Army (5)
Rear HQ EIGHTH Army (5)
HQ No 1 District (5)
CG PRS (5)

Copy to:- AFHQ G1 (Br) (3)
CG NATOUSA (G1)
SOS NATOUSA (G1)
HQ AC (2)
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) HQ AC (3)
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Tn Inc
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Col. NEGRONI
3149/8/A(O)

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Reference this HQ letter 3074/27/A(O) dated 26 Sep 44.

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AG1. confirmed inclusive terms SPA 4/10

2 inclusive

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(b) The BLU attached to each Group will

(i) be responsible for obtaining from HQ AC sufficient blank AMG yellow movement permits.

(ii) Complete the permits in respect of all personnel within the Group proceeding on leave.

(iii) Forward the completed permits for signature and stamping to (a) the AMG officer located nearest to the BLU, where the Group concerned is located north of the Rear Army Security Control Line, or (b) the Army SCAO or Provincial Commissioner in whose area the soldier's home is located where the Group is located south of the Rear Army Security Control Line."

Alyd Dawtry, Major
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

JSS/VRT

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Leave - Italian Army.

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext.226

3074/27/A(O)

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(d) Rations will NOT be drawn for, or issued to, personnel on leave.

(e) Rest or Leave Camps, or any facilities serving similar purposes, will NOT be maintained for Italian personnel on leave.

PERMITTED AREAS

3. Personnel on mainland of ITALY will be permitted to travel on leave as follows:-

(a) Troops stationed in rear of Rear Army Security Control Line

Anywhere within that area up to but not forward of Rear Army Security Control Line.

/(b)

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(c) Troops ... Cabinet ...
... capital ... & Line ...

(b) Troops stationed fwd of Rear Army Security Control ...

(i) Anywhere within area to rear of Rear Army Security C...

(ii) Fwd of Rear Army Security Control Line only with approval ... District or Base Section concerned.

4. Rear Army Security Control Line referred to in para 3 above has been established for the specific purpose of restricting and controlling movement of Italian personnel into fwd areas.

This line consists of a series of check posts, which are manned continuously to prevent access to fwd areas by persons not in possession of a pass.

This line will be adjusted from time to time: the following is the present line:-

FIUMESINO S.4951 - JESI - FABRIANO S.1217 - FOSSATO R.9912 - PERUGIA - MACIONE W.5396 - N of L TRASIMENO - SINALUNGA R.1605 - SIENA - VOLTERRA - CECINA.

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PERMITS

5. Where troops may travel to or within any specified area only at discretion of appropriate Army, District or Base Section, a permit authorising such travel will be issued by appropriate HQ. No person without such permit will be permitted to travel to or in that area.

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for Alexander

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for Sheffield Col

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

TDG/VRA

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin. 2a/29.

9 1425 A

From : MMIA

To : AFHQ, for ~~AFMMI~~ ADP&S

Ref No : S3 447

RESTRICTED

Ref 51 HLU signal A 10/1 dated 7 copy to you (*) Presume you will take action (*) This HQ letter S/G/29/29 dated 28 Nov refers

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Precedence : Important

Authenticated : [signature] Major

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FROM 51 2 L U 071710A

TO HQ FMIA

INFO ADDSS AFHQ 10 CORPS

QEX GP 74

A 10/ 1 . YOUR 5 / 6 / 29 / 29 OF 23 NOV . ONE

NOTED NO DUPLICATONS ALLOWED IN SCALE FOR GRUPPI .
CONSIDER THREE GRUPPO HE TWO PER REGIMENT HQ
~~CONSIDER THREE GRUPPO HE EQUIVALENT STRENGTH SCALE~~ .
AND ONE PER BATTALION OR EQUIVALENT UNIT MINIMUM SCALE .
REQUEST THESE ADDED AND AUTHORITY TO DRAW UP

SOME MACHINES SCONEST A . TWO

AM ADVISED THAT WITHOUT ONE FORDIGRAPH GRUPPO HQ

AND 1 ARTILLERY REGIMENT HQ IPOSSIBLE PREPARE

BARRAGE AND FIRE PLAN TRACES . REQUEST THESE ISSUED

FORTHWITH AS URGENTLY REQUIRED

~~CINCSAF~~ TRAINING ARTILLERY STAFF

THI 1310

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SENT 0015 E H G K
RECD 0015A J O E K

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AS 5/6/29/29

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

GENERAL SITUATION

7 December 1944.

1. The original schedule for the production of six Italian Combat Groups has been delayed about six weeks by two main factors :-

(a) Inability to produce equipment in time, on account of other commitments,

(b) Extra time needed to train mechanical specialists (particularly drivers, fitters, and armourers), partly due to shortage of equipment.

2. During November the FRIULI and CREMONA Combat Groups completed their re-equipping and preliminary training in the BENEVENTO Area. Inspections were made by H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO of PIEDMONT and by General Sir Harold ALEXANDER who told the Commanders he was impressed and well satisfied, and that the Groups would form part of his Group of Armies and be treated in the same way as those of all the other nations fighting under him. Some anxiety was experienced over the standard of training of motor drivers and other mechanical specialists which has resulted in considerable damage to equipment; extra British personnel were provided to raise the standard. Towards the end of the month both Groups moved forward to come under command of British 13 and 10 Corps respectively for higher training before going into the line. During the moves each Group provided a representative column of 1500 men and 200 vehicles to march through ROME as evidence to the citizens of their existance. They were given an enthusiastic reception from large crowds in spite of the efforts of the younger generation to turn the event into an excuse for expressing their political views. H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO took the salute of FRIULI on 24 Nov but was prevented from doing so in the case of CREMONA by the government crisis then existing.

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5. PISTOIA Group is still under discussion and its future has changed many times during the month. The latest intention is that 3,000 of its Officers and men should be loaned to Allied Commission for Carabinieri duties until 15 Feb 1945. The remainder are still in doubt whether they are to form the nucleus of the sixth Combat Group, or be used as a reserve holding Group, or be converted into a Replacement Training Depot. There will be no equipment for this Group till February at best.

6. Reinforcements are being provided from call-ups in various parts of ITALY and a Depot has been established at TRANI (N.W. of CAPUA) the problem of its equipment, training facilities and future location received considerable attention during November but has not yet been solved.

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7. Auxilliary Units planned to be formed for the first two Groups are now in readiness to accompany them to the forward area. The rest are slowly forming alongside their respective Groups but their equipment presents a difficult problem.

8. The present intention is that Groups should be ready to go into the line by the following dates :-

FRIULI	15 Jan 45
CREMONA	- - - -
LEGNANO	1 Feb 45
FOLGORE	- - - -
MANTOVA	15 Feb 45
PICENO	?

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Translation.

From :- M of S.
To :- MMIB.

Ref.- 305570/2/C.A.
Date :- 2 Dec. 44.

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Subject.- Acknowledgement of Italian Troops' work.

Herewith, for information, copy of the letter from 1108 U.S. Engr. Combat Group received by 23rd Engr. Bn in the excellent work carried out by the Bn. is praised.

(Sgd) Gen. S. ORLIA.

Per.

Lt. Fabbri.

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Translation.

From :- 1108 HS Engr. Combat. Group. Ref :- 9 Fd/Spt.
To :- 23rd Engineer Bn. Date :- 3rd Nov. 44.

Subject :- Work carried out during the night of 1st Nov. 44.

1/ During the afternoon of the 31st ult we were under the impression that the heavy rain, that was more and more increasing, had most probably cut the communication line of this corps.
While a number of lateral moves were formed for the next 48 hrs, such interruption would have upset many plans.

2/ Some of your men met at the last minute to do the job of which responsibility was of other units, worked very hard under very bad weather conditions nearly all through the night. This especially refers to the squad that erected with wood logs the canal bridge of Montecatini.

3/ I wish to express my praise for the excellent work done during that night. If this was not done, the consequences would have been serious. But you did it and the road could be used, in the time expected, by the traffic

(Sgd) A. E. CLARK Jr.

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E. E. 6577

Dft Cmdr

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SUBJECT: Office Equipments and Stationery

LAND FORCES MID-EAST. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/G/29/29
18 Nov 44

TO : AAI MIDA

Copy to: ADPSS
AFHQ

1. ADPSS have been approached with a view to the compilation of AFL 1596 for an Italian Combat Group.

2. It is not practicable to produce L 1596 to cover stationery but a scale of typewriters has been produced and a copy of this is attached.

3. ADPSS would welcome a provisional list for stationery etc. from MMIA for each unit in a Group. Would you therefore please forward your recommendations to this HQ in order that a list may be prepared and forwarded to ADPSS.

4. For SO MIA. From attached scale it will be seen that your entitlement of typewriters is 41. Your holding is 51 and it will be necessary for you to shuffle your allocation.

5. For ADPSS. You will notice that according to the scale prepared by you (and handed to this HQ by Capt LONGMAN of G(AS)) that the entitlement for Gruppo is 41 and not 37 as shown at foot as scale.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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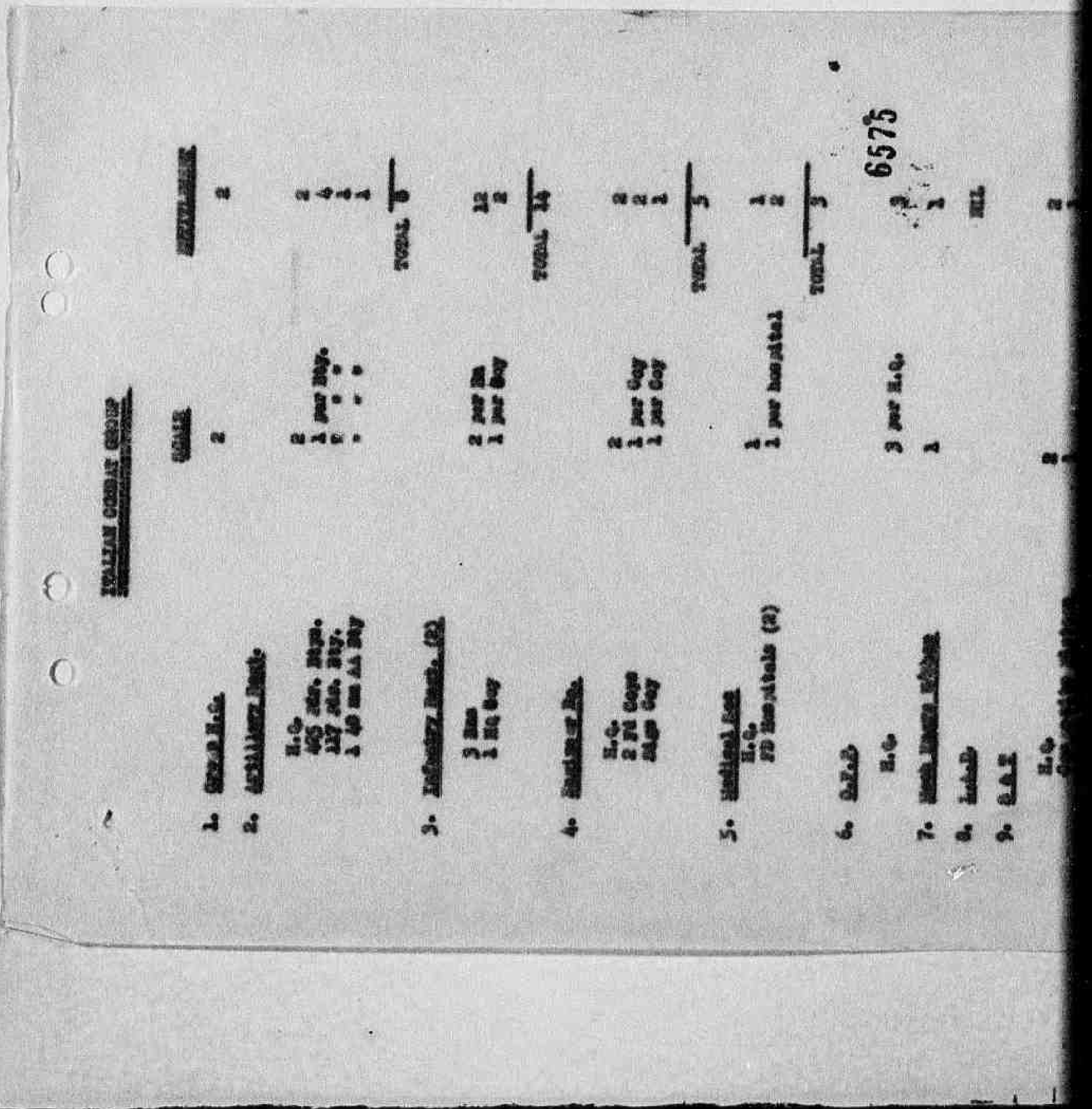

		TOTAL	14
4. [redacted]			
H.Q.	2		2
2 Fd Coys	1 per Coy		2
Sigs Coy	1 per Coy		1
		TOTAL	5
5. [redacted]			
H.Q.	1		1
FD Hospitals (2)	1 per hospital		2
		TOTAL	3
6. [redacted]			
H.Q.	3 per H.Q.		3
7. [redacted]	1		1
8. [redacted]			NIL
9. [redacted]			
H.Q.	2		2
Composite Platoon	1		1
W/Shop Platoon	1		1
		TOTAL	4
10. [redacted]	1 per Coy		1

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SUBJECT: AM432 (Italian).

Land Forces Sub-Com. S.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
10/29/29
25 Nov 44

TO : 52, 53, 54, 55 MIB's.

Copy to: AFHQ; AFHQ.

Demands for your requirements of AM432 (Log Book for 8 T Vehicles) printed in Italian should be made direct on AFHQ as AFHQ.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: AB 412.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/29
26 Nov 44

TO : ADPSS, AFHQ.

Reference your PSS/45/1 dated 21st November.

1. Upon further consideration it is now thought that 10,000 copies of AB 412 (Italian) will be sufficient, at any rate for the time being.

2. It is thought that control of issue should be exercised by ADPSS and that indents submitted by 50 and 51 MLU's should stand.

3. Other MLUs will be told to demand their requirements direct from you.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE.

Subject: A.B.412. 238/45/1.

M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

Ref. your 88331 dated 15 November.

1. Printing is at present in hand for 10,000 copies of A.B. 412 (Italian). On information supplied to this Directorate, it was estimated that 10,000 copies would cover all vehicles being issued to Gruppis.

2. Before further printing is undertaken will you please state the basis of your requirement of 30,000 copies.

3. Indents have already been placed by 50 and 51 B.L.U. Those amount in total to 2,500 copies A.B. 412(Italian). Will you please state if you will control issue to the various B.L.Us. and that their indents should now be cancelled.

4. Owing to the large amount of paper required to produce A.B. 412 (Italian), it is essential that the print should be kept to a minimum.

4 Nov. 44.
ADC/SFB.

Lt.Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q.

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Subject:- Leave

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E
AQ/17

22 November 44

WP

53 B.L.U.

1. It is understood that leave has been cancelled by the Italian Authorities.

2. No reason is known for this and leave should be on the normal 5% basis. The War Ministry has been so informed.

F.J.MOAKES Col.
DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(MMIA)

FJM/jrp

Copy to:- Spec.Sec. MMIA

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SUBJECT: Officers Messes and Cooking

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A.1/2
21 November 1944

TO: 52 BLU

1. Att. is circular 7800/1 of 25 May 44 signed by the Minister for War.

2. It orders universal cooking from universal rations but it specifically allows officers to eat their meals in officers messes.

3. Officers are permitted to augment their rations if they so wish.

F.J. NOAKES, Col.
DA & AG
M.M.I.A.

FJN/r1
Copy to: 50 - 51 - 53 - 54 - BLU
Special Section M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of War letter No 7800/I dated 25 May 1944.

Subject: Equality of Rations for Officers and Men

In furtherance of a custom already largely extended throughout the Army and with a view to strengthening the ties which, particularly in units, should exist between Officers, NCO's and men in sharing the same life, the same habits and the same discomfort, I order that in all units, within the Regiments (Regimental H.Q.'s included) Bns, Brigades or smaller independent units, officers share the troops' food.

This sharing means that only one meal will be cooked for the whole strength of the unit regardless of rank though officers may consume this meal in premises alloted to this purpose.

Officers having their families residing locally, are allowed with the authority of their Commanders, to live out drawing rations in kind where entitled to them.

Such rations will be drawn by voucher. This concession to officers is also applicable to Senior NCO's."

The Commissariat Directorate General will issue the necessary instructions covering withdrawal of rations in accordance with this circular.

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(Sgd) The Minister

Translated by S/Sgt De Juan

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SUBJECT: Command and Administration of Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/8
19 November 1944

1. AFHQ letter AG 091.711/169 GCT-O dated 16 November 1944 is forwarded herewith.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

FJN/lc

F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No. 24 - A/Q File
25 - "G"
26 - Comd.
27 - 2 IC
28 - Col. Pidsley
29 - DA & QMG
30 - ADST
31 - Lt. Col. Shipley
32 - Major Rose
33 - Major Heggie
34 - MMIA LO, Naples
35 - MMIA LO, 54 Area
36 - Major Van Kirk, 5 Army
37 - Capt. Bird, Br. Inor. 5 Army
38 - MMIA LO, 8 Army
39 - MMIA LO, AGC Sardinia
40 - MMIA LO, HQ Sicily Region, A.C.
41 - MMIA LO, 3 District
42 - MMIA LO, 1 District
43 - Held by A/Q as spare

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FROM 51 HLU

TO MMIA 171220A

INFO PSS AFHQ

A10/1

Ref AFHQ PSS/5 of 11 (.) Regret this letter does not answer points raised in my A10/1 of 5 (.) With exception of 604S and 4ES only stationery drawn by US has been for use of HLU consider essential to have laid down L1308 scale for GRUPPI and most desirable to draw up an approved scale of stationery for initial equipping.

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SUBJECT: Stationery.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/3/29/23
17 Nov 44

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
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1. Under authority ADPSS letter, reference P33/5 dated 11th Nov. Combat Groups are authorised to draw Stationery direct from nearest Stationery Depots.

2. B.L.O's will inform Groups and naturally give any advice necessary on scales permitted, preparation of demands, etc.

a Field Major
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

PSS/5

SUBJECT:- Stationery

M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- OC, 51 B.L.U.

Reference your SS 291 dated 8 Nov 44.

1. All Italian Units are authorised to draw Stationery from Stationery Depots.

2. In view of the fact that 51 B.L.U. has been drawing extensively from 21 Stationery Depot it is not understood why this query has been raised.

3. Future formations can apply direct to nearest Stationery Depot without obtaining special authority from this Directorate.

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Inform BLU's & SMRE

11 Nov 44
ADC/PGM

Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S. A.F.H.Q.

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File 41
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AFHQ for ADP33

SS 331

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May 30,000 copies of AB 412 in Italian be made available to this HQ for Combat Groups and their administrative units.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED C. Lucas
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S/G/29/29

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

9 November 1944

RAAC/G/143/G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Guards - Quirinale

TO: OC 30 Cheshire

1. H.R.H. Prince of Piedmont has expressed a wish that the Guard Duties at the Quirinale at present carried out by CC.RR should be taken over once per week by his old regiment - The Granatieri.

2. Commencing Wednesday 15 Nov and then subsequently on Wednesday of each week, the u/m detail will be arranged from the Granatieri, under comd this Headquarters:

a. Duty: 24 hours.

b. Guard: 1 Offr.
3 Sgts.
21 ORs.
1 Bugler.

c. Granatieri will mount at 0800 hrs on Wednesday 15 Nov; dismount 0800 hrs Thursday 16 Nov. These timings will be adhered to on each successive week.

3. OC 30 Cheshire and representative of the Granatieri will arrange to visit Lieut DAIMELLE, ADC to H.R.H. Prince of Piedmont, in order to complete domestic details in connection with this project.

4. This Headquarters will be advised earliest of the completion of arrangements.

E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

Copy: MMIA (your S/G/29/29 of 5 Nov refers).
Public Safety Sub-Commission AC (2).

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FROM MAIA

TO AFHQ

INFO 51 RLU

SS 291

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Confidential

Understand FRIULI ~~Gruppo di Combattimento~~ Combat Group authorised to draw L 1398 equipment from British sources (.) Your PSS/5 dated 18 September refers (.) Request similar facilities be made immediately available to CREMONA ~~Gruppo~~ Group and subsequently to other groups (.) Please advise (.)

PRECEDENCE Important

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Subject :- Stationery for GRUPPI

To :-
HQ MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

A 10/1

Chief of Staff
CREMONA Division

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1 The question of stationery for the GRUPPI was raised with Col PINSLEY on 4 Oct and again on 29 Oct as a result of which it is understood S M R E were instructed to provide adequate quantities. So far as CREMONA is concerned, no stationery has yet been received from this source.

2 The position now is that in addition to requiring normal stationery such as typing and duplicating paper, the demand and need for such items as duplicators is increasing daily.

3 Certain other items normally supplied to British units from Stationery depots will undoubtedly be essential for the GRUPPI before moving forward. In this category may be included Artillery Board covers, work tickets, wireless logs, etc. (The two latter have in fact, already been provided through this unit).

4 It would appear, therefore that the simplest solution to this problem is for all stationery requirements for the GRUPPI to be provided from British sources. In fact it is understood that authority to do this has already been given to FRIULI under AFHQ FSS/5 dated 18 Sep.

5 If this is accepted as a principle
(a) to be applied to Gruppi as a whole, it will be necessary to define clearly whether only normal stationery items are to be so provided or if office machinery is to be included - in which case an L 1398 scale must be drawn up

(b) Also, if stationery is to be provided from British sources, it is considered that a complete scale of all items to cover the requirements for a Gruppo should be drawn up in collaboration with DFSS

(c) BLOs, on behalf of their Gruppo, can then indent on this scale, and thus avoid presenting a series of incomplete indents. Experience has proved, that when equipping an office from scratch, it is virtually impossible to foresee all ones stationery requirements

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6 May the contents of this letter please receive your consideration and a policy laid down, since provision of stationery and duplicators is rapidly becoming a matter of extreme urgency.

Field
5 Nov 44
KWH/RGT

Lt Col
General Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3, SECTION

3 Nov 44

FILE NO: WED/78

SUBJECT: Formation Signs

TO : Military Mission Italian Army, Rome

Ref your S/G/29/29 dated 25 Oct 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of the specimens of the Div Signs of the Italian Combat Groups now forming.

DANIEL NOCE,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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SUBJECT: Guards at the Quirinal.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
6/8/30/29 ✓
5. Nov 44

TO : R.A.A.C.

Copy to: Lt. MAINELLI A.D.C. to H.R.H. Prince of Piedmont -
For information General INFANTE
R.A.A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC (2).

1. H.R.H. Prince of Piedmont has expressed a wish that the Guard duties at the Quirinal, at present carried out by CC.RR. should be taken over once a week by his old regiment The GRAMATIERI.

2. The Guard will be for 24 hours and will consist of 1 officer, 3 Sergts, 21 ORs and one bugler.

R.A.A.C. have to agreed to provide the above personnel once a week from the Granatieri companies under their command. (Conversation Major SEDGWICK - Lt TREVELYAN of 3/11 refers).

3. Public Safety Sub-Commission A.C.C. have no objection to the above proposal.

4. It is suggested that the first day for the GRANATIERI to take over should be Wednesday Nov 15th and then each subsequent Wednesday thereafter.

5. Timings of take-over and other details will be arranged mutually between R.A.A.C. and Public Safety Sub-Commission.

W Pidsley Lt Col
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

File 29/29
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F.M. 131, 25 ottobre 1944

P R O M E M O R I A

OGGETTO: Visita: ai distretti di Avellino e Benevento e Frosinone } nei giorni 22 -23 e 24/10 1944
al Deposito 10° Genio
al Rgt.Compl. per Gr.di Comb.
ai Gr.di Comb: Legnano Folgore Friuli e Cremona.

I.- Distretto di Avellino (visitato giorno 23/10): ho notato quanto segue:

1°- caserma con nessuna capacità di acquartonamento o accampamento; uffici molto male arredati

2°- mezzi di collegamento: telefono con Gr.Comb."Cremona"

3°- circa richiamo classi - dal '14 al '19:
- inviate 4.644 cartoline precetto dal giorno 15 in poi
- manifesto affisso ad Avellino giorno 23; potrà raggiungere nei Comuni più distanti entro 10 giorni. In merito vi è stata minaccia da parte interessata di xxxxxxx boicottare affissione nei Comuni minori di detto manifesto perchè si ritiene dalla massa che i richiami vengano effettuati in vista della partecipazione nostra alla guerra contro il Giappone. Di ciò è stato avvertito il Prefetto.

4° -Oggetti da distribuire ai richiamati in possesso del Distretto:

- coperte	n. 1.200	perciò : serie complete per n.330 uomini soltanto.
- ciotole	" 700	
- cucchiai	" 330	

5°- mancano:

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4° -Oggetti da distribuire ai richiamati in possesso del Distretto:

- coperte	n. 1.200	perciò : serie completa per n.350 uomini soltanto.
- ciotole	" 700	
- cucchiai	" 300	

5°- mancano:

- sufficienti carabinieri per accompagnamento
- n. 2 medici. Il distretto chiede al posto dei carabinieri:
  - 1 subalterno energico
  - 1 sottufficiale e 10 truppa

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6° - viveri:ci sono in posto ma non sono ancora stati svincolati dal Com.Mil.Campania. Non c'è possibilità di confezionare un rancio caldo.

Ho disposto:

- di avviare ~~xxxxx~~ gli specializzati che si presenteranno al distretto, fino a colmare le deficienze di cui appresso,al Gruppo Comb. "Cremona".
- di avviare il rimanente gettito (non specializzati) ed eventuale esuberanza di specializzati) direttamente al Reggimento Complementi -
- mezzi di trasporto: n.2 autocarri affluiranno mattino giorno 25 corrente da Gr.Comb. "Friuli".

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Occorre:

- confermare Campania precedenti ordini
- disporre che un Gruppo di Combattimento - per es."Cremona" - provveda ad avviare il drappello d'inquadramento dei richiamati, qualora non avesse ancora provveduto diversamente il Comando Militare Campania
- informare Campania deficienze sopra elencate circa sblocco viveri ed avviamento oggetti da distribuire ai richiamati e medici.

II.-Distretto di Benevento:(visitato giorno 23/10):ho notato quanto segue:

1°- non c'è una caserma; nessuna capacità di accantonamento o accampamento; uffici con poco spazio molto male arredati

2°- mezzi di collegamento:

con Napoli: telescrivente e filo (fonogramma),tramite

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con Napoli: telescrivente e filo (fonogramma),tramite A.A.

con Gr.Comb."Friuli": a mezzo motociclista

3°- circa richiamo classi dal "14 al "19:
inviati n.3.081 cartoline precetto dal giorno 15 in poi
manifesto affisso a Benevento giorno 23; potrà giungere nei Comuni più distanti entro 7-10 giorni.

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4° - oggetti da distribuire ai richiamati in possesso del distretto:

- coperte n. 374 (perciò: serie complete per n.174
- gavette " 174)(uomini soltanto
- cucchiai " 374 (
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5° - viveri: ci sono in posto ma non sono ancora stati svincolati dal Com.Mil.Campania. C'è possibilità di confezionare rancio caldo per 200 uomini

Ho disposto:

- di avviare ~~tutti~~ gli specializzati che si presenteranno al distretto, fino a colmare le deficienze appresso elencate, al Gr. Comb. "Friuli".
- di avviare il rimanente gettito (non specializzati per eventuale esuberanza di specializzati) direttamente al Reggimento Complementi
- mezzi di trasporto: n. 2 autocarri affluiranno mattino giorno 25 corrente da Gr.Comb."Friuli"

Occorre:

- confermare Campania precedenti ordini
- informare Campania circa deficienze oggetti da distribuire ai richiamati e sblocco viveri

III.- Distretto di Frosinone: (visitato giorno 24/10):ho notato quanto segue:

1°- caserma in discrete condizioni; uffici molto male arredati

2°- capacità di accantonamento: 400 - 450 uomini con paglia a terra.-

3°- più della metà dei comuni non hanno risposto alla chiamata per mancanza assoluta di mezzi di trasporto. In corso le segnalazioni al com/do Mil. Lazio-Umbria-Abruzzi.- In merito comun/te

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4°- da sei giorni il distr.non ha ricevuto alcun autocarro per trasporto dei militari incorporati al rgt.compl.- 6556

In sosta sera 24/10 : circa 100 u. idonei.-

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5°- Troppe esenzioni: al 23/10 su 7.600 u. ripresentatisi si sono avuti 4.592 esentati pari al 60,4 %.- Il numero dei militari idonei è stato invece di n° 1.278, pari al 16,8 % dei ripresentatisi.-

IV- Dep.10° rgt.genio chiede che siano avviati in licenza i militari testè rientrati dalla Sardegna, i quali hanno fatto ottima impressione ed ai quali si potranno tirar fuori alcuni specializzati. Richiesta già fatta dal rgt.alla Campania circa 10 gg. fa. Occorre rapida decisione per evitare assenze arbitrarie.
I gruppi di combatt. fanno spesso richieste direttamente al rgt. di specializzati. Ad evitare abusi, e per tener conto delle esigenze di tutti i gruppi di combatt., ho disposto che siano subito avviati al rgt. cpl. tutti gli specializzati che non possono fruire di licenze perchè aventi residenza in territori occupato e che allo stesso rgt. siano avviati in seguito gli specializzati che man mano si renderanno disponibili. Il rgt. dovrà aderire soltanto alle richieste regolari che gli perverranno dalle S.M.R.E., tre direttamente o tramite comilit Campania.-

In relazione alla richiesta da parte gr. combatt. "Folgore" di 50 militari genieri artieri ho disposto pure di approntare detto personale, scegliendo possibilmente elementi fisicamente ben prestanti. Occore confermare questi ordini.-

V.- Rgt.complementi per gr. di combattimento (visitato giorni 22 e 24/10) ; ho notato quanto segue ;

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1°) ordinamento su :
- com/do rgt.
- I btg. ftr. su 2 cp.
- II " "
- III " misto su 1 cp.art.1 cp.genio 1 cp.mista

2°) al nucleo permanente del rgt. mancano 8 autieri.- Sono stati presi dai complementi in arrivo

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3°) complementi disponibili :

I btg.	u.	165	tutti attendati e quasi
II "	"	79	tutti in borghese
III "	"	136	
totale	"	380	di cui 111 specializzati(v.all.)

Ufficiali che inquadrano i compl. non hanno i requisiti voluti; quasi tutti sono di compl.; la maggior parte ha chiesto di essere congedato; sono stati ceduti dal gr. combatt. "Legnano" e trattasi perciò, in genere di scarti. Il rgt. ha già rappresentato ciò al comando militare Campania, inoltrando richiesta dificienze.(circa 70 ufficiali).

4°) capacità accantonamento N.N. per personale; qualche casetta è ~~disponibile~~ occupata dal comando di rgt. e dai pochi materiali disponibili.

5°) capacità accampamento : dei 2.000 teli da tenda segnalati di prossimo arrivo sono effettivamente giunti soltanto n. 748, ma senza i relativi accessori.- Il comandante del rgt. si è già recato a Napoli per sollecitare la pratica.

6°) Automezzi il rgt. dispone:

un autocarro una autocarretta un camincino 1100 due moto	efficienti	
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Lo stesso lamenta dificienze di carburante necessario non soltanto per i numerosi trasporti di personale quanto per provare coloro che si dichiarano autieri.- Si appoggia per questo al gr. combatt. "Legnano", che non sempre può aderire e nella misura richiesta.

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6°) Oltre quanto sopra detto mancano:
- vestiario: sono in arrivo 3.500 serie, delle quali sono giunte solo le scarpe (riattate inglesi) coperte ed un primo lotto di mutande;
- gavette
- armi (per addestramento)
- materiale di uso generale (cucine ecc.ecc.)

7°) Attualmente i complementi fanno un pò di ginnastica e passeggiate perchè sono quasi tutti in borghese e non ci sono armi.- In conseguenza il morale, in complesso discreto, scema giornalmente, specialmente a causa della stagione fredda

Ho disposto quanto segue:
- avviamento ai gruppi di combattimento "Friuli" "Cremona" e "Folgore" degli specializzati disponibili (vedi allegato)
- di aderire alle sole richieste di assegnazione fatto da questo Stato Maggiore, direttamente o tramite comando militare Campania
- di avvertire a mezzo modo il distretto di Campobasso della dislocazione del Reggimento (al quale è destinato tutto il gettito dei militari o classi '14 - '19)
- di avvertire tempestivamente i distretti di Avellino Benevento e Campobasso dell'eventuale trasferimento del Reggimento

VI.- Gruppi di Combattimento (visitati nei giorni 22-23/10): ho accertate le seguenti deficienze:

a)- numeriche (rispetto all'organico maggiorato del 5% ~~6350~~ 6553 u.):

"Friuli"	"Cremona"	"Legnano"	"Folgore"	Totale
220 (1)	-	1010 (2)	820(3)	2050 (1)

Note (1) sarà compensata con l[illegible]

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note (1) sarà compensata con l'esuberanza di 200 uomini del gr.comb. "Cremona" (2) - 1010 uomini di cui: 600 alpini;, 300 arditi; 110 militeri vari (3) 820 di cui: 250 marinai;115 militari di sanità;50 genieri artieri 405 militari vari (quasi tutti specializzati) -

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b)- qualitative (specializzazioni più importanti)

	"Friuli"	"Cremona"	"Legnano"	"Folgore"	Totale
- autieri	250(1)	100	170	140	660
- meccanici autom.	150	-	50	90	290
- elettricisti	10	-	-	70	80
- marconisti	170	-	180	90	440
- armaioli e					
- meccanici armaioli	60	-	-	-	60
- fabbri aggiustatori	-	50	-	-	50
- radiomontatori	-	2	-	10	12
Totale	640	152	400	400	1592

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Ho disposto quanto segue:

- le deficienze di personale non dovranno essere più segnalate ogni 2 giorni al Comando Militare della Campania. Saranno richiesti dati di volta in volta, tramite Comando militare predetto
- i gruppi di combattimento non possono dare ordine sia ai distretti e depositi sia reggimenti complementi, tendenti al ripianamento delle deficienze di personale.
- al Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli": di avviare:
  - 2 autocarri al distretto di Benevento
  - 2 autocarri al distretto di Avellino

  } per mattino giorno 25 corrente

  - 1 autocarro al distretto di Campobasso } per richiami cl. "14 "19

e di tenere informato i distretti di Benevento e di Avellino del

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- meccanici armaioli	60	-	-	-	60
- fabbri aggiustatori	-	50	-	-	50
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In particolare:

- Gruppo Combattimento "Folgore":

1°) chiede completamento sezioni CC.RR.(3 uff.68 CC.RR.) raccomandando personale fisicamente scelto

2°) chiede poter incorporare tutti gli autieri della

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Sezione Motorizzata di Sanità(83ª ex - div. "Bari"), attualmente in sosta a Napoli

3°)chiede istruzioni (quando e dove)versare il materiale della divisione

4°)non ha ancora ricevuto: vestiario e materiale per addestramento

- Gruppo Combattimento "Legnano":

1°) chiede di porre alle dipendenze del regg.to Compl.il Cdo tappa di Vairano

2°) chiede definizione pratica relativa all'autonomia amm.va dell'Officina meccaniche deposito mobile e compagnia Genio

3°) propone di porre i numerosi enti minori (ospedali etc.)non alle dirette dipendenze del Comando Mil.della Campania ma di dipartirli fra i vari gruppi di combattimento

4°) si lamenta dei numerosi periodici richiesti dagli organi centrali

5°) non ha ancora il materiale per l'addestramento nè il vestiario nuovo tipo (ha rifiutato quello già giunto perchè di terza categoria)

6°) chiede definizione nominativi dei reggimenti e battaglioni

- Gruppo Combattimento"Cremona":

1°) chiede sostituzione Capitano SPE di Sussistenza CREMONA, per scarsa salute ed abulia

2°) si lamenta del numero eccessivo dei periodici richiesto dagli organi centrali

3°) chiede completemento sezioni CC.RR.(mancano 18 carabinieri)

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- Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli":

1°) chiede che venga assegnato ufficiale (automobilista o meno) per gli automezzi del battaglione genio

2°) chiede che venga assegnato almeno un ufficiale di S.M. di provata capacità al proprio comando

VII.- Sostituzione specializzati dell'unità lavoratori con non specializzati cl. '14 e più anziane:

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E' in atto (sono già partiti per Ancona 8 autocarri)

VIII.- varie:

1°) sono in atto i trasferimenti ad Afragola dei militari delle "14 e più anziane. Saranno ultimati tra qualche giorno

2°) sono stati tutti congedati i militari che ne avevano diritto

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REGGIMENTO COMPLEMENTI PER
GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO
- COMANDO -

Situazione militari specializzati.-

			Assegnazione disposta
Aggiustatori meccanici	nº	20	Cremona
Apparecchiatori telescriventisti	"	1	Friuli
Artificieri	"	1	"
Autieri	"	26	10 al rgt. - 16 Friuli
Autieri meccanici	"	4	Friuli
Barbieri	"	3	
Boscaioli	"	1	
Carpentieri	"	2	
Cementisti	"	2	
Conduttori caldaie a vapore	"	1	
Elettricisti	"	1	Friuli
Fabbri	"	2	1 Friuli - 1 Cremona
Falegnami	"	5	
Fornai	"	2	
Meccanici motoristi	"	2	Friuli
Panettieri	"	2	
Radio trasmettitori	"	1	
Telefonisti	"	3	
Telegrafisti	"	4	
Tipografi	"	1	Folgore
Tornitori	"	3	Cremona
Tratteristi	"	1	Friuli
Minatori	"	2	
Artieri	"	7	Folgore
Centralinisti tiro	"	1	
Ferrovieri	"	1	
Pontieri	"	1	
Motociclisti	"	3	Friuli
Carrozzieri	"	1	
Tubisti	"	1	
Tintori	"	2	Friuli
Pittori	"	3	"
Saldatori	"	1	"
Totale	nº	111	

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Subject :- Sport

51 British Liaison Unit.

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To :- Chief of Staff, CREMONA

HQ M.M.I.A.
Sports Offr, No.1 I.R.T.D.

I have already mentioned to the General the question of playing a Football Match between a team from the Gruppo and a team from the British Infantry Reinforcement Training Depot.

It is suggested that this match take place on Saturday November 5 at 1530 hrs. Teams to rendezvous at HQ I.R.T.D. The British team will be wearing Red shirts so it will be necessary for the Cremona team to be dressed in some other colour.

Spectators from the Gruppo will be able to attend the match.

Field
26 Oct 44
BWC/WWII

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

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Subject : Dress. 54 British Liaison Unit
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To :-
Chief of Staff
Gruppo Cremona

As requested I submit some notes on regulations regarding the wearing of battle dress which are in force in combatant units.

1. Officers :

Officers wear the blouse with the hooks at the collar and the two top buttons unfastened. The lapels are folded back and a collar and tie are worn. Brown boots - if in possession - are worn except in the case of Rifle Regiments and the Royal Tank Corps.

2. Other Ranks.

An order is, I believe, being issued allowing British other ranks to wear collar and tie when walking out. I presume you will not wish to extend this rule to Italian personnel.

3. General.

The battle dress is designed on the model of a ski-ing costume. It is supposed to be loose fitting. The blouse should be worn as a blouse i.e. the blouse should not be pulled down. I will demonstrate what I mean if you would like.

The buttons on the trousers should be attached to the buttonholes on the blouse. this will prevent the blouse riding up and leaving a gap between blouse and trousers.

The anklets (gaiters) should always be worn on parade. Personnel working in offices and when walking out are permitted to discard gaiters and to wear shoes.

The waist belt is worn by officers at all times and by other ranks when walking out. You may find this order unnecessary to apply to other ranks who are training as it is irksome for soldiers to wear the complete web equipment on parade and have to strip their equipment to wear [STRIP] belt only.

I am informed by MMIA that a ~~ribbon~~ showing the National Italian Colour will be worn by all ranks of the Gruppi and that each Gruppo will wear in addition a Gruppo sign, peculiar to that unit. These signs will be worn on the sleeve as British Divisional signs are worn. The Gruppo sign should be worn at the top of the sleeve and the National sign ½ inch below.

B.W. Mellanby
Lieut. Colonel
General Staff

Field,
Oct 44.
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SUBJECT: Divisional Distinguishing Signs.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
S/C/29/29

19 Oct 44

TO : AFHQ (G.3.ORG).

Herewith, as requested, specimens of the Divisional distinguishing sign for each of the Italian Combat Groups now forming.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Major General.

M.M.I.A.

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TO MMIA CMF 181700A

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RESTRICTED. REFERENCE YOU SS.183 CITE ROME AREA R.913 DATED 15 OCT. COPY OF TS/G/29 OF 26 SEP NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED HERE. HAVE PROCURED ONE COPY FROM AFHQ ---BT ---

SENT NR 615 211855A CB B

RCD 211855A HRA KK

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Subject: Supply of Electricity

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/24
20 October 1944

To : Electricity Control Board,
HQ RAAC

1. Operational pamphlets for the Italian Army are at present being printed by two firms, TIPOGRAFICO PINARO and TIPOGRAFICO REGIONALE, but neither firm is capable of printing the plates required to illustrate certain of the pamphlets.

2. Application is therefore made for electric current to be supplied to the firm:-

LABORATORIO ZINCOGRAFICO,
FILIPPONI RICARDO,
VIA BOTOPONI. 228,
ROME.

3. Electric current will be required daily from 0300 - 1800 hours for the period 23 Oct - 6 Nov 44. Further application will be made if an extension of this period is required.

F. J. HOAKES, Lt Col, 5443
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

JGB/wk

Copy to: Spec Sec. MMIA

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SUBJECT: Income Tax Return.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R C M E
29/29
18 Oct 44

TO : A.A. and Q.M.G.

Ref AQ/131 of 12/10/44.

I regret that I am not sufficiently conversant with my affairs in England to complete the form enclosed with your A/M letter.

Accordingly, in agreement with Staff Capt A I am sending the form to my bankers for completion.

Major

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MESSAGE FORM.

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From : Colonel MEA

To : HQ CMTC CMF

Date - Time

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SS 187

Security Classification RESTRICTED

For Major AMOS (.)

Address Colonel MEA as from seventeen October Military Manager

POSITANO (.) Paren ROME Area _____ Paren

Precedence ROUTINE

Authenticating Officer

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FROM MEIA

TO DMT ADMAP

SS 183

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Ref your DMT/706 of 14 Oct (.) PAREN BLANK AREA PAREN (.)

Copy of letter TS/G/29 of 26th Sept forwarded to you under

our TS/G/29 of 6 Oct

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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SECRET 73.

Subject :- Military Censorship of Private Correspondence.

Military Mission Italian Army,
A.F.H.Q.

T.S. A/120/19.
ch., 12.

To :- G.C., G0. 51, 52, 53,
2 and 1 Base.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of Military Censorship of Private Correspondence for Italian Troops located in operational areas, for information and action as necessary.

[signature]
Major General.
A.M.I.A.

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G0 AFW - Your signals G 53 of 27th September and G 131 of 14th October, refer.

Regulation

Subject: Military censorship of Private Correspondence for Italian troops located in Operational Areas.

I. [illegible]

1. Military censorship will effect all private correspondence of all military personnel of the Italian Army in Operational Areas and also civilian personnel with or employed by the Italian Armed Forces.

2. To ensure a good functioning of the censorship the full and loyal cooperation of all troops is necessary. All ranks must understand that however small a breach of the rules may appear it may lead to serious consequences.

II. [illegible]

1. Troops located in the Operational Areas may only use for their private correspondence

Post Cards
Letters not exceeding 20 grams in weight.

Such correspondence does not require the use of stamps.

The use of registered letters and Postal Parcels is forbidden.

2. This correspondence from the Operation Areas will be collected when possible by the Military Post Offices (Italian) and will be sent to its destination by the Italian Military Postal Service exclusively.

3. Telegrams, Cablegrams, Wireless Messages dealing with private matters will not be admitted either at sending or receiving places.

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III. [illegible]

1. All private correspondence will be written in Italian eventual authorization to use a foreign language must be requested to Central Military Censor at the following address; Book Censor 7 Cmf. Those who will be authorised to write in a foreign language will show on the envelope the language used.

2. The use of Code, Cipher, Short Hand or other forms of secret writing is forbidden.

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2. The use of Code, Cipher, short hand or other forms of secret writing is forbidden.

[illegible]

In the correspondence the following subjects may not be mentioned. These subjects are relative to Operation of the land, air and sea forces Italian or Allied.

(a) Strength of unit, moral and physical condition (organisation of units)

(b) Location or movements, arrival or lack of reinforcements.

(c) Arms and equipment

(d) Distinctive signs of units

(e) Arrangements taken for future operations

(f) Communications (use, condition, possible use of roads, bridges, railways, etc.)

(g) Position and description of camps and billeting area

(h) Losses, before the official publication

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(i) Consequences of enemy action before the Official publication

(l) Critics or comments calculated to bring discredit to Italian or Allied Forces.

(m) Mentions of atrocities before official publication

(n) Reference to an officer of the Rank of Col or above should this information lead to find the identity of the unit and its location.

(o) Quantity and quality of ammunition

2. The troops in combat units may mention their combat experiences providing these do not refer to geographical locality or military units.

3. Particularly the name of the unit to whom the writer belongs must not be mentioned in such a description and such combat experiences must only refer to the sender.

4. Documents:

It is forbidden to send the following Documents.

(a) Official Documents Military or civil including Orders, Reports, Maps, etc and enemy Documents of any description.

(b) Local papers. Cuttings of papers may be sent if they do not contain information on the location of the unit.

(c) Unit publication or information bulletins

(d) Postage stamps

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(e) Paper money; Italian or foreign.

(f) Photographic material prints or negatives, those developed or undeveloped.

(g) Diary or personal notes.

(h) Any other Documents of Military value.

5. Addresses:

(a) Each member of the Military Forces must know exactly the correct Military address of his unit. He may not use a civilian

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(h) Any other Documents of military value.

5. Addresses:

(a) Each member of the Military Forces must know exactly the correct Military address of his unit. He may not use a civilian address.

(b) On the outside of the envelopes and on the post cards he will show the name of the unit and its postal No.

(c) The address of the senders unit will not be shown outside or inside a letter sent to a POW in such cases the address of a parent or relative or even a friend residing in Liberated Italy will be used instead. This correspondent will then be able to send the answer to the letter to the address of the unit of the sender.

Privilege letters may not be used for such a correspondence.

(d) The use of printed cards or picture post cards which may give clues to the locality of the unit is forbidden.

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6. Picture Post Cards:

The use of picture post cards which would show in any way the present or past localities of the unit of the sender or the places which the units have passed during their movements and all picture post cards of identifiable parts of Italy are strictly forbidden.

7. Privilege Letters:

(a) As all Military personnel in Operational Areas the use of privilege letters for private and family matters has been granted.

(b) So as to enable to allow the writer the maximum of privacy in such correspondence and to save him eventual worries these letters will only be subject to censure by Military Central Censor.

(c) Each member of the Armed Forces will be able to send one of those privilege letters each week. In one of those letters as much as three letters may be enclosed for different addressee in which case the covering letter will be addressed to [illegible].

(d) The declaration on the cover must be signed by the sender.

(e) Any breach or abuse of such letters will be considered a serious offense.

(f) The possibility to use such letters must not in any way interfere with the duties of the unit censor officers and nor will the troops be forced to use only this method for all their letters. This privilege may be withdrawn any time.

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IV. POSTING OF LETTERS

1. N.C.Os, Troops and Civilians:

All letters for the A/M. will be posted in the unit post box. The envelopes will be left open except in case of the privilege envelopes which will be closed.

2. All letters for officers will be mailed to the Military Post Office closed and ready for posting to destination.

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V. CENSORSHIP IN THE UNITS

1. The censorship of all letters will be done by the unit command or service. Examination of all letters before posting will be done by officers of the unit command or service to which the writer belongs or is attached. All mailes will then be countersigned before the unit censor stamp is applied save for exception as shown in para VI No 2.

2. The word "Posting" refers to all correspondence posted in "Operational Zone" including letters addressed to other points within said zone.

3. It is the duty of the officers who are censoring letters to erase and if necessary destroy all personal letters which are breaking the rules of Censorship, or to erase any sentence or part of sentence without communicating the facts to the sender. Any subject which breaks the censoring rules must be rendered completely illegible, the best method being to cut it out, but when the cut is destroying normal correspondence the use of ink or indelible pencil is advocated taking into consideration that a censure not complete does not serve its cause and will not be effective as it calls special attention of the reader to such a sentence.

4. The officer will not write any comments on the letters he is censoring nor will they speak or discuss the contents of such letters and if they find them too much for their judgement they should refer the letter to higher authorities.

5. The censoring officer will countersign the letters of his men by signing his name in the left lower corner of the envelope not showing his rank. Initials are not sufficient to permit application of the censor stamps.

6. The censor stamp of the unit will be placed on the top left corner of the envelopes after the letter has been countersigned and it is forbidden to apply the stamp on a letter without address or with an incomplete address. Small units not in possession of a censor stamp will send their countersigned letters to the nearest units in possession of one.

7. Each censor stamp is marked by a number and these stamps cannot be transferred to other units and can only be used by C/O of the unit to which the stamp has been assigned or by an officer placed in charge of the stamp by the C/O himself. Before stamping the letter he must make certain that the missal has been countersigned by a qualified officer.

8. The Allied Postal service is authorised to refuse any letter that does not comply to the regulations as far as stamp and countersigning is concerned. When a letter is refused for the above reasons it will be returned to the sending unit.

9. Every precaution must be taken to ensure that the censor stamp does not get used illegaly and that it does not get lost. If it should be in danger of being taken by the enemy it will be destroyed. On the loss of a censor stamp, the facts will immediately be reported by telegram to Military Censor Center with [redacted] will return it to [redacted]

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH NEED NOT BE CENSORED BY UNIT

The following types of mail have not to be censored at the unit of the writer and must not bear unit censor stamp. They will be sent apart as official post to [illegible] CENSOR 7 CMF.

(a) Correspondence directed to Italian POW

(b) Letter written in foreign language that cannot be understood by unit censor.

The following must not be censored at the unit but must bear the censor stamp of the writer's unit.

(a) Officers letters. The sender however will write his name and initial on the lower left corner of the letter meaning that he has read the censoring rules and regulations and observed them in the letter.

(b) Privilege letters. The unit censor must not countersign those letters.

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VII. SENDING OF CENSORED MAIL

The transfer of the mail to the Military Post Office will be done by the unit. That is including: Private mail, officers mail and privilege mail. This office will check and place the mail in bags according to the destination and send it to this address:

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POSTA DA CAMPO 7 CMF

If the Military Post Office does not function it will be the duty of the sending unit to pack this mail and see to its sending to the A/M address.

It will be the responsibility of the unit that should the Military Post Office not function, to control the mail and see that it is sent in canvas bags or packets, making sure that no civilian mail other than civilians attached for duty to the Italian Army is included.

VIII. ARRIVAL OF MAIL

The mail coming from outside the operational areas is subject to Military censor and the following orders issued by Allied Military Command in Italy states that independently from those orders should a unit consider that the mail of a specified individual requires censoring they should notify the BASE CENSOR 7 CMF.

IX. CENTRAL MILITARY CENSOR

1. All mail for or from any Military personnel located in Operational Areas is subject to censure by the Base Censor.

2. Eventual questions relative to Postal Censor must be posted to Head of Central Military Censor with BASE CENSOR 7 CMF.

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Translation

Type pc; 8 copies

Military censorship of Private correspondance for Italian troops located in operational areas.

I General Instructions

I Military censorship will affect all private correspondance of all military personnel of the Italian army in operational areas and also civilian personnel with or employed by the Italian Armed forces.

II to ensure a good functioning of the censorship the full and loyal cooperation of all troops is necessary. All RR: must understand that however small a breach of the rules may appear it may lead to serious consequences

II Private Correspondance allowed and means of sending

I Troops located in the operational areas may only use for their private correspondance.

Post cards

Letters not exceeding 40 grams in weight.

Such correspondance does not require the use of stamps.

The use of registered letters, and postal parcels is forbidden.

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II This correspondence from the operational areas will be collected when possible by the Military Post offices (Italian) and will be send to its destination by the Italian Military postal service exclusively.

III Telegram. Cablogram. Wireless message dealing with private matters will not be admitted either at sending or receiving places.

III Instruction to Personnel.

All Private correspondance will be written in Italian eventual authorisation to use a foreign language must be.

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requested to Central Military censor. at the following address
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write in a foreign language will show on the envelope the
language used.

II The use of Code, Cypher, short hand or other forms
of secret writing is forbidden.

~~VII~~ Banned subjects.

I In the correspondence the following subjects may
not be mentionned those subjects are relatives to Operation of the
land air and sea forces Italian or allied.

A. strenght of unit moral and physical condition (organisation of units
B. Location or movements ordered or lack of reinforcements.
C. Arms and equipments
D. Distinctive signs of units
E. arrangements taken for future operations.
F. Communications (use, conditions probable use of roads, bridges
railways. etc)
G position and description of camps and billetting area. 6523
H losses, before the official publication.
I consequences of ennemy action before the official publication.
L. critics or comments calculated to bring discredit to Italian
or allied forces.

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I consequences of enemy action before the official publication.

L. critics or comments calculated to bring discredit to Italian or allied forces.

M. mention of atrocities before official publication

N. Reference to an officer of the Rank of Col or above should this information lead to find the identity of the unit and its location.

O Quantity and quality of ammunition.

2 The troops in combat unit may mention their combat experiences providing there do not refer to geographical locality or military units.

3 Particularly the name of the unit to which the writer belongs must not be mentionned in such a description

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and such combat experiences must only refer to the enemy

4 Documents

It is forbidden to send the following Documents

A official Documents Military or civil including Orders, Reports, maps etc and Enemy Documents of any description.
B Local papers cuttings of papers may be sent if they do not contain information on the location of the unit
C Unit publication or information bulletins
D postage stamps
E paper money Italian or foreign
F. photographic material prints or negatives those developed or undeveloped
G Diary or personal notes
H any other Documents of military value

5 Addresses.

A Each member of the military forces must know exactly the correct Military address of his unit he may not use 6512 civilian address.

B On the outside of the envelopes and on the post cards he will show the name of the unit and its postal No.

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C the address of the sender unit will not be shown outside or inside a letter sent to a P.O.W in such case the address of a parent or relative or even a friend residing in liberated Italy will be used instead this correspondent will then be able to send the answer to the letter to the address of the unit of the sender.

Privilege letters may not be used for such a correspondence.

D The use of printed cards or picture post cards which may give clues to the locality of the unit is forbidden.

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IDENTIFICATION

6 Picture Post cards

The use of picture post cards which would show in any way the present or past localities of the unit of the sender or the places which the units have passed during their movements and all picture post cards of unidentifiable parts of Italy are strictly forbidden.

7 PRIVILEDGE LETTERS.

A So all military personnel in operational areas the use of privilege letter for private and family matters has been granted.

(B) So as to enable to allow the writer the maximum of privacy in such correspondence and to save him eventual worries these letters will only be subject to censure by Military Central censor.

(C) each member of the armed forces will be able to send 1 of these privilege letters each week. In one of these letters as much as 3 letters may be enclosed for different addressees in which case the covering letter will be addressed to BASE CENSOR 7 CMF.

(D) The declaration on the cover must be signed by the sender.

(E) any breach or abuse of such letters will be considered a serious offence

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2. All letters for offices will be handed to the Military post office closed and ready for posting to destination

V Censorship in the Units

1 The censorship of all letters will be done by the unit command or service. Examination of all letters before posting will be done by officers of the unit command or service to which the writer belongs or is attached to. all mail so examined will then be countersigned before the unit censor stamp is applied save for exception as shown in Para VI N° 2

3/ It is the duty of the officers who are censoring letters to erase and if necessary destroy all personal letter which are breaking the rules of censorship, or to erase any sentence or part of sentence without communicating the facts to the sender any subject which breaks the censoring rules must be rendered completely illegible the best method being to cut it out. but when the act is destroying normal correspondence the use of ink or indelible pencil is advocated taking into consideration that a censore not completed does not serve it course and will not be effective as it call special attention of the reader of 6590 sentence.

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4/ The officer will not write any comments on the letters he is censoring. nor will they speak or discuss the contents of such letters and if they find them to much for their judgement they should refer the letter to higher authorities.

5/ The censoring officer will countersign the letters of his men by signing his name in the left lower corner of the envelope not showing his rank. Initials are not sufficient to permit application of the censor stamps.

6 The censor stamp of the unit will be placed on the High left corner of the envelopes after the letter has

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6 countersigned and it is forbidden to apply the stamps on a letter without address or with an incomplete address

small units not in possession of a censor stamps will send their countersigned letters to the nearest units in possession of one.

7 Each censor stamps is marked by a chamber and these stamps cannot be transfered to other unit and can only be used by C/O of the unit to which the stamps has been assigned or by an officer placed in charge of the stamps by the C/O himself before stamping the letter he must make certain that the missile has been countersigned by a qualified officer.

8 The Allied Postal service is authorised to refuse any letter that does not complie to the regulations as far as stamps, and countersigning is concerned when a letter is refused for the above reasons it will be returned to the sending unit.

9 Every precautions must be taken to ensure that the censor stamps does not get used illegaly and that it does not get lost

if it should be in danger to be taken by the enemy it will be destroyed

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9 On the lost of a censor stamps the facts will immediatly be

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9 On the lost of a censor stamp, the facts will immediatly be reported by telegram to Military Censor center with BASE CENSOR 7 CMF. if a unit possessing a censor stamp is disbanded they will return it to same address.

VI Correspondance which need not be censored by unit

The following types of mail have not to be censored at the unit of the writer and must not bear unit censor stamp they will be sent apart as official post to BASE CENSOR 7. CMF.

(A) correspondance directed to Italian P.o.W.

(B) letter written in foreign language that cannot be understood by unit censor.

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The following must not be censored at the unit but must bear the censor stamp of the writer and

a officers letters the under signed will write his name and initial on the lower left corner of the letter meaning that he has read the censoring rules and regulation and observed them in the letter.

B. Privilege letters the unit censor must not countersign these letters.

VII sending of censored mail

The transfer of the mail to the Military post office will be done by the unit. That is including: Private mail officers mail and privilege mail. This office will check and place the mail in bags according to the destination and sent it to this address

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PRESSO BASE CENSOR) CMF

If the Military post office does not function it will be the duty of the sending unit to pack the mail and see to the sending to the A/M address

It will be the responsability of the unit, that should the Military post office does not function 6588 control the mail and see that it is send in censor bags

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VIII Arrival of mail

The mail comming from outside the operational area is subject to military censore and following orders issued by Allied military Command in Italy states that independantly from those orders should a unit consider that the mail of a specified individual requires censoring they should notifie Base Censor 7 CMF.

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IX. Central Military Censor.

I all mail for or from any Military personnel located in operational area is subject to censore by the Base censor.

II eventual questions relative to postal censor must be ported to Head of Central Military censor. with BASE CENSOR 7 C MF

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army

CCB/5110 7 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Censorship Regulations - Italian Troops.

TO : M.M.I.A., Rome Area Allied Command.

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Reference your message SS 119 dated 1 Oct 44.

Herewith four copies of Censorship Regulations now in use by Italian Troops under command H.Q. A.A.I.

E.P. LOVEGROVE,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Communications Censorship.

Copy to : "A" B.L.U., A.F.H.Q.

LBG/hlb

Interpreters Section.
Please translate & have typed up...
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Lo 6 Copies D 10/10. Being done D 11/10

Done 15/10.
Copies Rec'd. B.L.U. (1), S3, S5 and F0
3 spare. B C D. 4

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MESSAGE FORM (266) 27/14

FROM 50 BLU.

TO MMIA

into AFHQ

Tokio 12 TOO 1412304.

No. G131.

(ROME AREA ————)O Ref my G53 of 30th Sept to MMIA and your SS 119 of 1st. OctO NO censorship regulation yet forthcoming O Please Expedite.

IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

M. Merrylt.

THI 1412554.

IMMEDIATE 6585

15/10

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ARMY [illegible] AM 0 2026 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Ctl	Brl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

29/29. Q. 8/10.

FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time at Origin
M.M.I.A. LO - NAPLES	05 13.30

For Action

'B' B.L.U. c/o CMTC

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

M.M.I.A.

Message Instructions

Originator's No

8099 = FOR EGERTON PD YOUR SIGNALS ARRIVING BY COURIER ARE TAKING 4 DAYS FOR IMMEDIATE AND 9 DAYS FOR ROUTINE PD NEW SUBJECT PD FOR YOUR INFORMATION THIS OFFICE CANNOT REQUEST OR ARRANGE MOVEMENTS PD ALL DONE BY MMIA OR AAI PD NEW SUBJECT PD REF YOUR CR/4 OF 25 SEPTEMBER PD LACES MUST BE PROCURED FROM BRITISH SOURCES PD

This Message may be sent as Written by any means except	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	Signed	DTG
Visible Record		ROUTINE	THI or TOR		658
Release	Release		Time cleared		

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Subject: Standing Orders.

MMIA
FILE REF. 29/29.
Date Rec'd 7/10

AT MMIA
NAPLES
G-2

To: MMIA
From: MMIA, LO, Folgore

1. May I be sent a copy of Div standing orders?

2. Do you approve translation and publication with the changes necessary?

3. I would appreciate any copy of standing orders for MT to give Folgore our practice in traffic and convoy discipline.

J. A. PHILIP
Captain,

much better if they make ups their own?
I will ask AAI. Wait until [illegible] BC then
WP

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Lond Spec Sect.(Y) Distribution to P&O
A.B.C.D.E.F. BLOs - keep one. to P General File.

Subject: Leave - Italian Military Personnel.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/17

6 Oct 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Leave may be granted to Italian Military Personnel under the following terms and conditions :

(a) Where Italian Military Personnel are under Allied Command, leave will not be granted without the prior consent of the Allied Commander who will decide whether the Military situation permits the granting of leave.

Groups are under Italian Control until they [illegible] into the line

(b) Leave may be granted for a period of 7 days, excluding travelling time, not more than once in six months.

(c) Compassionate leave may be granted in deserving cases subject to approval by an officer of the Italian Army of rank of Colonel or above, for 14 days excl travelling time, recipients of compassionate leave will on return be placed at the bottom of the roster for ordinary leave.

(d) Not more than 5% of a unit may be away on privilege and compassionate leave at any one time.

(e) Rations will NOT be drawn for, or issued to, personnel on leave.

(f) Rest or Leave Camps, or any facilities serving similar purposes, will NOT be maintained for Italian personnel on leave.

2. PERMITTED AREAS.

Personnel on mainland of ITALY will be permitted to travel on leave as follows :-

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(a) Troops stationed in rear of Army Security Control Line.

Anywhere within that area up to but not forward of Army Security Control Line.

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(ii) Fwd of the Army Security Control Line only with approval of Army, District or Base Section concerned.

(c) Leave will not be granted to personnel in SICILY or SARDINIA to visit places outside those Islands. Similarly personnel on the Mainland will not be granted leave to places outside the Mainland.

3. The Army Security Control Line referred to in para 2 above has been established for the specific purpose of restricting and controlling movement of personnel into fwd operational areas.

This line consists of a series of check posts, which are manned continuously to prevent access to fwd areas by persons not in possession of a pass.

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This line will be adjusted from time to time: the following is the present line :-

FIUMESINO S.4951 - JESI - FABRIANO S.1217 - FOSSATO R.9912 -

PERUGIA - MAGIONE W.5396 - N of L TRASIMENO - SINALUNGA

R.1605 - SIENA - VOLTERRA - CECINA.

These towns defining the Boundary are inclusive to the unrestricted leave area.

4. PERMITS.

Where troops may travel to or within any specified area only at discretion of appropriate Army, District or Base Section (see para 2 (b) ii above), a permit authorising such travel will be issued by appropriate HQ. No person without such permit will be permitted to travel to or in that area.

5. The discretion of Army, District or Base Section will not be exercised in favour of any person who cannot give good reasons for spending leave in the area in question by reason of location of his home, family or business.

6. RESTRICTED ZONES.

Personnel granted leave to places within the area bounded on the NORTH by the Army Security Line (as defined in para 3 above), and on the SOUTH by the northern boundaries of the Provinces of TERAMO - RIETI and ROMA, or to places in the province of FOGGIA, must be in possession of A.C.C. passes, or in the case of troops of the Combat Groups, must receive M.M.I.A. authorisation.

7. TRANSPORT.

No demand on Allied Military sea, rail or road facilities will be made for personnel going on leave. The movement of personnel going on leave will be carried out by the Italian Army. There is no objection to existing Allied Military transport facilities being used for the purpose, providing such use is not to the exclusion of any Allied military personnel or stores, as decided by the appropriate Movements Officer.

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SPA/hh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copies to: AFHQ (your CR/3696/G1(Br) of 16 Sept refers)
HQ AAI (your 3074/27/A(0) of 26 Sept refers)
CG NATOUSA.
CG COM ZONE NATOUSA.
AAFSC/MTO.
Rear 8 Army
Rear 5 Army
HQ 1 District (5)
HQ 2 District (5)
HQ 3 District (5)
PBS.
ABDG.
HQ ACC (10)
Air Force Sub Commission.
Navy Sub Commission.
G.I.
All MMIA LOs.
War Diary (2)

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SUBJECT: Saluting Italian and Allied Troops.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
TS/S/29/29 ✓
5 Oct 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. Now that Italian troops are in closer contact with those of Great Britain and America it is important that the correct saluting procedure is known and observed. I can trace no orders on the subject of saluting between co-belligerents.

2. In the absence of specific orders on the matter I am instructing British Liaison Units with the Italian Combat Groups that the same procedure will hold good as between Allied troops, but that this should be instilled by example rather than specific orders for the present.

3. As the success of our present undertaking is bound up with minor matters of this sort, I should appreciate an early announcement of your policy, so as to avoid or rectify misunderstandings which might arise.

L. Browning Lt Gen

Maj Gen
M M I A

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Subject : Discipline.

"B" B L U
C M F

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To :-
Chief of Staff
Gruppo di Combattimento Cremona

I regret that, despite the fact this question was raised this week by the DAA & QMG of this ~~unit~~ unit, I must insist that the saluting by Italian personnel of your Gruppo be improved.

I observe on my tours of inspections round the Infantry Regts of the Gruppo the standard of saluting is commendable high. This however is not the case in ALTAVILLA. I drive daily through the streets of this village past large groups of soldiers and no compliments are paid. This is very noticeable the case near the school where the Motor Transport is parked and round the QUARTIER GENERALE on the road to ALTAVILLA.

I would remind you that I am the representative of General ALEXANDER here and I do NOT propose to put up with this laxity of Discipline.

I understand that the question of compliments by British other ranks to Italian Officers was raised by you to my DAA & QMG. I have raised this question with MMIA and await instructions as to the policy in this matter. In the meantime I myself - and at my instructions - my Officers are scrupulous in paying proper compliments to Italian Officers of a rank superior to their own.

I expect to see an early improvement in the standard of saluting both to me and to all Officers of the Liaison Unit.

5574

Lieut. Colonel
General Staff
Commanding "B" British Liaison Unit

Field,
Sep 44
BMWC/GS

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Copy to :-
HQ M M I A

Dealt with Col P. 3/10.9

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Subject : Compliments - British and Italian Personnel.

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"B" B L U
C M F

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To :-
HQ Military Mission to the Italian Army, ROME

I attached for your information a copy of a letter to the Chief of Staff, Gruppo di Combattimento Cremona, which is self - explanatory. The bad discipline is, I wish to emphasise, confined to services and troops allotted to Div HQ and is thus not widely different to our own army. The saluting in the two Infantery Regts in this Gruppo and their general esprit de corps is of a high standard.

The Chief of Staff when first approached on the subject of saluting raised the question of British OR's saluting Italian Officers. I would be grateful for a ruling as to the policy on this subject. Meantime I have instructed the few OR's who have joined this unit to pay proper compliments to Italian flagged cars and their occupants.

I need scarcely add that I and my Officers are scrupulous in saluting all Officers in the Division who are senior to us in rank.

B.N. Mellish

Lieut. Colonel
General Staff
Commanding "B" British Liaison Unit

Field,
30 Sep 44.
BMC/CE

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time of Origin.

1 [illegible] A

From : ISTA

To (For Action) : AFTC

To (For Info) : A HLU

Ref No : SS 119

Security Classification RESTRICTED

Request censorship regulations for Gruppi di combattimenti (*) Paren ROMA Area _____ Paren

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Precedence ___ DEFERRED

Authenticating Officer ___ [illegible]

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM CB186 (Small) — Register No. 306

Call | Sr. No. | Priority | CIPHER SECT | Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: A BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 301000 — Office Date Stamp

For Action: MMIA — 5/8/2nd/A.

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CR

Originator's No. G 53

Request early and detailed instructions regarding censorship regulations to be enforced with ITALIAN personnel of this project. At present no censorship exists & Equipment coming in and possible sale of products freely discussed by all banks

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WIRELESS }

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

SIGNED

SIGNED Kirby Cpl.

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR 301700A		
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(GY25) Wt. 9322 194. 2,000,000 Pads. 5/43. B. & S. Ltd. 11-6745/6.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

From: META

28 1700 A

To: "B" BLU for Action

To: "A" BLU for Info

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SD1510

Ref your AN 2 of 21 Sept (.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND PARIN (.) ITALIAN equivalents of BRITISH appointments code are as follows (.) SUNRAY - GIGLIO (.) SEAGULL - ROSA (.) ACORN - DALIA (.) MOLAR - VIOLA (.) PRONTO - GAGGIA

S. 29/9.

Sigs

Please tell me the Eng English & Ital - I have forgotten

WP 29/9

PRECEDENCE DRLS

AUTHENTICATION

Internal Copy to: Spec Sec
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ARMY FORM C 213 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 8

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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5/6/29/A

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FROM (A) 'B' BLU — Originator — Date-Time of Origin 211100

— Office Date Stamp —

For Action

HQ MMIA

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

'A' BLU

Flash 8/Sec 2/9/44

— Message Instructions — GK —

Originator's No. A.N.2. Please lay down Station equivalents for appointments code in Secret Segalt Advance ⊙ This will then be Standard code for all Italian Groups. 6577

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Authenticator Capt

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREES OF PRIORITY

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

P.M. 151, li settembre 1944

N. prot. Op.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: cifrario per "Gruppi di Combattimento".-

ALLA N.M.I.A. - Sottocommissione Esercito ROMA
(per Maggiore Baumann)

In relazione alla richiesta telefonica del 27 sera, si trascrivono i termini convenzionali per le indicate cinque voci del nuovo cifrario per i gruppi di combattimento:

Voce indicata	Voce corrispondente negli organici del gruppo di combattimento e che deve figurare nel cifrario	Termine convenzionale
comandante	comandante	giglio
ufficiale dell'operazioni	capo sezione operazioni e servizi	rosa
ufficiale delle informazioni	ufficiale informatore	dalia 6576
ufficiale dell'intendenza	ufficiale addetto ai servizi	viola

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ufficiale ai collegamenti	comandante del genio	gaggia

Fra le voci indicate non figura quella del "capo di stato maggiore", questa voce, molto importante, potrebbe o essere aggiunta attribuendole come termine convenzionale il nome di "fresia" ovvero figurare nelle cinque voci al posto corrispondente a quella dell'ufficiale dell'ufficio operazioni; quest'ufficio propone la prima soluzione.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
(Ten.Col. in s.S.M. P.Sampò)

Pierosampò

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY,
R O M E.

T3/G/29/A.
20 Sept. 44.

Brig. G. HIRSCH, HQ. AAI.

Dear

Many thanks for your letter AAI/BGS(1)DO dated 16th. Sept. 44. which is a great help to us.

I assume the terms mentioned as defining the boundry are inclusive to the leave area (i.e. that the boundry line runs just north of the roads joining the towns mentioned).

I will have the necessary orders sent to the War Ministry.

Yours,

Colonel.
M.M.I.A.

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Lieb.

3d A- S

1500 A

MMIA 17

64 Garrison for MMIA LO CIL

m SS 65 Secret

Your Q 251 of 15 Sept (.) Paren RAE Area _____ Paren Rear Army Bdys (.) 8 Army (.) B 9477 thence Northern bdy TERAMO Province to B 4754 thence Northern bdy RIETI Province to River TIBER at A 7223 thence Northern bdy VITERBO Province to its junction with FBS bdy about A 1857 MONTE ELMO A 1060 MONTE FARTE B 9165 rd junc E 7089 thence Route 73 to rd junc Q 6704 (.) 5 Army (.) All excl FIFTH ARMY from rd junc Q 6704 thence rd CIVITAVECCHIA Q 6300 MONTREAL V 5798 rd junc V 5096 MONTEROTONDO Q 4400 V 3497 thence due west to coast at V 1897

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SECRET

S/GRB9/A.

Subject: Supply of Electricity.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/24

15 Sep 44

H.Q., R.A.A.C.(for G4)

Ref this HQ letters AQ/24 dated 16 Aug 44 and AQ/24 dated 31 Aug 44.

TIPOGRAFIA PINARO
Via Pompeo Magno,29, ROME.

TIPOGRAFIA REGIONALE
Via Carlo Cattanio,20, ROME.

1. The above two printing firms are exclusively engaged upon printing operational pamphlets for the Italian Army. It was hoped that the two periods of 21 days' supply of electric current would be sufficient to complete the printing required. But this has not proved possible, as additional pamphlets are continually being prepared, under instructions from HQ AAI, which require equally urgent printing.

2. It is requested therefore, that electric current continue to be supplied to these two firms, until the work is finished, and that they be reserved entirely for this purpose, as the [redacted] of their work is secret and requires control by the Italian Ministry of War.

3. It is regretted that in the circumstances, it is not possible to forecast how long the printing presses will be required, but immediate notice will be given by this HQ when the work is completed.

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F.J.Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: Spec.Sec.MMIA.

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NMCA

64 GARRISON for Major GELANDI.

86 53 RESTRICTED.

IF PAPINEAU CANNOT HELP OVER YOUR CAR HEAD SUGGESTS YOU CONTACT LT COL BEACH ADOS 57 AREA

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Lt Pibsley. 1

SUBJECT:- Employment of the Italian Armed Forces

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Major Dobbs, file
WP

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/50/63/G(SD1)

22 Aug 44

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2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form.

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† General,
Commander in Chief.

* With paraphrases of cables in para 1.

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To:- G(SD) Branch, HQ AAI.

RECEIPT is acknowledged of Copy No..... of HQ AAI 1605/50/63/G(SD1) dated Aug 44.

Serial.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Branch.....

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TOP SECRET

Copy No.....

MINUTES OF A MEETING ON CCS PROPOSALS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ON A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BASIS, HELD AT HQ AAI AT 0930 HRS ON 21 AUG 44

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel:- FILPOT 73
1605/50/63/G(SD1)
22 Aug 44

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Chairman

Brigadier COOPER		G(SD)

Present

Brigadier-General	HAMBLEN	DCAO
Brigadier	RITCHIE	DQMG
Colonel	JONES	Q(AE)
Colonel	KERR	MMIA
Colonel	PIDSLEY	MMIA
Colonel	WELCH	A
Lt-Col	McQUEEN	G(SD)
Lt-Col	NOAKES	MMIA
Major	BARNES	AFHQ
Major	MORGAN	G(SD)
Major	WARREN	MMIA

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Chairman

Brigadier COOPER G(SD)

Present

Brigadier-General	HAMBLEN	DCAO
Brigadier	RITCHIE	DQMG
Colonel	JONES	Q(AE)
Colonel	KERR	MMIA
Colonel	PIDSLEY	MMIA
Colonel	WELCH	A
Lt-Col	McQUEEN	G(SD)
Lt-Col	NOAKES	MMIA
Major	BARNES	AFHQ
Major	MORGAN	G(SD)
Major	WARREN	MMIA
Captain	GRAHAM	G(SD)
Captain	PASCALL	Q(AE)

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

NAF 720

FAN 387

TROOPERS 67588

FAN 391

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INTERPRETATIONS

Interpretations were as follows:-

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

(i) personnel serving US exclusively

(ii) personnel serving British exclusively

(iii) personnel serving both Allies and therefore employed "internationally".

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(e) In view of the decision that the Italian Combat Groups will be equipped from British sources it was agreed that the Combat Groups should be included in the British ceiling. If such groups were temporarily employed under US command, their supply and maintenance would remain a British responsibility.

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Units under US Comd		
PBS	53000	
Fifth Army	12000	
SARDINIA	9000	
CORSICA	5000	
Rfts	3950	
		82950
Units under British Comd		
Service Units	93000	
Combat Groups	57000	
Rfts	10350	
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Italian Adm Installations	27000	
AA & CD	9000	
ACC	3000	
Gd Bns	14400	
SDM	1500	
Two divs in SICILY	10000	

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Internal Security Tps	4100	
Rfts	3700	
Carabinieri	55000	132700
Total		376000

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