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"The manpower ceiling laid down in R.F.C. 39 would be effective from the 1st July 46 until 31 Dec 46. This does not mean, however, that the R.F.C. 39 ceiling can be kept at full strength up to the 31st December, 1946, but must in fact be gradually reduced to the much lower ceiling effective on the 1st January, 1947, progressively between the 1st July, and the 31st December, 1946, commensurate with the loss on release and the smaller intakes allotted to the R.A.S.C. The reduction in the ceiling between 1st July and the 31st December, 1946, will probably be in the region of 40% of the R.F.C. 39 ceiling, but the final figure has not yet been received from S.D., War Office, and will be communicated as soon as it is known. D.D.S.T. of Commands will then be asked to effect reductions of manpower so as to reach a definite percentage of the total reduction (say 30% by the 1st October, 1946). The manpower laid down by D.S.D. was as follows:- "

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1. GENERAL STATEMENT BY DSI.

(a) Length of conference and procedure.

DSI stated that it was hoped that the Conference would be concluded by lunch time, and future conferences would be planned on this basis in order to leave the afternoon free for DSI to visit branches and discuss anything which had not been brought up at the conference. Furthermore, the points raised by Commanders would be dealt with by the appropriate Deputy Directors when they made their statements.

(b) Duties of Inspector RASC.

DSI stated that it was proposed to modify the duties of the Inspector RASC in order to make his function more compatible with peacetime needs. These modifications were not yet firm, but it was very likely that certain duties, not previously undertaken by the Inspector, would in future devolve upon him. The Inspector RASC himself would need more fully this subject in his statement.

(c) Selection of Officers for Staff College.

The selection of officers for the Staff College was very important and AOI 425/46 issued as a supplement to AOI 1112/45 laid down the method of selection of officers in future. It seemed that there was a danger that recommendations might be made by Commanding Officers to Command and that Command might not forward what was considered a sufficient number of names to the War Office. DSI instructed DDCST of Command to watch this point in order to ensure that a fair share was given to the RASC. DSI stated that he was very anxious that only the right officers were recommended. Recommendations should be scrutinized by DDCST of Command whenever possible.

(d) Lt. Col's. Appointments by the RASC.

DSI referred to the situation in 1948 where out of a strength of 700 officers, there were only about 15 Lt. Col's. appointments. The career for an officer in the Army in future must give opportunities for promotion and there must be a reasonable number of Lt. Col's. It was

The selection of officers for the Staff College was very important and ACT 22/45 issued as a supplement to ACT 22/25 laid down the method of selection of officers in future. It seemed that there was a danger that recommendations might be made by commanding officers to Commands and that Commands might not forward what was considered a deficiency of RASC names to the War Office. DCT instructed DDCST of Commands to watch this point in order to ensure that a fair share was given to the RASC. DCT stated that he was very anxious that only the right officers were recommended. Recommendations should be scrutinized by DDCST of Commands whenever possible.

(d) Lt. Gals', appointments in the RASC.

DCT referred to the situation in 1932 where out of a strength of 700 officers, there were only about 40 Lt. Gals' appointments. The career for an officer in the Army in future must give opportunities for promotion and there must be a reasonable number of Lt. Gals. It was most desirable that the number of Lt. Gals. be maintained, and if possible increased.

(e) RASC Phase II.

DCT stated that this was really the running off of RASC Phase I. A paper was being circulated to Commands, which DDCST of Commands must to see if possible to enable them to express their opinions. DCT's letter giving details collected from many sources justifying the retention of RASC Phase II. RASC Commandants to be sent to DDCST of Commands.

(f) Future policy for Training.

The C.T. training policy had been set by SC and it was thought that further cuts might be ordered. In that event it might become necessary to revert progressively to the principle of training officer and NCO instructors in schools and transferring the responsibility for the training of soldiers to CC units, through trained unit instructors.

In the case of artificers, these must be trained for the moment in the school owing to the lack of training facilities within units.

(g) Qualification for Officers.

Discussion on this question had been going on for a long time. The

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qualification would probably be the advanced staff course, lasting from 1 year to 18 months, three months being an SE staff officer's course and the rest of the time devoted to a Specialist Course on Air Defence, Bombing, Transport, Supplies and Petroleum Technology. All selected would attend the Staff Course, and the officers would then be divided into groups. The proposed allotment was 50% of the officers in the Army as a whole below the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

2. DUTIES OF INSPECTOR, RASC.

The Inspector, RASC stated that consideration was being given by D.D.T. to enlarging the scope of the duties of the Inspector.

In earlier days the Inspector had been classified as a Staff Officer of the R.A.C., inspecting RASC units, the possession of RASC services and reporting the results of his inspections direct to the G.H.Q. The work of the Inspector, R.A.C. gradually flowed into detailed inspections of unit administration. In the meantime conditions in the Army had changed, particularly during the last 5 years. Some changes had been the strengthening of the position of the D.D.T. in Commands and Districts, also the greater emphasis on administrative responsibility and efficiency of Command and District Staffs.

The lines of development now being considered for the Inspector's duties in the future were:-

(a) Organisation of the RASC.

In previous years, the organisation of an administrative service tended to become more and more divorced from the service requirements. There was a necessity to study all changes in organisation, and endeavour to limit changes forced on the RASC for purely operational reasons, which would be in organisations bearing little or no relationship to war-time needs. The organisation of the RASC in peace must be such that the Corps could be converted to a war footing with flexibility, speed and efficiency.

(b) Training.

The training responsibilities of the D.D.T. had been increased as a result of the recent reorganisation of the British Department, and the availability of the Inspector to assist D.D.T. in training was taken into consideration when responsibility for training was added to D.D.T. responsibilities.

(a) Organization of the IASG.

In preparing the organization of an administrative service branch to become self-sufficient from the various requirements. There was a necessity to study all changes in organization, and endeavor to limit changes covered on the IASG for purely operational reasons, which resulted in organizations bearing little or no relationship to the IASG. The organization of the IASG in 1955 was such that the Corps could be converted to a war footing with facility, speed and efficiency.

(b) Training.

The training responsibility of the IASG had been increased as a result of the recent reorganization of the GCS's Department, and the availability of the Inspector to conduct IASG in Training was taken into consideration when responsibility for training was added to IASG's responsibility.

(c) Recruitment.

The Inspector stated that there were numerous IASG recruitment activities both great and small, which came up to the IASG for decisions. It was proposed that the Inspector should relieve the IASG of many of these as possible.

(4) Technical Inspectors.

Finally, there was the question of Technical Inspectors, C. S. OTO, SPTI, Air Inspectors and the Bureau Inspector. At present there might be three private inspectors of the different Air Office branches, and up to the present they had been to direct reports of the Inspector.

These Inspectors existed for the purpose of satisfying the IASG that his various services were thoroughly efficient, and it was felt that they should report the result of their inspections to the Inspector, in addition to reporting to their parent branch.

It must not be taken that it was intended to remove an Inspector from branch to absorb all the technical branch Inspectors. The purpose was the intention. The idea under consideration was that the activities of Technical Inspectors should be mainly directed by their parent branches.

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as at present, but that the Inspector should exercise some measure of control over them and ensure co-ordinated activity. We should receive their reports, by which means we would obtain a wider view of the efficient working of the Corps.

3. S.A.T. SITUATION IN EUP.

A statement of the current situation in S.A.T. was made by Brigadier R.C. Gossington, DAFS (AF).

4. S.A.T. SITUATION IN B.C.M.

A statement on the current situation in S.A.T. was made by Brigadier R.C. Gossington, DAFS (AF).

5. WATER TRANSPORT.

DISTRICT made the following statement:-

(a) Water Transport Corps in U.K.

The Water Transport Corps consisted of seven Coy's, being a reduction of the force since 1 Jan 45. No. 200 in Northern Germany and No. 600 in Eastern Germany had been disbanded. In addition, six Coys in Germany had been in process of disbandment, which would leave us with a total of 3 Coys in U.K., 1 in Scotland, 1 in Western, 1 in Eastern, 2 in Southern and 1 in London District.

As against a pre-war strength of 50 craft, the RSC Fleet now totals 2125 vessels - 600 in England, the remainder overseas. 1000 all ranks were employed and 2000 British civilians, as well as large numbers of locally enlisted men in overseas Commands.

(b) Ammunition Submarine.

(c) Summary.

The Ministry of Supply had taken over from the Americans the responsibility for the disposal of surplus American ammunition. As a result of this decision the disposal of American ammunition had been temporarily suspended and the vessels which had been provided for that purpose (550000) had been moved to Germany. From the latest information we had been able to obtain it appeared unlikely that

The latter Transport Coy. consisted of seven Coys. being a reduction of two Bn's 1 Jan 48; 16. 200 in Indian Command and 16. 800 in Eastern Command had been disbanded. In addition, 165 Coy in Scotland, Command was in process of disbanding, which would leave us with a total of 6 Coys in U.K., 1 in Scotland, 1 in Britain, 1 in Eastern, 2 in Southern and 1 in London Division.

In addition to the over strength of 16 Coy, the RASC fleet now totals 4125 vehicles - 400 in Britain, the remainder overseas. 1000 all ranked were employed and 2000 British civilians, as well as large numbers of locally enlisted conscripts in overseas Commands.

(b) Ammunition Dumping.

(c) All items.

The Ministry of Supply had taken over from the Americans the responsibility for the disposal of surplus American ammunition. As a result of this decision the disposal of American ammunition had been transferred to the Ministry of Supply which had been provided for that purpose at Billings had been moved to Germany. From the latest information we had been able to obtain it appeared unlikely that Billings would be responsible for ammunition dumping.

Ammunition was Warrent's being dumped from the two ports, Germany and France.

During the winter there had been one or two setbacks, particularly the loss of A.D.C. 827 with all tanks, but taking into consideration the adverse weather conditions, the programme had on the whole been satisfactory. So far, approximately 300,000 tons of ammunition had been dumped.

During the next 3-4 months, 30 A.D.Cs. would be coming out of England having undergone a complete refit. These assets should remain in service for 3-4 months before requiring a major overhaul. We had been able to obtain from the A.D.C. Dumping Committee a forecast of their requirements which were in brief that we should be called upon to maintain 30 working A.D.Cs. at Germany. By using the 30 recently overhauled assets, most of which were nearly worn out, in reserve, we should be able to cope with this commitment.

/(ii) Overseas.

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(iii) various.

Italy. The shipment of ammunition was being carried out by the use of victorized Italian locomotives, and the programme was proceeding satisfactorily.

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10 T.O.Ts. had been taken over from the Navy and converted to ammunition handling units. Six military cranes were sent out from the U.S. to assist.

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Training from A.B.Gs. was just started and although the military cranes were disintegrated by 10 T.O.Ts. the original unit was still factory. The turn-out was a short one and no limitations were expected.

(iv) Miscellaneous.

(1) The dimensions and other data of standard RACC cranes had been prepared with care and issued in a set Technical Instruction. The information contained in this Technical Instruction should be entered in the ship's book (as this) recently issued for each crane.

(2) HSC 27-28 Regulations are being rewritten and would be issued in the course.

(3) Work systems had been drawn up for Station, Diesel and Petrol Engines, etc. H.L. Bayley and Thompson of 21. Engines, and issued a set Technical Instructions.

(4) Printing had just commenced on a "look-up manual" based on the complete instructions for the upkeep and maintenance of a vessel, which was hoped to prove useful to all the men dealing with other transport.

(v) Post Station Demand.

The case of the post station of 27-28 at London was totally unsatisfactory and other such consideration it had been decided to move into the nearest station available at the end of the day. Negotiations were proceeding in the case of the post station of 27-28 at London.

entered in the copy Book (AN 410) recently issued for such credit.

(21) 3/5/53 Pilot Regulations were being re-written and would be issued in due course.

(22) Work systems had been drawn to the attention of Diesel and petrol units, and the P. Engineer had the opportunity of the various, and issued a new Technical Instructions.

(23) printing has just commenced on an "upkeep manual" based on the standard instructions for the upkeep and maintenance of the vehicles, which was hoped to prove useful to all who had dealings with water transport.

(4) East African District.

The state of the East African District at present was totally unstable and after much consideration it had been decided to move into the region, which was available at the time of the survey. The situation was proceeding in the direction of the East African District, the state could not be left as it was, as it would be a matter before it would be finally established.

4. E.O.I.

DATA (E.O.I.) into the following statement:-

(a) Oil Survey - Sterling Area and elsewhere.

The world supply position of all petroleum products continued to be difficult because the competition from sterling controlled sources were increased to meet the needs in the sterling area. This involved further restrictions to make good the deficiency - hence the need for continued central and economy. Requirements had to be covered and allocations made under conditions of scarcity.

To assist in industrial recovery it had been agreed at Cabinet level that the services should operate with a lower reserve stock in a temporary measure until the situation became easier. In this connection it would be expected that the services' need of petroleum products was not very much greater than previous times, likely to remain so, with reduced tonnage immediately available to industry.

Except in certain circumstances, therefore, the services stock levels were being maintained at a steady level based on actual physical consumption requirements. The situation was likely to continue for some time.

(b) Oil Resources.

The over-riding demand for petroleum products for all purposes would be necessary to develop all resources. The U.S.A. was unable to maintain her wartime production. In fact, the situation was such that in time U.S.A. might cease to be an exporting country, hence her interest in developing oil concessions in the M.E. area. Britain was similarly short of oil and her acquisition of Iranian fields was providing only a small contribution against her deficiency - hence the concession in Persia. Britain in the early days of the campaign. British concessions in Persia would also be increased to provide a greater contribution from within the Sterling area.

This activity by the three powers in question had brought about a new focus and interest in the Middle East area as a whole and was, therefore, very closely linked up with global strategy. This development, the question of refining of oil, its movement by pipeline and tanker and the aspect of storage were, therefore, questions demanding considerable thought for the future.

(c) U.S.I. Requirements for oil Services - Future.

The further development of mechanical equipment for the services demanding special fuels might, if unchecked, bring about a shortage of such special fuels for the services in a comparatively short time. A survey had, therefore, been undertaken which suggested that control must be exercised concerning the development of power unit which could only operate on special fuels which might be in short supply with the object of bringing to the notice of user and service branches this fact. The outcome of a further study would be to limit result in some measure of control over design to correct with probable availability of fuels. The whole subject was, however, one of considerable complication as it affected engine, sea and air equipment development.

(d) Quality Control.

With the loss of wartime control when engines were standardized, the re-introduction of controls with respect to all components where practicable, the acceptance of lower grades to suit refinery production capacity to assist industrial recovery, had to be in a position to provide fuels and oils for post-war equipment and thereby a heavy burden on all aspects concerning the quality control of products.

The further development of mechanical equipment for the services demanding special fuels might, if unchecked, bring about a shortage of them which would be the equivalent of an emergency. A survey and, concerning the development of power units which could only operate on special fuels might be in short supply with the object of bringing to the notice of user and provider/producer this fact. The outcome of a further study would be to substantiate in some measure of control over design to secondarily probable realization by design. The whole subject was, of course, the of considerable complication as it affected almost, even the efficient development.

(d) Quality Control.

With the oral or written control when orders were standardized, the re-introduction of control with respect to all supplies which were practical, the acceptance of lower power to suit refinery production capacity to assist industrial recovery, and to be in a position to provide fuels and oils for motor equipment had through a heavy burden on all assets concerning the quality control of products.

Such work is now in hand and much remains to be undertaken to deal with the many problems under this heading which now exist. The Office responsibilities in this connection are therefore, considerable.

(e) Prime Thermostatic Fuels.

In addition to the responsibility for custody and issue of Prime Thermostatic Fuels, 2.5.1. was now responsible for production and quality of Prime Thermostatic Fuels. A new or Office Committee had been set up and MDST(PL), on behalf of DPT, was Chairman.

Our responsibilities for the future, therefore, included not only all quantities concerning production, which entailed much liaison with user and production agencies, but would extend to all aspects concerning quality both at home and overseas. It remained to be seen to what extent this additional charge and responsibility would be able to be met unless an increase in establishment was authorized.

(f) Annual Estimates.

Consolidated production were made in the forecast requirements of 1.0.1. production for annual requirements for this financial year, after much verification of the estimates from overseas. The figures published in the Annual Estimates were at just before 1.0.1.0.000, which represented approximately 1,500,000 tons of products. The need for economy could not be

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+ an increase of 3,000									

The suggested breakdown of R.P.C. 59 had already been sent reportedly to D.D. 37 at Comande on 20th March, 1942.

Comande had raised two points on R.P.C. 59:-

(i) The can on transfer of sailing from one serial to another. Should Comande wish to transfer members from one serial to another, e.g. from Transport to Supplies sailings, they must refer it to the War Office (S.T. 2) for approval. Let it be noted, however, within serial 14 (H. & Units, Air Services and Water Transport etc.)

(ii) The Military manpower ceiling would be affected by any restrictions imposed on the employment of civilians. We were doing all we could to get definite civilian ceiling authorized. When the civilian ceiling had been issued, Comands would be asked to submit their breakdown of Part 3 (General Controlled Units) of R.P.C. 59.

It was stressed that any proposed amendments to R.P.C. or any reorganization of S.T. Services in Comande must be kept within the limits of the appropriate manpower ceilings.

(b) R.P.C. 59 - Ceiling for U.K. at 1 Jan 47.

On the 27 Apr 46, D.D. notified new ceiling for S.T. Services in U.K. to become effective from 1 Jan 47, and to be known as R.P.C. 40.

R.P.C. 40 figures for S.T. in U.K. were 24,610 which included R.P.C. 38 figure by 40. After examination by D.D. in the light of known future commitments the position was as follows:-

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- (i) The Transport ceiling was 25 under requirements.
- (ii) The Supplies ceiling was 30 under requirements.
- (iii) The A.C.C. ceiling was adequate.
- (iv) The Fire Services ceiling was adequate.
- (v) The L.C.C. ceiling was 35 under requirement.

2.3.7. Solenoid is fitted down by 3.0. more as follows:

	<u>R.R.S.O.</u>	<u>A.T.B.</u>
Saps	8,500	-
Pot	300	-
Tot (inclusive Air Transport, RR Services, R.C. Units, P & Offices, Personnel Sections and Hospital).	8,800	1,500
402	450	130
406	400	-
	<u>12,950</u>	<u>1,630</u>
	TOTAL	

in addition to the above a Defense Committee had been held in April, 1906, to consider the counter position as a result of which it was likely that the army in the U.S. as planned for 31 Dec 1906 would be cut by about 30%. That report that the already mentioned army position under I.F.O. 40 might be further aggravated by that threatened cut.

Refections in 1944. In all areas. In reply to WEST HORTON Command, POST(U) stated that the size of units in A.E. depended on the region-availability and the load during the period for which the A.E. was current. Such responsibilities were not necessarily connected with the run-down of other Areas. Requirements for transport for instance depended on the task or clearing depots, the size of the A.E.S. Fleet reported or dumping and training programmes, increases of A. A.S.T. restrictions in British flooding strength, accumulation strength, location of buildings still retained and not on auxiliary population, but it would be best in mind.

The Command's breakdown on the above figures would be given to Commands in due course.

In addition to the above, a Defence Committee had been held in April, 1963, to consider the manpower position as a result of which it was likely that the Army in the U.K. as planned for 31 Dec 63 would be cut by about 20%. That report stated that the already unsatisfactory position under P.P.C. 40 might be further aggravated by that threatened cut.

Reductions in P.P.C. in all arms. In reply to Deputy Northern Command, DECEP(T) stated that the size of staffs in P.P.C. depended on the region. Such regional differences were not necessarily connected with the run-down of other Arms. Requirements for transport for instance depended on the tank or closing details, the size of the P.P.C. Fleet depended on dining and training programmes, increases of P.P.C. support reductions in British feeding strength, accommodation, strategic changes in buildings still retained but not on military population, but it would be kept in mind.

DSM stated that the new cut in ceilings, particularly on Transport, of 7,000 would give 50% of actual requirements in Commands. Unfortunately it was not clearly understood that the actual machinery of run-downs fixed greater or lesser in 1400 units in some ways and 1 in a larger lead applied on them.

(c) S.M. Staffs at Command H.Q. at 1 Jul 63, 1 Oct 63, and 31 Dec 63.

The reduction in ceiling to be effective at 1 Jul 63, had recently been agreed on Command P.P.C. in U.K. and as a result Commands had imposed arbitrary and unequal cuts in S.M. Staffs. The P.P.C. for 1 Jul 63 would probably be decided by P.P.C. in June.

P.P.C. would probably expect further reductions in the latter part of 1963.

Command S.M. Staffs had been reviewed by the P.P.C. for 1 May 63 and Command proposals had been approved as they stood. The next review for July 1963, however, was likely to be more heavily attacked and Commands had been asked for their recommendations together with a comprehensive supporting brief laid out in a uniform manner so that points of comparison between Commands might be made clear in reply to P.P.C. queries.

It was most important that Command briefs should be submitted to the Service (SM) after Command recommendations were known by the 15 June 63 to allow time for study and preparation.

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any difference between General S.T. proposals and General Staff proposals should be clearly set out and the reasons for the difference given as clearly as possible.

USM said it was imperative to retain the ADJUTANT in Command owing to the increased responsibilities in Harack Services; the QMG and the WZAG agreed in principle with that retention, therefore DDSGT of Commands should be vigilant against the substitution or downgrading of that appointment.

(a) What will be the procedure etc. of H.C. S.T. Command H.Q.?

In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT(1) stated that the term "procedure" was taken to mean the time when the post-war army might be put into effect and was based on the assumption that occupational forces would have been that active, they would have returned to U.K. and that the auxiliary army and conversion was in being. That would not take place for several years. The composition of the S.T. staffs would depend on their responsibilities for:-

- (i) The supervision of regular units.
- (ii) The maintenance of troops in the Command.
- (iii) The training of auxiliary army units, as well as the basic structure of staffs.

The factors governing the above were, for the most part, unaltered and could only be discussed on very general lines. It was possible that the following might be somewhere near the mark:-

D.I.S.T.

Five top personnel	Gen & RVN	Harack	QMG	Training
Colonel				

(e) What will be the etc. of H.C. S.T. District staffs?

In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT(1) stated that it was their intention to submit to the W.C.C. for approval proposals as follows:-

Adjut. Col. (100000)
Major (Supply and P.O.L.)
Major (Transport)
Major (Harack)

H.C. S.T. A.T.S.

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The picture preceding the above were, for the most part, undisturbed and could only be discussed on very general lines. It was possible that the following might be necessary, near the end.

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Place/Trip	Day & P.O.	Remarks	Outgoing	Training
Continued (Cont)				

(c) not held by the D.O. of the R.A.S.C. District Officer

In reply to 1st Northern Command, 2000(1) stated that it was then in the course of submission to the R.E.C. for approval and was as follows:-

R.A.S.C. A.T.S.

Ident. Vcl. (CC 1/30)
 Major (Supplies and P.O.S.)
 Major (Transport)
 Major (Barracks)
 Major (Catering)
 Captain (Assistant)

1
1
1
1
1
1

total 6

10

Olone
 1 Civilian

Total Clerks 25.

1001 referred to the question of Lt. Col. in post war districts in U.K. with an army very much higher than it had been pre-war. It was questionable whether one Lt. Col. could fill the dual role of technical advisor to the GOC and be responsible for the training and operation of all RASC units in that district. It was for consideration therefore, whether there should be 2 Lt. Cols. in a district, one a staff officer and the other a Commander of RASC units. 1001 instructed 1002 of 1000 Command to consider that when the establishments in Districts were attacked again.

1002 Eastern Command asked if it would be possible to include a separate Major as ZIC in the HQ District. After discussion it was generally agreed that an OC NAO, ZIC and APT could be justified, but it was doubtful whether approval could be obtained for both ZIC and APT in addition to the OC NAO.

1002 considered that if an APT could not be obtained then a ZIC should be strongly recommended as ZIC existed in 1000 Command.

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DEPT stated that the order (Transport) was locked upon as ZIC.

(F) The latest position of Assistant of War Service to R.A.S.C.

(1) The Army Council letter was submitted Treasury approval pending approval to A.I. of new War Service branch in A.I.3 on the 1st Jul 46. This consisted of:-

- 1 A.D.S.C. (Pine)
- 1 Inspector (A.I.3).
- 2 D.S.A. (A.I.3. (Inspectors)).
- 1 D.S.A. (A.I.3).
- 1 Staff Captain
- 2 Civilian Clerks.

The Inspectors might be borne on a separate A.I. outside the War Office.

The Army Council letter should be issued before the 1st July 46, and the A.I. (which was ready) would follow at once.

(11) In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT stated that the R.A.S.C. would take over the A.I. temporary ceiling on 1 Jul 46. That ceiling was 600. D.S.C. had agreed to this transfer.

The A.I.3. mentioned no difficulty in handing over to as the component allowed under the ceiling, but there would be certain shortages in fully trained A.O.s. and A.S.O.s.: this was common to all arms of the Army.

(12) Reinforcements after 1 Jul 46.

In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT stated that these would be provided in the same manner as for normal A.S.C. units.

Officers: Posted by A.C.6(a) for final allocation by DEPT Command, subject in the case of any Office Controlled units where posting will be direct.

O.N.s. Posted by DEPT NACC records from personnel becoming available from the training machine, returning from overseas or otherwise becoming available.

(iii) In reply to WEST Northern Command, WEST(T) stated that the H.A.S.T. would take over the RAF ammunition celling on 1 Jul 46. That celling was 600. H.A.S.T. had agreed to this transfer.

The H.A.S.T. anticipated no difficulty in handing over to us the ammunition celling under the celling, but there will be certain shortages in fully trained H.A.S.T. and H.A.S.T. units. This was common to all arms of the army.

(iii) Reinforcements after 1 Jul 46.

In reply to WEST Northern Command, WEST(T) stated that these would be provided in the unsubscribed as for normal H.A.S.T. units.

Personnel: stated by H.A.S.T. the staff allocation by WEST Command, except in the case of for Office Controlled units their posting will be direct.

A.S.T. stated by RAF Records from personnel becoming available from the training machine, returning from overseas or otherwise becoming available.

(iv) Training.

In reply to WEST Northern Command, WEST(T) stated that the H.A.S.T. would move as soon as possible from the master to blackdown, but training would not be possible for many months to some extent to the training of the army.

WEST stated that at the moment individuals were trained at the School but only instructors would be trained, in accordance with the general policy.

The syllabus of courses to start on 1 Jul 46 was nearing completion and would consist of the following:-

- (i) Unit Wire Course.
- (ii) Basic Course - 4 days.
- (iii) Intermediate Course - 3 weeks.
- (iv) Advanced Course - Officers 3 weeks; H.A.S.T. 6 weeks.
- (v) Higher Technical Courses - 6 to 9 months.

The Higher Technical Fire Fighting Course is for specially selected officers. It will train them for higher technical appointments and will include both fire fighting and fire prevention. Officers undergoing this course should be fitted for a higher technical appointment.

/s/ Wire Inspectors.

(v) Para Inspectors.

The Inspectors would have to be specialists and selection would be very carefully. Four inspectors were suggested: one at the Air Office, and one each in HQ, IAF and AFHQ. The one for the Air Office, must be outstanding as he would have to attend all Committee meetings and Com's orders at the Air Office as an expert. He would also have to liaise with the other Government Departments and Scientific Research. It was thought that there was an officer available who had had considerable Air Service experience in India, and the other 3 might be recruited from the R.F.C. This would meet the transitional period and in the course Regular Officers would be trained for these appointments.

(g) Mechanized Demonstration Column.

The E.S.C. portion of the Demonstration Column then assembled at Shorncliffe consisted of 2 officers, and 70 O.R.s., with 21 vehicles of various types and 4 trailers.

These included special demonstrations of:-

Amphibians.
Dakota fuselage for air Despatch.
Armoured Personnel Carrier.
Bakery machinery.
Patrol Gun mounting.
Petroleum distribution equipment.
Cables of Anterosept.

The Column, which was a self-contained unit commanded by a Colonel, was due to commence its tour of S.E. Coast resorts on 30 May, and would arrive in the London area (Almeida) about 4 June 46. It would proceed thence through East Anglia to N.E. Towns and thence to Western Coast (Blackpool and Liverpool) by end of August. It would then proceed by way of Welsh towns to North West Towns and terminate at Hastings at the end of September.

For instruction HQ of Column to try and use the Column then it passed through their hands in order to give continued encouragement to the E.S.C. portion of the Column.

1. Washington.
 2. Dakota Fuelage for Air Dispatch.
 3. armoured personnel carrier.
 4. bakery unit.
 5. Patrol Car filling.
 6. Petroleum distribution equipment.
 7. models of aircraft.

The Column, which was a self-contained unit commanded by a Colonel, was due to capture its base of 3,000. Contact reports on 30 May, and would arrive in the London area (Blackburn) about 4 June 46. It would proceed thence through East Angles to H. A. Brown and thence to Western Command (Blackpool and Southport) by end of August. It would then proceed by way of Welsh towns to South West Wales and terminate at Hastings at the end of September.

1. Instructional Unit of Commands to try and show the Column when it passed through their Commands in order to give sustained encouragement to the RASC portion of the Column.

(h) Contracts.

In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT(T) stated that the latest position was that as a result of a very recent meeting of the Lord President's Committee, it had been recommended that a form of control over the Road Haulage Organisation would continue after the 15 Aug 46, and in consequence we were not likely to revert to normal Contract procedures for the present.

The H.O.T. intended to pass and pay all transport bills for goods-carrying services which would relieve transport offices of that responsibility as at present undertaken by them. Road Haulage Officers and District Transport Officers would be retained. Should there be any indication that we would return to the normal peacetime system of Contracts, DEPT of Commands would be informed at once.

(i) Employment of civilian supervisory technical personnel in C(2)T Coye RASC for work.

In reply to DEPT Northern Command, DEPT(T) stated that the P.H.S. had declined to agree to the proposal, owing to the Civil Labour position.

(j) armoured Personnel Carrier Incident.

In reply to Comd. RASC School, DEPT(T) stated that

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- (i) S.I.C. The outline of establishment has been on a charter round and approved in principle. The detailed war establishment had been drawn up and was about to be sent to H.Q. for circulation to other departments for approval.
- (ii) It was intended to form two squadrons only; no Regimental H.Q. or Reinforcement Squadron would be formed. Lampower never for one squadron will be taken from each ceiling, the other squadron from S.I.C. or India ceiling.
- (iii) One squadron would be located in Iraq, the other probably in Iraq or possibly in H.Q. in 2 months' time.
- (iv) 30 drivers were then on permanent work; course for driving and maintenance of armored carriers. This course was due to finish on the 15 June 46. A cadre consisting of 30 officers, S.I.Cs, and 10 artificers would commence an 8 weeks' course on 15 Jan 46. The course would include driving and maintenance of armored carriers and also elementary wireless and gunnery instruction. The artificers would only spend 4 weeks on driving and maintenance. They would then go for the remaining months to a R.I.C. workshop for instruction in repairing tracked armored vehicles. There would be 70 bodies trained on 15 June 46, and 100 would be sent to Iraq and the vehicles would be driven in that theatre.

The Lampower is the only type of vehicle which could be used for training for some time to come.

8. CONFERING.

EDACC made the following statements:-

(a) Centralised S.I.Cs.

a considerable amount of equipment needs to be available within Commands in order to establish these schools. It was important that provision for any new Services should be included in this year's estimates. As regards the establishment of these schools the original establishment sent in advance had been agreed with the exception of the civilian porters required to perform the menial tasks in the schools, but it was hoped that these civilians would be added later. However, the absence of the civilians should not hold up the opening of these schools.

(b) Potential 1946

trained on 15 Jan 46. All these would be sent to each and the vehicles would be drawn in full units.

The reference is the only type of vehicle which could be used for training for some time to come.

8. CATERING.

DDACC made the following statements:-

(a) Centralised C.I.Cs.

A considerable amount of equipment should be available within Germany in order to establish these centres. It was important that provision for any new Services should be included in this year's estimates. As regards the the establishment of these schools the original intention was to set in advance had been agreed with the exception of the civilian porters required to perform the manual tasks in the schools, but it was hoped that these civilians would be added later. However, the absence of the civilians should not hold up the opening of these schools.

(b) Potential HQOs.

It was important that a strict watch be kept for all potential HQOs and that names were reported to the GIC and should be promptly. These 'starred' men would be given a special course at Aldenham and it was hoped that some will become instructors.

The sequence of training was that 'starred' students on completing their initial course were posted to a unit, reported on after 2 months by their Commanding Officers, and then returned to the Training Centre for a Potential HQO Course. There were 44 at the Training Centre undergoing a 2 months' course and there was a further batch due in early in June.

(c) Instructors.

The situation as regards instructors was as follows:-

(i) Civilian.

Permission had been granted to employ 100; 50 more were asked for but authority for a further 10 only had been given.

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(iii) Military:

A Special course called "Selected NCOs Instructional Course" for Selected Corporals had already started with a view to training them as instructors. The length of the course would be 8 weeks, and there would be 4 courses run at intervals of one week. Commands were being asked to nominate up to 2 Corporals for each course.

(iv) A.C.C. Regimental matters.(i) Appointment of a new Colonel Commandant.

General Sir Harold M. Gale had been appointed as Colonel Commandant of the A.C.C. Vice Gen Sir Walter Young.

(ii) Regimental band.

A March had been written, based on an old Indian tune, by the Bandmaster W.A.S.O. It was then with the military school of music who had suggested certain small amendments. Arrangements would be made for the Colonel Commandant to be invited to hear it in the near future.

(iii) FLAC.

A suggested flag had been voted by the Inspector of Regimental Colours and on his recommendation a Green sample had been prepared and was awaiting final approval.

(iv) A.C.C. Regimental Association.

DEACON of Cammerla was asked to lend their support whenever possible as more money was needed to meet growing commitments. The membership was approximately 12,000.

9. Supplies.DEACON of Cammerla was asked to lend their support whenever possible as more money was needed to meet growing commitments.(a) Reduction in the Home Service Scale.

Full instructions had been issued to all commands implementing the Cabinet decision of a 10% cut in the Home Service Retiree Scale. It will be noted that the present once allowance had not been reduced. Ten and a half had also been allotted for the reduction. The effect of this cut on the retiree will be as follows:

is suggested that had been voted by the Inspector of Regimental Columns and on his recommendation a fresh sample had been prepared and was awaiting final approval.

(14) U.C.C. Regimental Association.

DEAST of Comands were asked to lend their support whenever possible as more money was needed to meet pressing commitments. The membership was approximately 12,000.

2. SUPPLIES.

DEAST(3) made the following statement:-

(a) Reduction in the Range Service Scale.

Full instructions had been issued to all commands implementing the Calvinet Decision of a 10% cut in the Range Service Scale. It will be noted that the present range allowance had not been reduced. Tea and salt had also been omitted from the reduction. The effect of this cut on the calorie value of the ration scales is as follows:-

Men's Scale	"	reduction from 3,253 calories to 3,000 calories
Women's Scale	"	reduction from 2,800 calories to 2,500 calories.

In addition to the basic scale a supplement of an approximate calorie value of 430 had been authorized. It was emphasized that in addition to the specific units detailed in the instruction to Comands, COsC-in-C had powers to extend the issue of the supplement to troops in other units undergoing heavy training, maneuvered or heavy work periods.

The resultant weekly savings in the main nationally rationed items based on existing feeding strength for both army and RAF was as follows:-

Meat	20 tons
Butter	83 "
Eggs	25 "
Sauces	35 "
Cheese	18 "

With a view to adding more variety to the reduced scale negotiations were in progress with the Treasury to remove the following items from the basic scale and replace them by the equivalent retail cash value. The items are:-

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Seaplane/Lacrosse
 Natural
 Cakes
 Potatoes
 Fresh Vegetables
 Dried Fruits/Beans
 Minced Fish

Units will still obtain the food through the NAFI but at the same time will have the option of obtaining the additional cash on local supplies through the NAFI. The above proposal was under discussion and if agreed would increase the existing cash allowance approximately as follows:-

400 From 250 to 650.
 4000 From 1400 to 4400.

It was eventually intended to recover all the basic needs and to arrange for units to obtain that item through the NAFI also. That had not yet been proposed in view of the fact that milk was a nationally rationed item.

The RAF had issued instructions implementing the 10, out. The existing RAF cash allowance (less the 250, which had not been reduced for the Army) had been reduced by 10% and the selling of nationally rationed items up to which RAF units might purchase had been brought into line with the reduced Home Service Ration Scale. An additional cash allowance based on the Army Supplement for training units, etc, is also permissible to RAF units.

The proposed arrangements in no way supersede the policy that the RAF should retain in force the responsibility for holding and issuing all the major items of the scale.

The existing Home Service Ration Scale Pamphlet could be revised shortly and a new issue made continuing up to late amendments.

(a) Overseas and Underseas.

The War Office had no current information as to what, in fact, overseas and underseas were taking place in the Home Commands. The overseas question had been discussed at a recent REAF Conference and it had been agreed that no War Office letter would be issued on the subject. All Commands had taken active measures to compete with this question but the

to which R.P. units might purchase and been brought into line with the reduced Home Service Station Scale. an additional cash allowance based on the army supplement for training units, etc., is also allowable to R.P. units.

The proposed arrangements in no way supersede the policy that the 2.30 should retain in peace the responsibility for holding and issuing all the major items of the scale.

The existing Home Service Station Scales Pamphlet would be revised shortly and a new issue made containing up to date amendments.

(b) Overdrawals and Underdrawals.

The War Office had no current information as to what, in fact, overdrawals and underdrawals were taking place in the Home Commands. The overdrawal question had been discussed at a recent War Office Conference and it had been agreed that no War Office letter would be issued on the subject. All Commands had taken active measures to compare with this question but the broad results were not known in War Office branches.

Neither was it known what items in the world were generally underdrawn. The War Office is dependent on the inspection reports of the AOC and on personal contact. This information however is of great value as it enables us to advise when further data on attacks are proposed relating to the Home Service Scale.

It would therefore be of very great value if ²⁷⁰draft of commands would be good enough to furnish a monthly letter (DO preferably) giving a broad outline of the current situation so far as their own commands are concerned.

(c) Internal Re-organisation of Senior Deputy Directorate and GPO(PS).

It was explained that all procurement (except for women's and certain Vegetables) was the responsibility of GPO(PS) and that so far as provision is concerned the 32 divisions in the War Office were confined to the task of budgeting for forward requirements, obtaining financial sanction in conjunction with the preparation of the annual Parliamentary estimates and the screening of demands from theatres.

This had placed a considerable load on GPO(PS) and that organisation would now form a very useful training ground for the future HMC officer as far as procurement, specifications, etc., were concerned.

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(d) Central accounting.

It was explained that the present system of central accounting in commands was evolved as a wartime expediency when manpower of the correct type was extremely short. The system had worked extremely well and had enabled continuity of accounting to continue during the invasion of Europe when heavy drafting of personnel had greatly depleted the home establishments. It was not however a satisfactory peacetime measure as it confined accountancy training to a few selected experts who were liable to become static.

As a peacetime policy it was desired that supply accounting should revert to depot accounting as and when the rundown of CDDs justified such a measure.

DST stated that on his recent visit to Northern Command he had been impressed by the system of central accounting which presents the dilemma of good business or training for war. The Central Comdts Office was very good business, but its training value was doubtful, i.e., one office had 9 clerks copying out the figures all day long from forms.

DST questioned the wisdom of the R.A.S.C. becoming "accountants", but if it was to be an R.A.S.C. responsibility in general that training in this work would be necessary.

10. BARRELLES.

DST(B) made the following statements:-

(a) Fuel Wood.

The Ministry of Fuel and Power had issued a warning that the Coal situation next winter would be critical. For that reason they would agree to 5 weeks' stock only in army collieries at the beginning of the winter, instead of the usual 8 weeks.

The Ministry had requested the War Office to accumulate stocks of fuel wood for next winter in order to economize in coal. To do that the wood must be cut and transported during the summer months, whilst the ground is hard and dry. Commands have full stocks as at the whereabouts of wood supplies; further particulars could be obtained from the Divisional Officers of the Ministry of Supply.

DST(POL) referred to the practice change in fuel used by industry in the future, that is, the use of fuel oil instead of solid fuel. This

10. BARRACKS.

MDST(3) made the following statements:-

(a) Fuel stock.

The Ministry of Fuel and Power had issued a warning that the coal situation next winter would be critical. For that reason they would allow to 3 weeks' stock only in any colliery at the beginning of the winter, instead of the usual 8 weeks.

The Ministry had requested the War Office to accumulate stocks of fuel wood for next winter in order to economise in coal. To do that the wood must be cut and transported during the summer months, whilst the ground is hard and dry. Commands have still to turn up to the whereabouts of wood supplies; further particulars could be obtained from the Divisional Officers of the Ministry of Supply.

MDST(101) referred to the probable change in fuel used by industry in the future, that is, the use of fuel oil instead of solid fuel. This affected the whole question of heating and lighting installations.

(b) Supply of Fuel and Light to married quarters from 1.7.46.

Under the provisions of the new Pay Code, the present free scales of fuel and light will cease as from 1 July 46. Occupants of married quarters will be required to buy their fuel and light from their money allowances. As coal merchants are not allowed to deliver to married quarters, sales of coal must be from army stocks. Electric current and gas consumed would also have to be paid for, and rents for the quarters paid. On the question of delivery of coal, the physical handling raised the problem of the actual capacity of the 80lb. tubs. Tests had been carried out and it was thought the tubs should be considered as holding 70 lbs. Instructions would be issued to cover this point.

A working party was sitting to consider the arrangements in connection with the rates to be charged and the methods of recovery of money.

(c) Quartering Organisation.

Reference para. 10(b) of the minutes of MS's 10th Conference with MDST.

In view of the large amount of de-regimenting which would take

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place during the next few months, D. G. had request no further steps be taken over the duties of Quartermaster Commissions at present, as it might interfere with an organization which was working very smoothly. It had therefore been decided to postpone writing to Comanda again on this matter for a few months.

11. PERSONNEL.

A.G./AGS made the following statements:-

(a) Officer and other rank situation.

(1) Officers.

The RASC officer positions are as follows:-

	Committed.	Strength.	Deficiency.
1 Jul 46	2,519	5,435	3,879
31 Dec 46	3,275	5,434	2,342

The relative position would not improve unless the Short Service Commission scheme was successful. The initial allocation of Short Service Commissions was 507, which would probably be increased to 2,500. Already a large number of applications had been received from officers and it is likely to be increased. Before the quota is filled with officers already serving on an engagement, the response from those who have left the service must be assessed.

The fundamental cause of the difficult officer position was the age structure. During the war many RASC Officers had to be transferred to the Infantry, and the Service had had to recruit young officers. However, recruits were being energetically taken to counteract this. It was hoped that by 1 Jan 46, the intake from the OCU would be about 55 per month.

In reply to Enquiry, A.G./AGS stated that A.G. had advised care in filling in the initial quota of short service engagements.

A.G./AGS stated that it would be dangerous to accept for short Service Commissions officers now on general mobilization engagements unless employment for the whole period was probable since Release Regulations permitted release of a deferred volunteer when he was no longer needed, and that form of engagement was therefore preferable in doubtful cases.

of Short Service Commissions were 82%, which would probably be increased to 85%. Liberty & have number of applications and been received from officers who had already been released. Before the quota is filled with officers already serving on an engagement, the response from these who were left the service must be assessed.

The fundamental cause of the difficult officer position was the age structure. During the war many 1943 officers had to be transferred to the Infantry, and the Corps was unable to recruit young officers. However, measures were being energetically taken to counteract this. It was hoped that by 1 Aug 46, the intake from the COTU would be about 65 per month.

In reply to Chief, AC/AGS stated that A.G. had advised zero in filling up the initial quota of short service engagements.

AC/AGS stated that it would be dangerous to accept for short Service Commissions officers who are not on General Facilitation engagements unless employment for the whole period was probable since Release Regulations permitted the release of a deferred volunteer when he was no longer needed, and that form of engagement was therefore preferable in doubtful cases.

(41) Other Ranks.

There was an overall surplus of 18,000 mainly driver classes, largely in B.M., G.P. and M.F.L.

The situation in UK was satisfactory except for certain tradesmen, i.e.:-

Vehicle Technicians.	Corporal Drivers.
Electricians.	Bookkeepers.
Stitchers	

In all cases anticipated shortages are 40% to 50% of requirements.

The overseas situation is briefly tabulated below:-

India:	Well situated in all trades.
B.M.R.	Generally satisfactory, except for fitters.
C.B.	
M.B.	As for UK.
C.M.	No shortage.

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There was a general shortage of AOs and ROOs: that was common to all this and was the inevitable result of the release scheme.

The following steps were being taken to allieviate the shortages:-

Artificers generally. We were accepting the maximum possible intake of any likely material, reducing the training period to a minimum, and keeping the training machine full. Any excess would be put out to Commands to train in unit workshops in accordance with details already notified to Commands. That had only been done in the case of Electricians.

Butchers. We had temporarily reversed all existing knowledge from the trade test, i.e., men with shop work skill (cutting up) only can be mastered. They could fill almost all the vacancies.

The short service engagement scheme should help as regards the AO and ROO position. The response was, as yet, not good, but it was, perhaps, early to judge.

Future Trade. The shortage of artificers was likely to persist pending rundown and the Regular Army taking shape. It was necessary that all Commands should help themselves as much as possible by training any likely material.

The AO and ROO remedy was largely in our own hands and the short service engagement scheme might in time bridge the gap between transition from war to peace set-up.

(b) Consultancy Infrment - Officers and other ranks.

(i) Officers.

DOV had been resorted to in U.K. in Group 28, and would start in AOI in Group 29, of which about 30 were expected to be retained.

The method of replication of the DOV clause was defined in JOL 19/Decr/276(101) of 18 Jan 45, as amended by even reference dated 14 May 45 to include the Base School and its wings.

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(3) Compulsory Deferment - Officers and other ranks.

(1) Officers.

DOV had been resorted to in U.K. in Group 26, and would start in April in Group 29, of which about 30 were expected to be retained.

The method of application of the DOV clause was defined in WDL 19/Decap/275(1st.) of 16 Jun 45, as amended by even reference dated 14 May 46 to include the RASC School and its wings.

These units defined as War Office Controlled in the above-quoted letter would apply for DOV of the individual officer concerned to DGT who would make his recommendation to D of C.

In all other units the GOC-in-C concerned was the authority.

DGT stated that if a GOC does not DOV an officer and a Break-down in ST Services occurs as a result, the GOC of the Command cannot be responsible.

DGT stated that there was a danger of impaired efficiency as a result of DOVing an officer, and mentioned the wisdom of retaining an officer who was conscious of leaving the Army.

(ii) Other ranks.

DOVing of other ranks should rarely be necessary at home as DIC RASC Records could usually provide replacements. DOV was subject to a definite confirmation by DIC RASC Records that a replacement in an equivalent or lower rank was impossible, and that the services of the particular individual were indispensable.

Every deferment was treated as an individual case - would be authorised by GOC-in-C except for WO controlled establishments when the AG branch concerned would deal.

/ACC Personnel.

In reply to DDCST Eastern Command, AAG/AGS stated that it was hoped to provide sufficient Basic Driver Class to meet 1 Jul 46 requirements so that the need for the rotation of AFS should not arise.

Nevertheless, AG16 hoped to have more AFS Drivers than they would need and in all probability would leave any surplus with Eastern Command, therefore, there was every prospect of being able to retain surplus AFS.

(a) Personnel - Officers.

(i) Transfer of Officers of Other Arms to AAGC.

In reply to Gmd. PACC School, AG/AGS stated that the policy was laid down in AGI 24/9/45. Any Regular Officer may apply to be transferred to the AAGC. The conditions of transfer would be decided on the merits of each individual case, and selected candidates would be on probation for one year, which period might be terminated earlier in the interests of the Service.

It was considered to be essential to permit of the acceptance of any officer desirous of transfer to the Corps providing he was suitable, in view of the shortage of Regular Officers. That was a temporary measure and the conditions of R.R. would be restored whenever a shortage had been overcome.

(ii) Foreign Service Matter.

It was hoped that an amendment would shortly be made for Foreign Service Tour for Regular Officers. The short service Commissioned Officers would if they had already been released be available for unrestricted postings. If they were already serving and they were overseas they would be repatriated to this country in their turn under PITHON. It was hoped that they would be subject to the same sort of restrictions as regulars; they would be liable to service (from 12-18 months) in North West Europe, as much as possible being spent in U.K. and thereafter could again undertake a Foreign tour of 3 to 4 years.

The Foreign Service Matter could not be issued at present while we have no regular form of overseas tour, and whilst there are officers of different medical entitles serving on various types of service. Eventually an appropriate Foreign Service Center would have to be

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constituted for all years, but that could not be done for at least two years.

DST stated that, owing to overcommitments in the establishment of A.C.B., amendments to the seniority list and senior officers' appointment list would no longer be issued from that office.

DST stated that if the list was to continue, Commands must let DST have a list of Regular Officers and senior appointments on the lines of the lists issued through the medium of the DST Liaison Letter. DST of Commands agreed to do this on 1.7.55 and thereafter maintain

seniority.

12. REGULATIONS.

(a) Corps Flag.

Commandant R.S. School said that in a recent advice received from the College of Heraldry the new arrangement of the Corps Flag, which had been proposed some time ago and with which all present were familiar, was incorrect. It was a violation of heraldic rules to superimpose a metal on a metal and a colour on a colour. As white and yellow represent the metals silver and gold, the gilt crest must be placed on the blue.

The arrangement has been revised as follows:-

Yellow to the hoist, blue to the fly is, white on the outside, with a plain gilt badge on the blue centre panel.

A specimen flag was displayed for inspection in the War Room.

It was agreed that the present arrangement concerning the heraldry of the earlier arrangement should be submitted to the Colonel's Commandant for decision.

(b) Corps Book - 1945.

Details of Corps Book activities had appeared in the May issue of the Corps Journal in such a way that the pages could be extracted and used in a programme.

DST were requested to ensure that all the applications for recognition and attendance at the various functions should be sent as soon as possible but not later than 7.6.46. The Capt. R.S. School noted that

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The arrangement had been revised as follows:-

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A specimen flag was displayed for inspection in the JAG Room.

It was agreed that the present arrangement conforming to heraldry and the earlier arrangement should be submitted to the Colonel's Commandant for decision.

(a) Corps Week - 1946.

Details of Corps Week activities had appeared in the May issue of the Corps Journal in such a way that the pages could be extracted and used as a programme.

Dress was requested to ensure that all the applications for membership and attendance at the various functions should be sent as soon as possible but not later than 7.6.46. The Col. RASC School hoped that there would be no late applications or arrivals.

As regards dress for serving officers, Commandant RASC School stated that it must conform to the existing orders in Southern Command which excluded light, therefore the dress for the various functions would be uniform, preferably S.D. at the time of the Officers' Club on Saturday 29.5.46. The dress might be S.D., uniform blues or evening dress. It was hoped that as many officers as possible would turn up in S.D.

13. RASC REPRESENTATION AS AN ASSOCIATION.

(a) Reorganisation.

The Controller stated that the suggestions for the revised scheme for the management of the Regimental Association had been approved. The reorganisation involved the formation of a Committee of Management which would have representatives from all branches.

(b) Employment of members.

Remarkable success was being achieved in placing members in employment in the London Area and it was thought that the same measure of success could be attained in the provinces provided knowledge of vacancies was available. It was suggested that Home Commands might be able to inform the HQ RASC Regimental Association of vacancies in their Commands and the information would be embodied in the weekly circular. During the last 7 months 600

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has had been found in the London area.

(c) Interest accounts.

It was proposed to issue a circular regarding interest accounts for branches. It was believed that OSC RAO Districts are concerned regarding the work of the association, but the feeling that branches should not have interest accounts unless they were recommended by the D.O.R. must be adhered to. Any recommendations for interest accounts for suitable branches would be considered but each case should be carefully scrutinised before submission.

(d) Life membership.

It was hoped that the advantages of life membership of the association would be advertised as much as possible in order to increase the number of life members.

(e) Regimental association publicity.

A pamphlet was being printed which set out the work of the association in condensed form. This pamphlet should be ready by June 1946 and it was thought should satisfy a long felt want.

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DSO, OES, HQ (2/3/40 HQ), who expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity to meet the Liaison Officers again, and said how much he appreciated the work being performed by all officers of the CC.HQ. French. He promised that MIA would give all possible assistance to CC.HQ. as much in its work towards improving the efficiency of the CC.HQ. He welcomed the presence at the Conference of Lt. Col. P. Wilson from Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC. Col. PUDLEY referred to certain items on the agenda (viz) Channels of Supplies, Maintenance of Transport and Press Campaigns, as being of particular importance. He stated that the Ministry of War is appointing a Press Relations Officer by which it was hoped a better press would come about for the Italian Army, including the CC.HQ. He warned the importance of continuing reports that come to their notice before taking drastic action on them. In conclusion, he promised IOs his assistance in any administrative difficulties of their own respecting which they may like to make representations to him.

Col. PUDLEY then handed over the Conference to Lt. Col. H. MURRAY.

3. GSO I dealt with the objects of the Conference, and the Policy of CC.HQ. British HQ. He stated that he proposed to give IOs an assessment of the information which had been sent in by them, and a summary of the information which had been obtained by HQ. Officers from HQ. CC.HQ. It was now time to put certain recommendations, based on that information, to the CC.HQ. and before doing so, it was felt that all IOs should have the opportunity of knowing them and discussing them. In the main, the information obtained by IOs agreed with that obtained by this HQ. He stated the policy was to implement all possible improvements to the CC.HQ. and to submit recommendations regarding organization, training and administration for later implementation. It was not proposed to make drastic changes in the character of the CC.HQ., having regard to the position held by the CC.HQ. in relation to other Italian Police Agencies, but it was intended to do everything possible to improve the efficiency within itself. He pointed out that there was some good officer material at CC.HQ. HQ but they regarded themselves too much as soldiers and had no real idea of conditions of the CC.HQ. in the field. There was no energetic drive by them to obtain equipment for the CC.HQ. or to see that it was physically got out to the men who wanted it.

4. The functions, powers and value of Divisional and Brigade Commanders was raised, and views of IOs invited as to the need for their retention. It was generally agreed that Divisions performed no useful purpose, but Brigades could perform a useful and necessary function if they were given more executive power. GSO I asked IOs to give further thought to the subject and by their contact with the Bde Commanders make recommendations as to increasing effectiveness and value of Bde Commanders. Action IOs.

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5. GSO I raised the question of distribution of supplies and pointed out that CC.RR.HQ. took no further interest in the matter of physical distribution once they had made an allocation. Plans 'A' and 'B', copies attached, outlining proposed method of distribution, were explained and discussed. The adoption of one of these plans is confidently anticipated, which should materially improve distribution problems. Major GALEHNDER stated that Legions never received an acknowledgment from CC.RR.HQ. to indents; if stocks were not available to meet an indent, Legion was not told so. He's boy never knew whether their indent had ever been received at HQ. Action DAAK23. Maj MALES complained of lack of discretion when issuing boots, many pairs were much too large or much too small, therefore though a Legion may receive 500 pairs, only (say) 300 pairs could be utilised. GSO I said part of the fault must be placed on Legion Commanders, who must state sizes required, and part on distribution depots. DAAK24 would look into it. Action DAAK25. On question of general supplies, GSO I said that if Ministry of War did not have immediate requirements available issues would be requested from Allied sources. Maj LACER stated that Legion Commanders were in doubt as to the scale on which they could base their immediate requirements. He requested that CC.RR.HQ. define "immediate requirements", to Legion Commanders, so that a true picture could be obtained. Maj. WILKINS supported. Action DAAK26 (3).
6. GSO I spoke on organic and effective strength of the CC.RR, and the need for LOs to closely watch the distribution of strengths by extraneous parties, and the improper holding of excessive numbers of men at one station at the expense of another. Brigade Commanders should be pressed to study the situation and make dispositions accordingly. Action LOS. Maj POWELL stated that with very few exceptions, in the Legions returns of strength, were the authorised figures in accordance with the CC.RR. HQ. Order of Battle, and that in some cases, Company HQs were showing 800 and 900 more "effectives" than "authorised". This ties up with the question of retaining permanently manned GCHQ stations, as against the suggestion that some stations should be closed. All were agreed that the stations should be retained and Maj. WILKINS stressed that not only were the Police and local authorities in favour of retention, but there was also a strong public opinion in favour.
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8. GSO I stated that the policy was to arm the Italian army with 229 weapons and the CC.RR. with ex-Italian army weapons. Each CC.RR. station is to have a machine gun and 20 handgrenades for station defence. The carrying of automatic rifles by CC.RR. on ordinary patrol duties should cease, both as a matter of policy and conservation of supplies. HQ.CC.RR. to issue instructions. Action 14G. HILLS. A scale of armaments had been agreed and the arms and ammunition are in the course of distribution. 16,140 SUBEVA automatic rifles with ammunition are on their way to Legases. 10,000 more automatic rifles are being assembled. 8,000,000 rounds of ammunition are available. A total of 50,140 automatic rifles are ordered for the CC.RR. for use on dangerous duties. HILLS have given authority for the manufacture of Kohl.34 pistols to arm the CC.RR. With these, and the automatic rifles, CC.RR. armament will be standardised and sufficient.

9. GSO I stated that a W3 for CC.RR. transport had been agreed. Everyone agrees that transport is the most immediate necessity. HILLS will do their utmost to meet the wish, to supply to the WE. Allotments so far are, 250 jeeps immediately, 450 new medium and 100 heavy load carriers between now and June. Adj HILLS asked for an assurance of equitable distribution.

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GSO I produced tables showing how the Japs were being distributed, the policy being that they would go to the small outside stations. He assured the conference that this HQ would demand proper distribution. Maj GOODRICH raised the question of actual delivery. Maj FIELDS stated we had only just been notified of the method and had not yet had time to discuss and consider it. This would be done. Action Maj FIELDS.

500 new Motorola cycles and 2000 cycles are also to be made available. On the question of obtaining PCL, GSO I explained the situation respecting civil requirements coming through UPPA, and spoke of the need for CC.RR.

Requirements to be outside the control of the Prefect, and to place it under the control of Territorial Commands. Some discussion ensued and GSO I asked LGS to give the matter further consideration, especially the policy of obtaining supplies from CIP, and submit recommendations. Action LGS

10. GSO I referred to the lack of telephone communications. It would be recommended that private lines would be installed to all stations. He thought that certain materials were available and that the installations may not be so difficult as might be imagined. Maj GREENOUGH pressed for priority to be given to repair of existing lines. GSO I stated that a scheme (copies attached) for Wireless Communication, down to Group level had been recommended. The sets are available and delivery can be expected fairly soon. Details of the scheme were explained. 70 Operators were already under training. At the same time the P.C. system will have to be maintained and if possible enlarged.

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It is recommended that the Bns be formed of 3 composite Companies, and it is recommended never used in less than Company strength. This will prevent undesirable dispersal; unnecessary use of the Bns and retain the essential striking force. Instructions have been given by CC.PR.HQ accordingly, and isolated detachments will be recalled to Bn HQ.

He urged LQs to see that the instructions of CC.PR. HQ are fully complied with and to report irregularities. Action LQs

It was agreed that the formation of Composite Companies within the Bns was the right policy and that they must be retained. Maj LACEY proposed that the housing of the Mobile Bns under one roof, it was important that they should be trained and accommodated as a complete unit. Maj SYMES raised the point of the riflemen being employed on Legion duties in the town where the Bn is located, and it was agreed that this could be done, but the specialists, drivers, tank crews, etc., must always be available for Mobile Bn duties.

GSO I asked LQs to make any attempt by Prefects to disperse the Mobile Bns in different towns and said that further information regarding WE would be sent to LQs when decided.

12. GSO I dealt with the question of transport maintenance. The general opinion was that the Mobile W/Shops with Mobile Bns were adequate, and it was considered that a similar W/Shop was required with each Legion Headquarters. These W/Shops to carry out certain repairs, whilst major repairs were to be done by Army Territorial W/Shops. The dividing line between major and other repairs was not known, but this was a matter for CC.PR. The existing system of repairs being carried out by local contractors was not altogether to be discarded, as it was considered that more spares would be available in this way, though they were not for sale on the open market. The difficulty was Legions having only a small sum of money for their disposal for this purpose. Mobile W/Shops were to be staffed with officials, under the control of CC.PR. personnel.

13. GSO I stated that the CC.RR.BQ had asked for over 12,000 bicycles, and that he was of the opinion that this was grossly in excess of requirements. Discussion followed and eventually agreed that some bicycles were useful and necessary, but demand could be cut down. Attention GSO I.

14. GSO I asked LOs to observe the qualification of the CC.RR. Officers and in the course of a few weeks be able to give a very brief resume of each officer's (down to Company level) ability.

15. GSO I spoke on the desirability of a good 'PRESS' for the CC.RR and asked LOs to give their local newspapers close attention, particularly in respect of derogatory references to the CC.RR, which were often mis-informed, and to make sure that good performances by the CC.RR should get the newspaper publicity that they deserve.

16. With regard to the A.C. Liaison Team, and particularly the Public Safety Officers, GSO I stated it was difficult to draw a dividing line between these and our LOs, but he was satisfied that the good relations at present existing would continue. He also asked LOs to keep in touch with Territorial Commands on CC.RR matters.

17. The question of the fortnightly Progress Reports was discussed and GSO I pointed out that he did not want repetition of the information which LOs had already supplied. He stated that the important factor was information on material changes particularly in respect to strength, and receipts of equipment etc. It was decided that fortnightly Progress Reports should be monthly, and it was emphasized that the personnel now in use was only intended as a guide to the LOs. GSO I encouraged LOs to submit Interim Reports and recommendations on any particular subject as they saw fit. Attention LOs. Action GSO I - A/C re CCs ILUs.

18. One LO commented on the fact that correspondence addressed to him was dealt with by his CC.RR. GSO I stated that LOs may correspond directly with this French HQ, and that he would speak to Col A/C on the matter. Action GSO I

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21. The Conference then went on to receiving questions and comments from the LOs. Maj GUTHRIE asked for information regarding repairs to requisitioned vehicles in possession of the CC.HU. GSO I stated there were financial and legal difficulties and in any case, CC.HU. policy was to get rid of requisitioned vehicles as soon as possible, consequently the other transport, now being made available, being received. Maj GUTHRIE stated he was now concerned with the immediate future and asked if Territorial Commanders W/Obors could rapidly requisitioned vehicles. GSO I replied that they could not. Maj GUTHRIE raised the question of re-conditioned boots being issued and stated that only about 10% were any real good. GSO I replied that the situation regarding boots was gradually improving. Maj GUTHRIE stated that there were several complaints that the CC.HU. rates of pay were not well enough, particularly for married men. GSO I said that owing to the general lack of Italian firms, even there was no chance of an increase and that the CC.HU. so far had reasonably with other services and civilian rates of pay etc.

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Maj. GOODACRE stated that promotions were at present retarded, which was having a bad effect generally. Capt. MARSH replied that there had been no proper enlistments for the past six years, which was partly responsible. Now enlistment schemes were under consideration. Maj. COXHEAD said that if CC.RR died in the execution of his duty, it took about 12 months for his dependant to obtain her pension meanwhile she had to subsist on charity. Also that CC.RR should have some co-operative scheme to enable them to purchase their requirements at better rates. GSO I stated that the appointment of a Welfare Officer was contemplated. Action GSO I.

Maj. LUCEY stated that the marriage allowances were still pre-war rates. GSO I stated that it was a question of the numbers affected, and the position would be explored. Action GSO I.

Maj. GOODACRE commented on the very limited amount which a Legion Commander was allowed to spend on office stationary, which includes rental of telephones. GSO I stated that there should be a central supply of stationary and it was the intention to ask the Army to supply all stationary requirements. Action D. 148/20.

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Maj HILLS asked if Grey/Green or blue uniforms would be issued. Reply: Grey/Green in North, blue in ROME and South. Maj HILLS stated that the CC.RR order respecting every CC.RR having one hour's instruction daily should be cancelled, as it could not be carried out properly, and led to abuse. GSO I stated that refresher courses at Company HQ were more desirable, and the matter was under review. Attention Capt. MARSH

Maj HILLS asked if he could have full exercise review of his Mobile Bns. EGS & GSO I concurred and said that it was very desirable. Maj HILLS said that TURIN has good canteen facilities staffed by the Mobile Bns.

23. Maj. WALTER DUBOIS, gave a brief resume of the 'Q' side. He stated that the outlook was not as black as one would have been led to believe, and that considerable quantities of clothing and equipment had been released by the Ministry of War, and a considerable quantity of clothing from allied sources. The main difficulty was distribution, and the position was likely to improve when the promised transport had been delivered. Briefly the position was as follows:

Arms & Ammunition. No difficulties envisaged, and distribution according to the War Establishment was being effected. Main deficiency in arms was pistols automatic, and provision of local manufacture had been made in this respect. The position with regard to Base ammunition for HUMBER Armoured Cars was fully realised, and supply had been requested, and should be met in the near future.

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Rations. Although the ration was small, no difficulty with regard to supply.

Transport. The immediate release of 250 Jeeps, and the delivery of one hundred heavy and four hundred medium lorries by the end of June, would considerably relieve the position. Mobile Bns were being equipped with STACHUNDS, and although these vehicles were not ideal, they were adequate and had a heavy fire power. It was essential that some scaling of spares be effected with Allied vehicles, otherwise the position would rapidly deteriorate.

Sitings. DAA&MG suggested that in order to keep Liaison Officers fully conversant with the situation as appreciated by this HQ, a fortnightly SITREP be issued and forwarded to LOs in the field. This would be published in the form of a confidential bulletin, and it was intended to include all releases of vehicles, clothing and equipment etc., which had been made available to Brigades, during the period under review. LOs were requested to check this information and ensure items were reaching Legions. Matters of general interest would also be published. This suggestion was approved and will be adopted.

Conclusion. DAA&MG stated that the remaining 'Q' points had been dealt with by GSO I. He pointed out that it was not possible at this present time to give an overall picture. Most of the time was spent in collecting data, which was crosschecked with data supplied by the LOs. He hoped eventually to give a complete review of the 'Q' position, but at this present time, establishments had not been accepted by the War Ministry and present adjustments were those requiring immediate application. "Long Term" policy would be defined later. Maj HAYES asked if it were possible to obtain batteries and tyres for small lorries. Maj WRITER replied that the batteries were not obtainable, and in hope of tyres from Allied sources. Local production of tyres was not a good prospect. It was agreed that the possibility of obtaining at least 500 Jeep tyres should be gone into. Action DAA&MG.

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25. There being no further business, the Conference closed with an appreciation by GSO I.

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H. MICHAEL Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Distribution: List 'A'
List 'B'

All CC.RR. Liaison Officers
Public Safety Sub Commission.
War Diary (2)

SUBJECT:- Carabinieri Radio.

C O P Y

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, NO.
MAIL.
ROME.
CCRF/G/10/1

9 March 46.

S.O. SIGS.

1. The following are the proposed Carabinieri requirements for wireless.

<u>MOBILE BATTALIONS</u>		<u>For each Battalion</u>	<u>Total for 12 Bns</u>
No.19 Sets	9		108
No.9. Sets	2.		24.
No.38 Sets	12.		144.

3. Carabinieri HQs in ROME and 18 Legions outside ROME.

19 Powerful sets are requested to enable communication to be set up between ROME and Legions in the following cities:-

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6. It is impossible to equip every Carabinieri station with ~~wireless~~ but in order that radio communication may be possible, in times of trouble and disorder, it is proposed that three No.9. Sets be kept at Legion HQs, together with trained operators. Total required 60. No.9. Sets.

7. If trouble is expected, or is occurring in a town or village, a No.9. Set could be taken out by car to the nearest Carabinieri station, and kept there whilst trouble lasts. This would enable the Legion Commander to keep in touch by radio with the situation, whilst remaining in Legion HQ in some large town. The set would return to Legion HQ when the situation became normal.

8. Total sets required for all Carabinieri purposes:

19	High Power Sets.
248	No.9. Sets.
108	No.19. Sets.
144	No.36. Sets.

(S3D) Richard Fielders

Major.S.O.II
CC.FR. Branch.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Channel of Supply to CC.RR. - Scheme 'A'LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONING.
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CCRR/G/12

7 March 46.Col 4/4

1. Attached please find diagrammatic key to proposed channel of supply to CC.RR. Legions.

2. The system intended to be implemented, is briefly as follows:

- (a) Legions submit demands to GHQ.CC.RR.
- (b) GHQ.CC.RR. re-submit to War Ministry
- (c) War Ministry release items available and notify the appropriate Territorial Command, who is responsible for collection from Army Depots unless delivery to Territorial Command has been arranged by War Ministry.
- (d) Copy of all releases will be notified to GHQ.CC.RR who will in turn notify Legions concerned of quantity and dispositions.
- (e) Legions will collect from Territorial Command and be responsible for "break-down" and delivery to sub-units.

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Arms & Ammunition
Rations
Petrol
Vehicles.

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(Sgt) H. MICHAEL, Lt. Col.
GSO I. CC.RR. Branch
M. K. I. 2.

C O P Y

SUBJECT : Channel of Supply to CC.RR. - Alternative Scheme "B".

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC.
M.N.I.A.
ROME.

CCRR/G/I2

7 March 46

Col. A/Q.

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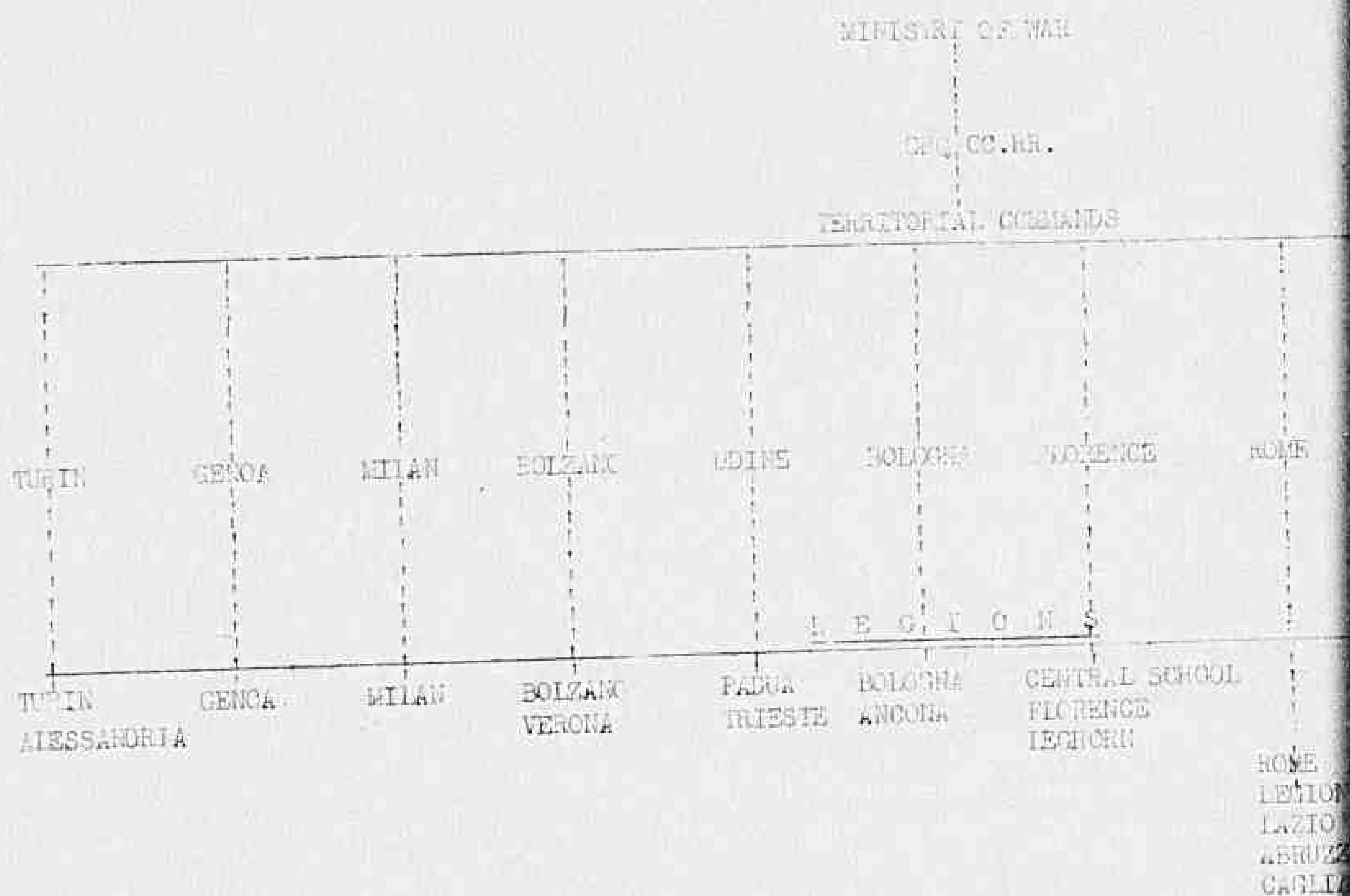
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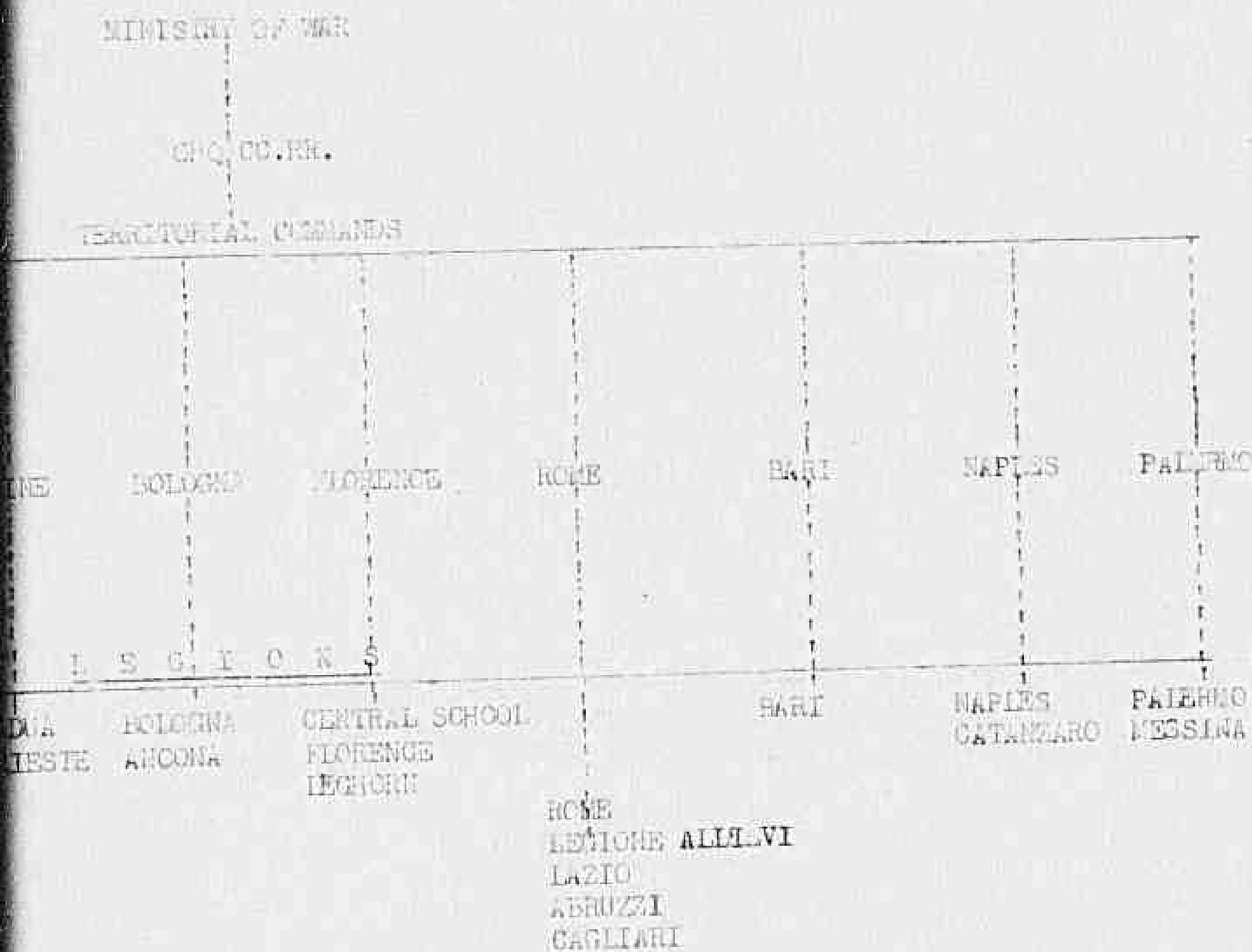
PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN DIVISIONS OF CO.



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NOTE 2. : Legions will be responsible for collecting from Territorial Commands, and

MAP OF ITALIAN REGIONS OF CO.



Maintained by the nearest Legion.

Collecting from Territorial Commands, and distribution to own Sub-Units.

CC.RR. BRANCH. MML.

TWO DAY CONFERENCE AT HQ. MML.

Commencing 0930 hrs

WED 13 MARCH 46.

A G E N D A .

1. Opening by Col PIDSLEY.DSO. OBE. MC. (Col A/Q) MMLA
2. Report by Lt.Col.H.MIGHALL. GSO I. CC.RR. Branch.MMLA
3. Report by Major.R.P.FIELDERS GSO II (Ops) CC.RR. Branch
4. Report by Major.W.WRITER. DML&MG. CC.RR. Branch
5. Report by Capt.T.MARSH. Schools & Training. CC.RR. Branch
6. Report by Major.B.POWELL. Org. CC.RR. Branch
7. Questions by Liaison Officers.
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9. Mobile Ens - Operational Control (GSO I & GSO II)
10. Public Safety Co-ordination - SICILY (GSO I - Major.T.GOODMORE)
11. Maintenance of Transport (GSO I - DML&MG)
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16. Confidential Reports- CO. RR. Officers (GSO I)

17. Press Campaign (GSO I)

18. Liaison with AC Liaison Teams (GSO I)

19. Liaison with TERRITORIAL COMMANDS (GSO I)

20. Liaison of CO. RR. with the Police Agencies (GSO I)

21. SITREPS - Allotments and Receipts-Dept. (DALLAMG)

22. Liaison Officers - Domestic (GSO I)

23. Any other business

Hours : 0930 - 1230 1430 -1530.

Second Day- Conference to be opened by Brig. W.W. HOPE. D.S.O. (EGS)

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MINUTES OF M.H.I.A. CONFERENCE.

HELD AT H.Q. M.H.I.A. ROME.

28 - 29 January, 1946.

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"Q" Points - 29 January 1946.

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

1. The general situation as regards Italian Army transport was explained. This may be summarised as follows:-

The former Combat Divisions have retained the British vehicles in their possession on the 15 November 45. In addition, a number of British motorcycles have recently been made available for the C.O.R.

The remainder of the Italian Army is equipped with old Italian vehicles, the majority of which are in need of replacement.

2. A limited number of British spare parts are being made available in the immediate future, and the C.A.R.E. at Bologna is to become the Italian Army Base Workshop for all M.T. repairs to British vehicles. It is hoped this will be functioning by the end of March. The situation as regards the maintenance of British vehicles is most unsatisfactory and energetic steps are being taken with G.H.Q. to obtain a more satisfactory supply of the necessary parts.

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ARMAMENT.

1. It is understood, but not yet officially confirmed that the policy regarding the armament of the Italian Army is as follows:-

The Italian Army, less G.C.R., to be supplied with British like equipment. The G.C.R. to be re-equipped with the most modern Italian weapons, an adequate supply of which will be available when Italian arms can be withdrawn from the Army units.

2. The unsatisfactory position regarding the release to the War Ministry from C.E.M. Dumps in the north has been represented to G.H.Q. It is hoped that the present policy, which resulted in 2 District "freezing" Italian Arms and ammunition will be changed, and that the War Ministry will gain control of all Italian arms and ammunition wherever located.

Every endeavour is being made to secure the release of sufficient British arms to enable C.A.D.'s. to be completed in this respect by 15 March 46.

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ACCOMMODATION.

1. Generally speaking, the Allies have now released all military burials urgently required by the Italian Army, and the needs of C.A.R.'s are provided for.
2. In the special preform reporting the state of readiness of C.A.R.'s, mention is made of "scales" of equipment, accommodation stores, clothing, etc. R.L.U.'s will press the local Territorial Command to obtain copies of those scales which the War Ministry say have been issued.

SUPPLIES.

1. The food situation of the Italian Army is precarious and has been met during recent months only by loans from Allied depots. The Italian Government is being pressed to guarantee the repayment of these loans and the future food supply of the Army. Meanwhile, considerable diversion from the authorized ration scale is to be anticipated. In general discussion on welfare and morale, it was emphasized that the low rate of pay might be accepted without loss of morale if some issue of food in kind could be made to soldiers' dependents.

2. It was suggested that Allied "local resource officer" was obtaining food supplies at lower rates than the representative of the Commissariato. E.L.U.'s were invited to submit details of any suggested disparities.

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1. The clothing situation generally is not unsatisfactory. The Army clothing and boot factories are in operation, and given due economy, the Army, including the C.A.R. should be adequately maintained in this respect during the present year. A new uniform in the British battle dress style is being designed, and may be available for issue early in 1947.
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R. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
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MINUTES OF NMIA CONFERENCEheld at HQ NMIA, ROOM 28-29 Jan 19466 POINTS - - 28 Jan 1946Present

Chairman Brig. M.W. Hogg, D.S.O.

Lt Col A W Gibbon OBE
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Maj F P Duffy MC
Maj E F Wyatt
Maj H S H N Johnstone
Maj P D H Bengelley
Maj D S L Gregson
Maj J G Peak
Maj H A R Ferro
Maj S E Sheehan
Maj R E Hector MVO, MCCol W Pidsley DSO, OBE MC
Lt Col L R Albert
Lt Col A R C Southby OBE
Lt Col W L Medlam
Lt Col H Michell
Maj R P Christie
Maj A A Binnington
Maj J L W Cheyne
Maj R G A Groves-Raines
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Maj R L H de Phiercy MC
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Maj W H Witter
Maj R C Van Kirk
Maj R R Nelson
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Asst G-4 "
SO II RE "

Maj H A R Ferro	Col W Pidsley DSO, OBE MC	Col A/Q	HQ MMIA
Maj S E Sneezum	Lt Col L R Albert	Asst G-3	"
Maj R B Hector WVO, MC	Lt Col A R C Southby OBE	GSO I (SD)	"
	Lt Col W L Medlam	GSO I (Trg)	"
	Lt Col H Mighall	GSO I (CCRR)	"
	Maj R P Christie	GSO II (Trg)	"
	Maj A A Binnington	GSO II (SD)	"
	Maj J L W Cheyne	GSO II (VE)	"
	Maj R G A Groves-Raines	GSO II (Int)	"
	Maj C F Baumann ME	GSO III (L)	"
	Maj R L H de Thierry MC	"	"
	Maj R P Fielders	GSO II (CCRR)	"
	Maj W E Witter	"	"
	Maj R C Van Kirk	Asst G-4	"
	Maj K R Nelson	Asst G-4	"
	Maj R G Copleston	SO II K2	"
	Maj J W Thurah	SO II RSigs	"
	Capt J J Ward	Asst G-4	"
	Capt L W Mann	GSO III (SD)	"

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ACTION1. Object of Conference.

EGS in his opening remarks stated, after introducing himself, that the object of the Conference was primarily for MMIA to hear the views of the BLUs rather than for BLUs to hear the views of MMIA. He also made the following general points:

- (a) Policy. The ITALIAN Army less CCRR is to be equipped with Br Arms and vehs.

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(b) Inf Divs. The Inf Divs are to remain on a two bde basis. There was a considerable body of ITALIAN opinion in favour of converting to a three bde basis. This had received careful consideration. There were, however, difficulties due to a shortage of ceiling cover, eqpt, and money, necessary to provide the additional Regt and the full services necessary for a three bde division. The only way to overcome these difficulties would be to reduce the number of divs from five to three. This would mean disbanding two of the existing divs. It had been felt however that it would be a mistake to disband formations which, as Combat Gps and Inf Divs had done much good work and built up such esprit de corps. It had been decided therefore that there was no alternative but to remain on the two bde org for the moment anyway.

(c) Inf Regts (late Indep Regts). The Inf Regts in each Territorial HQ would be org on the same WEs as the Inf Regts of the Inf Divs. This will simplify training. It is intended also to make them interchangeable with the Inf Regts of the Inf Divs.

It is anticipated that at a later date the Internal Security Divs will convert to the same org.

The BCS emphasised that the Territorial Inf Regts were not to be considered as in any way inferior to the Inf Regts of Inf Divs. It is important that there should be no suggestion that these Regts are lower-grade units.

2. WE of 'A' and 'B' Type BLUs.

(a) Addition of Camp Commandant to 'A' Type BLU and extra tpt to 'B' Type BLU.

It was agreed that there would be insufficient work for a whole time Camp Commandant in either an 'A' Type or 'B' Type BLU. One additional officer for each BLU was however considered necessary, particularly for the supervision of training at CAPS etc. The provision of tpt for this officer was agreed, particularly with ref to a 'B' Type BLU.

It was agreed to recommend to CHQ, CTF the addition of one trg officer (W/O) for both types of BLUs and one car for 'B' Type BLU only. It was considered unlikely that CHQ would agree to the addition of a car to the WE of an 'A' Type BLU and that an W/O was unsuitable.

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It was agreed by all BLUs that this extra officer would offset the need for a Camp Commandant and that with the addition of this car the scale of tot for 'B' type BLUs would be adequate.

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(b) Interpreters.

(i) 'A' Type BLUs. GSO I 10 BLU urged that one BR Officer should be added to the WS for interpreter and liaison duties and that ITALIAN interpreter officers held against the Incr Est should be regular officers.

It was agreed to recommend to GHQ CMB the addition of a BR or ITALIAN officer for interpreter duties to the WS and to request Ministry of War to review their present policy of posting only reserve offrs to BLU increments with a view to ensuring a supply of young regular officers.

Afternote. Ministry of War have agreed to provide one Regular Army interpreter with each 'A' type BLU.

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(ii) 'B' Type BLUs. The provision of interpreters for 'B' Type BLUs will be considered by HQ MIA.

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3. ITALIAN Inf Div.

(a) GSO I (SD) HQ INMIA outlined the present state of Inf Div Org as follows:-

(i) The general org fully agreed with the War Ministry except for incl of Fd Park Coy. These used to be L of C units but this HQ are urging their inclusion in the Div. The provision of coiling raises difficulties.

(ii) Inf. WEs down to personal weapons and vehs but not down to tradecraft have been prepared for Inf Regt.

(iii) Arty and other arms. WEs have been prepared down to tradecraft, personnel weapons and vehs.

(iv) Anti tank arty. A Tk guns have been withdrawn from Inf Bns and included in the new A Tk Regt under GRA.

The Regt will consist of two bties of two type 17 pr, and two bties of two type 6 pr.

(v) FS Sections. The disbandment of FS Secs is under discussion between this HQ and Ministry of War. In the mean time, the Ministry of War have issued disbandment orders for the case of all Inf Divs

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the case so that action may be taken with 2 Dist
and GHO, if necessary.

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WEC (see para 4 below) during February. The speed
with which the formation of new units and conversion
of existing units onto new lists can take place, will
be dependent on the issue of the new WEs and the pro-

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The Regt will consist of two batties of two tps 17 pr. and two batties of two tps 6 pr.

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be dependent on the issue of the new WEs and the pro-
vision of personnel and eqpt.

(b) Corps Tps

Col PIERRE raised the question of provision of
skeleton Corps Bns. The position was given as below:-

(i) No provision for a skeleton corps org was being made.

(ii) No medium arty was being included but a certain
amount of Trg in medium arty is to take place. Two
tps of 4 guns each are being provided with ALLIED
eqpt for trg at CESARO.

(iii) Some trg in heavy bridging eqpt will also be
carried out.

(iv) The new Div Sigs WE will provide rear link comm
for Div HQ with their HQs.

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4. ITALIAN REG at Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War have now organized a War Establishments Committee. This is working well on ER lines though at the moment the drill for issue of minutes and REGs is not properly organized.

All REGs for the Interim Army are being reviewed. Progress is as below:-

- (a) A review of REGs of units in 31,000 Ldm Regs will be completed by mid Feb and issue of REGs by end of Feb.
- (b) Review of Inf Div REGs by end Feb and issue of REGs by mid-March.

5. War Ministry.

A reorg of the staff system at the War Ministry is necessary and is projected.

At the moment, the Jigs have been divorced from the Engrs and the MI repair is being divorced from Arty, but no further reorg has been undertaken.

A large chart showing a suggested layout for a reorg Ministry of War based in the main on ER lines is under discussion in the HQ.

This proposed reorg has not been discussed with the Ministry of War and should not be communicated to the ITALIANS.

6. Equipment.

- (a) As already stated the eqpt for the Arty, less CC RR, will be BR. All this eqpt can be found with the following exceptions:

- (i) Weapons - 30,000 rifles, and
deficiencies in total requirement of 2" and
4.2" mortars.

GHQ CMT have not yet said how these deficiencies can be replaced.

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6. Equipment.

(a) As already stated the eqpt for the Army, less CC RR, will be BR. All this eqpt can be found with the following exceptions:

(i) Weapons - 50,000 rifles, and

deficiencies in total requirement of 2" and 4.2" anti-air.

GHQ CMT have not yet said how these deficiencies can be made up.

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(ii) Vehs - Certain deficiencies exist especially in carriers, mortar and MG which will be replaced by carrier universal. It have been asked to supply any types of B vehs not available in BR depots.

(b)

The issue of eqpt is likely to begin from BR sources in mid-Feb. It will probably be necessary however to withdraw all types of weapons from Inf Divs in order to get the CARs going, as eqpt issued in Feb will not reach CARs until mid-March which will be too late.

(c)

GHQ will continue to be equipped by the ITALIANS with ITALIAN weapons and vehs.

(d) Future policy is not firm but looking 5-10 years ahead the probable sources of supply will be as follows:-

(i) Arms - From BR factories. For as small an army it would be uneconomic to org an arms industry when BR has a large industry fully org which can always manufacture sufficient surpluses over her own requirements to equip and maintain the ITALIAN army.

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(ii) Domestic Eqt - to be taken over by ITALIAN Industry as soon as possible.

(iii) Vehs - For 1946 vehs will continue to come from IR or US sources. It is hoped however that in 1947 the ITALIAN veh industry will be able to supply all the army's needs.

6. Relations between IR static HQs and ITALIAN Army.

4 BLU reported that HQ 2 DISTRICT and HQ 60 3RD AREA have refused to allow the ITALIAN HQs to move their tps etc without the sanction of the IR commanders.

It was made clear by HQS that District and Area Commanders have no authority to issue orders for, or to in any way interfere in the deployment of ITALIAN tps or the reallocation of ITALIAN soon.

A Directive is being prepared by G(OW) GIK to Districts on this subject. MMIA have also written to BLUs on this subject (ref G/3/1 of 24 Jan 46).

With regard to moves in general, the ITALIANS took the army over in its existing locations and any subsequent moves are the responsibility of the ITALIAN army.

7. Use of CCR Mob Bat.

The use of CCR Mob Bat in penny packets or as rfts to Terr CCR units will be quashed. This is actively in hand and a policy letter follows.

8. Fortnightly Reports.

(a) BLUs are urged to get their reports in by the 7th of each month. This HQ has to consolidate

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8. Fortnightly Reports.

- (a) BLUE are urged to get their reports in by the 7th or 8th of each month as this HQ has to consolidate them by the 15th. It is better that reports should be laid up to date and in time than more up to date and late.

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- (b) Grading of info. A memorandum on this subject has been issued.

- (c) Politics. AMHQ get a monthly intelligence report from this HQ. This report is required so that AMHQ can appreciate what use the Army will be in the case of civil disturbance. It is important therefore that BLUE should report

- (i) how far politics enter in to the life of the Army,

- (ii) how far the value of the ITALIAN Army is being affected by the influences of politics within and without the Army.

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Vague reports on political tendencies otherwise are not required as this HQ is only interested in politics in so far as they are likely to affect the Army.

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ACTION9. Post.

Letters are taking several days to reach such outlying stations as BOLZANO and MERLIN, and come with PALZBACH are very precarious if they exist at all.

SO II R Sigs, HQ Italia, will investigate all means of speeding up commo.

SO II
R. Sigs.

BLUs should endeavour to assist him whenever possible by reporting difficulties and above all moves of signal units likely to disrupt their own commo as early as possible.

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10. Handbook on the ITALIAN ARMY.

All BLUs not in possession of this document will receive an issue.

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TRAINING POINTS

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It Col ECKERTON (3 BLU) asked if a date would be given for the issue of Weapons and Arms to CARs. BGS gave assurance that these would be received in time for the commencement of training, though it might be necessary in the first place to "borrow" from Divisions already BRITISH equipped.

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TRAINING POINTS

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2. Maj HART (5 BLU) asked if any further information could be given on the availability of MONTELO VERONESE Bks. Col A/Q outlined the situation and gave reasons to believe that the barracks would be in the hands of the ITALIAN Army in time. Col A/Q further suggested an attempt should be made to occupy a few Bks blocks so that a certain amount of preparation could be commenced. Maj FENNELLY (6 BLU) agreed to give assistance in this matter, since the BR sub Area concerned was in his Territory. 5 BLU
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3. Maj JONESTON (5 BLU) stated that there was a possibility of accommodation for part of UDINE GAR at FORNOCOME - a German Hospital - Accom for 2,400 - at present occupied by 600 Germans, this as a better alternative to MODENA. DCS stated he would write DCS 13 CORPS on this matter. Although the release of this Accn would mean that MODENA Bks would not be needed for UDINE Territory, Col A/Q considered it advisable that work in progress on the repairs to the latter should continue. (Afternote) Ministry of War knew nothing of this but appear glad that FORNOCOME may become available. DCS
4. Maj GREGSON (7 BLU) asked when the War Establishment of the GAR might be expected. G 1 (Trg) stated that this had been sent out by the Ministry of War about 1 month ago. He would look into the matter and send out an ENGLISH version. G 1 (Trg)
5. DCS informed meeting that the general training directive and the training syllabi for the GAR had just arrived, and that as soon as they had been approved copies would be sent to the BLUs. TRG.

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BGS gave a brief outline of the method by which supervision and inspection of Divisional training should be carried out. It was generally speaking he said a matter of tact, a sense of balance, sound advice and a matter of personalities. BLU officers to see as much training as possible. G 1 (Trg) suggested a scheme by which supervision could be maintained. Each Regt should be asked to submit details of interesting items of Trg taking place daily and worth a visit. Only items of particular interest are necessary. From these items the BLU can select suitable Trg schemes. FEWS, etc to visit. It was, he said, essential to check that programmes implemented the policy of the Directive issued. It was not possible to supervise all aspects of Trg.

7.

Major HARRIS (9 BLU) raised the problem of FARI CAR, the situation was explained by G 1 (Trg) who had personally seen A/Q 54 Area. The same officer was to vacate PISQUILLER Bks about 1 April. This being too late G 1 told him that he(G 1) would have to take the matter up higher. The latest information (from Major HARRIS) is that half the BLU will be freed during early Feb. Col A/Q WEA will contact Col LAUREN (3 DIET) on this subject.

Col A/Q

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It Col CHURCH (10 BLU) requested that Training Directive be issued. He agreed that this matter was urgent. G 1 (Trg) will contact Ministry of War.

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(b) The possibility of picked recruits from the first intake remaining at the OLR to demonstrate to the next intake.

BGS stated he would investigate the matter. BLUs were asked to approach Terr HQ and enquire if it would be possible for each Combat Div to release two platoons for this

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10. G 1 (Reg) in conclusion informed meeting that a course would commence shortly at CESANO to train 2 Officers and 8 NCOs from each Terr Div. These would be the basis for Reg on BR Regiment when these are issued to such Regts and it was essential to select specially first class men. Maj PRICE (CESANO) asked that no further commitments be put on CESANO in view of the amount of work involved in converting to new establishments.

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Afternote: Ref para 3 above. War Minister are in favour of demonstration platoons.

OC Regts are to investigate whether a pla can be provided from the Division or Regt in their own Region. In Regions where no pla can be made available BLU should invite Terr Comdr to request the Ministry to provide a pla from one of the Divisions.

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R O M E ON 28 AND 29 JAN (.) AGENDA FOLLOWS (.) ALL
OFFERS COMMANDING BLU'S TO ATTEND (.) IN ADDITION TO OSC
BLU'S A/O REFS FROM 'A' TYPE BLU'S ONLY MAY ATTEND IF
DESIRABLE (.) NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFERS ATTENDING TO MAJOR FEAK
HQ MMIA TELE 478187 BY 21 JAN (.) MAJOR FEAK WILL MAKE ALL
ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ACCOMMODATION OF OFFERS AND OTHER
RANKS WHETHER BRITISH OR ITALIAN AND WILL
ARRANGE TRANSPORT OR GARAGE FOR CARS OF OFFERS ATTENDING (.)
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CRAIG PLEASE MEET AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.N.I.A. ROME

File : SR/206

Date: 6 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Itinerary ADST - Visit North Italy.

TO : Co S

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1. Following is provisional itinerary visit of ADST to N.W. and N.E. ITALY.

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8 "	a.m.	TURIN	MILAN	8 "	midday
8 "	1400 hrs	MILAN	GENOA	8 "	evening
9 "	p.m.	GENOA	MILAN	9 "	evening
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MESSAGE FORM

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TO : NMIA LO GENOA

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On 1 Dec 80

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TO HAVE CAR AVAILABLE TO CONVEY HIM TO TURIN SAME DAY (.) CAR RETURNING
MILAN MORNING 08

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EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
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FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LOINFO : ~~MMIA LO-MILAN~~ **SY AREA FOR MMIA LO.**
PENBASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MMIA LO

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ONE (*) LT COL F. M. EGGERTON SENIOR

MMIA LO WILL MAKE FOLLOWING TOUR (*)

ADDRESSEES ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMMODATE

ACCORDINGLY AS APPLICABLE (*) TWO (*) 18 JUL

CESANO IRTC (*) THREE (*) 19 JUL

CALL ON ORVIETO
LEAVE CESANO / ARRIVE FLORENCE (*)

FOUR (*) 20 JUL VISIT TERR HQ AND 230

ADM DIV (*) FIVE (*) 21 JUL LEAVE FLORENCE

(*) VISIT 209 DIV C E S E N A (*) ARRIVE B O L O G N A

(*) SIX (*) 22 JUL (*) VISIT 6 TERR HQ (*)

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MINUTES OF A BR-111 TRAINING MEETING
HELD AT MMIA, HOME ON 10 JULY 1945.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/TRG/4

14 July 45

PRESENT

1.	Lt. Col. S.M.	INGLEDEW	Chairman
	Col. F.J.	NOARLES	Col. "Q" MMIA
	Col. L.H.	MACKAY	Comd "F" HL & TU
	Lt. Col. J.	PEDDIE	DMT
	Lt. Col. F.M.	EGERTON	Senior LO MMIA
	Major J.A.	DOBBS	"A" Branch MMIA
	Major H.W.	KING	"F" HL & TU
	Major A.	GELARDI	"F" HL & TU
	Major W.L.	MEDLAM	"Q" Trg MMIA, Secretary

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8. DMT recommended that all training increments (Br) be disbanded on 1 August. It was stated that training officers in these increments G(SI) were merely being used as additional Lcs. AGREED.

DEMOBILISATION CENTRES

9. "A" Branch was instructed to take all possible steps to see that personnel from US-ITI due for demobilisation were not sent to RIC CESANO as this would interfere with training. 602 BRD at CRIVETO exists "A"

INTAKES

10. It was reported by "A" that only between 4000 and 5000 personnel were available as intakes to CESANO up to 31 Sep. They would be for the most part US-ITI and have received some form of training. "A"

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ACCOMMODATIONAction

11. It was decided that planning would not include the VITERBO Barracks. Possibility exists that the barracks at CIV-ITAVECCHIA at present occupied by RIED may be available to the Italian Army in the near future.

"Q"

12. It was agreed that "Q" MLI would handle the question of money required for building purposes at CIGANO. "P" ELTU may contact "Q" MLI on major "Q" points which required added weight although it was pointed out that "P" ELTU was under Rome Area Allied Command for normal accommodation matters.

"Q"

CLOTHING

13. It was agreed that clothing should be as uniform as possible at RUC. In summer this would be KD. In winter it was hoped that a uniform type of woollen clothing would be available. Khaki was preferred but no objection would be raised to a uniform green.

"Q"

COURSES

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(d) An Italian officer has been nominated as "opposite number" to Maj NEWTON and will get special training to enable him to run all courses in the future.

TRANSPORT

16. It was agreed that "Q" MIA would initiate steps for obtaining more reliable transport for "F" HLTU own HQ. DMT would support the request at AFHQ. "F" HLTU will submit details to "Q" MIA.

It was agreed that on the Italian side a transport pool should be formed. "Q" MIA are awaiting details from "F" HLTU and will endeavour to exchange PT type vans for 15 owt types.

17. It was agreed that DMT would endeavour to arrange loan of MT officer and EMT NOOs (Br) to assist in the above.

PAY

18. It was agreed that MIA should again raise the matter of tradesman's rate of pay with the Italian Ministry of War.

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STANDARD OF PERSONNEL

19. It was agreed that urgent steps had been and were being taken with Italian Ministry of War for a better type of reinforcement, and for an improvement in the present Italian system of documentation.

FUTURE MEETINGS

20. The Chairman reported that MIA LOs Conference would take place approximately on the 6th of August, and that G-1s of ELUs (including Comd "F" HL & TU) would be invited.

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SUBJECT: Conference at HQ MIAA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIAA)

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16 Jul 45

TO : ALL MIAA LOS thru Senior
MIAA LOS Outstations.
All CSOs I PLUS att Combat Ops
Incl Comd 'P' BL & TU

1. A meeting will be held as under for all MIAA LOS, less those whose attendance their senior officers consider the exigencies of the service do not permit. A special invitation is hereby extended to CSOs 1 of BDUs.

(a)	Sunday	5 Aug	Travel to ROME
(a)	Monday	6 Aug	0900 hrs Conference at HQ MIAA. Draft agenda att.
			1300 hrs Lunch at Grand Hotel.
			1430 hrs Interdepartmental discussions for LOS.
			1600 hrs Conference at HQ MIAA of G/O MIAA on WEs Combat Ops and MIAA.

Outstation officers will be invited to
attend on individual guests of members
of HQ MIAA ROME.

Return to outstations, but may remain
until Wed 8 Aug if necessary.

2. The object is:-

(a) to promote an even better understanding between members of
the HQ staff and members of outstations;

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1300 hrs Lunch at Grand Hotel.

1430 hrs Interdepartmental discussion for IOs.

1600 hrs Conference at HQ ICHIA of CIs BME on W3s Combat Ops and BMEs.

Outstation officers will be invited to dine on individual guests of members of HQ ICHIA HOME.

Return to outstations, but may remain until Wed 6 Aug if necessary.

2. The object is:-

(a) to promote an even better understanding between members of the HQ staff and members of outstations;

(b) to give members of outstations the latest ICHIA picture and to help solve some of the day to day problems;

(c) to assist CIs of BMEs as far as ICHIA preview will permit.

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3. Will addressees please forward points for the agenda for the conference, morning and afternoon, as applicable, to reach this HQ by Wed 4 Aug 45.

4. Will addressees please state:-

(a) how many of them and/or the officers whom the control, (in the case of ICHIA IOs), will be able to attend, as at present envisaged;

(b) how many require accommodation to be arranged by this office.

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Appendix 'A' to WHIA letter
G/33 dated 16 Jul 45.

A.C. Conference Room First Floor A.C. Building

PROPOSED AGENDA

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| 1. | Opening address by C.O.C. | 10 mins |
| 2. | Address by Chief of Staff. | 10 mins |
| 3. | 'G' Policy and (as far as possible)
'Futures' by G-1 | 10 mins |
| 4. | 'A' Policy and (as far as possible)
'Futures' by Col 'A'. | 10 mins |
| 5. | 'Q' Policy and (as far as possible)
'Futures' by Col 'Q'. | 10 mins |
| 6. | Questions from Outstations | |

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RESTRICTEDLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

Minutes of BRI - ITI Trg Meeting held at
HQ MMIA Rome on 12 Jun 45.

Ref. G/Trg/4

PRESENT.

1.

Lt Col S.M. Ingledew
Col W. Pidsley
Col F.J. Noakes
Col L.H. Mackay
Lt Col J. Peddie
Reps of Branches and Services
Major W.L. Medlam

Chairman
Col A MMIA
Col Q MMIA
Comd 'B' BLU
G I. DMT
MMIA and 'B' BLU
STI (Trg) MMIA.
Secretary

OBJECT OF CONFERENCE

2. Chairman explained that the object of the meeting was

- (a) to co-ordinate the trg of the Italian Army through MMIA
- (b) to maintain interest in trg and to make such plans for the future as present limited knowledge of futures permitted.

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- (a) to train Italian interim army to assist the Allies in their present tasks and so allow re-deployment of Allied tps to other spheres of operations.
- (b) to train Italian army to take its place as a future peacekeeping force in the place of the Italian Army which would be friendly towards Britain and America.

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MIA

CESANO CEILING

5. In anticipation of AFHQ's written order it was agreed that

(a) Cesano ceiling for reinforcements would be 7500 excl staff
(b) those attending courses from units would be in addition
to (a) above.

'F' BLU to submit org and WEs for control staffs.

'F' BLU

TRADESMEN

Col A agreed to put forward his views on percentage of ceiling
to be trained as tradesmen.

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ActionTYPE OF TRG

6. It was agreed that all reinfts would receive basic trg under the auspices of a particular arm or service except Infantry which would be catered for separately. Personnel would then be drafted to units. Specialist schools would cater principally for students sent from units.

ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES ON COURSES

7. Chairman outlined the new procedure which was to allot all vacancies to Italian Ministry of War, which would in turn allot to Combat Gps, Adm Divs and other BPI-IMI Italian fms. It was stressed that these vacancies MUST be filled.

TRG EQUIPMENT

8. It was agreed that the present procedure for obtaining trg equipment should continue i.e. 'P' BLU direct to DMT, but with copy to MMIA.

9. Col Q agreed that 'P' BLU could not accept responsibility for trg equipment once issued to Italian units. All equipment was issued as on loan. The method of accounting was on a high level but Col Q agreed to raise the question again with AFHQ of charging the Italian Govt for such equipment as was now being issued.

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ACCOMMODATION

11. It was agreed to support M of W's request for additional barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. 'P' BLU would submit details of proposed tenant after studying new layout.

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'P' BLU

BRITISH WEBS

12. It was announced that implementation of British liaison and Trg Unit to PTC ICP CM/1018/1 and consequent disbandment of Z Trg Team CM/510/1 and BLU to PTC ICP CM/732/1 and British Trg increment for PTC ICP CM/733/1 had been ordered by AFHQ W.O.F. 1 Jun3.
- It was hoped that instructions for disbandment of Trg Unit to Italian Army CM/1018/1 and Trg increment (Inf) to BLU {for Combat Gps} CM/742/1 and Trg increment (REME) to BLU {for Combat Gps} CM/640/1 would follow shortly.

GI asked DMT to look after all offrs who would not be immediately absorbed into the new WEBS.

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ActionADM AND MAN-MANAGEMENT TRG

13. On the recommendation of Col A it was agreed first to train a small nucleus of Italian officers which would then be capable of training Combat Gps and Adm Dvs G(Trg)

GAPIBALDI REGT

14. Sufficiently trained in its Italian weapons to undertake I.S. duties.

AQMG(2) agreed to press RAAC for those items of British equipment not yet released.

TRUCK DVPS AC

15. Col A stated that the Italian Army was short of vch dtrs and it was agreed not to vary the programme of trg for the remaining two Truck Coys AC. G(Trg)
Personnel are located at CIVITAVECCHIA.

FUTURE MEETING

16. It was decided to hold another meeting shortly. G(Trg)

13. June 45

Lt-Col G.S.

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

12 June, 1945.

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Major Byatt.

Addressees will each detail a rep. to attend a meeting to be held immediately after the morning conference on Wednesday 13th June.

Branches and Services will bring forward any policy matters which have arisen during the absence of Colonel Woakes.

"S & T, M.M.I.A.

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R.A. CURTIES,
Lt.Colonel
Q.2.

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