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A010/2 Reorganisation M.M.A.
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22 JAN 1946

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INFO DEP

INFO: ALBON MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

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Your PK 58552 14 January. After consultation with foreign and home offices can trace no evidence that 12 police officers being obtained in U Kingdom.

AG WIST.

So what?

1946 10/11/46

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INFO ACTION: EX COMMR 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Col A/W 70 355
 HMG
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IMPORTANT

G (SD) GHQ CMF

TROOPERS FOR SD INFO ALGOM MIA

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Further to troopers cable 90408 (CA9) of 21 Dec and our C 12022 of 9 Jan. Have received unofficial INFO that 12 police offrs have been obtained by you in UK for MIA. Grateful for confirmation and for ranks of officers.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT: Police Officers required for the W.E. - M.M.I.A. (70)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.G.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.
— A 010/2
14 Jan. 46.

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Troopers signal 90408 G A 9 of 21 Dec. 45 asked for confirmation that all 17 Police Officers required for the Police Increment to the W.E. of M.M.I.A. could be found from ALCON resources.

A.F.H.Q. signal G 12022 of 9 Jan 46 sent in reply confirmed that they could.

The number of police officers required however is not 17 but 10 your letter G-5 014-12 of 27 Nov 1945 addressed to HQ Allied Commission refers.

W.H. Gilmore 1-120

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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maf.

LROF V LAEE NR 124
T MSHO QVR 3

FROM AFHQ 091255A
TO TROOPERS LONDON
INFO ALCOM MMIA
BT

C 12022
UNCLAS FROM GHQ CMF
REF YOUR 90408 (CAS) OF 21 DEC 45
CONFIRMED
BT 091255A
SENT EF B K

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Rd 1905

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See 12/15

LROF V LRUL (1821) IMMEDIATE (A MBHF-24)

9/10 1973

FROM LT/COL DOUGLAS 5 BLU : 09 1700A
TO M M I A :
QOX GR 125 BT

45
AQ/40 . RESTD . REF YOUR 0165 OF 08 AND CONFIRMING TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION COL PIDSLEY AND LT COL DOUGLAS OF 9 . HAVE JUST
RETURNED FROM FURTHER RECCE AT BOLZANO WITH VIEW TO MOVING
PERSONNEL AND ASSUMING COMMAND 4 BLU VIDE YOUR SD/3093 OF 15 DEC 45
AND HAVE VISITED LOCAL BRITISH AND ITALIAN COMMANDERS THERE .
LT COL MARKES NOW RETURNED FROM LIAP BUT INFORMS ME HE IS
REMIXXXX REMAINING AT VOLZANO PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM YOU . MY PERSONNEL MOVE TO BOLZANO FRIDAY 11TH JAN AS UDINE
UNABLE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION ANY LONGER BUT AS IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO ASSUME CONTROL BOLZANO UNITXXX UNTIL DEPARTURE LT COL
MARKES I AM REMAINING UDINE MEANTIME . AM VERY ANXIOUS TO PROCEED BOLZANO
AND CONSIDER IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE SHOULD TAKE OVER THERE EARLIEST .

BT 09 1700
CCN: LINE 6 WA RETURNED FROM REPT FROM
AHI B1
T/1821 RD 09/1947A CP BB

Actn. 9/8 No 1721 in
9/8 1000 of A.1382 d/d
9/8 (1000 of 1941)
SD/43/P

See 10/1

10/17/73

LRKB V MEAV NR 102021 IMMEDIATE QVR 1 XNEXX A/ REBW
 FROM 4 BLU 101140A
 TO MMIA ROME
 INFO 8 BLU

QSH GR 44 BT

4/B/18-29 (.) UNCLAS(.) ONE LT COL MARKS RETURNED FROM LEAVE
 NIGHT 7 JAN. TWO (.) CONFERENCE HELD WITH LT COL DOUGLAS
 MORNING 8 JAN. THREE (.) T/ LT COL DOUGLAS ARRIVES TO TAKE OVER
 B O L Z A N O 11 JAN. FOUR (.) LT COL MARKS AND BALANCE
 OF PERSONEL WILL ARRIVE FLORENCE BY SUNDAY 13 JAN

BT

CCN-- FIRST LINE READ UNCLASS(.) ONE(.) RPT ONE(.)

SENT NR 2021 (GP) 1440 A (B1)K

RECD 077 101440A JLS

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 MMIA

L. Forces

G 12022
091255 A

G/7048
091615

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AFHQ, CHQ, CMF

TROOPERS LONDON INFO ALCON MMIA

A 01012 ROUTINE

F 189
A ~ 24/12

MMIA
5/10

UNCLASSIFIED:

REF YOUR 90408 (CA9) OF 25 DECEMBER 45. CONFIRMED

HEADQUARTERS
JAN 1946

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AC DIST

INFO ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

LAND FORCES

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URGENT SIGNAL

File

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE

TIME OF ORIGIN

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(64)

TO : A.B.L.U.

FROM : B.B.L.U.

7.B.L.U.

REF : A.122.

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URGENT FOR INFO. MARKERS (.)

URGENTLY YOU AND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF A. B. L. U. DUE TO HAVE
FLORENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH IN. N. M. I. A. TO 3005 OF 13
THEY HAVE NOT YET LEFT BOLSAO (.) BECAUSE MORE IS EXPECTED
IMMEDIATELY AND COMPLETION SUSTAINED N. M. I. A.

RECORDED: _____

ADVERTISED: _____

FILE : A 040/2.

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B.R. 12 Jan

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90403 CA9
DEC. 211000Z

U/6174
DEC. 231115

ROUTINE

TROOPERS

ACTION : GHQ CMF INFO: ALCOM MMIA



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Reference NAF 1086 5 NOVEMBER. CONFIRM EARLIEST YOU WILL BE
ABLE FIND ALL 17 POLICE OFFRS REQUIRED FROM YOUR RESOURCES IN
VIEW RUN DOWN OF AMG AND ALCOM.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION : EX COM 2
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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24 DEC 45

HSD/424.

2 / Dec 45.

SUBJECT : Administration of MMIA.
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (AC)
(MMIA).
COPY TO : Allied Commission.
ROME Area Allied Command.

Ref your A/O 2 of 8 Nov to GHQ only.

1. Administrative matters for MMIA and BLU's will be dealt with as follows :

(a) Direct to GHQ.

All MS matters and War Establishments.

(b) Through the Allied Commission.

Personal service matters and general administration.

(c) Through RAAC or appropriate local commander.

Local Q questions, domestic transport.

SHM/vj/G(SD).

Copy to : Dep Mil Sec
A
Q(Maint).

A.D. WARD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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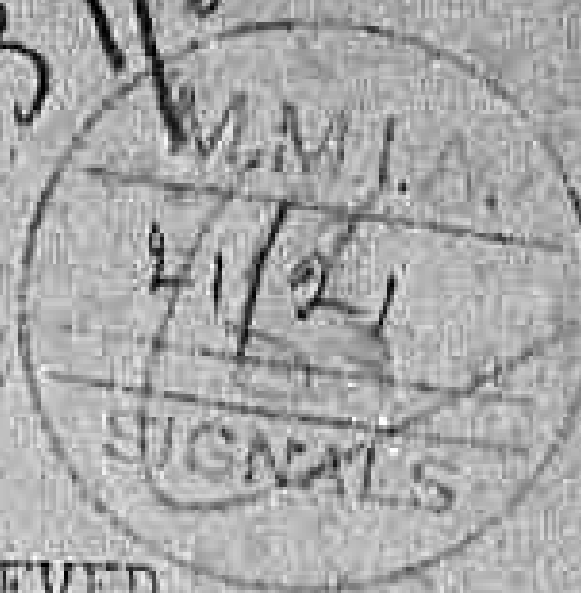
copy to A.3.

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LRKE V MEAV NR 212013 T /// A / MEDW
 FROM 4 BLU 201210A
 TO NMIA ROME
 QSH GR7 BT
 4/E/S . UNCLASIFIED . REF YOUR ~~A1377~~ A1379 . RECIEVED
 201210A
 BT TMI 1107
 SENT NR 2013 BY N.A.A. AT 1340 AR AND TKS 1715
 RECD 211343 A JLS

MMIA
 A 01012

N 39/21



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LRKB V MJFV 39
FROM 7 B L U 20 DECEMBER 1945
O HQ M M I A

BT

UNCLASSED (.) REF YOUR A 1379 OF 19 DEC (.) ACK (.)

~~BT TMI~~SENT NR 39 FM AR TSKK
RECD 201507 JWH KK

MMIA

N 35/20

MMIA

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SIGNALS

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Subject: Appointments - Officers.

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 610/2

20 Dec. '45.

To : GHQ. C.M.F. (U.S.)

1. Reference this HQ message 20/3093 dated 13 Dec. 45
(copy attached).

2. In view of the changes referred to in the above
message, any authority please be given for the following cross-
postings to take place:-

(a) Major (T/Lt Col) G.C. HARKES (47218) LF, GSO I, 4
ILU to be posted as GSO I No 7 ILU (FLORENCE) wef
31 Dec. '45.

(b) Major (T/Lt Col) J.S.M. BOUGLAK (27132) Beaufort, GSO I, No 5 ILU to be posted as GSO I No 4 ILU vice
T/Lt Col G.C. HARKES wef 31 Dec. '45.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

MAP/ccc.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.

M M I A

14 December 1945

A 010/2

Subject: Land Forces Sub Commission
(MMLA) AC

To: HQ Allied Commission
Establishment Section
APO 394

See No. 1712

1. Reference your /57/49/Eat. of 13 December 1945.

2. Functions of Land Forces Sub Commission MMLA, AC are:

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(b) Be responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander, for giving advice and assistance, in accordance with Allied policy to the Italian Ministry of War on the formation, organization, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling, all necessary executive work, however is to remain the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry.

(c) To give advice to AFHQ on Italian Army matters and, should the occasion arise, on the employment of Italian units or formations under Allied Command.

3. (The following U.S. Army Officers and Enlisted Men of 2691 MMLA Co are assigned to this Sub Commission:-

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Van Kirk, Rolla C.	Major	0191127
Nelson, Knute R.	Major	0423117
Ward, John J.	Capt.	0441634
Greenberg, Martin	S/Sgt.	32958205
Eze, Richard	S/Sgt.	36895799
Sellers, Walter E.	S/Sgt.	13132746
Morrison, Robert F.	Tec 4	37698195
McComas, Thomas M.	Tec 5	38687208
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Fox, William T.	Pfc.	35887356
Wilson, Thomas E.	Pfc.	34572944
Wright, Carl E.	Pfc.	31398301
Wyrick, Iorn	Pvt.	34289335

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4. No American civilian or PMA are attached to this Sub-Commission.

5. The foreign civilian employees attached to this Sub-Commission are:-

Appedio Rosanna	Serpieri Marcella	Accedo Alicia
Meliffucia	Bocacci Angela	Nobili Anna Maria
Rappaport Elisabeth	Crostarosa Giovanna	Di Ciroloso Grazia
Focanti Maria Antonietta	Guarnieri Adele	Materelli Giovanna
Frosi Giuseppina	Fitzzi Ariglia	Bertoli Sabina
Efstethidice Irene	Lauria Mary	Campenari Jolande
D'Onofrio Lidia	Penene Margot	Pignatelli Virginia
Caffero Margherita	Carminati Laura	

F.O. Kunk
R.O. VAN KUNK, Major
for Major General, M.M.I.A.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

45A

Ref/57/49/Est.



13 December 1945

MEMO:

TO : See Distribution.

1. Please furnish this office with a brief paragraph defining the functions of your Sub-Commission.
2. Please furnish this office with a break-down on:
 - (a) The U.S. Army officers, enlisted men and civilians attached to your Sub-Commission.
 - (b) The civilian personnel of the FEA (now part of State Dept.) attached to your Sub-Commission.
 - (c) The foreign civilian employees attached to your Sub-Commission.
3. Might this be treated as urgent please.


G. W. Barnes III,
Captain Cavalry,
Staff Officer.

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Air Force S/C.
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RESTRICTED
GHQ CMF,
1027/A-1 (Ser. 3863).
4 Dec 45.

Recd
14/12

SUBJECT:- Redesignation of Units - Trg.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
FOR REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

1. (a) The above mentioned unit will be redesignated as shown below, under the supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Command, with effect from 15 Nov 45.
- (b) The unit remains on WE CM/1018/1 (XII/881E/1).
- (c) Existing mobilisation serial number will be retained.
- (d) A nominal roll, in triplicate, showing all personnel on the strength of and attached to the unit in (a) above with effect from 4 Dec 45, will be sent to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

12 British Liaison Unit for the Italian Central Military Schools, CESSANO.

2. POSTAL
Postal address will be:- 12 ELU for Italian Central Military Schools, CMF.

3. COMPLETION
HQ Rome Area Allied Command will report to A-1, GHQ CMF, copy to G(Trg), GHQ CMF, when redesignation has been effected.

4. ACK

W.D. Dwyer, 1st Lt
Lieut-General,
Commander in Chief.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,	4	Dep MIL Sec	10
The War Office (S.D.2)	3	49	2
HQ BTA	3	+++ G(SD)(Manpower)	
Rear HQ 13 Corps	3	G(SD)(ORBAT)	
HQ Rome Area Allied Command	9	G(Trg)	3
HQ No.2 District	3	G(Maint)	
HQ No.3 District	3	G(AE)	3
Land Forces Sub Commission		S & T	

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Allied Commission (MIA)	3	Ord	
HQ Allied Commission	3	REME	
GHQ 2nd Echelon	7	Pay	
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)		Prints	
45 GHQ Publications Depot		Postal	
No. 10 Publications Depot		War Diary	2
No. 8 Command Pay Office			
3r Historical Sec, CM AUSTRAL			
Signalmaster, CASERTA			

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+++WSD/163 of 30 Nov 45 refers.

(NIL / NIL)

* Incl copies for unit concerned and distribution as necessary.

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W.D. K.
A
Q

Tel No: VALJEAN 55

02E/25429/Pfts/3

By APS

28 Nov 45

33 Military Mission
CMF

SUBJECT:- Conversion of Units - Misc -
33 Military Mission

Reference GHQ CMF letter 1016/A-1 (Ser.3755 dated 20 Nov 45).

1. Forward to this HQ immediately a nominal roll of all personnel rendered surplus as a result of the above mentioned conversion, also particulars of any reinforcements required to complete the WE authorised in the above quoted letter.
2. In the case of personnel rendered surplus, you are requested to give the following particulars:-

Number	Trade or Employment
Rank	If on LIAP (state number of LIAP concerned)
Name	Whether had LIAP or due to go on LIAP.
A/S Gp	
Date of Emb	

3. Please treat as urgent.

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Copy to:- A1 GHQ CMF
G (Trg) GHQ CMF
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MNTA)
HQ RAAC

Brigadier,
DAG, 1710
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

Tel. No. VALJEAN 55

02/55300/Rfts/3

Adv Rfts Sub Seo N Italy
o/o 1 CRU.

21 Nov 45

Seen No. 4.12.45.

Subject: Conversion of Units - Misc. Folio 24

Ref GHQ CMF letter 1016/A1 (ser 3755) dated 29 Nov 45.

The attached copy of GHQ CMF letter Ref 1016/A1 (Ser 3788) dated 25 Nov 45 with reference to the a/q GHQ CMF letter, copy of which was forwarded to you under cover of this HQ letter Ref 02E/55300/Rfts/3 dated 26 Nov 45, is forwarded to you for information.

CMF.

Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

Copies to:- A1 GHQ CMF
HQ 2 District
Land Forces Sub-Commission AC(MM1A)
HQ 13 Corps
Files 55301, 55302, 55303.

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30/11/45

DATE

~~SUBJECT~~ Reorganization - 56 B.L.U.

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56 B.L.U.

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12 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C. (MMIA), ROME.
 HQ No. 2 District.
 HQ No. 3 District.
 HQ 59 Area.
 HQ 56 Area.
 HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.
 51 B.L.U.
 52 B.L.U.
 Town Major, GENOA.
 Town Major, NAPLES.
 Town Major, ALASSIO.
 Major H.E.P.F. Thrupp, S.Staffs,
 c/o Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C., (MMIA), ROME.
 Major P.L.C.H. Rance, Duffs,
 MMIA L.O., GENOA/NORTH ITALY.
 Capt R.F.Hector, M.V.O., M.C., R.A.
 56 B.L.U. (1 per Officer.)

A 010/2

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Reference MMIA A 010/2, dated 30 Oct 45, and signal A 425, dated 31 Oct 45 (not to all addressees).

1. 56 B.L.U. has been ordered to take over M.M.I.A. liaison duties at NAPLES for South Italy by 5 November, and to hand over duty with MANTOVA Inf Div in LIGURIA by 15 November approx. A Type "B" B.L.U., with Major F.P.Duffy, M.C., D.L.I. as G.S.O.II is to be set up in GENOA, affiliated to ex-51 B.L.U. at TURIN. Another Type "B" B.L.U., with Capt R.F.Hector, M.V.O., M.C., R.A. as G.S.O.II, is to be set up in PALERMO, affiliated to ex-56 B.L.U. at NAPLES.
2. 56 B.L.U. is closing at VARAZZE on 12 Nov 45. Until the Type "B" B.L.U. is established at GENOA, it will operate in LIGURIA from temporary accommodation in GENOA. (Postal Address and telephone from 12 Nov 45 : C/o Town Major, GENOA.)
3. A detachment of 56 B.L.U. has moved to NAPLES, and is taking over from the U.S. MMIA Liaison Detachment there. (Temporary Postal Address and telephone : C/o Town Major, NAPLES.)

AWG/wjs.

W. J. S. Jackson
 Lt-Col,
 GS.

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SUBJECT:- Operational Move

SECRET & URGENT

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

10 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.
(MILA)

G/62/12

Ref your HQ D/O letter A.C10/2 dated 30 Oct 45. I have the following observations to make:-

1! Ref para 6 I have just returned from UDINE where I have been carrying out a preliminary reconnaissance with my G.II.

On visiting 5th Territorial HQ I was informed by the Deputy General, in the absence on duty in Rome of the General himself, that acting on instructions from 13 Corps he had been positively forbidden to carry out any recess. East of the line of the River PIAVE with a view to deciding on the future locations of intended T.T.Cs, Schools and Installations. His plans in this connection are well advanced but until reconnaissance of the area is authorised no progress whatsoever can be made.

In view of the seriousness of the situation I therefore visited 13 Corps myself and they confirmed their previous instructions to 5 Territorial HQ. It is clear that they do not wish to have Italian troops in the vicinity of UDINE as it is so close to the MORGAN LINE: the situation there being what it is at the moment it is essential that they have the maximum Allied Force available in the vicinity, let alone accommodation required for additional troops which might be brought up, while owing to the delicate situation it appears that it is most inappropriate for Italian troops to concentrate for training in that area.

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2. Accommodation

(1)

The present area proposed by 5 Territorial HQ for the locations of schools, installations etc is PORDENONE (B.9709) - SACILE (B.8408) - CONEGLIANO (B.6802) - VITTORIO VENETIO (B.6812). At present this is entirely occupied by Allied tps., 6 LWOW DDE (POLISH CORPS) being located in and around CORNEGLIANO, and 5 Field Regt (POLISH) being located at PORDENONE. Even if the accommodation were available it is within the area vetoed by 13 Corps.

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(ii) In UDINE itself the accommodation problem is very acute: I have visited Comd 201 Sub-Area (UDINE) and the TOWN MAJOR (UDINE): accommodation for any large bodies of tps is out of the question, and though they are most anxious to be co-operative both to the Italian Authorities and ourselves the best thing they can hold out any hope for is to locate a small unit like the ELU in some neighbouring villages. The shortage of accommodation in UDINE is due to the following causes:-

- (a) 1/3rd of the total inhabitable houses were destroyed by bombing.
- (b) UDINE is a terminus on the MEDLOCK route.
- (c) Vast numbers of refugees from North and East due to the proximity of UDINE to the frontiers.
- (d) HQ., D.A.F. is located here and a large aerodrome in addition.
- (e) Considerable accommodation is required for Railway Operating Maintenance Coys who have to be located in this area in case they are required to take over in the event of a civilian strike, necessitated by the tremendous importance of UDINE as a Railway Junction.

None of these conditions seem likely to improve for a considerable time. It seems therefore that we cannot expect to achieve much more by the 15th of this month, unless the local British authorities receive some definite instructions from AFHQ regarding our requirements which will overrule all instructions at present enforced.

3. Liaison.

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Ref para 3(d) it is presumed that it is appreciated that the affiliation of this BLU to the BLU at BARI presents considerable difficulties. An air-service exists between the two locations, but this does not appear to be a satisfactory means of conducting an affiliation of this nature.

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As requested at MILAN Conference: and reference para 3(a),(b),(c) herewith the officer situation:-

AVAILABLE. REMARKS.

See Sheet 3.

SHEET 3.

	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
G.I. Lieut Col JSH DOUGLAS	Yes	
G.II. Major TP LUCKOCK (Surplus)	No	Posted to ROME
G.II. Major HINH JOHNSTONE	Yes	
G.III. Capt DC TAYLOR	?	Posting orders rec'd to proceed to ROME LIAP and thence to FLORENCE.
Maj Inst. Major MCAT HILL	No	
DAA&QMG. Major HAR FERRO	No	Posted to BARI
Staff Capt. Capt R DOWNING	No	Posted to FLORENCE
Capt RASC. Capt WL BECKETT	No	Pending HILL's return. Posted away
Capt RAOC. Capt WPJ SMITH	Yes	
Capt REME. Capt PH NELSON	Yes	
DAA&QMG. Major SELBY	No	Absent on leave
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Capt RASC. Capt TRELEVAN	?	Not Known.

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FROM : DISTWO
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 60 SUB AREA
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 56 BLU
 REF : GO/4116

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SUBJECT FUTURE OF BLU ATT TO COMBAT GROUPS (.)
 OBVIOUS THERE IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND
 FOLLOWING BRIEF IS CORRECT AND ACCORDING TO
 GHQ CMF AND MMIA ORDERS (.)

- 1 (.) EFFECTIVE 142400 A NOV ITALIAN COMBAT TPS IN
 ITALIAN GOVT CONTROLLED TERRITORY REVERT TO
 CONTROL OF ITALIAN GOVT (.) ITALIAN COMBAT TPS
 IN AMG CONTROLLED TERRITORY REMAIN UNDER OF COMD
 THIS HQ AND UNDER ADM COMD OF THE ITALIAN
 TERRITORIAL COMD IN WHICH THEY ARE (.)
- 2 (.) SAME DATE TIME BLUS NOW WITH GROUPS ATTACHED TO
 HQ OF CERTAIN TERRITORIAL COMDS WHERE THEY WILL
 CONTINUE TO LIAISE BETWEEN GROUPS AND AREA OR
 SUB AREA HQS (.)
- 3 (.) THERE IS NO RPT NO CHANGE OF TERRITORY FROM AMG
 TO ITALIAN GOVT CONTROL ON THIS DATE (.)
- 4 (.) REPS BLUS WILL STAY WITH COMBAT GROUPS UNTIL 14
 NOV ALTHOUGH MANY OFFRS AND PERSONNEL WILL MOVE
 BEFORE THEN TO TERRITORIAL COMDS (.)
- 5 (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

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TO : MMIA

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Your 0147 of 06 Nov(.)

First (.) AFHQ Directive still under discussion (.) Draft
will be despatched for your comments 9 Nov(.)

Second (.) Distwo disthree informed of redeployment of
BLUS see our FX52408 of 8 Nov.

Three (.) New designation BLUS not yet decided awaiting
your recommendation

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Subject : Administration of M.M.I.A.

Israel Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.),
R O M E.
A.O. 10/2

8 Nov. 1945.

To : A.F.H.Q.

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2. It would seem that the present moment, when M.M.I.A. and the B.L.U's are being reorganized and when the functions of M.M.I.A. are being revised, is an opportune one at which to define clearly principles under which this somewhat unusual organization should be administered.

3. Relative factors are as follows :-

- (a) M.M.I.A. is commanded by a Major General and includes a high percentage of senior officers
- (b) M.M.I.A. derives its authority and receives its functional orders direct from A.F.H.Q.
- (c) M.M.I.A. consists of 60 officers and 150 C.Rs at H.A. in Rome and of 65 officers and 520 C.Rs with B.L.U's in out-stations
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 - (iv) Certain major "A" Branch matters
 - (f) Personnel services questions are dealt with mainly through R.A.A.C. but sometimes by A.C. or by Districts or Sub Areas in the case of liaison units and offices and sometimes direct with A.F.H.Q.; the correct method being by no means clear.
4. Confusion therefore results in such matters as :
 - Release and deferment
 - Leave - LIAP etc.
 - Compensation and postings
 - Marriages
 - Boards and
 - Courts.

This is due to the fact that :

 - (a) M.M.I.A. officers and C.Os in Rome are working alongside A.C. personnel who receive their orders from A.F.H.Q. direct very much more quickly.

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- (b) M.M.I.A. personnel are frequently changed between RCMs and out-stations and thus come under different authorities while their P.S. matters may be still outstanding, and
- (c) Cases occur where personnel receive orders from Areas or similar commanders contrary to those issued by M.M.I.A., RCM by reason of the time lag in the circulation of amendments in matters where current regulations are frequently changing. These circumstances create an anomaly, discontent and other difficulties the solution of which occupies much time and thought which should be put to better uses.

5. In these circumstances it is recommended that M.M.I.A. including the B.I.U's should be administered directly by A.F.M.Q. for all M.S. matters, all personnel service matters and all matters of general administration; and through R.A.A.C. or other appropriate local commander for local questions such as rations, accommodation and matter of purely local administration. Your early decision in this matter for circulation to all concerned would be appreciated.

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Major General,
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