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Colonel W. STEWART, HQ, 388, HQ,
Land Forces Sub-Division, A.C.,
(H.C.I.A.) R O H B

29 Sept. '45.

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General Browning has asked me to reply to yours of 25 Aug 45, particularly with regard to para 8.

1. General Browning is of the opinion that General Hamilton, being strong in character and fully determined to handle his own matters in the right way, is perfectly correct in choosing the Group Commander over matters of discipline and Italian administration. This is in accordance with all the directions we have ever received or issued on this subject. The operational command of Desert troops is, as you know, exercised by District HQ and is paramount. Any action taken by General Hamilton should be supplementary to operational needs.

2. I am sorry to hear of General Hamilton's poor health. He has done extremely well but it looks as though he needs a rest, and General Browning, while allowing these matters to take their course through Italian channels, will I expect, be discussing this question with the Minister when he next meets him.

3. I am looking forward to seeing you soon, possibly, a great deal of you, as my wife & I hope so.

Yours

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The operational control of Combat Troop is, as you know, exercised by Marine FPs and is paramount. Any action taken by General HARRIS should be complementary to operational needs.

2. I am sorry to hear of General Santini's poor health. He has done extremely well but it looks as though he needs a rest, and General Brownish, while allowing these matters to take their course through Italian channels, will I expect, be discussing this question with the Minister when he next meets him.

3. I am looking forward to seeing you again, possibly, a great deal of you, at any rate I hope so.

Yours

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Lt. Col. A.H.C. 500THB, RB
50 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

Copy to: Major General, C.A. REYNOLDS, HQ, HQ,
HQ 2 District,
C.M.F.

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Frederick file W.P.

Subject:- Staff List - 50 BLU.

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50 British Liaison Unit.
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6 Aug 45.

1. Herewith Staff List No 5 in respect of this unit.
2. Recipients of Staff List No 4 dated 20 May 45 please destroy.
3. Ack on substitute AF A 16 below.

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50 BRITISH MALTA UNIT.RESTRICTEDStaff List No 5.General Staff.

GSO I	Lt. Col.	ARC SOUTHW	RB
GSO II	Major	FFK BAIL	DCII.
GSO III (I)	Capt.	JS WILDE	Int Corps.

Attached to General Staff.

SO II RA			
SO III RS			
SO III R Sigs	Capt	JH GREER	R Sigs (LIAP)

Branch of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General

DAG & QMG	Major	JD METCALFE, MBE	RASC
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Serviccs.

DAINT	Major	GA BLACK	RASC
DADOS	Major	HEI COLE	RAC
Ord Offr	Capt	REI DOBRASHIAN	RAC
SC REE	Capt	WJ STOCKER	RELE. (LIAP)

Camp Commandant.

	Lt	PA ROBINSON	KRUC.
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Attached.3. Training Increment.

GSO II (Trg)	Major	EF SMITH, MC	R STAFFS
Trg Major	Major	FMH PIERCELY	DCII
Trg Major	Major	JS HUGHES	RAC (LIAP)

Maltese Liaison Officers.

Major	AM CALASCIONE	KOMR
Major	WG FERRO	IMA
Capt	PA VELLA	KOMR
Lt	EOU AVULINA	KOMR
Lt	HE TABONE	3518
Lt	H ANASTASI	KOMR
Lt	JH MUSCAT	REA

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SUBJECT: Banda Maelia.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Tel: 438001 Ext 533

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11 April 45

TO : 8 Army, Main. for Banda Maelia R.O.

Copy to: 15 Army Group.
AFHQ (G1 Br)

1. Certain information is required to enable the reorganization of the Banda Maelia (approved by AFHQ on 8.8. 38/331/1 of the Italian Army) to be effected as soon as a formation order is received.

2. The present status of the officers and men of this band is not known by this H.Q., but it is understood that they are irregulars originally employed (and possibly enrolled) by the Polish Corps. Ministry of War state that they are not on the books of the Italian Army at present and therefore not subject to Italian military law. For that reason, reinforcements for Italian Army depots cannot legally be posted to them.

3. Will you please furnish relevant information on the present situation regarding :-

(a) legal status

(b) rates of pay

(c) uniform

1. Certain information is required to enable the reorganization of the Banda Sicella (approved by ARHQ on 8.8. CR/321/1 of the Italian Army) to be effected as soon as a formation order is received.

2. The present status of the officers and men of this band is not known by this H.Q., but it is understood that they are irregulars originally employed (and possibly enrolled) by the Polish Corps. Ministry of War state that they are not on the books of the Italian Army at present and therefore not subject to Italian military law. For that reason, reinforcements for Italian Army depots cannot legally be posted to them.

3. Will you please furnish relevant information on the present situation regarding :-

- (a) legal status
- (b) rates of pay
- (c) uniform
- (d) method of enlistment and reinforcement
- (e) position regarding other administrative matters such as leave, medical, postal, etc.

4. If personnel are to be enlisted into the regular Italian Army it will be necessary to send a recruiting agency to accomplish this and the question of the disposal of those not accepted according to Italian law may arise. Your views on this, as on any other matters affecting the formation of the Italian Army unit, would be appreciated.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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