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Discipline
- Basic Letters

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R.O.C. (Thru 2 1/2) Ref minute ③ and folio 5

1/ I have discussed this further at Cesano with Gen Matteoli and reps of S.M.R.E and F. BLU and explained our views fully and urged Comdt. Cesano to take the question very seriously, which I feel he will do, so far as he can.

2/ The following practical steps are being taken: or suggested:-

(a) Call-up and screening agencies are to examine more closely men's records and physical and mental condition to avoid enlistment of some of the unsuitable types (particularly among partients) which have in the past been included.

(b) Comdt. of Rgt Depots. are to appoint personnel selection boards from officers already on their staffs including medical, psychiatric, and disciplinary specialists to grade abnormal young soldiers with a view to giving special suitable treatment or assignment to each individual

(c) The establishment of suitable disciplinary units (although at present dis-colored) should be reconsidered as an urgent necessity on a limited scale.

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? BR. 111 only.

more instructions on army

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May I have your instructions on any action you wish me to take. W. P. D. R. Jr.

29 April 46.

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GOAL - 1. There is no objection to your standards. You have already authorized these. But we cannot have a lot of standards from all categories in any ITI-ITI disciplinary work. 2. I suggest dishonorable discharge - US position is loss of all allowances and loss of even more.

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Q.O.C. 1/ Folio 3 is interconnected with his other subjection which I am starting to work:-

- (a) Improvement of the legal system.
- (b) Improvement of the penal system.

2/ It also demands action as regards:-

- (a) Elimination of underachievers at call up or enlistment.

- (b) Prevention of combat groups and other units passing on their Red Badge to another unit.

- (c) Special study of the problem and vigorous action at Casano.

- (d) Disposal of those found unfit unless:

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Maj. Gen. SMRE, and Casano (Br. 171)
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P. J.
Col.
11 Apr.

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L. B.
11 Apr. Doneg. W.D.

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L.B. Dougherty

11 Apr.

C.O.S. and an discussion
Ref above. Provided it is understood that there is no
question of a general transfer of bad soldiers from combat groups
or R.T.C. to service units. That I discuss other means with
R.T.C. and SMRE.

SP
14 Apr.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : DISTHREE

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR HQ 410 OF 3 JUNE (.) CHARGE KD AT
PRICES SHOWN FOR SHIRTS AND TROUSERS COTTON

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File

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Subject: Formation of Corrective Units.

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

A 026

2 June, 45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. The existing system whereby soldiers undergoing punishment of less than 30 days are confined and employed within their units is in many ways unsatisfactory; being uneconomical in the matter of guards and unproductive in the matter of correction.

2. Although as you know, the establishment of Penal Corrective Units for soldiers undergoing longer terms of punishment has not been authorised, it is considered that better results could be obtained in the case of short-term punishments by adopting a system as follows:

3. In places where units are conveniently grouped together, economy and efficiency could be affected by combining the various unit prisons and Guard Rooms into a central place of confinement which would be staffed by personnel on the strength of, and lent by the various units concerned. These arrangements could well be made by the Administrative Divisions and Combat Group Commanders, and if properly organised and supervised, should result not only in better treatment of the men under detention, but also in an actual economy of the number of guards required.

4. Please give this matter your attention and inform me of the action you have taken regarding it, particularly the location of, and regulations for any such place of detention which you authorise.

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L.D.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

ECC.

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FROM MEMIA

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TO CG BR MADRE RAVISCANINA

INFO DISTANCE

REF AX42

REPORTED THAT UNSUITABLE RECRUITS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AND
THAT DOCUMENTARY AND DISCIPLINARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE BAD(.)
REPORT FULLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON ALL BAD ASPECTS TO
ENABLE US TO TAKE UP WITH SERE(.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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G-4(MOV & Tn) DATE 2 APR 1945

G-4(Mov 6) D/ITAL

Tele FREEDOM 395

15 Apr 45

SUBJECT : Italian Army - Discipline
during moves

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ITALY
(MMIA).

A. 026

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Your A/6 dated 3 Apr 45.

1. Ref para 2(a). There are no similar instructions for "Allied" units, ie Allied non British or American units.
2. It is suggested that the standing orders on discipline of Italian units in transit should be drafted by you and agreed by this headquarters before issue.
3. These orders should be based in general on the standard procedure, as outlined in War Office "Instructions for Movement Control (Overseas in War) - 1938", and FSPB - Part II Pamphlet No 5 "Movement by Road and Rail - 1943" (reprinted with amendments and dated 18 Mar 44).
4. In addition :
 - (a) G-4(Mov & Tn) AFHQ Working Instructions numbers 15, 18 and 20 and "Orders for a Convoy Commander" may be of assistance, and a copy of each is enclosed.
 - (b) A GRO on "Road Discipline" has been re-drafted, and is about to be published. It is suggested that relevant points from this GRO should be suitably adapted for the Standing Orders.
 - (c) This headquarters letter, ref G-4(Mov 6) C/RO dated 7 Feb 45, to you, describes the procedure for Italian Army movement.
5. If this Section can give you any help in drafting the Standing Orders, or in any other way, please say so.

GGB/dw

Copy to : G-1(Brit)

G. G. Bennett, Major,
for Brigadier DOME(Mov & Tn).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS	11 MIA - 12/1/42	EXTRACTED
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	DATE: 25 APR 1945	
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SUBJECT : Italian Army Movements.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
(Military Mission to Italian Army).

7 Feb 45

1. This instruction sets out the procedure for all Italian Army movement and is effective forthwith.
2. AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon Administrative Instruction No. 8 of 25 Nov 43 and Movements, AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon Working Instruction No. 27 are cancelled.

PERSONNEL MOVES BY RAIL

3. Italian Army unit moves by rail are in three categories:
 - (a) Moves into or out of army areas or to army Railheads.
 - (b) Moves under Allied command (U.S. - ITIS, BR - ITIS, Internal Security and Guard Units) rear of army boundaries.
 - (c) Moves under Italian command (ITH - ITIS) rear of army boundaries.
4. Unit moves under 3(a) after approval by G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ, will be bid through the Army HQ concerned. Italian Movement Control will be responsible for supervising such moves only where it is represented. At all other times it will be the responsibility of British Movement Control or U.S. Transportation.
5. Moves under category 3(b) are themselves of two kinds:
 - (a) Moves within an U.S. Base Section or British District or Area.
 - (b) Moves from one U.S. Base Section or British District or Area to another.
6. In the case of 5(a) where the Base Section, District, or Area HQ have issued the G-3/"g" authority for the move it will be the responsibility of local Delegazioni Trasporti to arrange with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ for the necessary transport and to warn the unit or formation concerned and to supervise entrainments and detrainments.
7. In the case of 5(b) where G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ have issued the order for the move and the necessary transport has been

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7. In the case of 5(b) where G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ have issued the order for the move and the necessary transport has been arranged it will be the responsibility of Italian Movement Control to warn the unit or formation concerned and to supervise the entrainment and detrainment. The Ufficio Trasporti S.M.R.E. will be responsible for furnishing, through MIA to AFHQ, the details of the move (strength, weight of baggage, etc.).

8. Authority for moves under 3(c) will be applied for by S.M.R.E. through MIA to G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ. When moves are ordered, Ufficio Trasporti will be responsible for informing Delegazioni who will arrange all details with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ and supervise moves throughout.

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9. Nothing in paragraphs 3 - 8 above will apply to moves of reinforcements, bids for which will continue to be made by MMIA to G-1 (3) JFHQ in the case of BR - ITI reinforcements and to G-3 (Org) JFHQ in the case of U.S. - ITI and ITI - ITI reinforcements/replacements.

10. Moves of 50 personnel or under on railway routes not subject to weekly POM Conference may be arranged by the Delegazione direct with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ.

STORES MOVES BY RAIL

11. As in the case of personnel, Italian stores moves are of three natures:

(a) Those moves of stores of purely Italian origin into or out of army areas, or to army railheads.

(b) Moves of allied stores for the benefit of Italian units or formations under allied command.

(c) Moves of stores of Italian origin destined either for units under Italian or allied command in rear of army boundaries.

12. Moves under category 11(a) will be bid in the same way as personnel in para 3(a).

Italian Movement Control will supervise these moves only where it is represented. At all other times it will be the responsibility of U.S. Transportation or British Movement Control.

13. Moves under category 11(b) will be arranged by the Base Section, District, area, formation or unit concerned and will be treated as normal allied moves. Italian Movement Control have no responsibility in such cases.

14. Moves under category 11(c) will be bid for by the Ufficio Trasporti, S.M.R.B. through Land Forces Sub-Commission, "C.", (MIL) for consideration at the weekly POM Conference. Only in emergency will bids be considered if the above procedure is not followed.

15. Moves not involving more than three wagons taking place wholly on railway routes not regulated by the weekly POM Conference, may be arranged locally by the Delegazione with the appropriate U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ.

SHIPPING MOVES

16. All stores of Italian or allied origin for the use of Italian units requiring movement within the theatre will be bid for by S.M.R.B. through branch, Land Forces Sub-Commission, "C.", (MIL) on (Maint) JFHQ will request G-4 (Mov & In) JFHQ to nominate the necessary shipping.

Italian Movement Control through its representatives at ports will be responsible for supervising all such moves under the direction of the U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ concerned.

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- Italian Movement Control through its representatives at ports will be responsible for supervising all such moves under the direction of the U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements Hq concerned.
17. The disposal of Allied stores destined for the Italian Military Forces, and imported from outside the theatre, will, on arrival, be the responsibility of U.S. Transportation or British Movement Control though this responsibility, should it be more convenient locally, may be delegated to Italian Movement Control.
- Italian Movement Control will, however, be responsible for informing the appropriate Italian Services and depots through Italian Movement Control.

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18. All movement of personnel by sea will be applied for by S.M.R.E. through MMLA to G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ in the case of units or formations, and to G-4 AFHQ in the case of reinforcements, who will arrange the move with G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ.

Ufficio Trasporti, S.M.R.E. will be responsible for informing Delegazione, who, on the AFHQ authority, will arrange all details with local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ concerned and supervise moves throughout.

ROAD MOVEMENT

19. Italian road moves are of two kinds :
- (a) Those wholly within an U.S. Base Section or British District.
 - (b) Those moving from one Base Section or District to another.

20. In the case of moves under para 19(a), the Italian formation or unit concerned will obtain authority for the move from the Base or District HQ concerned, and the Delegazione Trasporti, having received the necessary authority will be responsible for arranging and co-ordinating the move with the U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ concerned. The Delegazione will also be responsible for warning the formation or unit and furnishing it with all the necessary details.

21. Moves under Para 19(b) will be requested by the S.M.R.E. through MMLA to AFHQ. G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ having received the G-3 (Org) Foreign authority will order the move. Ufficio Trasporti will then inform the Delegazione Trasporti concerned, who will arrange the move in conjunction with the U.S. Transportation or British Movements HQ's concerned.

The Delegazione will also warn the formation or unit and furnish it with all necessary details.

AIR PASSAGES

22. Whenever possible, air passages should be bid for by the Ufficio Trasporti to Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., (MMLA) who will obtain them from the appropriate Allied source.

23. If, however, urgency does not permit the above procedure, Delegazione may bid through the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ whose responsibility it will be to estimate as to whether air transport is justifiable.

24. Paras 22 and 23 do not apply to passages on Italian Courier services. These will be controlled by the Ufficio Trasporti, S.M.R.E.

MOVEMENT IN TERRITORIES WHERE ALLIED MOV & TR IS NOT REPRESENTED
(SARDINIA, CALABRIA, SICILY)

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(SARDINIA, CALABRIA, SICILY)
25. In such territories where Allied Movements and Transportation is not represented, it will be the responsibility of Italian Movement Control to supervise and control all Italian Army movement. No movement to or from these areas will be made without the authority of (a) personnel, G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ, (b) stores, the weekly POM Conference, and (c) shipping, G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ.
- In the case of (a) and (b), application for the wagons will be made to the local A.C. Transportation representative.

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26. The Senior Staff Officer of an Allied Movements or Transportation HQ may delegate, as he may think fit, additional powers to the Delegazione concerned for which the Delegazione will be responsible directly to him.

In such cases an order to the Delegazione concerned conferring these powers will be made in writing, copy to G-4 (Mov & Tr), JHQ, Ufficio Trasporti S.M.R.E. and Movements Liaison Officer M.M.I.A.

INFORMATION

27. It is essential that all interested organisations should be kept properly informed. Considerations and Consignees, and for personnel moves areas through which the move passes, must be told. Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., (AMLA) and Ufficio Trasporti S.M.R.E. must be included as addressees in signals in all cases and M.M.I.A. I.Os and Delegazione Trasporti where they are concerned.

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EDWARD H. LESTER,
Colonel, T.C.,
Chief of Transportation.

T. de RE PHILIPPE,
Brigadier,
D.J.L.O. (Mov & Tr).

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Chief of Transportation.

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Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 (Mov & Tn)
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13 Apr 45

G-4 (MOV & TN) AFHQ WORKING INSTRUCTION No 20

MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS BY RAIL

1. During the winter months animals have been moved by rail in ventilated covered wagons.
2. Commencing forthwith live animals (ie sheep and mules) may be loaded in high side open wagons. Open stock should be used whenever possible, in order to release box wagons for other traffic.
3. Special care must be taken when using open wagons for this type of traffic, to ensure that the wagons used have sides sufficiently high to prevent the animals putting their heads over.
4. As much advance notice as possible will be given to MRS in respect of animal movement in order that the necessary stock may be assembled.
5. Mov 3 Working Instruction No 7 is cancelled.

F.L. Jagger

F.L. JAGGER, Lt Col.
for Brigadier.
DQMG(Mov & Tn)

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MRS Rome

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Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 (Mov & Trn)
Tel: Freedom 320

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11 Apr 45

G-4 (MOV & TRN) AFHQ WORKING INSTRUCTION NO. 18

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY PASSENGER TRAINS

AMENDMENT NO. 1

1. The attached amended Appendices 'A' and 'B' will be effective from 16 Apr 1945.

2. Appendix 'C':

Delete "0900	dep	REIN	arr	0520"
Substitute "0706	dep	FORN	arr	0618"

W. J. Jagger

W. L. JAGGER, Lt. Col.
for Brigadier,
DQIG (Mov & Trn).

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Substitute "0706	dep	FORL	arr	0618"

[Signature]

P. L. JACOB, Lt. Col.
For Brigadier,
DONG (Mov & Tn).

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Hq Movements 15 Army Gp
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Rome	d 2115 a 0900					Sat Sun	Train will halt 45 mins at Benevento for meal
Naples	d 0630	Mon					Troops from Heel area
Caserta	a 0800	Mon					entrain at Caserta
Roccasecca	d 0830	Mon					carries British
Rome	a 1330 B	Mon					personnel
Arezzo	d 1430	Mon					
Rome	a 1930	Mon					
Arezzo	d 2215		Wed		Fri		Carries British
Rome	a 0700		Thu		Sat		personnel
Forli	d 1400	Mon		Thu		Sun	Carries British
Jesi	a 1956 C	Mon	Tue	Thu		Sun	personnel
Rome	d 2056	Mon	Tue	Thu		Sun	
Montecatini	a 0615	Tue	Wed	Fri		Mon	Carries US personnel
Rome	d 1500		Tue	Thu		Sat	with one coach for
	a 0600		Wed	Fri		Sun	British personnel.
							Train will halt 45 mins at Grosseto for meal.

From Rome

Rome	d 2130						Capacity 600 seats
Benevento	a 0915						carries US personnel.
Bari	d 1000			Thu			Train will halt 45
	a 1645			Fri			mins at Benevento for
Rome	d 1930	Mon					meal.
Caserta	a 0530	Tue					Carries British
Naples	d 0600	Tue					personnel. Troops
	a 0730	Tue					for Heel area proceed
		Tue					to Naples and re
							entrain at "Belle"
							dep Naples Cen 1705.
Rome	d 2130					Sat	Carries British
Arezzo	a 0615			Thu		Sun	personnel.
Rome	d 1735	Mon	Tue	Fri			Carries British
Orto	a 2020 C	Mon	Wed	Fri			personnel
Jesi	d 2120	Mon	Tue	Fri			
	a 0254	Tue	Tue	Fri			
	d 0309	Tue	Wed	Sat			
Forli	a 0900	Tue	Wed	Sat			
Rome	d 1500	Mon	Wed	Sat			Carries US personnel
Montecatini	a 0630	Tue	Thu	Sat			with one coach for
							British Personnel.
							Train will halt 45 mins at Grosseto for meal.

NOTE: B & C specify meal halts and types of meal

Appendix 'B'

REINFORCEMENT TRAIN PROGRAMMENORTHBOUND

Station	Timings	Day							Remarks
Naples Caserta	d 0630							Sun	Troops from the Heel Area entrain at Caserta
	a 0800							Sun	
Roccasecca	d 0830							Sun	
	a 1330 B							Sun	
	d 1430							Sun	
	a 1930							Sun	
Rome	d 2130							Sun	Arezzo trains on Wed & Sun from Rome dep Central 2000 hrs. Tiburтина 2130 hrs. A meal will be provided at Tiburtina. Arezzo train on Tue dep Central 2130 hrs.
Arezzo	a 0615							Mon	
Rome	d 2030								
Leghorn	a 0830								
Rome	d 1735							Sun	
Orte	a 2020 C							Sun	
	d 2120							Sun	
Foligno	a 2342							Sun	
	d 2350							Sun	
Jesi	a 0254							Mon	
	d 0309							Mon	
Fano	a 0528							Mon	
	d 0538							Mon	
Pimini	a 0715							Mon	
	d 0730							Mon	
Forlì	a 0900							Mon	

NOTES: 1. B & C specify Meal Halts and type of meal

2. All personnel change trains at ROME except through NAPLES/LEGHORN train departing NAPLES Thursdays.

3. The return working for the above trains is as follows, and they will be used for the movement of small units and casual personnel.

a. RIMINI-ROME

Forlì dep 1400 Wed
Rome arr 0615 Thu

c. AREZZO-ROME

Arezzo dep 1015 Sun, Mon & Thu
Rome arr 1900 Sun, Mon & Thu

b. LEGHORN-ROMEd. ROME-NAPLES

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NOTES: L. B & C specify Meal Halts and type of meal

2. All personnel change trains at ROME except through N.A.P.L.E.S./LEGHORN train departing N.A.P.L.E.S. Thursdays.
3. The return working for the above trains is as follows, and they will be used for the movement of small units and casual personnel.

2. PENDING - RCMF

Forli dep 1400 Wed
Rome arr 0615 Thu

b. LECHORN-R.C.T.B

Leghorn dep 1030 Fri
Rome arr 2230 Fri

C. AFFEZZO-ROME

Arezzo
Rome
dep 1015 Sun, Mon & Thu
arr 1900 Sun, Mon & Thu

2. ROME-NAPLES

Rome	dep 2130	Tue, Wed & Fri
Naples	arr 0930	Wed, Thu & Sat

Rome	dep	1100	Sun
Naples	arr	2300	Sun

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G-4 (MOV & TRN) AFHQ WORKING INSTRUCTION NO 18

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY PASSENGER TRAINS

GENERAL

1.

(a) Service. The movement of personnel proceeding to and from leave in RCTE, and of reinforcements, will, as far as is practicable, be made in trains of coaching stock in accordance with the time tables attached at Appendix 'A' for leave trains and Appendix 'B' for reinforcement trains. These time tables will be operative from 7 Apr 45.

(b) Capacity. The capacity of each train is a minimum of 650 all ranks.

(c) Train Staff. A permanent staff of 1 NCO and 1 Other Rank will be appointed for each train. Train Staffs will be attached to Movements RCTE for all purposes. The duties of these staffs are shown at Appendix 'D'.

(d) Train Conducting Officers. Train conducting Officers will travel on certain of the trains. Their duties are shown in Appendix 'E'.

(e) OC Train. The entraining RTO at the originating station will appoint an OC train from among the officers travelling, and hand to him a copy 'Standing Orders for OC Passenger Trains' together with a copy of the 'Train Handover and Receipt Form' as shown at Appendices 'F' and 'G' respectively. The RTO at the entraining station will ensure that the compartment of the OC Train is so labelled.

(f) Meal Halts. Movement Area HQs will arrange for hot meals of the types stated to be provided at the stations shown in Appendices 'A' and 'B'. Troops will however entrain with sufficient rations to cover the throughout journey.

(g) ILAP. Special train timings are shown at Appendix 'C' for the movement of ILAP personnel to and from NAPIES.

LEAVE

2.

(a) Allocation to Trains. The allocation of leave personnel to trains is made by G-1 (Br) AFHQ to Army and District HQs. The total number of passengers travelling on each train will be advised by the Army or District HQ concerned to their Movement Area HQ not less than 24 hours

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(b) Capacity. The capacity of each train is a minimum of 650 all ranks.

(c) Train Staff. A permanent staff of 1 NCO and 1 Other Rank will be appointed for each train. Train Staffs will be attached to Movements ROME for all purposes. The duties of these staffs are shown at Appendix 'D'.

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(b) Leave personnel from the Heel Area. Leave personnel from the Heel Area travelling to and from ROME will travel to CASERTA on the westbound "Bari Belle" departing on Sunday, detrain at CASERTA at 0345 hours on Monday and re-entrain at 0800 hours the same morning for ROME. On the return journey they will detrain at NAPLES at 0730 hours on Tuesday when a meal will be provided, and re-entrain on the eastbound "Bari Belle" leaving NAPLES Central at 1705 hours the same evening. All personnel will report to the RTO at NAPLES Central Station by 1615 hours. Personnel

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in transit at CASERTA will proceed to the CASERTA Transit Camp for meals and will remain there until called forward by the HTO.

3.

REINFORCEMENTS

Arrangements for the allocation of personnel to trains will be made by Movement Control HQs concerned. GHQ 2nd Echelon and the respective Reinforcement Depots will advise the appropriate Movement Control HQs not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the train of the total number of reinforcements they will require to make up train.

4.

DUTY PERSONNEL

Movements Areas will complete the trains to capacity by utilising any space available after fulfilling the allotments of leave personnel and reinforcements to casual duty personnel and leave personnel not included in the allocation.

This instruction supersedes and cancels Mov 3 Working Instructions Nos. 11 & 18 with effect from 7 April 1945.

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HQ 8 Army Rear
HQ 5 Army (Br Inc)
HQ No 1 District
HQ No 2 District
HQ No 3 District
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HQ Movements Central Italy
HQ Movements West Italy
HQ Movements East Italy
HQ Movements Rome
HQ Movements 15 Army Gp
HQ Movements Rear 8 Army
HQ Movements 5 Army (Br Inc)

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LEAVE TRAIN PROGRAM
effective 7 Apr 45

APPENDIX A

To Rome

Station	Timings	Day							Remarks
Bari	d 1100							Sat	Capacity 600 seats
Rome	a 0900							Sun	carries US personnel Train will halt 45 mins at Benevento for meal
Naples	d 0630	Mon							Troops from Heel
Caserta	a 0800	Mon							arrive entrain at
	d 0830	Mon							Caserta
Roccasecca	a 1330 B	Mon							carries British
	d 1430	Mon							personnel
Rome	a 1930	Mon							
Arezzo	d 2215		Wed					Pri	Carries British
Rome	a 0700		Thu					Sat	personnel
Rimini	d 1600	Mon		Tue		Thu			Carries British
Jesi	a 1356 C	Mon		Tue		Thu		Sun	personnel
	d 2050	Mon		Tue		Thu		Sun	
Rome	a 0615	Tue	Wed			Pri		Mon	
Montecatini	d 1500	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Pri	Pri	Sat	Carries US personnel
Rome	a 0830	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sat	Sun	with one coach for British personnel

From Rome

Rome	d 2130						Thu		Capacity 600 seats
Bari	a 1930						Pri		carries US personnel Train will halt 45 mins at Benevento for meal
Rome	d 1930	Mon							Carries British
Caserta	a 0530	Tue							personnel. Troops
	d 0600	Tue							for Heel area proceed
Naples	a 0730	Tue							to Naples and re
									entrain 'Bari Belle'
									dep Naples Cen 1705
Rome	d 2130						Thu		Carries British
Arezzo	a 0615						Pri	Sat	personnel
Rome	d 1735	Mon	Tue	Wed				Sun	Carries British
Orte	a 2020 C	Mon	Tue	Wed			Pri		personnel
	d 2120	Mon	Tue	Wed			Pri		
Jesi	a 0254	Tue	Wed	Thu			Sat		
	d 0309	Tue	Wed	Thu			Sat		
Rimini	a 0705	Tue	Wed	Thu			Sat		
Rome	d 1300	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Thu			Carries US personnel
Montecatini	a 0630	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Fri	Sat	Sat	with one coach for British personnel

Note: B & C specify meal halts and times of meal

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Caserta	a 0800	Mon					area entrain at Caserta carries British personnel
Roccasecca	d 0830	Mon					
	a 1330 B	Mon					
Rome	d 1430	Mon					
	a 1530	Mon					
Arezzo	d 2215		Wed		Fri		Carries British personnel
Rome	a 0700		Thu		Sat		
Rimini	d 1500	Mon	Thu			Sun	Carries British personnel
Jesi	a 1956 C	Mon	Thu			Sun	
	d 2056	Mon	Thu			Sun	
Rome	a 0615	Tue	Fri			Mon	
Montecatini	d 1500	Mon	Thu		Fri	Sat	Carries US personnel with one coach for British personnel
Rome	a 0800	Tue	Fri		Sat	Sun	

From Rome

Rome	d 2130						Capacity 600 seats carries US personnel Train will halt 45 mins at Benevento for meal
Bari	a 1930						
			Thu				
Rome	d 1930	Mon	Fri				Carries British personnel. Troops for Heel area proceed to Naples and re entrain 'Bari Belle'
Caserta	a 0530	Tue					dep Naples Cen 1705
Naples	d 0600	Tue					Carries British personnel
	a 0730	Tue					Carries British personnel
Rome	d 2130		Thu		Sat		
Arezzo	a 0615		Fri		Sun		
Rome	d 1735	Mon					
Orte	a 2020 C	Mon	Wed		Fri		Carries British personnel
	d 2120	Mon	Wed		Fri		
Jesi	a 0254	Tue	Wed	Thu	Sat		
	d 0309	Tue	Thu		Sat		
Rimini	a 0705	Tue	Thu		Sat		
Rome	d 1300	Mon	Thu		Fri	Sat	Carries US personnel with one coach for British personnel
Montecatini	a 0630	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sun	

Note: B & C specify meal halts and types of meal.

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APPENDIX B

ROMA/FOREIGN TRAIN PROGRAM
effective 7 Apr 45

NORTHBOUND

Station	Timings	Day				Remarks
Naples	d 0630		Wed	Thu	Fri	Troops from the heel
Caserta	a 0800		Wed	Thu	Fri	area entrain at
	d 0830		Wed	Thu	Fri	Caserta
Roccasecca	a 1530		Wed	Thu	Fri	
	d 1430		Wed	Thu	Fri	
Rome	a 1930		Wed	Thu	Fri	
Rome	d 2130	Tue	Wed			Arezzo trains on Wed
Arezzo	a 0615	Wed	Thu			& Sun from Rome dep
Rome	d 2030			Thu		Central 2000hrs
Leghorn	a 0830			Fri		Tiburina 2130hrs. A
						Meal will be
						provided at Tiburtina
						Arezzo train on Tue
						dep Central 2130hrs.
Rome	d 1735					
Orto	a 2020					Sun
	d 2120					Sun
Foligno	a 2342					Sun
	d 2350					Sun
Jesi	a 0254					Mon
	d 0309					Mon
Pesc	a 0528					Mon
	d 0538					Mon
Rimini	a 0715					Mon

Notes: 1. B & C specify Meal halts and type of meal.

2. All personnel change trains at ROME except through NAPLES/LEGHORN train departing NAPLES Thursdays.

3. The return working for the above trains is as follows, and they will be used for the movement of small units and casual personnel.

a. FLIMINI-ROMERimini dep 1550 Wed
Rome arr 0615 Thuc. AREZZO-ROMEArezzo dep 1045 Sun Mon and Thu
Rome arr 1900 Sun Mon and Thub. LEGHORN-ROMELeghorn dep 1030 Fri
Rome arr 2230 Frid. ROME-NAPLESRome dep 2130 Tue Wed and Fri
Naples arr 0930 Wed Thu and Sat

Rome dep 1100 Sun

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Notes: 1. B & C specify Meal halts and type of meal.

2. All personnel change trains at ROME except through MAPLES/LEICHTORN train departing MAPLES Thursdays.
3. The return working for the above trains is as follows, and they will be used for the movement of small units and casual personnel.

a. RUHHI-KOIFRun Date: 06/15/2015 15:50
Run By: 0615 Thu

C. AREZZO-ROIT

Arrezo dop 1015 Sun Mon and Thu
Relle are 1900 Sun Mon and Thu

b. DISCUSSION-POINT

Leghämoglobin 1030 Pri
Reihe 2230 Pri

d. ROUND-NAFILES

Room	Dep	2130	Tue	Wed	and	Fri
Naples	arr	0930	Wed	Thu	and	Sat

Rome	dep	1100	Sun
Maples	arr	2300	Sun

APPENDIX 'C'LIAP TRAIN PROGRAMME
effective - Apr 45SOUTHBOUNDNORTHBOUNDFrom RIMINI

	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Station</u>		<u>Timing</u>	
	0900	dep		0520	arr
B	1300	arr		0035	dep
	1400	dep		0023	arr
				2105	dep
				2039	arr
O	2115	arr		1722	dep
	2215	dep		1622	arr
	0100	arr		1330	dep
	0130	dep		1200	arr
A	0630	arr		0700	dep
	0730	dep		0600	arr
	1430	arr		2300	dep

From AREZZO

	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Station</u>		<u>Timing</u>	
	1300	dep		1315	arr
C	1900	arr		0715	dep
	2000	dep		0615	arr
	2245	arr		0330	dep
	0030	dep		0300	arr
A	0530	arr		2200	dep
	0630	dep		2100	arr
	1330	arr		1400	dep

C	FOLIGNO	dep	2105	
	FOLIGNO	arr	2039	
	ORTE	dep	1722	
	ORTE	arr	1622	C
	ROME	dep	1330	
	ROME	arr	1200	B
A	ROCCASECCA	dep	0700	
	ROCCASECCA	arr	0600	A
	NAPLES	dep	2300	
	<u>From AREZZO</u>			
	AREZZO	arr	1315	
C	ORTE	dep	0715	
	ORTE	arr	0615	A
	ROME	dep	0330	
	ROME	arr	0300	
A	ROCCASECCA	dep	2200	
	ROCCASECCA	arr	2100	C
	NAPLES	dep	1400	

NOTE: A B C specify meal halts and types of meal.

The movement of personnel between NAPLES and the non-operational zone not served by the special train services above will be arranged by HQ Movements West ITALY or HQ Movements East ITALY, as applicable, in conjunction with HQ No 3 District. The existing military passenger train services will be utilised where practicable.

STANDING ORDERS FOR TRAIN STAFF ON PASSENGER TRAINSAPPENDIX 'D'

1. GENERAL. Each set of stock running as a leave train will have 1 NCO and 1 Other Rank permanently attached as train staff. The NCO will be known as NCO i/c Train.

The train staff will travel with the train on each journey and at least one member will remain on the train at all times while the train is stabled between journeys. The train staff is responsible for the safe custody of stores and all removable fittings eg. cushions, hurricane lamps, electric light bulbs etc. remaining in the train while the train is stabled.

2. ADMINISTRATION. NCOs at terminal stations will be responsible for feeding and rationing the train staff as required. These orders will be quoted if necessary, as authority for issue of rations to Train Staffs.

3. COMBAT.

- (a) At terminal stations and during entrainment and detrainment train staffs will be under command HTO. During the journey itself and at halts train staff will be under command CC Train. At all times train staff will assist and advise CC Train in carrying out his duties.

- (b) All members of train staffs will be in possession of Standing Orders for CC Train.

4. DUTIES OF NCO i/c TRAIN

- (a) NCO i/c Train will keep an inventory of the equipment of each train. This inventory will be checked weekly by HTO RME. The NCO i/c Train staff will be responsible for producing hurricane lamps, electric light bulbs and any other equipment issued to him. An explanation will be given for any deficiencies which have occurred. This explanation will be forwarded to Movements RME for such action as may be considered necessary.

- (b) He will be responsible for seeing that the train has been properly cleared by the ISR staff at least one hour before time of entrainment. If it is unsatisfactory, he will at once report to the local LFO who will take the necessary action.

- (c) He will see that all lamps are full and trimmed before entrainment. He will keep at all times a reserve of not less than 40 feet of wick and 20 gallons of paraffin.

- (d) He will have the "Train Receipt Form" ready so that NCOs i/c Carriages can take over and sign for their carriages on entrainment. On trains in which hurricane lamps are not fitted into brackets as permanent fixtures of each compartment, lamps will not be distributed till these NCOs are ready to receive them. He will carry the "Train Receipt Form" during the journey and pass it to HTO detraining station duly signed when the train has been handed over by CC Train.

COMMAND.

- (a) At terminal stations and during entrainment and detrainment train staffs will be under command RTO. During the journey itself and at halts train staff will be under command CC Train. At all times train staff will assist and advise CC Train in carrying out his duties.
- (b) All members of train staffs will be in possession of Standing Orders for CC Train.

DUTIES OF NCO i/c TRAIN

- (a) NCO i/c Train will keep an inventory of the equipment of each train. This inventory will be checked weekly by RTO RME. The NCO i/c Train staff will be responsible for producing hurricane lamps, electric light bulbs and any other equipment issued to him. An explanation will be given for any deficiencies which have occurred. This explanation will be forwarded to Movements RME for such action as may be considered necessary.
- (b) He will be responsible for seeing that the train has been properly cleaned by the Ish staff at least one hour before time of entrainment. If it is unsatisfactory, he will at once report to the local RTO who will take the necessary action.
- (c) He will see that all lamps are full and trimmed before entrainment. He will keep at all times a reserve of not less than 40 feet of wick and 20 gallons of paraffin.
- (d) He will have the "Train Receipt Form" ready so that NCOs i/c Carriages can take over and sign for their carriages on entrainment. On trains in which hurricane lamps are not fitted into brackets as permanent fixtures of each compartment, lamps will not be distributed till these NCOs are ready to receive them. He will carry the "Train Receipt Form" during the journey and pass it to RTO detraining station duly signed when the train has been handed over by CC Train.
- (e) On trains where carriages are fitted with electric light, he will distribute the electric light bulbs to the NCOs i/c carriages and obtain a receipt. When the carriages are not in use he will keep the electric light bulbs in store.
- (f) He will be responsible for seeing that all carriage windows are properly closed and doors locked whilst the train is not in use.
- (g) He will report immediately to the RTO any attempt to break into the train and any damage or theft therefrom whilst not in use. The RTO is responsible that the NCO i/c marshalling yard guard or GMP are instructed to include the train in their beat.
- (h) When the train is running empty he will, in the absence of a Train Conducting Officer, assume the duties of CC Train.

- 5. ITALIANS. Under no circumstances will Italian Civilians or Troops be allowed to board the train without specific instructions from the RTO.

APPENDIX 'E'INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAIN CONDUCTING OFFICERS

1. TCOs will accompany trains as directed by the Movements HQ under whose orders they are working.
2. The TCO will report to RTO at entraining station not later than one hour before scheduled departure time. The train and the train staff will be examined, and particulars obtained from the RTO of parties and individuals travelling.
3. The TCO will be present at and assist in the handing over formalities between the RTO, NCO IC Train Staff, and will be acquainted with the procedure in completing the Train Handover and Receipt Form, and all other forms which may be in use.
4. The TCO will acquaint himself of the destinations of parties travelling on the train, and will assist the entraining RTO to ensure that parties are loaded by destinations. At detraining stations, TCO will ensure in conjunction with CC Train that all troops for the particular station are detrained and not over-carried.
5. TCO will act as Liaison between CC Train and Railway Operating personnel of ISR staff at points where there is no RTO.
6. The TCO will acquaint himself of the various meal halts scheduled on each service, and ensure that CC Train is aware of these halts and ready to detrain his men. At meal halts, TCO will assist the RTO and CC Train to control the troops during the meal.
7. The TCO will ensure that no unauthorised persons, civilian or military, travel on the train.
8. The TCO will consider himself in the capacity of a travelling Movements Officer, available at all times to the CC Train if required, and will do everything in his power to make the journey as comfortable as possible for the troops travelling.
9. On the completion of each trip, the TCO will check with the train staff the accommodation stores on the train, paying particular attention to the hurricane lamps and electric light bulbs.
10. TCOs will make a report on the back of the "Train Handover" proforma in respect of each journey. These reports will be handed to the RTO at destination station, who will immediately forward same to his Movements Sub area or Area HQ.
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3. The TCO will be present at and assist in the handing over formalities between the RTO, NCO IC Train Staff, and will be acquainted with the procedure in completing the Train Handover and Receipt Form, and all other forms which may be in use.
4. The TCO will acquaint himself of the destinations of parties travelling on the train, and will assist the entraining RTO to ensure that parties are loaded by destinations. At detraining stations, TCO will ensure in conjunction with CC Train that all troops for the particular station are detrained and not over-carried.
5. TCO will act as Liaison between CC Train and Railway Operating personnel of ISR staff at points where there is no RTO.
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STANDING ORDERS FOR CC PASSENGER TRAINS APPENDIX 'F'

GENERAL

1. (a) The MTO at the entraining station will nominate an CC Train from the Officers travelling.
 - (b) CC Train will be assisted in his duties by a Train Staff permanently attached to the train of 1 MTO and 1 Other Rank.
 - (c) Train Conducting Officers travel on certain trains. Their duties are to assist CC Train in every way and to act as Liaison between CC Trains and Railway Operating personnel of ISR staff at points where there are no MTOs.
 - (d) CC Train will nominate an officer or senior MTO in charge of each coach of the train to ensure that his orders be carried out.
 - (e) CC Train will be in command of all troops travelling in the train and will be responsible for their discipline, protection and administration at all times during the journey, including proper P.D measures at entrainment and detrainment. He will issue any orders necessary to implement the instructions of Movement Control or the requests of Railway Operating personnel.
2. ENTRAINMENT.
- (a) He will take over the train from the MTO having inspected it with him and noted any existing damage on the proforma attached. The MTO will retain Part 1, CC Train will retain Part II and III.
 - (b) He will ensure that entrainment is completed punctually and that the departure of the train is not delayed.
 - (c) He will ensure that all concerned know the location of his carriage to which a label will be affixed by the MTO.

LIGHTING.

- (a) On trains in which hurricane lamps are not fitted into brackets as permanent fixtures of each compartment, he will take over from MTO entraining station, or from the train staff, hurricane lamps at the scale of 1 per compartment, lavatory and baggage van plus 1 for CC Train and 1 for train staff. MTOs i/c coaches will be responsible for the safety of the lamps for their coach. All lamps will be handed in at the end of the journey to the permanent train staff and a receipt obtained.
- (b) Where carriages are fitted for electric light, he will take over electric light bulbs from the train staff. MTOs i/c carriages will be responsible for the safety of the bulbs in their carriages. All bulbs will be handed in at the end of the journey to the permanent train staff and a receipt obtained.

- (d) CC Train will nominate an officer of the train to ensure that his orders be carried out.
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MEAL HALTS

- (a) ITOs will give CC Train full details of train timings, with information as to the duration of meal halts and facilities available at such halts.
- (b) CC Train will ensure that the trains departure from the meal halt is not delayed beyond the booked timing and that the meal is collected in an orderly manner.
- (c) He will warn ITOs i/c Coaches that men must be ready with mess tins on arrival at the station. He will detail an officer to superintend the issue of the meal.

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(a) On trains in which rations are drawn in bulk and loaded on to the train, CC Train will be responsible for their safe custody and for their issue when necessary to Troops during the journey. Before issuing rations he will satisfy himself by enquiring from the RTO (or, in the absence of an RTO from the Rly Operating NCO) that the train will be standing in the station long enough to enable an issue to be made. CC Train will NOT cause the departure of the train to be delayed in order that rations may be issued. CC Train will hand over the balance of rations remaining at the end of the journey to the RTO detraining station.

5. RAO

(a) During an air raid entrainment will continue unless an enemy aircraft is seen, or the vicinity of the station is being attacked.

(b) Detrainment away from the station will only be ordered if the train itself is brought to a standstill by air attack.

6. DETRAINMENT

(a) CC Train will report to the RTO on arrival. He will ensure that NCCs i/c carriages remain at their carriage until he has inspected the train in company with the RTO and noted any damage and who is responsible. He will retain Part III of the "Train Handover Form" receipted by the RTO and hand Part II signed by himself to the RTO. If the RTO i/c compartment does not hand over the hurricane lamp or correct number of electric light bulbs for which he has given a receipt, the RTO at detraining station will make out AF P.1954 for his signature. Immediately the RTO has obtained his signature, he will enter the charge (100 line for each hurricane lamp or electric light bulb) in the ID of the NCC. If the RTO is not present when the compartment is checked, or if he refuses to sign AF P.1954, the RTO will submit to his Area a report of the case, together with the receipt signed by the RTO i/c when taking over his compartment on entraining. Movement Areas will forward this to CC Unit through the usual channels.

(b) In no circumstances will detraining commence until CC Train has received his orders from the RTO and has returned to the train.

7. LIMITS OF AUTHORITY. CC Train has no authority to give any instructions to any member of the railway staff whether Allied Military or civilian railway staff. The RTO is the only channel of communication between CC Train and railway staff.

He will in no circumstances interfere with the handling of his train by the Operating Staff, even if it may seem to him to be unreasonable. His authority is strictly confined to the discipline of the troops on the train. Any complaints about the journey should be made to the RTO at the destination in writing.

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ITALIANS. Under no circumstances will Italian civilians or troops be allowed to board the train without specific instructions from the RTO.

9.

FIRES. The lighting of fires in railway coaches or wagons is strictly forbidden.

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RECEIPT FORM FOR TRAIN FROM _____ TO _____ DATE _____

Carriage No	Lamps Hurricane	Electric Light Bulbs	Cushions	Details of any damage noted, on taking over carriage. If NIL write NIL	Signature of NCO IC Carriage	Regtl No and Unit of NCO IC Carriage	Additional damage or discrepancies on handing back carriage. If NIL, write NIL.	Exp a d di
<u>TOTAL</u>								
This Form will be despatched by post by RTO detraining station to HQ Movements RGE				Signature of CC Train	Signature of RTO handing over	Signature of RTO receiving Train		
				Rank _____	Rank _____	Rank _____		
				Unit _____	Unit _____	Unit _____		

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FORM FOR TRAIN FROM _____ TO _____ DATE _____

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ions	Details of any damage noted, on taking over carriage. If NIL write NIL	Signature of NCO IC Carriage	Regtl No and Unit of NCO IC Carriage	Additional damage or discrepancies on handing back carriage. If NIL, write NIL.	Explanations of additional damage or discrepancies	Signature of NCO IC Carriage

Signature of CC Train	Signature of RTO handing over	Signature of RTO receiving Train	Signature of CC Train handing back
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Rank _____	Rank _____	Rank _____	Rank _____
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MOV 3/403

G-4 (MOV & TN) AFHQ WORKING INSTRUCTION NO. 15

MOVEMENT BY RAIL AND ROAD

1. The permanent train staffs on military coaching stock trains will shortly be augmented by the appointment of Train Conducting Officers.
2. Certain journeys will inevitably be more arduous than others, and allocated officers should therefore be rotated during their term of duty. This should be one month. It is not the intention that individual officers should be placed permanently on this duty, but that junior KTOs be allotted under arrangements of MOV Areas.

It is within the discretion of MOV Areas to utilise TCO's for special duties or as a relief for KTOs' day off, in cases where there is a long 'lie over' between trips. Due regard should be paid to rest and recreation periods for the TCO's themselves.

3. TCO's will make reports in writing on the back of the "Train Handover" proforma in respect of each journey to the KTO at destination station. The KTO will forward this report to his MOV Area HQ.

4. MOV Areas will take action on local matters included in TCO's reports, referring to this HQ when action with higher HQ is necessary.

5. TCO's will control the permanent train staffs and assist and advise O.C. Train in all matters. They will act as liaison between O.C. Train and railway operating staff at points where there are no KTOs.

When travelling on an otherwise empty returning stock train TCO's will carry out the duties of OC Train as laid down in Appendix D to MOV 3 Working Instruction 18.

6. In the first instance officers to cover five turns of duty can be made available, and will operate to the schedule shown at Appendix 'A' attached.

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2 Mar 45.

R. A. L. FELLOWS, Brigadier,
for
D. Q. A. G. (MOV & TN)

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HQ 8 Army Rear
HQ 5 Army (Bari-Tar)

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1 1 DLRs Italy
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Movements West Italy
Movements East Italy
Movements Rome
Movements 15 Army Gp
Movements Rear 8 Army
Movements 5 Army (Br. Incr)
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| dep ROME | 1300 hrs Mon |
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| dep ROME | 1930 hrs Thu |
| arr ROME | 0630 hrs Fri |
| dep ROME | 2000 hrs Fri |
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| dep ROME | 1300 hrs Wed |
| arr ROME | 0700 hrs Thu |
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| dep NAPLES | 1300 hrs Mon |
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| dep NAPLES | 1930 hrs Sat |
| arr ROME | 1300 hrs Sun |

3. Following schedule to be based on ROME and worked by New Central Italy personnel.

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| dep ROME | 1930 hrs Tue |
| arr AREZZO | 0630 hrs Wed |
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arr	ROME	0600 hrs	Tue
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arr	NAPLES	1230 hrs	Thu
dep	NAPLES	1930 hrs	Sat
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arr	ROME	1300 hrs	Thu
dep	ROME	1900 hrs	Fri
arr	NAPLES	1230 hrs	Sat

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arr	ROME	1300 hrs	Thu
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arr	ROME	0600 hrs	Tue
dep	ROME	1900 hrs	Wed
arr	NAPLES	1230 hrs	Thu
dep	NAPLES	1930 hrs	Sat
arr	ROME	1300 hrs	Sun

3. Following schedule to be based on ROME and worked by New Central ITALY personnel.

dep	ROME	1930 hrs	Tue
arr	AREZZO	0630 hrs	Wed
dep	AREZZO	2000 hrs	Wed
arr	ROME	0800 hrs	Thu
dep	ROME	1930 hrs	Sun
arr	AREZZO	0630 hrs	Mon
dep	AREZZO	1000 hrs	Mon
arr	ROME	2130 hrs	Mon

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Subject: A.W.C.E.

with The contribution to the war against the Germans given, of the Army, has met, more than once, with full and ample recognition on the part of the Allied Authorities.

The difficulties and hardships overcome by our soldiers during the different stages of the liberation of the Country represent, together with the magnificent contribution of the daring partisans, our safest claim to a just recognition of the rights of Italy in the world.

It is essential that the position won for Italy by the courage of her combatants is not endangered, in this most critical moment, by exhibitions of lacking sense of duty, when all our efforts should be directed towards the attainment of the now imminent final Victory.

It is to be feared that the natural yearning for news of their families of the soldiers may lead to their going absent without leave as and when the Northern provinces are liberated, thus seriously endangering the efficiency of units and therefore their ^{own} contribution at the most critical moment. This, from the point of view of the Allies, would cancel all their estimation acquired at the cost of such great sacrifices.

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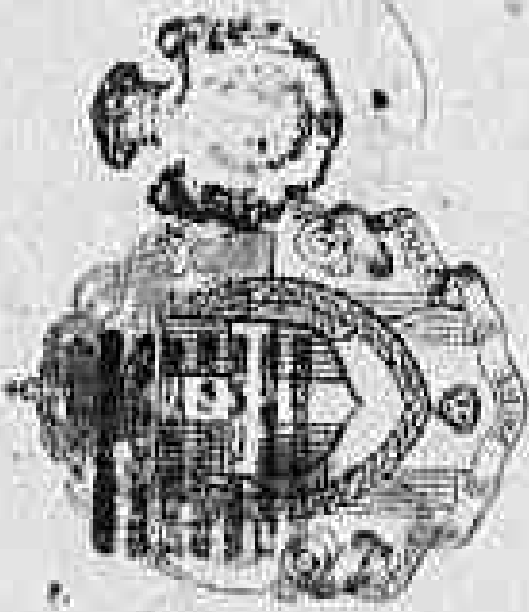
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THE MINISTER
(Sgd) A. Casati.

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Ricarvata Personale

Ministero della Guerra

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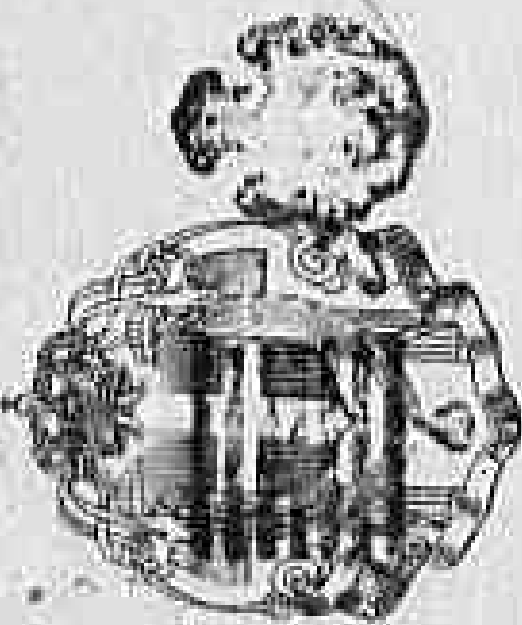
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Considero gli argomenti trattati nella presente circolare di grande importanza e desidero che ogni comandante di reparto la legga e la commenti personalmente ai propri dipendenti.

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F.to A. Casati

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Discipline - Undesirable personnel at RTC.

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

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23 April 45.

CC "P" MU

Refer your AQ/9A/258, dated 7th of April and General VEGNI's letter dated 31st of March, on the above subject.

1. This matter is being considered in relation to the overall problem of discipline in the Italian Army. Meanwhile, if you think it would be helpful, Col. TINDLEY of this HQ will visit Cesano with a responsible officer from the SMRE to consider methods of dealing with the local situation.

2. If this suggestion is agreeable to you, will you please inform this HQ whether 11.30 hrs. on the 26th of April will be convenient or if not, suggest an alternative time and day.

SPA

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : SMRE (by hand Capt. PACINI)
ref. your 15562/Mob, dated
7th of April.

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SUBJECT: Undesirable personnel in RTC ICF.

'F' BLU. IRTC. ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Ref: AQ/9A/258

7 April 45.

W.P.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

1. The attached is a very rough translation of a letter addressed by General Vegni to S.M.R.E. on the subject of undesirable personnel in the Centre. I am in entire agreement with everything the General says and hope that when this matter is put before you by S.M.R.E. you will give them all the assistance in your power to enable the suggestions contained in the letter to be put into effect, so that the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Recruit Regiment may be overcome as soon as possible.

L.H. Macdonald

Lieut-Col. R.A.

LHM/ah.

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See folio (5)

TRANSLATION

COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO".
RTC ICF.

SUBJECT: Undesirable personnel in the Italian Combat Force.

To: S.M.R.E.

31 March 45.

Copy to: 'F' BLU (for information).

With reference to the subject of the disciplinary situation in the Regiments under my command, I would like to make an immediate distinction between the 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments, the 3rd Artillery & Engineers Regiment, and the Recruits Regiment, in view of the fact that there is a very notable difference between the first three and the last, in the composition of the personnel which comprise these Regiments.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments.

On the whole, these consist, in the majority, of good elements. They do not lack those who are antagonistic to the spirit of discipline, but there are not a large number of these. After so much has happened in our country to distress both the heads of the Army and the officers in general, the spirit of discipline has inevitably sunk to a low level and, more or less, all the troops are aware of it.

None the less, I am confident that the sense of discipline of the majority can be improved by dealing with the soldiers with persuasion and firmness, and by selecting the right officers and under-officers.

In these Regiments there are some groups of partisans who, being imbued with the idea which calls itself "new", and although it is necessary to impress on them the importance of discipline in the new army, they are, however, serious men, come into the army with the intention of fighting, and hence it is possible to draft them to the fighting troops.

There are, however, among them, some dissident elements hostile to officers and to discipline, but I do not think that their number is such as to give us, at any rate at present, serious worry as to the loyalty of the troops.

Besides the partisans, there are various volunteers, mixed elements, recruited without understanding either the spirit of fighting or with the intention of improving their own position. From among these there have been a number of desertions; some are physically unfit, and on account of their age (17-18 years) it would be of value to institute a health test which would eliminate the least active of them.

Another group comprises the remains of the Balcania, and far from being good soldiers, the majority are both lazy and untrustworthy, and have not the least desire to engage in fighting. In this group, which amounts to about 400, it would be advisable to make

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The permanent troops, recalled soldiers or returned from hospital, with a few exceptions, are good soldiers with a proper regard for discipline, training and military duties, although some show a keen desire to return to their homes after many years of military service.

In order to eliminate the defects which are present, as much in the moral as in the physical sense, reference is made to the suggestions contained in M.H.I.A. letter S/G/29/29 under S.M.R.E. letter 13400 of 7 March. In that this Training Centre should devote itself to producing re-inforcements for the fighting groups, it is necessary to institute a special system of moral selection with regard to those who are deficient in fighting spirit, not amenable to discipline, or convicted of previous serious offences or of incorrigible criminal mentality. In the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments, of which

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I have spoken, such cases are, fortunately, few, and the total probably does not exceed a few dozen.

A further useful elimination would be those with chronic contagious malaria or physically deficient, such personnel being transferred to convalescent homes. In the three Regiments this type does not exceed about one hundred.

In order not to worsen the situation of the Regiments, I am further of the opinion that the military judicial authorities should avoid returning to this centre, after brief periods of detention, those with previous criminal records or those under suspended sentence, who have already been convicted of theft, desertion or other offences. Moreover, those soldiers who have been sent back from the forward Groups for unworthiness or lack of discipline should not be absorbed into this Centre.

The Reception Regiment.

On account of the system of recruiting and enlistment, this Regiment finds itself with elements of the most diverse origin and, moreover, has accumulated the rejects from other units, arriving as excess personnel from forward Gruppi or other bodies, in making the selection of troops to be sent away. The worst possible are chosen, who come to the Regiment in question and upset it. In addition, the Regiment has received a block of 500 recruits.

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I agree fully with this opinion and contend that a rigorous selection is necessary.

Of these soldiers comprising this Regiment, it is possible to sub-divide them into the following categories :-

VOLUNTEERS (about 400), of which about two-thirds show a sense of discipline and, moreover, are imbued with the desire to fight; the remaining one-third are comprised of real swine, promoters of trouble, who endeavour to undermine order and discipline, when not showing themselves as actual blackguards. It is proposed that these should be freed from their engagement.

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RECALLED OR OLD SOLDIERS. (about 900)

The majority are fundamentally good and susceptible to improvement, dependent on the surroundings in which they live. There are, however, among them, convicted men either suspected of crime or common offenders, who came into the Army to re-habilitate themselves.

These elements must not form part of a fighting group, in accordance with instruction 12800 of S.M.R.E. dated 14/2/45, which prohibits the sending forward to operational units, those with previous penal records.

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THOSE COMING FROM BAICANIA (about 155)

The whole of these are not capable of improvement. They are the worst types in the camp.

RECRUITS: (about 500)

They have given bad proof of discipline and the slightest physical resistance. About half of these are absent without leave or in hospital; of the remaining 250 present, four-fifths are good types and are susceptible to improvement.

In order to put you in the picture I give the following figures of charges before the Military Tribunal for common crimes during the current month.

For desertion, theft and removal of equipment -	344.
For Theft -	44
For Assault. -	1

On the evening of the 20 instant a whole platoon of these blackguards (21 soldiers) from the above mentioned Regiment, attempted to absent themselves from the camp, with large packs containing pieces of equipment. Leaping into his motor car, Major CRISTOFANO confronted them, led them back to the camp and arrested them. (Among the materials carried out were 35 woollen blankets of Allied origin). I have congratulated Major CRISTOFANO.

The degree of control and of repression on the part of Senior Officers is not lacking, but amongst junior ranks there is some slackness and ineptitude, which should be eliminated, but in view of the particular set-up of this Regiment, besides the suggestions made by M.M.I.A., which should be put into force, it may be necessary and advantageous, in order to ameliorate conditions, to send away or transfer, in addition to sub-dividing, disaffected elements which, for various reasons, have found themselves in the same Regiment.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Ezio Vegni). (Sgd.)

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: War Ministry

REF: 108031/1/1

reply to 26/3

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline

Reference A/G26 dated 26 March 1945, contents of which I have duly noted.

I have issued, today's date, strict instructions copies of which are attached for your information.

I shall adopt, if necessary, disciplinary action against Commanders of highest rank.

I trust that shortly decisive improvement in discipline will take place in the army.

SGD. CASATI

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For information, as far as it goes.

I am following up and am now in a position to do so.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: IO7805/I/.

TO: H.E. Gen. ERCOLE RONCO
Chief of General Staff

DATE: 28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline.

M.M.I.A. Reports that the standard of discipline in the Italian Army, and especially in the larger operational units, is extremely low.

Reports come in continuously of offences committed by individuals or groups of Italian soldiers against Allied troops.

The attached letter puts in evidence the most serious cases.

This unpleasant list is headed by the "Folgore" Combat Group.

Many may be the direct and indirect causes of such a state of affairs. However the personal action of Commanders of large units cannot but have decisive value, in this respect as well.

Should no substantial and immediate improvement take place in the behaviour of our troops, M.M.I.A. is inclined to consider the disarming or disbandment of certain units.

Before such grave measures are taken I wish you to approach the Commanders of the great Units and deal with them seriously on the matter not hesitating to submit to me the proposals for the replacement or replacements which you may deem necessary.

Sgd. CASATI

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 108029/I/I.

TO: H.E. The Naval Minister
H.E. The Chief of General Staff for info.

DATE: 30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline.

Herewith for your information a letter I sent today to H.E. The Chief of Staff of the Italian Army.

The serious discipline offences complained of by M.M.I.A. refer mainly to the "Folgore" Combat Group and especially to the S.Marco Regiment.

I shall be grateful to your Excellency if you would kindly intervene, taking suitable and authoritative measures in order to obtain urgently the required definite results.

Sgd. CASATI

TRANSLATION

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: Min of War

TO : Commandant, NAPLES Territorial HQ
" BARI " HQ
" PALERMO " HQ
" ROME " HQ
" Del "T" SMRE
Italian Commandant 212

Ref: 108030/1/1

Date: 30th Mar 45

INFO: HE the Chief of SMRE
HE the General Comdt CC.RR.

SUBJECT: Discipline.
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MMIA report that the standard of discipline in the Italian Army is extremely low.

Reports are received continuously regarding serious offences committed by individuals or groups of Italian soldiers, even to the detriment of Allied Troops.

MMIA may find it necessary to consider the disarming or disbandment of units which do not prove to be capable of substantial and immediate improvement.

I have approached HE the Chief of Staff in respect of the Combat Groups.

I must call your attention to the seriousness of this matter. There may be many direct and indirect causes of this most unpleasant disciplinary situation.

However, it has been noticed often that the command of officers, even of the highest rank, appears to be inadequate not only in the grave present situation, but also during the normal rhythm of life in peace time.

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(Sgd) H. E. A. CASATI 3000

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME
A/02B

26 Mar 45.

To : The Minister of War

(By hand of Officer)

1. I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to draw your immediate attention to the serious lack of discipline in the Italian Army which is resulting in an increase in the number and seriousness of cases of unprovoked assault on Allied soldiers, as well as of other crimes, against the Allies.

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3. In addition, there are numerous cases of violation of traffic regulations, thefts and illegal disposal of equipment and supplies. Although most of the serious cases appear to come from the Combat Groups (particularly the POLIGNO Group), the standard of discipline throughout the whole Italian Army appears to be deteriorating rapidly.

4. I had occasion to represent this matter very strongly to the Chief of Staff S.M.S., last June and as a result, very strong orders were issued to Italian Generals. In spite of this and other efforts which have been made, it still does not appear that the need for cooperation and obedience is realized by officers of the Italian Army.

5. Such a state of affairs, in addition to effecting adversely the relations between the Italian and Allied Armies in Italy, brings the practical value of the Italian war effort into question.

6. Unless an immediate and substantial improvement in the behaviour of Italian troops is effected, it may well be that the disarming or disbandment of certain units will have to be considered.

7. You are therefore requested to take the strongest immediate action in this matter, and to submit, in writing to me, for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander, your further proposals designed to bring about and maintain a proper standard of discipline in the future.

L.B.
Major General,
M. S. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ - G-1 (MR)

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Explain Carrying of Arms

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E.

AQ/6

23, Aug. 44.

THE MINISTER FOR WAR

Your Excellency,

1. On receipt of further orders from H.Q., AAI, my AQ/6 dated 19 Aug. is cancelled. The under-mentioned orders are substituted in lieu.

2. The Commander-in-Chief has directed me to inform you that he orders that immediate and drastic steps are taken to avoid the recurrence of disturbances such as have recently occurred in various parts of Italy, particularly in the BRINDISI and TARANTO areas.

3. In consequence you will forthwith issue clear and specific orders and insure that these are enforced to forbid any member of the Italian armed forces, situated behind corps rear boundaries under any circumstances whatsoever when off duty outside their barracks or camp to carry any firearms, bayonet, knife or other weapon. This applies equally to members of the CC.RR.

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8. You will forward to me at once, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, a draft of your proposed order.

(Signed) L. Browning

MAJOR GENERAL.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

tvb/LB.
6.C.

COPY TO: HQ AAI (ADV HQ) ref 16/5/G (ops) dated 21 Aug.

Subject: Disciplinary Powers - Italian Army

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E

AQ/6
27 October 1944

To : AFHQ

Ref your CR/4385/G1(Br) dated 17 Oct 44

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

Appx 'A' to MMIA letter
AQ/6 dated 27 Oct. 1944

PRESENT DISCIPLINE POWERS OF UNIT COMDS

An independent Unit Comd has the same powers as those of a Corps Comd. They are the following:

- (a) Reprimanding.
- (b) Confinement to barracks for a period up to 15 days.
- (c) Ordinary imprisonment up to 15 days. (Work carried on as usual and no loss of pay).
- (d) Close arrest imprisonment up to 7 days (with loss of pay).
- (e) Para (d) coupled with para (c).

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Appx 'B' to MMIA letter
AQ/6 dated 27 Oct. 1944

Translation

From: M of W

To : Circular

Subject: Absence Without Leave.

Ref: 102871/1

Date: 5.10.44

Further to Circulars 13900 dated Aug 18th last and 13950,
dated 26th August last.

The serious offenses of Absence Without Leave shows no signs of diminishing. On the contrary, recently the cases of large groups of military deserting from their units have increased considerably.

MMIA have noticed this and have expressed their concern at the slackening of cooperation in the war effort that these desertions point to.

It is necessary that this regrettable state of affairs should cease.

The a/m circulars establish special measures affecting disciplinary action and others are suggested with a view to avoiding these desertions.

All H.Q.'s concerned are reminded of the need to apply promptly and strictly all regulations now in force. Particularly Art. 4 of Royal Decree Law No. 668 of July 29th, 1943 which allows for the establishment of extraordinary Courts Martial to deal with military charged with any crime punishable with detention and consequently that of desertion.

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appx 'C' to MIA letter
AQ/6 dated 27 Oct. 1944

COPY TRANSLATION

Outline of legislative decree of the Regent, about to be issued, modifying regulations of military discipline for the Italian Army.

DECREE

Art. 1.

Par. 599 and 600 of the 3rd part of the military discipline regulations for the R. Army, approved by R. Decree 24 June 1929, and successive modifications, are substituted by the following:-

"par 599 - The disciplinary punishment for the graduati di truppa (Caporale & Cap Maggiore) are:

- 1) Reprimand
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- 1) Reprimand
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Simple arrest for officers and marescialli, simple punishment room for all ranks up to Sergente Maggiore, as well as disciplinary transfer demerits wherever they apply.

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This period is doubled for the military personnel referred to in the previous paragraph who have been punished for being absent without leave from their units.

Subject: Shooting by Sentinels.

Land Forces Sub Comm. S.O.
(L.F.I.S.O.)
R.O.M.E.
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A.F.M.
C.M.F.
for G-1 (3x)

8 Jan 45.

Re: your CL/4381/G1 Pt of 19 Dec/44.

1. The Ministry of War have now issued instructions governing the conditions under which fire may be opened by Guards detachments etc.
2. These instructions conform to the instructions issued to the type in Italy under reference CL/4381/41 (E) dated 16 Nov/44.
3. Copy of Ministry of War instructions are attached hereto.

F. J. V. ...
T.O. ...
for Major General,
S.M.I.

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H.Q. 15 Army Grp.
C.O. MTOUSA.
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Ref Your 03/4381/G1 Ex of 12 Dec/44.

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for Major General,
M.C.I.

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Subject:- Opening of fire by sentries.

From:- Italian Ministry of War.

To :- All Italian Command H.Q.'s.

1. The question of opening of fire by patrols and sentries against saboteurs, thieves or persons suspected as such and who try to steal or damage Military Administration Property in Italy, has been submitted for examination and it has been decided to adopt the following measures.

2. It is permitted to open fire on person armed above, after having shouted at it, only in the following circumstances:-

- I) Opening of fire is limited to properly constituted machine, rifle and sentries.
- II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the thief, saboteur or suspected person.
- III) When there are no other means of arresting that person.
- IV) It is not permitted to open fire beyond the immediate vicinity of the armed area.
- V) On no account will fire be opened on women and children.
- VI) The use of automatic arms which cannot fire single shots, is prohibited. Automatic arms capable of firing single shots, unless armed resistance is encountered in which case fire burst can be opened, may be used.

3. Guarantee to be safeguarded is given ^{to} all commanders who, in good faith and in agreement with the above principles, order fire to be opened and to all officers and men who open fire in similar circumstances.

4. If the opening of fire results in the wounding of some person, the officer commanding will, within 24 hours, convene a court of enquiry consisting of the above principles, order possible, to the nearest superior H.Q. which will decide on further action to be taken as the case may be. In case of doubt as to the

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S.I.B. (Imperial Police authorities) should not ²⁹⁹ be called upon for enquiries, unless the commandant of the Brigade, etc, decides to do so.

TRANSLATION COPY.

CONFIDENTIAL

From: Ministry of War.

Ref. 108030/1/1
Date: -30th May 45.

Subject : Discipline.

M.M.I.A. report that the standard of discipline in the Italian Army is extremely low. Reports are continuously received regarding serious offences committed by individuals or groups of Italian soldiers, even to the detriment of Allied troops.

M.M.I.A. may find it necessary to consider the disarming or disbanding of units which do not prove to be capable of substantial and immediate improvements.

I have approached H.E. The Chief of Staff in respect of the Combat Groups.

I must call your attention to the seriousness of the matter. There may be many direct and indirect causes of this most unpleasant disciplinary situation. However, it has been noticed often that the command of officers, even of the highest rank, appears to be inadequate, not only in the present situation, but also during the normal rhythm of life in peace time.

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(Signed) 2990
A. CASATI.

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Translation

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From: M of W.

To: Commandant, Naples Territorial Mtd.

" Bari " "

" Palermo " "

" Rome " "

" Del. T. SMRE.

Italian Commandant 212.

Ref: 108030/1/1

Date: 30th Mar. 48

In information to:

HE The Chief of SMRE

HE The General Comdt. CCR

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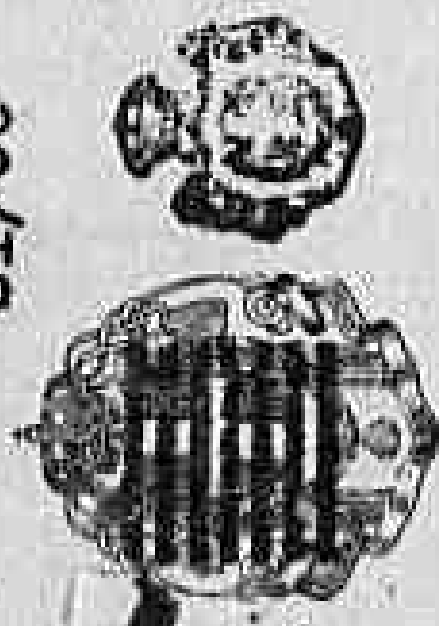
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(Cpt) A. COSATI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

Prot. 7510804/I/I-Allegati 3

Risposta al F. del 26 marzo c.a.a.

Oggetto: Disciplina.

Roma, 30 MAR 1945

Dir. Sec. N° 4/026

A.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) 21/3

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IL MINISTRO

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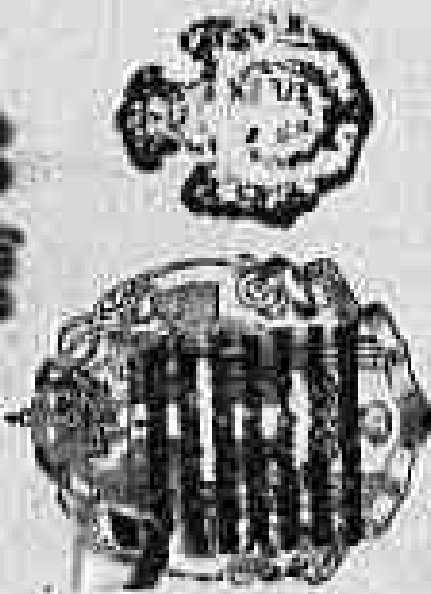
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Alcide De Gasperi
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Al **A. S. B. IL GENERALE ARCOLE RONCO**
Capo di S. M. R. S.

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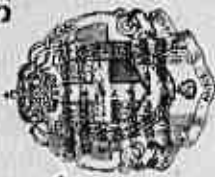
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La S. M. S. S. rileva come il bene disciplinare dell'Esercito italiano sia in netto ribasso.

Continuano come le segnalazioni di gravi atti individuali e collettivi commessi da militari italiani, talvolta, anche di grado di truppe silenzio.

La S. M. S. S. è orientata a prendere in considerazione la possibilità di disarmare o sciogliere quei reparti che non si dimostrassero suscettibili di sostanziale ed immediato miglioramento.

Ho interpellato il Capo di S. M. S. S. dell'Esercito per la parte relativa ai gruppi di combattimento.

Richiamo l'attenzione della S. M. S. S. sulla serietà dell'argomento.

Molteplici possono essere le cause dirette ed indirette di tale spiacevole situazione disciplinare.

Va rilevato però che sovente l'azione di comando degli ufficiali anche di grado più elevato appare inadeguata non solo alla gravità dell'ora ma anche al ritmo normale di una vita del tempo di pace.

Prima di assistere allo scioglimento da parte alleata di quella che univa l'Esercito interverrà con provvedimenti di estremo rigore nei riguardi di quei comandanti di grado più elevato che non si fossero dimostrati all'altezza dei loro doveri.

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