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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
ARMY WELFARE SERVICES

MONTHLY INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORT
No. 17 JANUARY, 1946.

1. CONFERENCE OF PM ADAMS

A Conference, attended by ADAMS of IMMS, and two DADAMS LAG, was held at HQ Army Welfare Services on 30 and 31 Jan 46. Although the primary object of the Conference was to discuss the provision and allocation of "live" entertainment, the opportunity was taken to settle many other outstanding Welfare matters.

The Conference proved extremely valuable, and it is proposed to hold a similar conference at the end of Apr 46. The Minutes of the Conference have been circulated to all concerned.

2. RESETTLEMENT

Mr R. NIXON, one of the two Ministry of Labour Resettlement Advice Officers, allotted to CMF, has now arrived in this theatre and is located at HQ Army Welfare Services, WELLES (Tel: BUCKSHOT Ext 27). He is responsible for advising on the Resettlement problems of the three Services in CMF (less BTM). BTM has its own Ministry of Labour Resettlement Advice Officer.

Staff Officers Welfare are supplied by this Directorate with copies of the War Office Resettlement Liaison Notes, and are responsible for ensuring that the information contained in these notes is passed on to the troops. They must also ascertain the location of the nearest Service Resettlement Officer to whom they can refer the more complicated Resettlement problems.

3. FINANCE

(a) On 29 Jan 46 the line was devolved from 400 to the pound sterling to 900 to the pound sterling. Attention is directed to the procedure outlined in GHQ Signal C.19230 dated 2 Feb 46 and to this Directorate letter WEL/1627/RS dated 4 Feb 46.

(b) Information has been received that the method of financing Welfare from Public Funds during 1946/47 is still under consideration by the War Office. It is likely to remain on the same basis as hitherto.

4. PERSONNEL

The following appointments have been made :-

4/Lt-Col J. J. MORTON	(259642)	Par Corps	ADAMS W-5 (LAW)
T/Major J. J. CHUDDES	(172078)	RA	DADAMS, LRS.
T/Capt J. E. MORTIMER	(252950)	Recon	SC (Tel) 15 Corps
T/Capt C. H. RUTLEDGE	(224298)	RA	SC (Tel) 86 Arty
T/Capt W. A. COTTON	(198387)	RS	SC (Tel) 6 Br Arm Div
W/Lt M. J. BRAND	(264840)	RA	S-Lt (Tel) HQ BTM
W/Lt C. I. MOORE	(222585)	RA	S-Lt (Tel) 52 Arty

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T/Capt J. E. MOLLATHY	(251959)	Resco	-	SC (Vol) 15 Corps
T/Capt C. H. RAMOLITH	(224598)	RA	-	SC (Vol) 86 Area
T/Capt W. A. COTTON	(193387)	RB	-	SC (Vol) 6 Br Armd Div
T/Lt M. J. BRAND	(264840)	RA	-	S Lt (Vol) HQ PTA
T/Lt C. H. MOORE	(222585)	RA	-	S Lt (Vol) 52 Area
T/Lt E. G. FORTINOR	(216814)	RA	-	S Lt (Vol) 55 Area
T/Lt K. H. SAUMON	(210661)	RA	-	S Lt (Vol) 7 ASRA

5. WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

(a) War Establishment Army Welfare Services Cmt

Revised ME for AWS Cmt, CW/563/5 has been approved by the War Office as submitted with effect from 17 DEC 45, subject to revision by the War Office on 15 Mar 46 and to the following amendments :-

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- (1) Appointment of DDMS (Colonel) to be deleted wef 1 Mar 46.
 - (11) Deletes DDMS (Legally qualified) and substitutes Majors (Legal Aid) wef 8 Jan 46.
- Present incumbents are protected for 26 days wef 8 Jan 46.

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(a) Establishment of the Pool of

This establishment has been completed as of 12/1/4 and will be implemented with effect from 10/1/46. It provides for the collection of the various divisions in order to be increased. In addition, the Staff Officer (Military) at both the 1st and 3rd Divisions is upgraded to D.D.M.S.

Copies of the reports have already been received direct by the 1st Division. Attention is drawn to the importance of the reports whereby D.D.M.S.-1 is shown as part of the establishment of the 1st Division, and also as part of the 3rd Division. The two reports will be published in due course.

6. REPORTS

(a) 1st Division

A distribution of the demands through the channels of the 1st Division is being made. It is noted that the 1st Division is being made aware of the demands of the 1st Division. It is noted that the 1st Division is being made aware of the demands of the 1st Division. It is noted that the 1st Division is being made aware of the demands of the 1st Division.

(b) 2nd Division

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7. BICYCLES

A stock of sixty civilian bicycles of British manufacture, have been also available by Order for sale at £2.10.0, per cycle. The conditions of sale are that these bicycles may be purchased outright by the 1st Division, but must not be resold to the public. The bicycles are being provided under separate cover and their use is restricted.

8. JOINT MILITARY BOOKS

Dispatch has been completed to meet the initial demands made by the 1st Division for the second edition of this publication. Of the 100,000 copies printed, approximately 10,000 copies are still available to meet further orders.

9. REPORTS

(a) 1st Division

Large stocks are held of fifteen different editions of the 1st Division, comprising of types D.D.M.S.-1, D.D.M.S.-2, D.D.M.S.-3, D.D.M.S.-4, D.D.M.S.-5, D.D.M.S.-6, D.D.M.S.-7, D.D.M.S.-8, D.D.M.S.-9, D.D.M.S.-10, D.D.M.S.-11, D.D.M.S.-12, D.D.M.S.-13, D.D.M.S.-14, D.D.M.S.-15. This represents a total of 300 different titles. Further four editions of types D.D.M.S.-1, D.D.M.S.-2, D.D.M.S.-3, D.D.M.S.-4, D.D.M.S.-5, D.D.M.S.-6, D.D.M.S.-7, D.D.M.S.-8, D.D.M.S.-9, D.D.M.S.-10, D.D.M.S.-11, D.D.M.S.-12, D.D.M.S.-13, D.D.M.S.-14, D.D.M.S.-15 will shortly be available. The whole range of the 1st Division is being resorted to provide an order selection of titles.

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(b) Books on hand

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A stock of sixty civilian edition bicycles of British manufacture have been made available by Ordnance for sale at 25.1.00 per cycle. The conditions of sale are that these cycles may be purchased outright by units, but must not be resold to individuals. Transactions have been effected under separate cover and their orders are accepted.

8. JOHN WATSON'S BOOKS

Dispatch has been completed to meet the initial demands made by librarians for the second edition of this publication. Of the 100,000 copies printed, approximately 15,000 copies are still available to meet further orders.

9. Books on hand

(a) Books on hand

Large stocks are held of various different editions of the 5th Book, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

(b) Books on hand

The recent shortage of materials caused by the book strike in the has been overcome by the arrival of large consignments which have been distributed under this month. A further 100,000 copies are present in course of despatch.

(c) Books on hand

All libraries in all countries in this country are now open to the public and the stock of books is being replenished.

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10. CENTRAL POOL OF ARTISTS

- (a) During the month ten CPA "live" shows and five Rediffusion Vans were on tour. After a very successful tour the CPA Revue "Baribbopy" has been recalled and has now disbanded.
- (b) Three new 10-headed revues completed production during the month and are now on tour. These are "High High" "Molly Makers" and "Swing Along".

11. ARMY POOL OF ACTRESSES

The first nine actresses to arrive have all been allocated to Formations. A further five have arrived and advice has been received that another four are en route for this theatre from UK. Formations/Units desiring the services of any of these actresses are advised to make their bids to W2 Section of this Directorate as quickly as possible. (This Directorate letter HNL/5012/W2 of 14 Dec 45 refers).

12. ARMY CINEMATOGRAFHER SERVICE

The civilian Manager of the Army Cinema Corporation is due to arrive in this theatre at the end of Feb 46. The change-over between the Army Cinematograph Service and the Corporation is expected to have been completed by 30 Apr 46.

13. LOCAL AID

During the course of the month Mobile Local Aid Sub Sections visited GRAC, BOLOCM, MAFAC and ALGERS. During the month of FEB it is hoped to send Local Officers to visit VILLIA and SALONIKA.

14. PAID

- (a) With effect from 1 Feb 46, Sunday Newspapers from UK are being paid out of NATI/EMI Memo to, on the same basis as the present arrangement for payment for Army Newspapers.
- (b) With the devaluation of the lire, the price of Army Newspapers in the Lire Area has risen to four lire per copy.

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1 Feb 46 (HNL)

For Brigadier,
Director of Army Welfare Service.

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13. LEGAL AID

During the course of the month Mobile Legal Aid Sub Sections visited GRAL, BOLOGN, TUGERAN and ALGERS. During the month of FEB it is hoped to send Legal Officers to visit VILHA and SAHOMIN.

14. LIBRARY

(a) With effect from 1 Feb 46, Sunday Newspapers from UK are being paid out of MILITARY/EMI Exchequer, on the same basis as the present arrangement for payment for Army Newspapers.

(b) With the devolution of the Lib, the price of Army Newspapers in the Lib. area has risen to four lire per copy.

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*For Brigadier,
Director of Army Vol. in Service.*

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DISTRIBUTION:

War Office (GWS)
ADAMS HQ Etn
ADAMS All Districts
ADAMS 15 Corps
DADAMS HQ LE(G)
DADAMS HQ RAC
DADAMS All Areas
SC Vol All Divs
SC Vol All Sub Areas & Garrisons
SC Vol HQ PTHL
SC Vol HQ GCMC/Br
SC Vol HQ Sicily
S. Lt. Vol All AGRA and Ind Bdos
CIC All Welfare Centres
CIC All Welfare Regt Secs
HQ AND
DPS
V. 1
V. 2
V. 3
V. 4
V. 5 (LAW AND SEVEN)
V. 6 RLU
V. 7
A-4 CHQ GAT
Q MATH
Q AE
CSC, 15 CHQ GAT
DGC AFIL
DTC AFIL
SC AFIL
Gov. J. Clerk (SCF) (IC)
Medical Adviser in Psychiatry
CIC All AFIL Italy
Ad. Officer o/c C. in C. Malta
SC Welfare (ERS)
DPS
Chairman OWS
EW
DSC, S. Europe Coordination
Camp Commandant
SC MIA BAC
Ferdia (Mobile Unit)
War Diary
File and spare

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OIC All Helicopters
 OIC All Welfare Dept Socs
 HQ AHS
 FTS
 W. 1
 W. 2
 W. 3
 W. 4
 W. 5 (NAV AND SSMF)
 W. 6 DAW
 W. 7
 W. 4 CHQ CMT
 Q M. (M)
 Q. E)
 CHQ. 15 CHQ CMT
 DCG AHS
 DEIG AHS
 SC AHS
 Rev. J. Clark (SOP) (AC)
 Medical Advisor on Psychiatry
 CHQ AHS Italy
 Asst. Officer c/o C. in C. M. L.
 OO Welfare (LBS)
 FTS
 Chairman CMM
 W.
 NBS, S. Europe Commission
 Camp Commandant
 SS MIA M.C.
 Board (M, file Unit)
 War Diary
 File and store

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STRENGTH AND DUCTILITY

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| Appendix "A" | - | Applications received to Married Families |
| Appendix "B" | - | Allocation of Voluntary Help Parcels |
| Appendix "C" | - | Distribution of Cigarettes and Woollens |
| Appendix "D" | - | Distribution of new magazines and books |
| Appendix "E" | - | Distribution of other reading material |
| Appendix "F" | - | SCOUTS LISTS, VARIOUS |

ACTIVITY

Amenities issued to Merriam No. 16, 6 on SS "EMERSON" and No. 1 and 2 trains to MILW on 13, 26 and 29 JAN 16.

Childrens Toys	84
Playing Cards	16
Card Games	27
Clary Bags Cases	5
Dominos	5
Draughts	5
Cigarettes	5700

ASSUMPTIONS

VOLUME XX NEW BACKLID STIMES

<u>Formation</u>	<u>No. of Trucks Plotted</u>	<u>No. of Trucks Detaching</u>	<u>No. of Trucks not seen this m.</u>
BTU	3600	3360	740
13 Corps	2100	2100	-
2 District	2400	2410	290
3 District	4150	4094	56
HQ LV GUNSON	2100	2100	-
RA.C	450	450	-
BTU	150	150	-
HQ A.S	50	50	-

TOTAL	15000	1086
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THE YALOWORTH

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>QUANTITIES</u>	<u>Free Issue</u>	<u>Woolens</u>	<u>Can Source</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Mortars and</u>	<u>Gravel</u>	<u>Woolens</u>	<u>Woolens</u>
<u>PACKAGES</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Shells of</u>	<u>Shells of</u>	<u>Shells of</u>

Clery Days Cases... 27
 Dominoes...
 Draughts...
 Cigarettes... 5700
 Soap, Tin Pots etc.

APPENDIX "B"

WOLFE ARMY HEADQUARTERS

<u>Formation</u>	<u>No. of Forms Plotted</u>	<u>No. of Forms Read this HQ</u>	<u>No. of Forms not Read this HQ</u>
BTM	3600	1360	740
L3 Corps	2100	2100	-
2 District	2400	2100	290
3 District	4150	4004	56
HQ LF CREECH	2100	2100	-
RAAC	450	450	-
BTM	150	150	-
HQ AWS	50	50	-
TOTAL	15000	13904	1086

APPENDIX "C"

CIGARETTES

PURPOSE
TITLE
PACKAGES
Free Issue
Martins Cigs
Cases

MOONLIGHTS

Free Issue
Martins
Boxes
Value of
Boxes of
200

Cap Service
Boxes of 80

BTM	63	5	12	8	4
L3 Corps	41	3	8	5	5
2 District	52	4	8	5	5
3 District	82	6	12	9	9
(incl RAAC)					
LE(C)	33	2	6	4	4
BTM	2	-	14	4	4
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APPENDIX "E"

Formation	New Recosins		New Paper Covered Books		New Bound Books	
	For dist Units, Clubs, Cantones, Medico as needed.	Bundles (b)	For dist Units, Clubs, Cantones, Medico as needed.	Bundles (c)	For dist Units, Clubs, Cantones, Medico as needed.	Bundles (d)
1. DTA		796		57		7
2. 15 Corps		597		46		5
3. 2 Dist		512		82		3
4. 3 Dist		1194		87		10
5. LF(c)		756		c		6
6. BTM		38		-		1

APPENDIX "F"

SSIPA INTERVIEWS

New Cases

Interviews

No. 1 TB Rome	106	43
No. 2 TB Algiers	83	9
No. 3 TB Havana	43	72
No. 4 TB Bari	71	44
No. 5 TB Klagenfurt	198	160
No. 6 TB Athens	169	91
No. 8 TB Milan	144	83
No. 9 TB Trieste	253	106
No. 10 TB Graz	73	43

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APPENDIX "E"

SECRET INTERVIEWS

Interviews How Cases

No. 1 DE Rome	106	43
No. 2 DE Algiers	85	9
No. 3 DE Tunis	49	72
No. 4 DE Bord	71	44
No. 5 DE Klingenfurt	198	160
No. 6 DE Athens	169	91
No. 8 DE Milan	144	83
No. 9 DE Trieste	253	116
No. 10 DE Genoa	73	43
No. 11 DE Naples	265	388
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1409</u>	<u>1039</u>

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APPENDIX "E"

READING MATERIAL

Purposes	For AFS Libraries	Issue Issue				
Type	Improved Standard Books No. 5.	Technical Journals	Second Line Books	Paper Cover Work 4 Books	Paper Covered Old Books	Old Magazines
Packages	Bundles	Bundles	Bundles	Bundles	Bundles	Bundles
DTA	46	23	58	5	8	163
13 Corps	30	16	38	4	-	-
2 District	38	20	48	5	6	155
3 District (incl RAC)	58	30	73	7	9	198
12 GEMEC	42	13	40	4	-	-
DTM	2	1	3	1	-	-

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RE MATERIAL

Proc. Issue				
Technical Manuals	Second Line Books	Paper Cover Mark 4 Books	Paper Covered All Books	Old Magazines
Files	Files	Bundles	Bundles	Bundles
23	58	5	8	163
46	38	4	-	-
20	48	5	6	133
70	73	7	9	198
45	40	4	-	-
1	3	1	-	-

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

Commander, Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

REPORT No 25 - Activities during the month of DECEMBER 1945

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27-28

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations:

Type 'A' Liaison Units (5 offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES.

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2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

<u>CELLING</u>		<u>W.E. (Jan 46)</u>	<u>ACTUAL STRENGTH (1 Jan 46)</u>
US-ITI	83,500	6,632	7,333
BR-ITI	107,000	7,183	7,766
ITI-ITI			
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	135,649	117,506
CC.RR	65,000	65,000	56,098
			Total: 183,604
			(Arm and Combat and Service Units and CC.RR ITI-ITI)
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>198,703</u>

3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

FOLGORE Inf Div moved into the area around FLORENCE and PERUGIA. The move was carried out during the period 22 Dec to 31 Dec.

Disposition of Infantry Divs:

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>
FRIULI HQ	LEVICO	5/L 9117
CREMONA HQ	TURIN	7/J 0330
LEGNAO HQ	BERGAMO	5/K 6587
FOLGORE HQ	FLORENCE	- Q 8068 4773
MANTOVA HQ	VERAZZE	10/O 6844

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

The Italian Ministry of War renamed the Internal Security Regts as ALPINE and INFANTRY Regts. The position is now as follows:-

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>
TURIN area	1 Alpine Regt
GENOA area	2 Inf Regt
MILAN area	3 Inf Regt
BOLZANO area	4 Alpine Regt
UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
BOLOGNA area	6 Inf Regt
FLORENCE area	7 Inf Regt
ROME area	8 Inf Regt
BARI area	9 Inf Regt
NAPLES area	10 Inf Regt

5. TRAINING

(a) Centri Addestramento Reclute (Territorial Trg Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the C.R.s. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable area is still occupied by ALLIED tps. The position at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLZANO:-

UDINE: It has been proposed by Ministry of War that the C.R. (TTC) be divided between SLOVIE and MODENA. This division is against the principles as laid down by this HQ but offers the only solution until more accommodation is released.

BOLZANO: MONTORIO VERONESE Barracks (near VERONA) is the ideal site for this C.R. (TTC). It is still hoped that the barracks will be released in time for the first intake.

(b) Schools

The organisation and siting of schools has progressed favourably during the month and much headway has been made in preparing for the arrival of the selected recruits for specialist training.

UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
BOLOGNA area	6 Inf Regt
FLORENCE area	7 Inf Regt
ROME area	8 Inf Regt
BARI area	9 Inf Regt
NAPLES area	10 Inf Regt

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(c) Cadet Training

This has been discussed fully during the month and it is expected that in early January a decision will be reached as to the method by which this important training will be carried out.

6. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT

Captured Enemy Material

CEM dumps in N. ITALY were visited in Dec and found to contain a ⁴⁷⁹² amount of German and Italian signal equipment.

The possibility of equipping the CCARR with CEM wireless sets is now being investigated.

Arrangements have already been made for the issue of Italian signal equipment from the CEM dumps in N. ITALY to the Italian Army, and this work will commence within the next few days.

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7. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Interim Army

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(b) Carabinieri

The CC.PP continue to receive priority in distribution of clothing and equipment.

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- (iii) No. 6 Territorial HQ is to be fixed shortly in barracks not occupied by Allies.

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(c) Cecchiagnola

The schools are now operating. Conditions of occupancy during the period of negotiation by C.F.L.C. and A.R.A.R. (Italian Government) have been conveyed to the War Ministry.

(d) Cesano

The clearance of CESANO Camp of all civilians is being pressed with higher authority. Existing plans may continue if War Ministry agree.

11. POSTAL

With effect from 31 Dec 45 all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the civilian postal authorities.

12. VET and REMOUNT

Numbers of horses are still being allotted to GC.RR - the full entitlement has not yet been received.

13. SUPPLIES

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War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

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15. P.O.L.(a) Bids for POL

POL for December was bid for through Q Branch, and the same procedure will apply for January 46. The Ministry of War now bid for the Carabinieri Mobile Bns.

(b) Distribution

An improvement in the C.I.P. distribution system was noted during the month.

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NUMERICAL STATE OF REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN P.O.W.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NO. OF IPW AT BEGINNING OF REPATRIATION	N. OF IPW REPATRIATED AT 31 DEC 45	NO. TO BE REPATRIATED
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<u>GIBRALTAR</u>	600	-	600
<u>PERSIA</u>	2,000	-	2,000
U.S.A.	51,000	25,125	25,877
U.S. HELD IN:			
<u>FRANCE & GERMANY</u>	43,000	34,998	8,002
<u>ITALY</u>	20,000	20,000	-
<u>NORTH AFRICA</u>	7,000	7,000	-
<u>FRENCH NORTH AFRICA</u>	37,300	7,665	29,635
<u>RUSSIA</u>	20,000 +	10,432	9,568
TOTAL	553,400	164,662	388,755
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The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging Centres and Commands in ITALY.

+ = The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 is the correct number.

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17. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING, ITALIAN PW.

(a) French North Africa

The French authorities have agreed to release their total of 29,600 Italian PW still held in French North Africa.

However, 12,000 of these will have to be replaced by German PW. We have been notified by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it is planned to exchange healthy German PW now held in America, for sick German PW from France.

A proposal has been put forward to JHQ that 12,000 German PW from America be taken to French North Africa, thus releasing the 12,000 Italian PW held there. No decision has yet been made on this proposal.

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Food for IPW has been sent to the base at Ragusa.

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(c) Claims

166 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for inspection and payment where possible. 108 claims against ~~4108~~ 4108 authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

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19. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE, IPW

Correspondence involving 576 Compassionate cases was dealt with, resulting in authority being given for release in 66 cases.

806 Welfare cases were dealt with covering forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families.

20. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, IPW DIVISION

Headquarters A.C. Executive Order No. 85 attaches IPW Division to Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) for duty.

21. MEDICAL

(a) Disbandment of Medical Units Not Required for Interim Army

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Soviet Representative, A.C. - 1
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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

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The five Italian Inf. Divs continued in their role of internal security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

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BONIFACIO, and TRENTO.
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("FOLGORE" Inf. Div will be moving as soon as possible into area south of the Apennines in the Northern part of British 3 District).

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H.Q. "MANTOVA" Inf Div at VARAZZE with Regts at SAVONA, COMO and PIACENZA.

4. INTERNAL SECURITY REGIMENTS.

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MILAN	3 "	502 520 527	
BOLZANO	4 "	505 508 514	
UDINE	5 "	513 516 517	On loan to 7 Terr HQ FLORENCE
BOLOGNA	6 "	507 522 523	under cmd 13 Corps
FLORENCE	7 "	509 511 512	513 on loan from 5 I.S. Regt.
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NAPLES	10 "	504	Under Comd 3 District

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Lt General Sir W.D. MORGAN, (S.A.C. and C in C, GHQ) visited CESANO on 5 Nov, 45. His tour included the Engineer Trg Area, the School of Artillery and Cesano. He expressed himself much impressed by what he had seen.

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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

1. New system of supply of clothing for BR-ITIS in Italian Army introduced in Adm. Instruction No. 29 - control of stocks now for Italian Army rests with the War Ministry, less quantities frozen for issue to BR-ITI. Further inter-category provision of clothing is not to take place.
2. Italian Army to be still issued with M.T. spares and controlled stores temporarily - G.H.Q. authority. Final directive on all equipment ex British ORD. held by War Ministry transferred from BR-ITI still awaited from G.H.Q.
3. Manufacture of uniforms by War Ministry for Italian Army is well under way.
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1. A.P.H.Q. Adm. Memo. No. 48 of 2 Nov, 45 set out policy re return of Italian Army Barracks to Italian Army.

2. Accommodation for T.T.C's 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Territorial Comds has not yet been found owing to Allied occupation of barracks.

3. Cecchignola Barracks. Blocks handed over are now occupied by the Italians and Schools are being set up.

4. Mobilisation Transit Centres are being set up in all towns - accommodation may require B.I.U. assistance in many instances.

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CHEMICAL WARFARE STORES.

1. An expert from War Ministry has visited all dumps of chemical warfare stores North of ROME. Arrangements have been made for a similar tour South of ROME (including SICILY), after which G.H.Q. will give disposal instructions.

12.

E.F.I.

1. System now operating whereby entitled categories of BR-ITI personnel may purchase supplies ex E.F.I. - payment in cash.

13.

SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance on the Italian Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing flour and preserved meats and fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the New Year.

US-ITIs are being maintained from US CM Depots and BR-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DST, CHQ had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BR-ITIs ex British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFG 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.L.Js are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned.

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CACILIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at these two points.

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TRANSPORT

(a) FOE

Allocations for the month of November were on a similar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to

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US-ITIs are being maintained from US QM Depots and BR-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DST, GHQ had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BR-ITIs ex British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFG 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.L.Us are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for condemnation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CAGLIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at these two points.

14.

TRANSPORT

(a) FOOD

Allocations for the month of November were on a similar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient. Owing to the shortage of

lubricants in CIP Depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources. Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of POL and the allotment for December is slightly higher.

As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of **4763** Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the SMC.

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14. (Continued- para (a))

Allocation will be made to SIRE to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by BLUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited. The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory. BR-III and US-III Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied sources.

(b) Transport

Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples E.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into E.V.P.s has been noticeable. The 450 vehicles at Leghorn are still in the process of being taken over, and approximately 50 of these have been moved to Florence for repairs prior to distribution. The anticipated handover by A.C. of a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

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4. With the handover of the Italian Army to the Government, provisioning of medical stores for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force will henceforth be undertaken by the Italian War Ministry from indigenous resources, surplus disposal agencies and civil import programme.
5. 331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals which have been working for the Allied Commission at Merano in connection with displaced Persons and Repatriates were released from this task, commencing on their work, and are about to be disbanded being surplus to requirements of the Interim Army. 470 Italian Field Hospital was also released from duty with the Displaced Persons and Public Health Sub Comm and is to be disbanded.

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15. (Continued)

6. One military case of smallpox was reported during the month from Avellino. The case, a Carabinieri, has been isolated and all precautionary measures have been taken.
7. Ceiling figures of the Medical Services of the Italian Army in the Interim Army were agreed with the Italian War Ministry as being 5,447 all ranks.

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To : G(SD),
HQ NMMA.

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MONTHLY REPORT - JAN 46

A.2 has no material for this Report, as matters dealt with during the month have been routine matters, not involving conference decisions, policy, or matters of general interest.

JAC Pearce 74760
J.A.C. Pearce, Major.

7 Feb 46.

Subject: Monthly Liaison Letter.

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

ROME.
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11 Dec 45.

To: ALL BLUs.

1. It is hoped that monthly conferences will be held between M.M.I.A. H.Q. and the B.L.U.s, therefore the Monthly Liaison Letter will be discontinued as from 1 January, 1946.

2. In order that B.L.U.s may be kept informed of the latest political situation arrangements are being made to include B.L.U.s on the distribution list for the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

A. H. Smith
for Major General
M. M. I. A. *lit*
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A-2 POINTS FOR LIAISON LETTER

5 December 45.

1. Pay

The following rates of pay ~~are now~~ ^{became} effective as at 1 Dec. 45.

1. Basic Pay { 20 lire per day (up to 40 months' service) ~~doublet~~
(30 lire per day (40 months service & over) ~~on 1 Oct 45~~ }

2. Field Allowance 15-20 lire per day (Indemita' di Marcia) not for

static HQ troops)

3. Operational Pay 4 lire per day

4. Ration Allowance 5 lire per day

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(d) 4 Military Prisons (3 at GALLA & 1 at PESCHIERA; total 75000) reduced to 2 at GALLA for sentences up to 5 years)

3 Legal - Reform of Legal System.

Plans for this are also in hand. The reforms envisaged will include

- (a) Reorganisation of Areas under the jurisdiction of Military Tribunals to correspond with areas controlled by Military Territorial HQs.
- (b) Corps Tribunals (analogous to British Courts Martial) to be instituted at Regimental or similar HQs as ~~ad hoc courts~~ to relieve the Military Tribunals of the existing large accumulations of minor cases.
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

Commander, Major-General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

MILIA H.Q. MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER TO OUTSTATIONS, No 1 - OCTOBER, 1945.

TO: MILIA Outstation LOs.

GSOs I B.L.U.s attached Combat Groups.

Comd 'P' BL & TU.

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The meeting of the Foreign Ministers in LONDON naturally aroused great interest. With regard to the fate of the Italian colonies certain sections of the press emphasised that Italian pre-Fascist colonies were occupied with the consent of other powers and never were a menace to anybody. After having received an invitation to send an Italian mission to the Conference Mr PARRI stated that the Italian people and their Government realised quite well that they would have to pay for Fascism. "However", he said, "we shall not go to LONDON with the mental attitude of one who begs for indulgence; the MORGAN Line is exclusively a military line which can satisfy neither Italians nor Yugoslavs".

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The Slovenes in GORIZIA are not cooperating in carrying out the A.I.G. General Order which asks for representation in local government. All Slovene representatives on various committees have resigned, both those which had to do with administration and those which were advisory. The Slovene gentleman who occupied the post of Area President, equivalent to Prefect, likewise has quit. In short, the C.A.Os of the GORIZIA area have thus had to become practically entire governments in themselves.

"Unita", the communist paper, violently attacked the Allied authorities in NAPLES for dismissing Italian workers in order to give work to German prisoners thus causing discontent and not a few incidents in the town. Mr PARRI who went to NAPLES to discuss the situation was menaced by the crowd but got away through a side door. Part of his entourage who left the normal way, were not so fortunate. There was more cheerful news for Italy however in Mr LEHMAN's statement in WASHINGTON that UNRRA was planning a 450 million dollar programme for Italian rehabilitation.

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US-ITI	23,700)	Approx. 4753
BR-ITI	115,000)	

- (b) There was little change in ITI-ITI categories.

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(ii)

BR-TTI Units with a WE strength of 12,500 are expected to be disbanded during October.

The larger units among those earmarked for disbandment are as follows:-

11 - 14 - 23 - 27 Italian Engr Coys
24 Italian Pack Tpt Gp Hq
3 - 7 - 14 Italian Pack Tpt Coys

} We are writing to
} AFHQ requesting
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} 267 and 268 Pack
} Tpt Coys, to be att'd
} for duty to FRIULI,
} FOLGORE & LUGLIANO
} Combat Gps, pending
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402 Italian Pmr Regt

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ROME	8 I.S. Regt	521	528, 529 in course formation
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NAPLES	10 I.S. Regt	506	504 expected Oct.

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(b) Adm Div and Regt reorganisation:

All Lds except SARDINIA and SICILY will have received a copy of SD 2993 (signal) dated 4 Oct 45. AFHQ approval is awaited for the new WE for an Adm Div HQ but it is anticipated that this will be received shortly.

The situation will be:-

13 Corps	718 Adm Regt	UDINE
2 District	231 Adm Div	MILAN
	717 Adm Regt	PADUA
3 District	227 Adm Div	NAPLES
	716 Adm Regt	FLORENCE
	plus Adm Regts at	ROME
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		BARI
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The question of officers who fail courses at CESANO has been taken up and it is proposed in future to make the Ministry of War take action against such officers.

Sheet 5.

5. 'A' Points.

(i) Demobilization and Reinforcements.

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The demobilization of the 1918 class during October and the 1919 class during November was authorized vide A 047 of 27 September. Surplus personnel of these classes now in depots or in units being disbanded may be demobilized immediately. MIA IOs should ensure particularly that men of these classes, both 1. US-ITI and BR-ITI, are demobilized on the spot rather than sent to ORVIETO or CESANO.

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Abolition of "danger" pay - 32 Lire per day - 49,000 Service tps in forward areas.

Abolition of "heavy-work" pay 20 Lire per day - 20,000 tps in rear areas.

proposed to replace above by all-round addition of 20 Lire per day for 250,000 - if approved by treasury.

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(ii) contd. - Personal Services (Pay)

2. Financial effect on a basis of 250,000 in proposals agreed.

Combat tps lose 25 lire per day.

Forward Service tps lose 12 lire per day.

Heavy Artillery no change.

Remainder (i.e. 135,000) gain 20 lire per day.

This will cost the treasury about 12 million lire *instead of less which?* per day.
Date selected for proposed cut is 1 Dec. 45.

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4. Recommendation made that the treasury be pressed to grant an extra 10 lire per day to soldiers who were present with Combat Groups on 8 May 45, to continue for further three months.

(b) Welfare.

1. Suggested to the Ministry of War that "La Patria" be discontinued as a Daily paper for the Italian Army.

2. It is considered essential that the Italian Army news is made available to the Italian Army during the reorganisation period.

3. It is likely that in future a weekly news sheet will be published and distributed free to give all ranks of the Italian Army official information in amplification or anticipation of Army Orders and Intentions. This will be published centrally from ROME only.

6. 'Q' Points.

(1) RATIONS

(a) There has been no change in the Ration Scale to the Italian Army in some time. Practically all Italian Armed Forces are now drawing rations from IWI-III depots instead of from national depots.

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(e) It is proposed to increase principal food distribution depots by 1 officer, and decrease the N.B. of secondary distribution depots by 6 ORs each.

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(f) Other new units under consideration are refrigerator units, special forage unit and can factory supervisory personnel unit.

(g) The question of moving No. 75 Distribution Depot from Alessandria to Piacenza area is only being held up until accommodation becomes available in Piacenza.

(h) The proposed move of the Bull Food Depot from Genoa to Milan is temporarily suspended.

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(a) On 1 October control of clothing, equipment, arms and ammunition passed to the Ministry of War. This only affects issues to ITI-III, and the procedure for the issue of clothing etc. to ER-III and US-III remain unchanged.

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(b) P.O.L. W.e.f. 1 October all Combat Groups are required to obtain their P.O.L. from C.I.P. depots and NOT from Allied sources. It was finally agreed that ER-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops should continue to draw from Allied sources.

As it is thought likely that AFHQ Pet. Sec will 'cut' the demands submitted in respect of Combat Groups, it will no doubt be necessary for the BLUs to institute some sort of weekly rationing system within the groups in order to effect the maximum possible economy and to ensure that the quantities authorised will not be consumed before the end of the month.

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'A'2 NOTES FOR MONTHLY LIAISON LOG

OCTOBER 1945

1. WELFARE :

First copy of Weekly News Bulletin for Italian Army (NOTIZIARIO dell'ESERCITO) was published 25 Oct 45.

2. PAX :

Reference Sept Liaison letter.

(a) Ministers for War and Treasury ^{have} not yet met to discuss new proposals.

(b) Chief Commissioner, A.C. is insisting that they meet and settle the problems as early as possible.

3. LEGAL - Amnesty :

(a) The Italian Government is preparing an Amnesty with wide terms, both for :

- i. Criminals awaiting trial
- ii. Criminals convicted.

(b) ^{and ii} Allies are insisting that personnel in para (a) i. and ii who have committed offences against Allied personnel or property are excluded from the terms of this Amnesty.

4. Information will shortly be available as to the new organization of the B.L.U.s., from existing personnel in the B.L.U.s.

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Monthly Liaison Letter - A2 Section
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- iii. " " "heavy work" pay - 20 Lire per day for 20,000 Tps in Rear Areas.

proposed to replace above by all-round addition of 20 Lire per day for 250,000 - if approved by Treasury.

(b) Financial effect on a basis of 250,000 if proposals agreed.

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- ii. Forward Service Tps lose 12 Lire per day.
- iii. Heavy workers - no change.
- iv. Remainder (i.e. 135,000) gain 20 Lire per day.
- v. This will cost the Treasury about 1½ million Lire per day.

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