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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

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GI/ns
3rd Decemner 1945.

SUBJECT : Articles in the "Giornale di Medicina Militare":
Copyright.

TO : Lend Forces Sub Commission.

1. Reference your No. A 241 of the 26th Nov. 45

2. In the opinion of this Sub Commission publication by the Italian Ministry of War in its "Giornale di Medicina Militare" of "complete letters and articles from such British papers as the British Medical Journal and the Bulletin of War and Medicine" does not amount to an infringement of copyright in that the issue of the Ministry's Giornale to a limited class of persons does not amount to publication within the meaning of the Rome Copyright Convention, 1928, which governs the rights of foreign authors to protection in this country.

I might add that, even if the publication of the articles in question amounted to a technical infringement within the meaning of the Copyright Act 1911 and the Rome Convention of 1928, the chances of any action being taken by the writers or publishers of the articles is in my opinion so remote as to be scarcely worth taking into consideration.

Musgrave Thomas

MUSGRAVE THOMAS,
Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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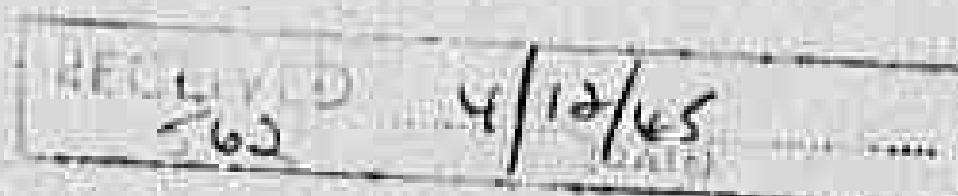
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Mary Kaulst
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Subject: Italian Medical Journal.

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

— A 24I

26 Nov '45.

To : Legal Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. The Italian War Ministry publish a journal the "Giornale Di Medicina Militare".
2. From time to time they extract and publish in this journal complete letters and articles from such British papers as the British Medical Journal and the Bulletin of War and Medicine.
3. This Sub-Commission would be grateful for your advice as to whether, by so doing, the Italian War Ministry is infringing "copyrights".

See Folio 81

W. H. M. L. C.

To, Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Italian Army Newspaper "LA PATRIA".

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

A 241

15. Aug. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Reference your I672 dated 13 Aug. (Off. Stampa).

1. The Allied Authorities cannot, for the present, agree to your proposal to discontinue the publication of "LA PATRIA", which from all reports received is serving a most useful purpose. However, in order that due consideration may be given to your proposal please forward to this HQ as soon as possible, information concerning the cost of production of "LA PATRIA" in respect of each of the four editions shown under the following headings :-

- a. Cost of materials.
- b. Cost of printing.
- c. Cost of staff.
- d. Cost of editorials.
- e. Cost of distribution.

W. P. Dinsley.
Colonel
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: Welfare, M.M.I.A.

SPA/ccc

SUBJECT : Commendation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/H/3.
11 Aug'45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copy : Ministry of War,
Ufficio Stampa.

The attached letter in commendation of the
511^o Italian Military Guard Battalion is forwarded for
your information.

It is considered that the publication of this in
"La Patria", as an indication of the respect in which the
Italian Army is held by the Allies, and as confirmation
of the valuable assistance given by it to the Allied Forces,
will have a beneficial effect both on the morale of the
troops and on the standing of the Army in the eyes of the
nation.

S/Capt.,
Welfare,
M.M.I.A.

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Internal : "A" (less enclosure)

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1st Ind
HQ FIFTH ARMY, OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL, APO 464, US Army, 7 August 1945
THRU: Liaison Officer, MMIA, Headquarters Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army
TO: Commanding Officer, 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion
Forwarded.

FOR THE PROVOST MARSHAL:

BERNARD LEVIN
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

2nd Ind.
Sr. (MMIA) L.O. 5th Army, APO 464, US Army, 8 August 1945
TO: Commanding Officer, 6th Guard Regiment.

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FOV
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

2c For information - any action?

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AL

Sent copy to War Minister - this sort of - 5510
Commendation published in La Patria will take
some of the wind out of Partisan Sails. It
should go in La Patria -

so we can for action as above

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HEADQUARTERS
680TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BN BATTALION
APO #464, U S ARMY

DGP/jr

31 July 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

THROUGH: Provost Marshal, Fifth Army, APO #464, U S Army.

TO : Commanding Officer, 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion.

1. It is the wish of this command to express the gratitude of this organization to the officers and men of the 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion for the excellent manner in which they performed the duties assigned them as auxiliary to the Fifth Army Military Police.

2. During the period from November 1944 to and including June 1945, those portions of the 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion assigned to assist in traffic control of the Fifth Army area under control of the 680th AAA AN Bn, performed their duties in a highly commendable manner. Because of this splendid support this organization was enabled to perform a far greater mission than previously possible.

3. The personnel of the 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion at all times maintained the high standards of efficiency and appearance demanded by the Commanding General of his Military Police and enabled elements of both battalions to effectively and efficiently operate together. This willingness to cooperate is indeed exemplary of the close union of the forces of these two nations.

4. The contribution of the officers and men of the 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion was a decisive factor in insuring the smooth and continuous flow of traffic along the main routes of support for the combat elements of the Fifth Army and a contributing factor in the final victory.

5. It has been a privilege and a source of great pride to have served with an organization of such high caliber.

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DONALD G. FOUGADE,
Lt Col., 680th AAA AN Bn,
Commanding.

NOTES ON "LA PATRIA".

1. OBJECT.

The object of "La Patria" is primarily to be a "morale sheet", if it is to fulfil this function it must be more than a mere newspaper.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS.

(a) A good newspaper, giving a fair sober account of the main news, and well presented with cartoons, maps, and photographs, but generally NOT inspiring.

(b) One minor comment is that "La Patria" in its presentation of news does not rewrite the Agency reports it receives, but merely reprints them verbatim, which makes it dull and colourless.

3. COST.

(a) The paper is too expensive. One reason is lack of syndication of articles, and the large number of articles written for it.

(b) The following measures seem to be the logical way of cutting down expenses.

1. Discontinue "ITALIA", which is not particularly valuable. If a Sunday paper is necessary, publish "La Patria" seven days a week, but a "special" on Saturday would be better.
2. Conduct a strict enquiry into the numbers of civilian employed. How many are just on the pay-roll without any duties?
3. Conduct a scrupulous audit of expenses. The only articles in the paper which should cost anything directly are bespoke articles by civilian experts.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The Administration needs reform - Maraldi is Capo Ufficio Stampa, and Editor of "La Patria". W/E of "La Patria" has never had separate identification and many officers work for both.

(b) It is said that the number of soldiers and civilians employed is in excess of those authorised.

(c) It is said that military on the staff receive more than a soldiers pay, and are also paid extra for anything they write for the paper.

(d) It has been suggested that Maraldi is party to a "Scheme" where various journalists take in each others washing. (i.e. "La Patria" prints articles by outsiders on the understanding that some other paper accepts Maraldi's articles).

(e) There is said to be an agency contract with SIDI - said to be

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See Dd keeps in file. Copy has been given to Mr. Banna for info War Ministry personally. W/P 7 Aug 45

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(f) There seems to be too much connection with other concerns - as witness the reports below :-

1. Bullio, ex-editor and still on the staff, is supposed to be the son of the real owner of the "Tipografia".
2. Spinetti, civilian editor who does the real work, is his nephew publishes on his own account, and works for "Il Momento" and "Cantachiaro".
3. Prof. Lombardi is reported as receiving L. 8,000 a month, and does nothing.

N.B.

These notes are the result of remarks made at various times by interested persons. They should be treated with reserve: they may not be disinterested.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 1358

TO: M.M.I.A.

74 DATE: 10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Florence edition of La Patria

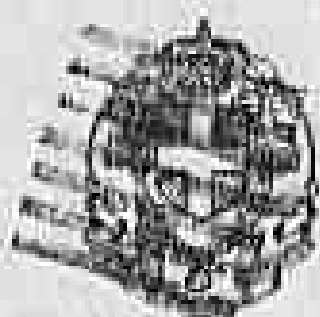
In reply to ~~letter~~ the letter referring to the the Florence edition of La Ptria, dated 6 July, we would inform you that the Editors of this edition have had their attention called to the observance of the regulations previously issued on the matter by this Directorate, in addition to the particular suggestions contained in the above mentioned M.M.I.A. letter.

We take this opportunity to point out that the omission is to be attributed to the absence from Florence of the Chief Editor because of serious family trouble - the loss of his father.

PA.
Sgd. MARALDI
Lt. Col.

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O. Danin Cpl.
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20 luglio 1945
Roma

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Ufficio Stampa

Divisione

Prot. N. 1358

Allegati

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ALLA L.E.S.C. - A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Palazzo Corporazioni

ROMA

Proposta al f. del

Dis. La N.

Oggetto: Edizione fiorentina del Giornale "La Patria".

Florence edition of the newspaper "La Patria"

In risposta alla lettera in data 6 luglio, riferentesi all'edizione fiorentina del giornale "La Patria", si comunica che la Redazione di tale edizione è stata richiamata all'osservanza delle norme già in precedenza emanate al riguardo da questa Direzione, nonchè dei particolari suggerimenti contenuti nel suddetto foglio di codesta Missione.

Con l'occasione si fa presente che l'omissione è da attribuirsi all'assenza da Firenze del Redattore Capo a causa di un grave lutto familiare: la perdita del padre.

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IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
DIRETTORE DEL QUOTIDIANO "LA PATRIA"
(U. Maraldi)

M. Maraldi

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SUBJECT : Distribution of Periodicals
to the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/K.

6 July '45.

To : United States Information Service,
San Basilio 45. (For Publications Section.)
Rome.

1. With reference to telephone conversations of even date, it is desired, if possible, that regular allocations of certain periodicals may be made to the Italian Army Welfare Service.
2. The periodicals which it is thought would be particularly suitable are "Victory", "Nuovo Mondo" and "Il Mess": these would have a high morale and propaganda value at a time when it is most necessary, and the Allied Command is concerned that everything possible should be done to maintain morale in the Italian Army in the post war period.
3. It is suggested that any allotment you may be able to make should be to the Ministry of War, Ufficio Benessere, through this HQ. For your guidance, a distribution of 1 : 60 would require 5,000 copies.

Internal: "A".

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Internal: "A".

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SUBJECT : "La Patria", Florence Edition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N/3.
6 July '45.

To : Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

1. Recent issues of the Florence edition of "La Patria" have been completely lacking in drawings, cartoons, maps, and similar features. In this respect it falls far short of other editions and it is felt that the general appeal of the paper to the soldier would be much increased by the inclusion of some of these features reproduced from the Rome edition, as is done at Bari.

2. Will you please consider the possibilities in this connection, bearing in mind that the paper is intended to appeal to soldiers ?

PH 6/7

[Signature]
Capt.,
Welfare,
M.M.I.A.

Internal:- "A" Branch

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Subject: Italian Army Newspaper - "LA PATRIA".

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

A 24I

28 June, '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. I understand from my liaison officers that the Italian Treasury is considering its ability to continue the Italian Army newspaper, "LA PATRIA" on account of its cost to the nation. I therefore write to make it quite clear to you that I consider "LA PATRIA" to be a vital necessity to the Italian Army, particularly at this time of uncertainty and reorganization. I am sure you realize the great value of this paper as a means of giving information in advance to the troops on such matters as leave, demobilization, rates of pay, home news, repatriation etc. etc. I consider that by this means, advance information can be disseminated in such a way as to help considerably in the prevention of desertion and other acts of indiscipline.

2. I am therefore asking you to make quite clear the views of the Allied authorities and to inform me, officially, if at any time there is any question of seriously interfering with this News Service as it exists at present. You realize, of course, that the method of production and distribution is entirely in your hands, and that any modification for improvements considered necessary, should be effected from time to time as circumstances dictate, in collaboration where necessary with the members of my staff concerned.

3. I have discussed this question with the Allied authorities at CASERTA who are in entire agreement, and would be very loath to see any reduction in the scope of "LA PATRIA", particularly during the coming period of reorganization. As suggested in your letter, 12th of 23 June, it may be possible to obtain financial assistance

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June, it may be possible to obtain financial assistance
to "LA PATRIA" by inclusion of certain approved advertise-
-ments. I consider, in view of the needs of the Treasury,
that this may be permitted providing that not more than
one column in each addition were allotted to this purpose,
and providing the advertisements were such as to be of
interest and benefit to the troops.

L.D.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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FROM : EMIA
TO : DISTONE
REF : A 238

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FOR EMIA LO (.)
REF YOUR LO/AS OF 13 JUNE (.) MINISTRY OF WAR STATE DELIVERY
LA PATRIA 209 DIV NOW ARRANGED FROM FLORENCE

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INTERNAL:
WELFARE

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Subject: Welfare - Newspapers.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 241

20 June, '45.

To : Ministry of War.

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Reference your 1102 DIPROT dated 11 June, '45
(Gabinetto).

1. As you are already aware, Co-operator Units will, with effect from 1 July, be incorporated into the Italian Army. It will therefore be necessary for you to arrange distribution of "LA PATRIA" to all these Units on an equitable basis.
2. As there will be considerable reduction in strength of the Italian Army by reason of demobilisation etc., it is not anticipated that an increased allotment of newsprint will be necessary to cover this commitment.

PA

S.P. ARCHER, Major. 5501
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Welfare, M.M.I.A.

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S I G N A L

FROM MMIA
TO DISTONE
REF: A 225

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R E S T R I C T E D

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REFERENCE YOUR LO/A5 DATED 13 JUNE (.)
MINISTRY OF WAR ORDERED TO MAKE ENQUIRIES AND ARRANGE
DISTRIBUTION "LA PATRIA " FOR 206 DIVISION

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED PA [signature]

ecc.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) RCMB.
A.241.

18 Jun '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copy: CC. EAMU (2)

Reference your letters 1088 and 1089 of 5 June.

1. The points raised in this HQ's letter A241 of 26 April and 30 May are satisfactorily covered in the above quoted letters.
2. The improvement in communications which may be expected as conditions revert to normal will render control by the Editor-in-Chief over all editions considerably easier, and will lead to the fuller implementation of his instructions.
3. It is hoped that shortly main features will be common to all editions, articles being submitted from the various sources to the Editor-in-Chief for selection. This will not only go far to achieving uniformity and improving quality but will also result in greater economy.

SPA
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Internal:-Welfare.

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INFO V BRZY NR 4972
FROM MIA LG DISTONE NFI
TO MIA ROME
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LO/AS (.) RESID (.) NEWSPAPER "LA PATRIA" STILL NOT ARRIVING
AT 265 DIV CERENA (.) PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVERY
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SUBJECT: Distribution "La Patria"

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N.
June '45.

To : Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

Information has been received that La Patria is not still being received by 209 Division, located at Cesena. As this formation has been without the paper for three weeks, please treat the matter as one of urgency.

[Signature]
S/Lieut.,
Welfare,
M.M.I.A.

Internal: "A".Branch. /

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Translation:-

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Ref:- 1102

11/6/45

From:- M. of W.

To:- M. M. S. L.

Subject:- Distribution of newspapers to Italian POW. held at Livorno, and vicinity.

It is known, approx. 20,000 Italian POW. taken in Africa, are at present working under the Allied Authorities in the area of Livorno.

These military lack, up to the moment, the possibility of learning through the press, the exact internal, and international situation. This Ministry would like, if possible to send to the above military an adequate number of copies of "La Patria" edition for Northern Italy, which is ~~printed~~ ^{published} in Florence.

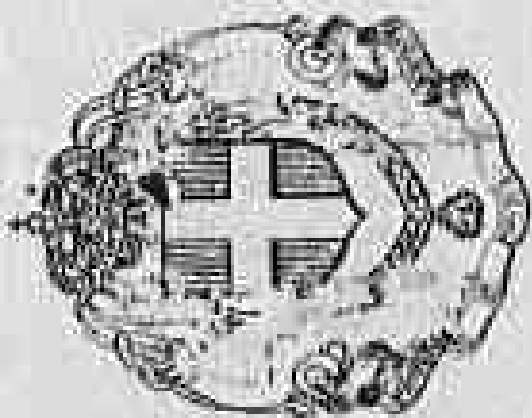
are No 2692 HQ, under whose ~~administration~~ ^{direct command} the 20,000 prisoners ~~depend~~, and who have been contacted by the press of Florence regarding the matter have expressed willingness to the a/m distribution being effected.

Therefore we beg the M. M. S. L. to examine the possibility, of authorising the above request, and to inform us of their decisions.

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P. M. J. W. Filed as
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of La Patria will be
a national commitment
PH 20/6 report
No action was taken
needed wide circulation
in S. Italy by
Bureau etc.

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See 10 5496
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JAN



Ministero della Guerra

G A B I N E T T O

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n. 1102 di prot.

Roma, 11 giugno 1945

L.F.S.C.A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Palazzo delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto
A. 12/6
= R O M A =

OGGETTO : distribuzione del giornale ai prigionieri di guerra italiani di stanza a Livorno e zone viciniori.--

Come è noto nella zona di Livorno lavorano alle dirette dipendenze delle Autorità Alleate circa ventimila prigionieri di guerra italiani provenienti dall'Africa.

Ai predetti militari cui manca fino ad oggi la possibilità di seguire attraverso la stampa gli avvenimenti interni e quelli internazionali, questo Ministero vorrebbe far giungere giornalmente un adeguato numero di copie de "La Patria" edizione per l'Italia settentrionale che si stampa a Firenze.

L'Headquarters n. 2694 dal quale i ventimila prigionieri italiani attualmente dipendono, e col quale la redazione di Firenze ha preso al riguardo regolare contatto, non ha nulla in contrario a che si effettui tale distribuzione.

Si prega pertanto voler esaminare benevolmente la possibilità e l'opportunità della richiesta e voler fornire al riguardo una risposta.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

TRANSMISSION

16.30

L.F.S.C.A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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FROM MMIA LG 1 DIST 14NFT

TO MMIA ROME ✓

INFO 200 DIV (CZSERA)

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RESTRICTED. 15. LA PAERIA STILL NOT RECEIVED BY 200 DIV.
REQUEST INVESTIGATION AND ACTION PLEASE

BT 14 NPT

~~15 BT~~

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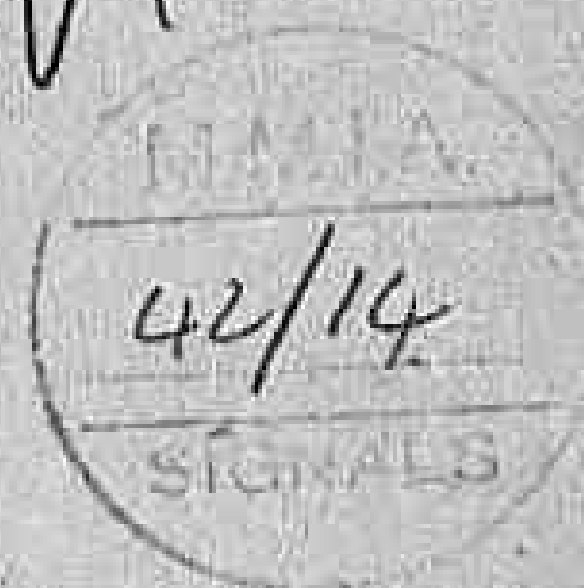
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Translation

From: Ministry of War
To: MMIA

Date: June 5, 1945

Ref. No. 1088

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Subject: Daily newspaper of the Italian Army.

We are giving below a reply to the 6 points of letter A/241 of May 30th, from your mission.

61. Insufficient control by the manager over articles and news items of all editions is due solely to a lack of adequate telephone communication facilities. Ever since the first day the manager upheld the absolute necessity for at least 30 minutes of telephone communication per day with Florence and Bari, on a fixed-schedule basis. ~~Also~~ Recently the assistance of your Command was ^{again} requested in order to facilitate (telephone) communication. So far, however, conversations - often interfered with - are limited to three minutes or slightly over, and are granted after a long wait.

Under such conditions it is impossible to exercise a unified control from Rome over news items and all current subjects (which constitute the 4 points of the newspaper) and it becomes necessary for the editors-in-chief to use their own initiative. Articles which are not of an urgent nature are prepared in Rome and sent each week to field editors who publish them regularly (as per letter of April 26 from your Command).

The Florence edition has so far published all articles transmitted by the head office after the agreements which followed the letter of April 26th. During its first month of publication the Bari edition published twenty articles transmitted

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from Rome or taken from the Rome edition.

Sundry Army news appears regularly in the three editions.

2. To the extent of available means the head office issues daily instructions in writing and by telephone. The manager regards himself as fully liable at all ~~all~~ times.

3. There will be maintained, as always, absolute impartiality concerning subjects of national or international politics.

We would like to know specifically to which "polemical excesses" letter ~~A~~ A/241 of May 30th last, No. 3, from your Command, refers.

Serious difficulties are encountered in trying to achieve a uniform arrangement of printed material in all editions, both because of the differences ~~between~~ in artistic sense of the various arrangers and because of the complete diversity of means and types of the various printing shops. The differences in the appearance of the various editions is, moreover, due to a great extent to constant changes in the grade of paper, wherefore photos, graphs and pictures can be reproduced only if the paper is good.

4. Everything possible will be done - in addition to the measures taken already - to carry out in full the recommendations contained in your letter A/241 of April 26th.

It is pointed out that the ~~present~~ staff of the newspaper works diligently and enthusiastically. Excellent military newspapermen renounce larger salaries in civilian life in order to contribute to the newspaper.

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of our soldiers. Therefore, certain shortcomings must ^{not} be attributed to ill will, but to the abovementioned handicaps beyond our control which, at any rate, we will try to overcome.

5. We enclose the directives issued by the H.Q., Newspaper Group.

6. The manager would have liked to visit the various field offices. But so far he was held back by his reluctance — in view of communication difficulties — to absent himself from the head office for too long a period of time. Instead of travelling to Florence and Bari he has so far preferred to summon to Rome at least every 15 days the chief editors or assistant chief editors, thus achieving the same purpose with the advantage of not leaving the head office where he performs also other delicate tasks in agreement with the Allies (publication of pamphlets on the contribution of our Army, tri-weekly broadcast for our prisoners, ~~news~~ newsreels on the activities of our Army).

During a period of about one month there were summoned to Rome, in order to receive orders, two editors from Florence and three from Bari (the editor-in-chief from Bari has been in Rome these last few days).

In conclusion, in the event a single-type newspaper is desired, the possibility might be considered of printing a single edition in Rome, to be sent by air and fast courier to Milan and Bari.

There is no way ^{as} yet to direct the publication of the Milan edition from Rome so long as telephone communication with that city is not made possible.

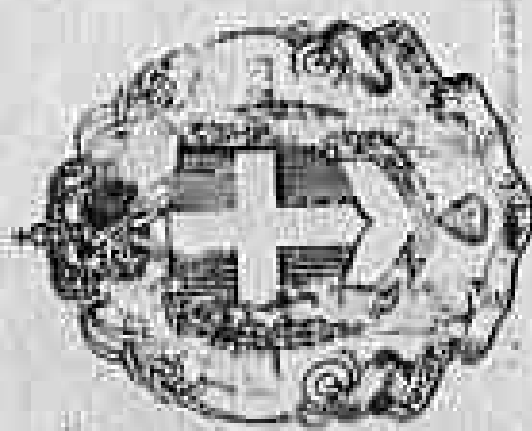
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It should be borne in mind that the available motor transport is in need of repair after almost every trip.

So far only three of the 6 motorcycles allotted have been delivered, and they cannot be counted upon insofar as extended trips are concerned.

(Signature)
Chief of Cabinet

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Ministero della Guerra

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Roma, 5 giugno 1945

A 2^a L.F.S.C., A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Oggetto: quotidiano dell'Esercito Italiano.

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In tali condizioni si rende impossibile una direttiva unica da Roma sulle notizie e su tutti gli argomenti del giorno (che costituiscono i quattro punti del giornale) e senza la necessaria iniziativa dei redattori capi.

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L'edizione di Firenze ha pubblicato sinora tutti gli articoli

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li trasmessi dalla direzione dopo gli accordi seguiti alla lettera del 26 aprile. L'edizione di Bari in circa un mese di vita ha pubblicato venti articoli trasmessi da Roma e ripresi dall'edizione romana.

Notizie militari varie compaiono regolarmente sulle tre edizioni.

2.- Compatibilmente ai mezzi disponibili la direzione impartisce giornalmente direttive per iscritto e per telefono. Il direttore si ritiene sempre completamente responsabile.

3.- Sarà osservata, come sempre, la più assoluta imparzialità su argomenti di natura politica e internazionale.

Si gradirebbe conoscere con precisione a quali "eccessi politici" si riferisce la lettera A/241 del 30 maggio - n. 3 - di questo Comando.

S'incontrano gravi difficoltà nell'ottenere un'impaginazione uguale per tutte le edizioni, sia per il diverso criterio artistico dei vari impaginatori, sia per l'assoluta diversità di mezzi e di caratteri tipografici delle varie tipografie. L'aspetto diverso fra le varie edizioni dipende anche molto dalla continua variazione della qualità della carta, per cui soltanto quando la carta è buona si possono riprendere fotografie, diagrammi, illustrazioni.

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za maggiore che si cercherà in ogni modo di superare.

- 5.- Si uniscono le direttive impartite dal Comando Nucleo giornale.
- 6.- Il direttore avrebbe già visitato le varie sedi. Ma è stato tenuto storno dalla preoccupazione - data la difficoltà di comunicazioni - di abbandonare per troppo tempo la direzione centrale. Anche spostarsi tra Firenze e Bari egli ha sinora preferito come care almeno ogni quindici giorni a Roma i redattori capi o i vice redattori capi, ottenendo così lo stesso scopo con il vantaggio di non abbandonare il centro ove assolve anche altri delicati compiti d'intesa con gli Alleati (pubblicazione di opuscoli sul controllo del nostro Esercito, radiodiffusione trisettimanale per i nostri prigionieri, documentari cinematografici sulla attività del nostro Esercito in guerra).

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 1099

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Daily Newspaper.

We forward the instructions requested in letter A/241 of 30th. May from M.M.I.A.

It is pointed out that the instructions referred to in No.1. of the enclosed letter were formerly issued on the 30th. April, in immediate execution of the suggestions contained in M.M.I.A. letter of the 26th. April.

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Sgd. LOMBARDI

Col.

C. Danin Cpl.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Press Group H.Q., Italian Army.

REF:

TO: all addressees

DATE: 5 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Instructions for the "LA PATRIA" editions.

1) - Reconfirming the following instructions issued in my letter 843 on 30 April 1945 and afterwards, verbally, to the editors assembled in Rome:

- The articles must be inspired by realism and be mainly on subjects that interest the soldier more than the officers.
- Insistence must be made in showing the reasons for which our soldiers are fighting.
- Every line must be carefully weighed and only published when it is certain that it is of real interest to the soldier.
- All material which can be of common use to the three editions will be sent to Rome (articles, engravings, photographs).
- In order that the pages shall not appear grey and heavy it is necessary to insert maps, engravings, photographs of current events and actresses (with very good taste and without obscenity). (1)
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- 11) - I add the following new instructions:
- Absolute impartiality and objectivity must be kept on the present burning political and international questions, avoiding any extremes. Stick to facts, rejecting reports and assumptions from sources which have no secure foundation.

Above all avoid any word which may support stories of dissension among the Allies. ^{ov}Headings must be well considered and correspond with the text.

- As far as is compatible with the differences of available paper and type, the look and layout of the paper should resemble as much as possible that of the Rome edition which will be taken as an example. This is in order to give the exact impression throughout Italy that it is one paper and not independant editions.
- Articles prepared by the central directorate are to be published immediately after arrival at their destination.
- A stenographer will be held ready at all times for telephone conversations.

The persons addressed are personally resposible for the execution of these instructions.

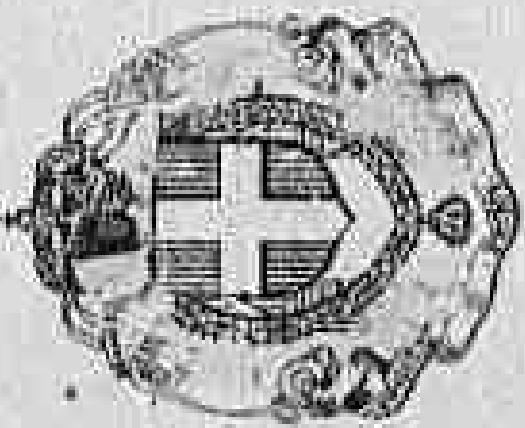
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N. 1099 di prot. Roma, 5 giugno 1943

OGGETTO: Quotidiano dell'Esercito Italiano.

AL L.F.S.C., A.C. (MIA)

ROMA

Si trasmettono le direttive richieste con foglio A/241 del 30 maggio di codesta Missione.

Si fa presente che le direttive di cui al n. 1 dell'annesso foglio furono già impartite il 30 aprile in immediata esecuzione ai suggerimenti contenuti nella lettera del 26 aprile di codesta Missione.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
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COMANDO NUCLEO GIORNALE
ESERCITO ITALIANO

Roma, 5 giugno 1945

OCCORRENZA: Direttive per le edizioni de' "LA PATRIA".

ALL'UFFICIALE DI COORDINAMENTO CENTRALE (T. COL. CONTI.)
AL CAPITANO NICOLA
AI REDATTORI CAPE DI ROMA - MILANO - FIRENZE - PARI

- I. Rivista le seguenti direttive impartite il 30 aprile 1945 con mio foglio 643, e successivamente a voce ai redattori congiunti a Roma:
- Gli articoli debbono essere ispirati a realismo e obiettività. Soltanto a soggetti che interessino il soldato, più che l'ufficiale.
 - Si deve insistere nell'illustrare le ragioni per cui i nostri soldati combattono.
 - Ogni riga dovrà prima essere attentamente soppesata e soltanto stampata quando si abbia la sicurezza che essa sia di reale interesse per i soldati.
 - Sarà invitato da Roma tutto il materiale che può essere comune alle tre edizioni (articoli, vignette, citazioni, fotografie).
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AL CAPITANO NICOLAI
AI REDATTORI CAPI DI ROMA - MILANO - FIRENZE - BARI

I. Riconferma le seguenti direttive impartite il 30 aprile 1943 con mio foglio 243, e successivamente a voce ai redattori compresi a Roma:

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II. Aggiungo le seguenti nuove direttive:

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- Compatibilmente alle diversità di carta e di caratteri tipo=grafici disponibili si cerchi di rendere simili all'edizione romana, che ha presa come tipo, aspetto e impaginazione del giornale. Ciò al fine di dar la precisa sensazione che si tratta, in tutta l'Italia, di un solo giornale e non di edizioni indipendenti.
- Pubblicare immediatamente dopo l'arrivo a destinazione gli articoli preparati dalla direzione centrale.
- Tenere sempre uno stenografo a disposizione per le conversazioni telefoniche.

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IL DIRETTORE
(Ten. Col. Ugo Maraldi)



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FROM : M.M.I.A.
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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A241.

30 May '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copy to : CC. EAMU (C)

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3. He should therefore, issue to his editors a directive, setting forth the necessity for absolute impartiality, and stressing the need for avoiding undue emphasis on controversial topics of a political or international nature. He should also take steps to ensure that the lay-out and appearance of each edition is similar to that of Rome, which should be taken as a standard.

4. The aim of the directive should be to weld the several editions into one paper, with a single character, and reflected in each. The Editor in Chief must use every means to achieve this end, and in this connection, you are referred to the suggestions in Para's 5 and 6 of this HQ letter A241 of 26 April, which have not so far been carried out.

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Major General,
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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers - La Patria

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.G. (M. M. I. A.) HOME
Q/1/15-116
30 May 1945

TO : AFHQ (For Q Maint)

1. Reference your AFHQ/2215/Q Maint of 2 and 27 May 45.

2. It is agreed that debit vouchers covering para. 2(a) of your letter dated 2 May 45 should be forwarded to MMIA for settlement by the Ministry of War.

3. a. It is also agreed that vouchers from ADPSS AFHQ covering para. 2(b) should be sent to MMIA for charge against the Italian Government through the books of AG.

b. One copy of each voucher will be returned to ADPSS AFHQ endorsed to acknowledge receipt. Accounting is the responsibility of MMIA and this endorsement of receipt will indicate that the necessary procedure is being carried out, and the charges passed to AG Chief Accountant.

R.T.M. Warham
R.T.M. WARHAM, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

RTM/r1
Copy to: BANU
Allied Publication Board
Commerce Sub Commission AG
Welfare
'A' Branch - file A/241

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Para 3(b)

Agree that vouchers from ADPSS AFHQ covering 2(b) should be sent to us for charges against the Station Gov. We will return one copy to ADPSS AFHQ duly endorsed as having been received. (The necessary accounting is an MMIA responsibility, and it should not be necessary to endorse every copy that it has in fact been ~~to~~ carried out.)

29/5.

[Signature]

Q1.

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A241
SUBJECT:- Italian Army Newspaper -
La Patria.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2215/3(Maint)

27 May 45.

TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓

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Reference A 241 dated 14 May 45.

1. It is not clear from your letter that you agree to the complete system outlined in para 3 (a) and 3 (b) of AFHQ/2215/3(Maint) of 2 May 45.
2. Please confirm.

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A. COLVILLE, Capt.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1311

To :- Q 2. SUBJECT :- ITI Army Newspaper Units.

1. Total Tpt for Italian Army Newspaper Unit, (which consists of a HQ and 3 sub units) authorised by Appendix "A" to SD/1/1 of 21 Feb is as follows :-

<u>M/C</u>	<u>P/V</u>	<u>L/C</u>
6	1	12

2. Total now in possession of the Unit, according to own records, is :-

<u>M/C</u>	<u>P/V</u>	<u>L/C</u>
3	-	10

3. 3 Units are shown in ORBAT (p.14), but these are actually the 3 sub-sections of the main Unit, and issues of vehs have been made to the unit as a whole, for distribution to sub-sections as required.

WNMM/ag

18 May 45

*Noted
Welfare
Taking action
+ Col P. info by Welf.
PA 26/5*

*A. Balance of Vehicles released today ex Naples.
Suggest you instruct War Min as to their
disposal.*

RAC Q2.

23 May.

Subject : Italian Army Newspaper--La Patria.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M B.
A 241.

14 May 45.

To : AFHQ.
(For Q Maint)

Refer para 3 of AFHQ/2215/Q(Maint) dated 2 May 45.

1. It is confirmed that one copy of vouchers received at this HQ covering any Sterling expenditure incurred for civilian labour, materials etc in the publication of "La Patria" will be forwarded to ADPSS, AFHQ.
2. It is also confirmed that provision of newspaper is an Italian responsibility and will be supplied by Sottosegretariato per la Stampa.

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Copy To : Ministry of War
Q1 M.M.I.A.
ADAMS, M.M.I.A.

P. Archer Capt.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Newspaper LA PATRIA

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A241

11 May 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR
Ufficio Stampa

1. Approval has been obtained from HQ 15 Army Group for a reconnaissance to be carried out in Bologna and Milan on behalf of the Italian Army Newspaper unit La Patria.
2. This reconnaissance will be carried out by Lt Col Leonardi, of La Patria and Capt Yarrow of BANU.
3. AMG Fifth Army have been informed that these officers will leave Rome on 14 May.
4. They will proceed first to Bologna to ascertain whether or not it is possible for the Publication Unit now in Florence to move to that town.
5. They will then go to Milan to find out if it is possible to set up there another unit to serve north west Italy.
6. Security passes will be drawn from this HQ prior to departure.
7. It is considered that the reconnaissance should be completed in one week.
8. Sufficient information must be brought back on all subjects affecting production so that any subsequent moves of publication units may then be planned.
9. The officers will report to the Allied HQ in each town and will contact PWB & AMG.

J. P. Arthur Gyor
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

/wk

Copy to: HQ 15 Army Gp (your signal CAS 495 of 7 May refers)
OC BANU
ADAMS MMIA
G (INT) MMIA

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FROM 15ARMY GP 071920
TO ALCOM FOR LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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CAS 495 (.)
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FROM NMIALC 54 AREA 051830B

TO MMIA

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AC/265 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF MY AC/256 OF 28 APR 45

BARI EDITION LA PATRIA STARTED 3 MAY (.)

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FROM. M M I A

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
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TO . (FOR ACTION) 15 ARMY GROUP

REF NO A 113

RESTRICTED.

REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR REECE PARTY CONSISTING OF ONE BRITISH
OFFICER AND ONE ITALIAN OFFICER TO PROCEED BOLOGNA AND
MILAN INVESTIGATE NORTHERN ITALY PUBLICATION ITALIAN
ARMY NEWSPAPER

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATION APR 1945

Copy to ADAWS MMIA for Info.

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Translation

From: H/W
To: MMIA

A 241

Ref: 865

Date: 3rd May 1945

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Subject: 'LA PATRIA' at Bari

The first number of 'LA PATRIA' has been published to day in Bari.

Bari Italian Military Authorities communicated with me by telephone, begging me to inform Rome British Military authorities of the official and friendly assistance of the following British officers in the editing of the paper.

Major GALT: MMIA

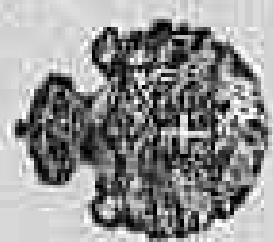
Major FORD: Union Jack

Major BALE: Manager of the local printing press

Ernest J. P.A. N. F. L.

Signed: Lt Col MORALDI

U.G.O.



Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO STAMPA

N. 865 di prot.

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OGGETTO: "LA PATRIA" a Bari.

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ALLA M.M.I.A. (Palazzo delle Corporazioni)

R O M A

Oggi è uscito il primo numero de' "LA PATRIA" a Bari.
Le autorità militari italiane di quella città mi segnalano per telefono, pregandomi di darne notizia alle autorità militari britanniche di Roma, la valida anichevole assistenza prestata alla redazione dai seguenti ufficiali britannici:

magg. Holt della M.M.I.A.

magg. Ford dell'Union Jack

magg. Bale soprintendente della locale tipografia.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Maraldi)

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Roma, 2 maggio 1945 44

N. 801 di prot.

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OGGETTO: "LA PATRIA" a Bari.

ALLA M.M.I.A. (Palazzo delle Corporazioni)

ROMA

Oggi è uscito il primo numero de' "LA PATRIA" a Bari.

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(Ugo Maraldi)

Ugo Maraldi 3468

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q MAINT BRANCH
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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Newspaper -
"La Patria".

AFHQ/2215/2(Maint)

2 May 45.

TO :- M.M.I.A.

Reference your A/27/2 dated 18 Mar 45 to Ministry of War and relevant correspondence.

1. Authority has been given to A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q. for the production of "La Patria" at BARI provided that there is no interference with operational printing requirements.

2. Regarding payment, it is proposed that :

(a) Any local (i.e., lire) expenditure on civilian labour, materials etc., necessarily incurred will be recovered from the Italian Ministry of War through M.M.I.A.

(b) Any sterling expenditure (i.e., WD imported stores, labour etc.) necessarily incurred will be recorded through the books of A.C. as a charge against the Italian Government.

3. Please confirm that you agree to the following system:-

(a) Debit vouchers covering 2(a) to be forwarded to you for settlement by Ministry of War and

(b) Vouchers from A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q. covering 2 (b) to be sent to you for recording of charges against the Italian Government, one copy of each voucher to be returned to A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q. duly endorsed to the effect that this has been done.

4. You are asked also, to confirm that the question of release of newsprint from British Army sources will not arise,

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4. You are asked also, to confirm that the question of release of newsprint from British Army sources will not arise, but that sufficient local stocks are available to Italian Army.

Not
Copy in 589
J. McLean

AC/abc

Copy to:- P & S.S.
F.A. (Br).

Copy to:- P & S.S.
F.A. (Br).

H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

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Subject: Newsprint for LA PATRIA

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A241

30 April 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR
Ufficio Stampa

1. Ref N. 137 of 9 Apr and A241 of 18 Apr.
2. The Commerce Sub Commission, A.C. has agreed that as from 1 May you may draw 12 tons of newsprint per month in Florence for La Patria. This newsprint will be released against payment of 25 Lire per kilo.
3. Arrangements for the release should be made with the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Piazza Vittoria, Florence, the distributing agent for the Commerce Sub Commission.
4. A copy of the Sub Commission letter agreeing to this release was sent to the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa.

SP Archery Cyp
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: BANU
Allied Publications Board
Commerce Sub Commission, A.C.

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FROM NMIALO 54 AREA 231045B
O HQ MMIA
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AQ/256, CON// RESTRICTED. REF MMIA A/96 OF 27 APR. SEE
LO/7/3/AQ OF 24 APR. ITALIANS NOW CONFIRM LABOUR AVAILABLE.
TRIAL COPY DUE 30 APR. REGULAR PUBLICATION SCHEDULED START
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO (FOR ACTION): 54 AREA *PA 2.1.1*

REF NO: A 96

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RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) REFER YOUR LO/7/3/AQ OF 15 APRIL (.) MINISTRY OF WAR
REPORT APPROVAL RECEIVED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PRINTING OF LA PATRIA
IN HARI W.P.F. 3 MAY (.) MMIA HAS NO CONFIRMATION FROM ALLIED SOURCES (.)
CAN YOU CONFIRM

PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHORIZATION

PA 2.1.1

INTERNAL DIST:

ADAMS

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A241.

26 Apr '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copy to : OC. BAMU. (2)

1. The army newspaper "La Patria" has now been in production for two months, and it is clear, from reports received, that it has made a good beginning and is welcomed by the Italian soldiers.

2. Layout. It is important that an army newspaper should be attractive in appearance - it must appeal to the soldier. La Patria is sometimes a little dull and heavy to look at. The front page is usually broken by a map but the other pages tend to be too solid. The correct layout can be achieved by the liberal use of cartoons and pictures, both of news and of stage and screen stars.

3. News. There should be more front line despatches and more articles of various branches of the army. Regular columns of regimental news could well be included.

4. Supporting Articles. La Patria is inclined to carry too many articles which are literary essays on idealistic or trivial subjects which lack realism. The articles in the army newspaper should in the main be informative and on subjects which interest a soldier rather than an officer. The reason why the soldier is fighting must be stressed. Every line printed should be weighed up carefully and then only printed if it is considered to be of real interest to the soldier. 64

5. Organisation. The Florence and Rome editions are virtually separate at the moment, and the Bari edition when it starts will be, too. Each has its own separate staff printers - mainly civilians. It is essential to have a central syndication officer. This officer, responsible to the Editor in Chief, would have the task of:-

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- a) Selecting articles from those appearing in the Italian Press, Il Mess, Stars and Stripes, Crusader, Union Jack etc.
- b) In conjunction with the Editor in Chief preparing list of subjects for articles, selecting journalists to write them - military journalists on the W.I. of "la Patria" should do this, eliminating as far as possible civilian journalists.
- c) Despatching to the various units all material common to all three editions - i.e. articles, blocks for cartoons etc.

(2)

6. The organisation above would mean :-

a) Economy of effort.

b) Uniformity:- The features in all three editions would be the same, and only the news page would be different, so that all three papers would have a strong family resemblance.

c) Ease of supervision and control by the Editor in Chief, who has no real control over the edition outside Rome at the moment and is not really "Editor in Chief" at all.

d) That the staffs of the three papers were freed to write more, thus enabling "La Patria" to dispense with its civilian collaborators, most of whom are not suitable writers for young soldiers.

7. This system will work if communications are good, and this can be met by instituting a D/R run once a week.

8. In conclusion it is desired to stress the importance of giving to the soldier news of his family and news on matters affecting his personal affairs. This service is typified by the "Posta Militare" column, messages from occupied Italy, and "Cronaca dell' Italia Liberata". Such features should be encouraged. A column giving extracts from army orders of interest to the soldier, explaining to him plans for leave and demobilising should be commenced. A separate letter is being sent you on this subject.

W.P.

Major General
M. H. I. A.

Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

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Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVRW/FZ

Ref. AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

A 241 A.

25 April 1945

SUBJECT : Newsprint for LA PATRIA

TO : Land-Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

1. Reference your letter A241 of 18 April 1945 addressed to the Allied Publications Board.

2. This office is in charge of the distribution of all newsprint in all areas not under Italian Government jurisdiction.

3. This Sub-Commission will agree to supply the paper for LA PATRIA in Florence but will be unable to do so in Rome or Bari as it has no stocks in these two cities.

4. As of May 1st, LA PATRIA will be able to draw 12 tons of newsprint per month from AC stocks in Florence by contacting the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Piazza Vittoria, Florence, which acts as the distributing agent for Commerce Sub-Commission. The price to be paid for the newsprint will be 25 lire per kilo.

W.P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

Copies to:

- Allied Publications Board, 62 Via Veneto, Rome (attn. Maj. Cousland)
- P.W.B.- Nazione Bldg., Via Ricasoli, Florence (attn. Lt. Col. Munro)
- Sottosegretariato per la Stampa, Via Veneto 58, Rome

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers - Newsprint.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A241.
18 Apr '45.

P.W.B. for Allied Publication Board.

Copy to:- Ministry of War, Ufficio Stampe.
" " OC. BANU. (for Italian Army Newspaper LO.)

1. In February the Italian Press Commission authorized the allotment to the Ministry of War for the Italian army newspapers "La Patria" and "Italia" of 33½ tons of newsprint per month. This paper is made available in Rome.

2. To cover the scale of publication desired in accordance with the order of battle of the army this newsprint is required as follows:-

Rome	13½
Florence	12
Bari	8

33½ tons.

3. It is understood from Avv. Rossini, Italian Under secretary of State for the Press, that 140 tons of newsprint have been delivered by the Italian Government to P.W.B. Florence to meet the needs of the Italian press in A.M.G. territory.

4. Newsprint for the Florence edition of "La Patria", is at present being sent from Rome to Florence in M.T. 1400

5. It would be more convenient, and effect a saving in transport if "La Patria" at Florence could be authorized to obtain its paper from the stocks controlled by P.W.B. there. The monthly requirement as stated above would be 12 tons.

Copy to:- Ministry of War, Ufficio Stampa.
 " " OO. BAMB. (for Italian Army Newspaper LO.)

1. In February the Italian Press Commission authorized the allotment to the Ministry of War for the Italian army newspapers "Le Patria" and "Italia" of 331 tons of newsprint per month. This paper is made available in Rome.

2. To cover the scale of publication desired in accordance with the order of battle of the army this newspaper is required as follows:-

Rome	134
Florence	12
Bari	8

33½ tons.

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4. Newsprint for the Florence edition of "La Patria", is at present being sent from Rome to Florence in M.T. 5460

5. It would be more convenient, and effect a saving in transport if "La Patria" at Florence could be authorized to obtain its paper from the stocks controlled by P.W.B. there. The monthly requirement as stated above would be 12 tons.

6. May this HQ be informed of this request is practicable?

W. P. Bailey
Major General
U. S. A.

Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

A/241

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Subject : Night Transport for Italian Typographers ^{Civilian.}

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

Q/5

16 Apr 45

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH (3)

Copy to : Ministry of War (for attention Col FERROCHE)

Reference your 20/PRB of 7 Apr.

This matter has been carefully considered and it is regretted that permission can not be granted for the continuance of this service.

The provision of necessary transport for employees of the newspapers is not in any way a military responsibility.

The employment of military vehicles and expenditure of petrol from Allied sources on this service can not be permitted to continue, nor has this Sub Commission any authority to approve such an undertaking.

The War Ministry are required to withdraw the five lorries at present engaged in this work immediately other arrangements can be made, and in any event, not later than the 30th April, and to report to this H.Q. as soon as this has been done.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col.

for Major General

M. M. I. A. 3459

Copies to: ST

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Dec 1945

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lorries allotted to Army Newspaper Club (the Police)
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Tel-Bari 11458

Subject:- Italian Army Newspaper

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces, Sub Comm;
A.C.(MMIA) C/o 54 Area,
Ref.LO/7/3/A2
15 April 45

To; HQ. MMIA

Ref A/27/2 of 19 March and my conversation with Col. Pidsley.

1. G.O.C. during his visit on 15 April instructed me to request you to investigate the position regarding arrangements for provision of printing facilities for the Bari sub unit of the Italian Army Newspaper unit, which has NOT yet begun production.
2. O.C. No 5 British Military Printing Press states that he has not received authority from ADPSS AFHQ to make facilities available to the Italian sub unit.
3. I request that you take this up with ADPSS and inform me of the results, so that I can ensure that there is no delay in the production of the paper. When the authority is received.

*This has been taken
up with G(Bar) ADPSS
who are dealing with the
matter through G.H. and
Col A also has
been spoken to about
the 21 Apr.*

*1jt
Dec 48
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W. P. P.

Maj

Senior IO.

Eastern Italy

*noted.
L.O. suggested
? is all ready for 3rd 4th 5th
as reported by SP*

SUBJECT:- Italian Army Newspaper "La Pieve"

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

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

MM/119
11 Apr 45.

1. Number of copies distributed 2,100, on average of 1 copy per nine men.
2. News. As a news sheet is excellent and the publication and circulation of this paper has proved a tonic to the moral effect of the troops.
3. La Patria however lacks a few interesting features and the following points would be of interesting reading.

News of conditions of civilians now living in zones occupied by the enemy; this affects a large number of men who were resident in these areas.

News on conditions of the civilian life in liberated territory, in particular the future reconstruction of the civil population and the position regarding military demobilisation as soon as hostilities cease.

News dealing with agricultural matters in view of the fact that the majority of the soldiers are professional agriculturists.

4. The news regarding sport is read with a keen interest, but not so much on spectacular items as the men have no chance to visit the shows and it has a reverse and detrimental effect. They have frequently asked to have this withdrawn.

5. General suggestions.

Publication of a few games.

Publication of a few jokes.

To publish short novels or stories as the soldier has shown a dislike to lengthy articles.

Publication of ~~interesting~~ ^{M.O.W. order or extract} ~~the following news~~, which ^{is of} ~~is~~ interest the soldier.

Further articles upon the work done by Service troops, e.g.

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A. Leggans Capt
don Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Attached Newspaper

A 1214

RCV/jad

ED. O.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	10 Apr 1945	For your information.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

5456

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
G/1

10 April 1945

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

Reference your A/27/2 of 16 March.

1. Distribution of "La Patria" and "Italia" is on a basis of one copy per seven men. No complaints have been made of insufficient distribution in the area u/c Naples Territorial HQ.
2. Little comment on the copy has been made to this office. It is suggested however that insufficient space is given to dealing with soldiers' personal questions, and that the news features might well be made more succinct (since all papers print plenty of news) in order to provide possibly a page on the lines of "At your Service" in "Union Jack".
3. Delay in forwarding this report is regretted.

George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

FJAC/nl

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

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No. 1522

A 241

9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA), ROME.

1. Reference your A/27/2 same subject dated 16 March 45, the following report is submitted on the two newspapers "La Patria" and "Italia":

- (1) Distribution: The two internal security divisions "Sabauda" and "Aosta", receive both newspapers from Rome on the Italian Courier Plane. Territorial Headquarters receive a separate allotment from the same source. The two divisions issue the papers out to their respective Regiments for redistribution to the smaller units and men. Territorial Headquarters Palermo redistribute their copies of the papers to all offices and non-divisional units.
- (2) Number received by formations: Each division receives approximately 560 copies of each paper. This provides one paper for each 9 to 10 men. Territorial Headquarters receive 150 copies of each paper and is distributed at about the same ratio.
- (3) Material:
 - a. The papers are especially appreciated because of their straight forward news and the lack of excessive comments.
 - b. The paper has a great moral and human interest to the men because of its Italian origin primarily. A very much appreciated part of the paper is the list of names of people for whom there are Red Cross Messages, originating from German occupied Italy. This is of main interest of course to soldiers from northern Italy.
 - c. The sporting news and entertainment is very scanty. The jokes and puns are interesting and well liked.
- (4) A large percentage of the enlisted men do not read the paper. This is due to two reasons,

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firstly, the officers do not encourage the men to do so, and secondly, an insufficient number of copies are received. Distribution should be on the basis of one copy to each 3 or 4 men. The Italian Officer should also be encouraged or required to take more interest in the welfare of his men.

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

True!
For

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Subject:- Italian Army Newspapers.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
MMIA.

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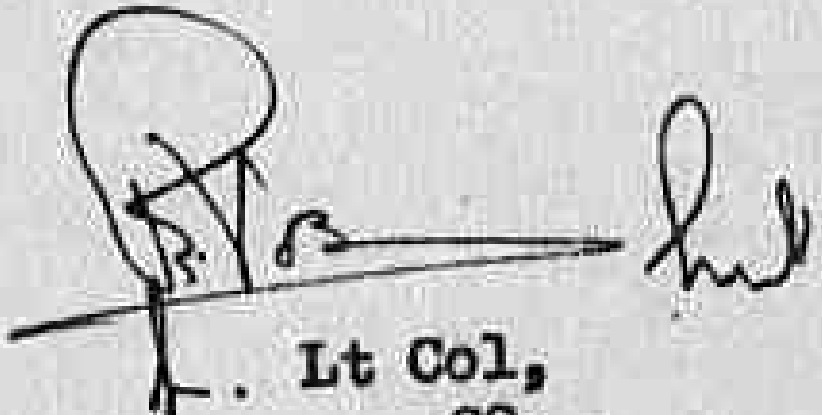
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7 Apr 45.

- A/241
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1. Reference your letter A/27/2 dated 16 Mar 45, here is a report on the Italian army newspaper "LA PATRIA" and "ITALIA".
 2. LA PATRIA is being received daily by this combat group at the rate of 1000 - 1100 copies and is being split up amongst the group.
 3. "ITALIA" is being received weekly at the rate of 1000 copies.
 4. A request has been received by the Italian Welfare office that the number be increased, in the case of both newspapers to 2000 respectively in order to meet the great demand for both these publications.
 5. Both the newspapers are welcomed by the troops who can suggest no improvements and all questioned seem content with the news and entertainment sides of the papers.
 6. The newspapers arrive daily with the post and are distributed the same day by means of the postal truck. Thus each unit receives papers the day after publication and is quite satisfactory.
 7. Could copies of illustrated magazines and journals be sent to this group. A large number of requests have been made for these.

In The Field.
FSV/mh.

Copy to:- HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.


Lt Col,
GS.

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By 9 Apr

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Subject: Italian Army Newspapers

M.M.I.A. IO.
att 53 BLU.

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4 April 45

To: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) 24

Ref your A/27/2 of 16 Mar 45 herewith report as required:

1. Distribution. The papers are fetched from FLORENCE by Italian Military Mail lorry and brought to ROMA (rear H.Q.) where there is a delay of nearly a day before they are dispatched to Group HQ. This is partly due to unnecessary delay on the part of rear HQ who transfer the papers to another lorry together with mail and partly to the restricted road timings on traffic between rear and forward areas. I have suggested that additional transport be sent to FLORENCE to ensure a daily service and that lorries come direct to Group HQ. The papers are then delivered in bulk to the Welfare Officer at Group HQ where they are sorted out and dispatched immediately to troops in the line. At present there is a delay of 3 to 4 days between day of publication and the day of issue to troops.
2. Numbers received. Until quite recently the total allocation to Folgore was 1200 copies daily. It is now reduced to 500 copies, due to shortage of paper. All available copies are distributed to units in the line in fair proportion. When the allocation was 1200 copies the barest minimum was retained for those units whilst not actually in the line were in the forward areas. In addition to "La Patrie" and "Italia", I have arranged with AMG IO att Folgore for a supply of 500 copies of the "Corriere Alleato" which arrive every 3 to 4 days. This unofficial arrangement is proving popular and the papers are distributed on the same basis as the others.
3. Material.
 - a. The news lay-out is satisfactory and is the most important feature of all. Straight and up to date news is what is wanted most. It is essential that politics affecting Italy be omitted unless they are unlikely to cause political animation among the more turbulent elements to be found in this group. I feel that all suitable news items of

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- c. Sport news is popular and now that organised sport appears to be starting in Italy, it should be exploited as much as possible. The sport supplement of pre-war Italian papers was an important feature. I suggest that the equivalent of our puzzle or competition corner be included, probably in the "Italia".

4. General Suggestions.

- a. I suggest that the allotment of papers be increased as soon as possible.
- b. Although not actually concerned with this report I suggest that Ministry of War make an allocation to the Groups of a selection of periodicals and illustrated "riviste" which are now on sale in most of the large cities. Group Welfare officer obtains a few by favour and out of his funds but the supply is erratic and small. The subjects cover cinema, stage and pin-up girls. I do feel that it would be an excellent thing.
- c. Another good source to be tapped is P.W.B. I am sure they would be willing to make available sufficient numbers of periodicals such as "Il Mess" and other interesting publications which combine good reading and sound propaganda.

JRM/

S. D. Monies May.
M.N.I.A. 10

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Subject :- Italian Army Newspapers

24/52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

4 Apr 45

AC/16

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

Reference your A/27/2 dated 16 Mar 45.

Herewith report as requested :-

1. Distribution

Distribution of the daily "La Patria" is satisfactory. The paper is issued in Florence at 1900hrs and reaches HQ Legnano Group during the night. It is distributed in the morning to all the nearest units of the Group, and by the 1300hrs mail to all the remainder.

2. Numbers received by formations

The Group should get 2000 Copies - that is one copy for 5 soldiers - but owing to the lack of paper, fewer copies of the daily "La Patria" are printed than are actually required. The average number of copies received by the Group is about 1500, sometimes only 1000. For the weekly "Italia" the number of copies issued is sufficient.

3. Material

- (a) The troops are very interested in the General news, lately the weekly "Italia" has been printing an appendix in which ^{are} printed messages from North Italy (Messaggi dall'Italia Occupata) these reach the War Dept, Vatican, or the Red Cross, and are of great interest to the majority of soldiers.
- (b) From the morale aspect, it appears that there is a general desire for articles on spiritual assistance.
- (c) At the present time the troops are not interested in sport.

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"L'Italia" is less required by the troops, since, being a weekly paper, it loses its freshness. It could be improved with columns about the real economical situation in the different branches, about foreign politics, and about home politics. The latter should, however, be curtailed to helping the soldiers to understand and follow the political situation, and thus avoiding all the party politics and quarrels in which most of the soldiers are not interested.

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In particular, all adverse criticism and ridicule of the authorities should be eliminated. From the entertainment aspect, the following improvements are recommended :-

- (a) The ^{humorous} ~~humorous~~ material should be increased to 2 or 3 pages.
- (b) Jokes and sketches copied from the ^{humorous} ~~humorous~~ papers, particularly "La Voce del Pessio" from Naples and "Cantachiaro" from Rome.

JSHD/aa

Copy to: MMIA LO 52 BLU

Luigi
Lieut Col
GS

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Subject: Italian Army Newspaper - Report.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350.

5LO/5/A.

4th. April, 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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Ref your A/27/2 of 16th. March.

Originally the distribution of the newspaper, La Patria, in 231 Div was 1 per five man, but owing to recent increases in strength and a growing scarcity in supply of paper, the proportion is now 1 between eleven.

The soldiers really like the newspaper and look forward to receiving it. The present system of distribution - direct from the newspaper office to the unit is very satisfactory and makes for punctual deliveries even to isolated units.

The news items are considered satisfactory, the morale and human aspect is adequately catered for and entertainment and sports items are fairly complete.

A column would be appreciated for the information of the soldiers on administrative matters - pay, leave, discharge, etc; also the publication of messages from Radio, Vatican, Red Cross, etc.

The weekly paper L'Italia is also much appreciated and is considered sufficiently serious and complete and is favoured for it's publication of messages from German occupied ITALY.

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By ref.

a. m. Newbitt
Capt.
MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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OF V MAED NR 04287 T LRKB
FROM MMIALO 54 AREA 041645B
TO MMIA

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AQ/214 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR Q/27/2 OF 16 (.) FIRST (.)
PUBLICATION N O T RPT N O T STARTED BARI (.) SECOND (.) WAR
MINISTRY DESPATCHES BY ~~TRAI~~ TRAIN OCCASIONAL BUNDLES (.)
THIRD (.) TPS LIKE THEM BUT DO N O T RPT N O T EXPECT
OWING IRREGULARITY (.) FOURTH (.) SUGGESTIONS N I L (.)
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Subject: Italian Army Newspapers.

CONFIDENTIAL

51 British Liaison Unit.

To: M.M.I.A. ✓

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Ref your letter A/27/2 dated 16 Mar 45.

1. It is presumed that although the report called for by you is intended to be independent of any called for through Italian channels, you require the views of the GRUPO and NOT the BLU. The latter is NOT of course in a position to comment on these publications.

2. Att at APPX "A" please find the report submitted by GOC ORTELONA GRUPPO.

Field.
Apr 45.
RWA/RH.

R. Hatch
Major,
DAA & QMC.

Copy for "A" 3 CORPS
WILL TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY.

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APPX "A" to 51 BLU Letter
dated 4 Apr 45.

REPORT ON ITALIAN ARMY NEWSPAPERS

1. Distribution.

The newspapers are conveyed to CREMONA HQ by the Posta Militare. The daily newspaper "PATRIA" is printed in FLORENCE. It goes to press at 1700 hrs and is received here at 0830 hrs the next morning. It is immediately despatched to forward units where it arrives before noon. This newspaper can therefore be read by a soldier in the line 16 hours after going to press.

2. Number of copies received by the GROUPS. - 1500.

3. News Value.

As a newspaper it is excellent. The news is fully reported, in line to the minute and is well balanced.

As a newspaper, however, it lacks several features. "PATRIA" has the great advantage over other Italian newspapers of being delivered to front line units without delay but, even so, it is less popular than some other newspapers.

The soldier of today has an inquiring mind and he wants to read a well balanced and objective newspaper which neither leans to the left nor the right, but which covers all questions from a decent and honest point of view and which is able to offer an explanation on the various problems of the day while depicting any tendency towards hatred and racecur. In short the newspaper should give him some indication of the "best road" to follow.

"PATRIA" lacks informative and explanatory articles. For instance a series of articles has not yet appeared on the following subjects:

- (a) To describe our war effort and the heroic deeds of our soldiers, sailors and airmen which have been acknowledged by the Allies.
- (b) To emphasize the reasons for our present war effort.
- (c) To deny those lies spread about before and during the war.
- (d) To praise the behaviour and general bearing of the Italian soldier in those areas occupied by Italian troops.
- (e) To show that the German soldier is far from invincible, recalling the setbacks in Africa and Russia which were greater, possibly, than any in history.
- (f) To draw attention to the German exploitation of the present situation for his own ends.
- (g) To encourage decency and high moral values.
- (h) To give some guidance on reconstruction and the position of exservicemen.

4. Comments on Morale and Human Factors.

On the whole the few articles that have dealt with these matters have been sound.

4. News Value.

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As a newspaper, however, it lacks several features. "VIRIA" has the great advantage over other Italian newspapers of being delivered to front line units without delay but, conversely, it is less popular than some other newspapers.

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- (h) To give some guidance on reconstruction and the position of agriculture.

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5. Comments on Entertainment and Sports Content.
The sports articles are good but more detailed reports of outstanding sporting events would be appreciated. The articles on entertainment are good and widely read.

6. General Suggestions.
The newspaper "VIRIA" is a good general interest paper and is continually being improved. "VIRIA" could be still further improved.

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if a more lucid style was used and rhetoric avoided. We suggest that the first and second pages are devoted to a full report of war news, a comprehensive report on general interest and political happenings in ITALY and other countries and an objective article on one of the questions of the day. A third page could include an informative article (see page 3) and the fourth page could give the latest news and contain articles on sporting events and entertainments, etc.

Field.
2 Apr 45.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Clemente Prindera

5413

Subject :- Italian Army Newspapers.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MMIA)
c/o HQ, I District
Ref IO/A5

3 April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(K. M. I. A.) R O M E.

I. Ref A/27/2 of 16 March.

Quantities are 2,500 of "La Patria" and 3,000 of "Italis". This works out at about one newspaper for 8 men.

2. Newspapers are brought up from ROME with "Union Jack" transport and delivered to Welfare, PERUGIA for subsequent distribution by HQ 209 Division to their dependent units in I District.

3. As 209 Division has a postal service to ANCONA and AREZZO only twice a week, this means that units in those areas receive their papers usually twice a week and not daily as is desirable.

4. It is suggested that the consignment for I District be not sent "in to" from ROME to HQ 209 Division in PERUGIA but proportionately to AREZZO, ANCONA and PERUGIA. This would enable it to be distributed daily or with a maximum delay of 48 hrs.

5. It is also suggested that the B.R.D. at ORVIETO be supplied directly from ROME.

6. The papers are very well produced and meet with high approval. More attention to sport is suggested. It should also be remembered that the intellectual level of the present Italian soldier is not high. The clarity of the pictures is not always good. The paper is very

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Copy : HQ., I District.

Copy to HQ.

John
MMIA IO. I District.
Capt.

SUBJECT :- Italian Army Newspaper

'F' BLU IRTG ICF
Ref AQ/9/1/209
3 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (AMIA) 24

Ref your A/27/2 of 16 Mar 45.

DISTRIBUTION

1.	Unit	La Patria	Italia
	1 st Assembly and Allocation Regt	550	350
	2 nd Regt	350	350
	3 rd Regt (Mixed)	550	350
	Training Camp	500	210
	83 rd Field Hospital	100	80
	Service Unit	150	100
	HQ Training Unit	30	20
	CC.RR	20	10
	319 Field Bakery	50	30
		2,500	1,500

NUMBER RECEIVED

2.	La Patria	-	2,500
	Italia	-	1,500

MATERIAL

3. (a) News

News is generally 'out of date'. However it is sufficient and varied. Some criticisms have been heard that it is written for Officers and lacks the colour and imagination of the appeals to ORs.

(b) Moral and Human Aspect

No positive lead is to be found in the columns

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Service Unit	150	100
HQ Training Unit	30	20
CC.RR	20	10
319 Field Bakery	50	30
	2,500	1,500

NUMBER RECEIVED

2.

La Patria	-	2,500
Italia	-	1,500

MATERIAL

3.

(a) News

News is generally 'out of date'. However it is sufficient and varied. Some criticisms have been heard that it is written for Offrs and lacks the colour and imagination ~~that~~ appeals to ORs.

(b)

Moral and Human Aspect

No positive lead is to be found in the cols - the old nationalistic and imperialistic ideas are put fwd. There is no vitality nor constructive guidance given to soldiers eager to take part in the re-habilitation of Italy. The best articles refer to past defeats rather than future victories.

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14 Apr

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3. Contá

(c) Entertainment and Sports

Standard good for the Offr Class, but of no interest to ORs.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

4. ORs do not feel that the newspapers "La Patria" and "Italia" to be their papers. Very few would buy them. It is suggested that the staff of editors and correspondents include men of entirely new and definitely encouraging ideas, and that the articles should be written to encourage the ORs and especially the new volunteers.

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Subject : Italian Army - newspaper.

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

R O M E

A/27/2

April 45.

Ministry of War

Ref : your letter from Ufficio Stampa,
of 26th of March.

This HQ agrees to the suggestion made in your
above quoted letter that the newspaper 'La Patria' should
be distributed to Sicily from Rome, provided that this
method of distribution will be effective and will not
cause any delay in the distribution.

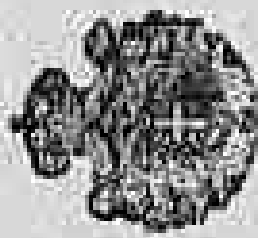
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S. F. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Ministero della Guerra

26 march 1945

UFFICIO STAMPA

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
Palazzo delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto - 7° Piano

Subject: Italian Army Newspaper

We noted paragraphs 1, 5 and 7 of your letter
A 27/2 of 18 march.

We propose the date of commencing publication
of the edition of Bari, on 3 april.

On partial modification of original distribution plan, in view of transports difficulties in southern Italy, we propose that the edition of Bari of newspaper "LA PATRIA" may be distributed in the Provinces of Puglia, Lucania and Calabria, not included Sicilia, to which we could send easilier the edition of Rome.

Hope to receive your agreement on this point.

IL CAPO UFFICIO STAMPA
(Ten. Col. Ugo Maraldi)

U. Maraldi

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11/11/40
 Dear Mr. [unclear]
 I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well.
 I am well at present and hope this letter finds you the same.
 I have not much news to write at present.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 [Signature]

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A 27/2.
SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N.
24 Mar'45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

1. Reference your letter of 21 Mar.
2. This matter has been discussed with the staff of this HQ and the decisions are as set out here-under.
3. There is no objection to copies of the paper being sold on the streets of large towns to soldiers. Such sales must not affect the distribution to formations on the scale of 1 : 7.
4. It must be stressed that this paper is for the Italian soldier and not for the civilian population.
5. The provision of a newspaper for the civilian population of Florence is a responsibility of the civilian authorities.

De Rosa
Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- "A" Branch, MMIA.

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2. This matter has been discussed with the staff of this HQ and the decisions are as set out here-under.

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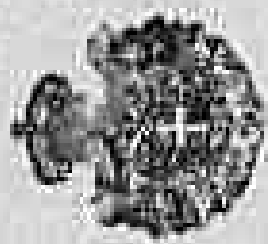
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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO STAMPA

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Subject:- newspaper of Italian Army
reference to the letter
of I9/3/45- A/27/2

Rome, 22 March 1942

A/27/2-

L.F.S.C.-A.C.

M.M.I.A

SP

I am pleased to express my satisfaction for the eulogy paid to our newspaper "La Patria" by General L.Browning in occasion of recent Marshall's Alexander visit to a Italian Training Center.

I repeat that you can be sure, I and my collaborators will continue our work so that "La Patria" become still more an efficacious instrument for victory.

Leut.Col.U.Maraldi

U. Maraldi

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25 Mar
L.F.S.C.
M.M.I.A.

Subject:- newspaper of Italian Army
reference to the letter
of 19/3/45- A/27/2

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SUBJECT : ITALIAN Army Newspapers

50 Brit Liaison Unit

EQ MAILA

A/16

21 Mar 45

Ref your A/27/2 dated 16 Mar 45.

A report is submitted herewith as requested on the Italian Army Newspapers 'LA PATRIA' and 'ITALIA'.

1. DISTRIBUTION.

The delivery is irregular, with occasional cases of non-delivery, therefore there is room for improvement in this regard.

2. NUMBERS RECEIVED.

'PATRIA' - 2,000 copies, three times a week.
'ITALIA' - 450 copies weekly, which are considered insufficient, and at least 1,500 copies are required by this Group. 2,000 copies three times a week are also received of the 'CORRIERE ALLEGATO'. Except for the 'ITALIA' weekly, the numbers received are considered sufficient.

3. NEWS.

- a) More propaganda items could be included in both papers, in the way of the Allied war effort, and partisan activities in this theatre, with occasional topical pictures.
- b) Morale and human aspect. The morale value of both papers is considered good, but the human aspect could be greatly improved with more news and accounts of labour problems, reconstruction, and the future of ITALY, written by qualified persons but adapted to be understood by the ordinary soldier.
- c) Entertainment and Sport. Cartoons, humour, and short stories are always greatly appreciated, so more attention to this aspect would be well received. Sport news are considered adequate.

4. General Suggestions

- i) The present printing, type and pattern is rather depressing, and these publications could be much more attractive with clearer type and paper e.g. the 'CORRIERE ALLEGATO'.
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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers.

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

1/27/2.

19 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

1. The allied authorities have noted with pleasure the successful manner in which the reports in "La Patria" of the Supreme Allied Commander's visit to the ETC, ICF. were handled by the Italian Army Newspaper unit.
2. Both the reproduction of the photographs and the handling of the subject matter were of a particularly high order.
2. There is no doubt that this work will have a fine effect from the point of view of morale.

L. Browning
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal : A.D.A.W.S.

See Folio 28.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

A/27/2.

19 Mar '45.

HQ. 3 District.

1. Approval was given by AFHQ under authority of CR/9904/G-1(Br) for the publication of the Italian army newspaper, "La Patria".

2. Publication has been arranged in three editions: at Rome, Florence and Bari. The first two units are already operating and the Italian War Ministry has now been authorized to commence publication at Bari. (A/27/2 of 18 Mar. copy to 3 District refers). The Bari edition will be distributed in Southern Italy and Sicily.

3. The publication unit will work in co-operation, for advisory purposes, with the British Army Newspaper Unit, Bari: censorship is controlled under instructions of Press & Radio Censorship Branch, PRO. AFHQ. APO 512.

4. The paper is printed on a scale of 1 : 7 for all categories of the Italian army.

SP Archer Capt
Jwr. Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copies to:

G-1(Br) A.F.H.Q.
HQ. 15 Army Group (B.S.)
HQ. 2 District.
HQ. Rome Allied Area Command.
Press & Radio Censorship Branch,
PRO. AFHQ. APO 512. (2)
MMIA LO SARDINIA.
" " SICILY.
" " NAPLES.

MMIA LO ST Andrews Camp Taranto.
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MMIA LO SARDINIA.
" " SICILY.
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" " Rear Eighth Army.
" " Fifth Army.
" " Fifth Army (Br Incr).
" " 1 District.
" " 54 Area.
" " Taranto (c/o 52 Area)

MMIA LO ST Andrews Camp Taranto.
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" " 53 BIJ.
" " 56 BIJ.
" " RTC. ICF.
" " Trani Camp.

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SUBJECT: Italian army newspaper.

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

A/27/2.
18 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

Copies to: G-1(Dr) A.F.H.Q.
HQ No. 3 District.
HQ Public Relations CMT.
Press & Radio Censorship,
Branch PRO. AFHQ. APO 512 (2)
CC. B.A.H.U.

1. Reference A/27 of 20 Feb and Ufficio Stampa letter N.536 d1 prob. of 16 Mar.
2. It is noted that a two weeks reserve of newspaper is now held in Rome at the disposition of the army newspapers.
3. No part of this reserve will be used without prior reference to this HQ.
4. Approval is now given for publication of the Bari edition of "La Patria" and "Italia" to commence.
5. The instructions for military censorship are covered in AFHQ Press & Radio Censorship letter to you of 19 Feb.
6. The Bari edition, as proposed in your original distribution plan, will serve southern Italy and this distribution will include Sicily.
7. As for the Florence and Rome edition two copies of each publication at Bari are required at this HQ as soon after publication as possible.
8. Please state the proposed date of commencing publication.

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Major General
M. E. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

1/27/45. Mar'45.

To all MMIA LO's and BIU's.

1. A report is required on the Italian army newspapers "La Patria", and "Italia", to reach this HQ by 7 April.
2. These newspapers are published by the army for the soldier, and it is desired to do everything possible to make them efficient and of high morale value. Information is required on the present distribution system, on the numbers actually reaching the soldiers, and on their attitude to the papers.
3. The report should, therefore, be based on the following headings.
 1. Distribution
 2. Numbers received by formations.
 3. Material.
 - (a) News
 - (b) Morale and human aspect
 - (c) Entertainment and Sport
 4. General Suggestions.

4. Practical suggestions for improvement of the paper in any way are particularly required. It is desired to have your views and this report is independent of any reports called for through Italian channels.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION

MMIA LO SARDINIA
" " SICILY
" " NAPLES
" " Rear High Army

MMIA LO 52 BIU ✓
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Major General
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION

MMIA LO SARDINIA ✓
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" " VARIES
" " Rear Eighth Army
" " Fifth Army
" " Fifth Army (Br Iner) ✓
" " 1 District ✓
" " 3 District
" " 54 Area ✓
" " Taranto (c/o 52 Area)
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Subject : Visit of Supreme Allied Commander
to RTC. ICF. Cesano.

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

✓ A/27/2.
15 Mar'45.

Director of Military Training,
A.F.H.Q.

Attached for information are two (2) copies
of the Italian Army Newspaper "La Patria" for Friday 16 March'45.

This issue contains the report and illustrations
of Field Marshal Alexander's visit to the Reinforcement and
Training Centre of the Italian Combat Forces at Cesano.

William J. ...
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Visit of Supreme Allied Commander
to RTO. ICF. Cesano.

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

A/27/2.
15 Mar '45.

M.A. to S.A.C.
A.F.H.Q.

Attached for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander are five (5) copies of the Italian Army Newspaper "La Patria" for Friday 16 March '45.

This issue contains the report and illustrations of Field Marshal Alexander's visit to the Reinforcement and Training Centre of the Italian Combat Forces at Cesano.

/s/ W. Pickles. Colonel

† Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Visit of Supreme Allied Commander
to RTC. ICF. Cesano.

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

A/27/2.

15 Mar'45.

To : G-1 (Br)
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[Signature]
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: "La Patria"

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A/27/2.
14 Mar'45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

1. Reference conversations.
2. Attached is a copy of Field Marshall Alexander's speech at the 1.CG.WFO. This speech has been passed for publication by censorship branch of PWB.
3. Also attached are ^{eight} official war photographs of the visit.
4. As agreed the above together with the SMRE report of the inspection will be used in a full page write up of the visit. The SMRE report will be subject to normal censorship arrangements.

W. P. ...
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal: A.D.A.W.S.

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1. Generale MATTIOLI, ufficiali, sottufficiali, graduati e soldati!
Come voi, io sono un combattente di linea, ed ho infatti trascorso quasi tutta la mia vita con soldati al fronte. Pertanto vi posso parlare semplicemente, come uno da soldato a soldato, e sono certo che noi ci comprenderemo.
2. Quando voi Soldati Italiani vi siete affiancati a noi come camerati in armi contro il nostro comune nemico Tedesco, mi sono reso perfettamente conto che per il nuovo Esercito Italiano occorreva un centro di addestramento di prim'ordine, e che questo centro doveva avere come istruttori i migliori elementi disponibili. Pertanto ho scelto per questo delicatissimo compito il vostro gruppo.
3. Colui tra di voi che costituisce uno dei quadri di questo centro di addestramento proverebbe forse un senso di disillusione nel non avere l'onore di andare al fronte: come se venisse a mancare la possibilità di ottenere questa gloria. Questo non è affatto il caso! Credetemi, voi svolgete un'opera di primissima importanza nel preparare gli altri al combattimento. Benche' possi mancare a quest'incarico il carattere vibrante del campo di battaglia, esso è pur sempre ugualmente onoroso, vale, ed io so che voi, da veri soldati della vostra Terra e da patriottici Italiani, fate, e continuerete a fare il vostro dovere in questo ruolo estremamente importante che vi è stato assegnato.
4. Quelli tra di voi che vengono addestrati per partecipare nelle azioni dei Gruppi di Combattimento, si renderanno conto che dei soldati non addestrati, non equipaggiati ed indisciplinati non possono avere successo nella guerra moderna. E' pertanto necessario che mettiate tutta la vostra energia nel vostro lavoro in modo da essere pronti a compiere il vostro dovere ovunque e comunque vi sia richiesto.
5. Come soldato, mi sono trovato in combattimento contro l'Esercito Italiano ad EL ALAMEIN e conosco il vostro valore e quanto bene voi possiate combattere. Ho un alto concetto del vostro soldato e gli do' il benvenuto nei ranghi dei miei vittoriosi eserciti. Insieme vinceremo molto presto l'ultima battaglia, quella battaglia che libererà il vostro Paese dal terrore dell'oppressione Nazista.
6. Il Gruppo CRISPIA, con l'appoggio dei Patrioti, nella sua prima importante azione contro i Tedeschi, a Nord di RAVENNA, ha già ottenuto un vibrante successo, conquistando tutti gli obiettivi e catturando parecchie centinaia di prigionieri. Questa è la prima delle molte vittorie che attendono le vostre armi.
7. Sono molto soddisfatto di quanto ho visto oggi. Sono stato minutamente informato del ~~nessun~~ buon lavoro da voi qui svolto ed ho avuto grande piacere nel constatare per conto mio quanto mi era stato riferito.
8. Avvenimenti di grande portata storica si stanno in questo momento compiendo su tutti i fronti d'Europa. Il collasso definitivo della Germania è prossimo. Ora è il momento di spiegare la massima energia ed entusiasmo. Ognun soldato deve fare sì che le sue armi ed il suo equipaggiamento siano pronti per l'ultima battaglia, la battaglia che ci darà la vittoria finale.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A/27/2.
27 Feb'45.

To: AFHQ for G-1 (Br)

With further reference to A/27/2
of the 26 Feb., attached is a copy of the first edition
(Central Italy) of "La Patria", for Sunday 25 Feb'45.

He
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal
A.D.A.W.S. MMIA.

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Why this Paper is Published

SUNDAY 25 FEB 45.

From today, the fighting men of the army, and the patriots, have their own paper. Regiments and battalions must be considered as bodies of free, thinking men; not as cattle, on which can be exercised the laws of property. For this reason, the citizen-soldier must have the right of free thought, and must have a political conscience. A newspaper, also, forms a part of his necessary kit, just as much as ammunition or food. Reading is an indispensable aid of morale, of which those responsible for the psychological conduct of the war must think carefully.

There is no heavier charge against a man than ignorance, the cause of moral and actual slavery. It has frequently been said that our soldiers do not read; true - for the very simple reason that they have been given nothing to read; and what little there was available was of little value. A very short experience of a soldier's life is enough to show how much news of the world is desired, the world from which every soldier feels cut off; and even more interesting is news directly concerned with the soldiers themselves.

This then, will be the paper, the first of its kind, for "those who are fighting the war."

Struggles between political parties, decisions, future forms of government, protests as "why" or "for whom" we have to fight, do not, at this time, mean very much to those who have chosen to rid us of the Germans; to rid us of the representatives of a long drawn and unreal nightmare, a quicksand ideology incapable of sustaining even a house of cards.

Today, only one thing is real to the men fighting the war; the victims of the Nazis have felt and thought this war now for six and sixty months. Our future depends on how much we will have done to help; not words, but the sacrifices of our soldiers will swing the balance when peace is discussed.

Some will probably ask what is the political trend of this paper, and whether there is an editorial flag, ready for unfurling at the right time: we can easily answer that. The flag is ready - it is the flag of Italy, which must take its place with honour again amongst the flags of free and civilized countries.

The colour? All colours! But not sewn up like a Harlequin's dress; rather all in one, like Newton's ~~independent~~ disc, which, when turned, melted the different colours of the spectrum into white clear light.

To put it plainly, in these pages will be published the views of men of every political mind; but the various views and methods will always be resolved into one formula - to fight the Germans for the liberation of our country until complete victory is achieved. This is the secret of the common aim of all Italians.

Soldiers, this paper is produced by soldiers, and is for you!

Confide in us: tell us your thoughts, your doubts and your troubles. Tell us of your families, of your needs and of your hopes for the future. Men who have themselves fought, and who know the ruthlessness and ferocity of the Nazis, are waiting here to answer you.

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Struggles between political parties, decisions of government, protests as "why" or "for whom" we have to fight, do not, at this time, mean very much to those who have chosen to rid us of the Germans; to rid us of the representatives of a long drawn and unreal nightmare, a quicksand ideology incapable of sustaining even a house of cards.

Today, only one thing is real to the men fighting - the war; the victims of the Nazis have felt and fought this war now for six and sixty months. Our future depends on how much we will have done to help; not words, but the sacrifices of our soldiers will swing the balance when peace is discussed.

Some will probably ask what is the political trend of this paper, and whether there is an editorial flag, ready for unfurling at the right time: we can easily answer that. The flag is ready - it is the flag of Italy, which must take its place with honour again amongst the flags of free and civilized countries.

~~The~~ ^{Colour} ~~paper~~? All colours! But not sewn up like a Harlequin's dress; rather all in one, like Newton's ~~isidorent~~ disc, which, when turned, melted the different colours of the spectrum into white clear light.

To put it plainly, in these pages will be published the views of men of every political mind: but the various views and methods will always be resolved into one formula - to fight the Germans for the liberation of our country until complete victory is achieved. This is the secret of the common aim of all Italians.

Soldiers, this paper is produced by soldiers, and is for you!

Confide in us: tell us your thoughts, your doubts and your troubles. Tell us of your families, of your needs and of your hopes for the future. Men who have themselves fought, and who know the ruthlessness and ferocity of the Nazis, are waiting here to answer you.

TRANSLATION

Richard V. Copple Lt.

SUBJECT: Attachment of Officer to BANU.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A/4/5.
26 Feb'45.

To: AFHQ for G-1 (Br) (3)

1. Reference CR/9904/G-1(Br) of 6 Feb and this HQ. AQ/27/2 of 26 Feb.
2. Application is made for the attachment of T/Capt P.J.Yarrow to BANU. The vacancy exists on BANU W/E against which this officer can be held.
3. It is understood that this officer is at present held on the W/E of the AFHQ Pool of Interpreters as a L O. (Linguist)
4. As stated in previous correspondence this officer is required, as a linguist, to assist OC. BANU in his duties as advisor to the Editor in Chief of the Italian Army newspaper "La Patria" & "Italia.

W.P. Arley
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal
"A"
A.D.A.W.S.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Headquarters.

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Lana Porcose Sub Comm. A.C.
(S.M.I.A.) B.M.

1/27/26
26 Feb 43.

To: AFM for G-1 (Br) (4)

1. Reference CR/3804/1-1 (Br) of 6 Feb. and verbal report to AFM (2).
2. Publication at Rome and Florence commenced 25 Feb. (This HQ. 42/27 of 20 Feb copy to you refers)
3. ESTABLISHMENT. The establishment has been authorized within Category 1(c) of the Italian order of battle (this HQ. 38/1/1 of 21 Feb copy to you refers).
4. TRANSPORT. The 30 tons allotted by the Italian Press Commission will cover the production of "La Petria" for six days a week and "Italia" for one day a week, on a distribution scale of 1 in 7.
5. TRANSPORT. Is shown in the original plan and in the authorized 1/2 transport will be provided from Italian resources.
6. SUPERVISION.
 - (1) Censorship is controlled by Det. A. The Information Base & Censorship section, Press & Radio Censorship Branch and the necessary instructions have been issued by them to the Ministry of War.
 - (11) Advisory duties of CC.B.M. in respect of policy and general aid. Is instructed by you application is being made for an officer to be attached from the interpreters pool AFM against a vacancy on B.M. 1/2. It is stressed that CC.B.M.'s duties are considered as advisory and that he has no responsibility as to the production of the paper.
 - (111) Two copies of each publication are sent to this HQ and are read by a GSC 111 (1).

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within Category (2) of the Italian order of battle (this No. 10/1 of 10 Feb copy to you refers).

4. REMARKS. The 334 tons allotted by the Italian Press Commission will cover the production of "La Patria" for six days a week and "Italia" for one day a week, on a distribution scale of 1 in 7.

5. TRANSPORT. Is shown in the original plan and in the authorized 1/2 transport will be provided from Italian resources.

6. REMARKS.

(1) Censorship is controlled by Det. A. F.M. Information News & Censorship section. Press & Radio Censorship Branch and the necessary instructions have been issued by them to the Ministry of War.

(11) Advisory duties of CC.B.M. in respect of policy and general aid. Is instructed by you application is being made for an officer to be attached from the interpreters pool. F.M. against a vacancy on B.M. 7/2. It is stressed that CC.B.M.'s duties are considered as advisory and that he has no responsibility as to the production of the paper.

(111) Two copies of each publication are sent to this M. and are read by a GFC 111 (1).

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W/L

Major General,
A.S.I.

Copy to: D.M. A.F.S.A.

" " D.M. M.I.

" " Information News & Censorship Section

Press & Radio Censorship Branch, APO 515 (F.S.)

Dec 10/17

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N/35.
25 Feb '45.

"A" MMIA.

Copy :- GSO 111 (1) (previous conversations refer)

1. In accordance with your instructions one copy of each issue of "La Patria" and of "Italia" will be delivered to GSO 3 (1) as soon as they are received at this HQ.
2. GSO 111 (1) has been asked to read these papers from the security point of view and to report any irregularities.



Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

SPA
28/2
W.P.
S 26/2

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Subject: Italian Army Newspaper Unit

RESTRICTED

Land Forces Sub Com AG.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/1/1

21 Feb 45.

Ministry of War

Reference this HQ letter WEL/N/2 of 15 Jan 45.

WE

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is the agreed War Establishment for the unit required for running the Italian Army Newspaper "La Patria". WE No is 305/SMP/1

Nomenclature

2. The unit will be named Italian Army Newspaper Unit (Nucleo Giornale Esercito Italiano).

Category

3. The unit will be held in Category 1(C) Section (viii)

Organisation

4. Suggested organisation including suggested numbers and employment of civilian personnel is attached at Appendix "B".

Formation and Location

5. The unit will be formed as soon as possible. HQ will be at ROME, the three publication sub units each at ROME, FLORENCE and EARL.

Transport

6. Transport will be found from Italian Army sources.

A.M.T. Leland
Major General
(M.M.I.A.)
H-C-420

Reference this HQ letter WEL/N/2 of 15 Jan 45.

WE

Attached at Appendix "A" is the agreed War Establishment for the unit required for running the Italian Army Newspaper "La Patria". WE No is 305/SMRE/1

Nomenclature

The unit will be named Italian Army Newspaper Unit (Nucleo Giornale Esercito Italiano).

Category

The unit will be held in Category 1(C) Section (viii)

Organisation

Suggested organisation including suggested numbers and employment of civilian personnel is attached at Appendix "B".

Formation and Location

The unit will be formed as soon as possible. HQ will be at ROME, the three publication sub units each at ROME, FLORENCE and BARI.

Transport

Transport will be found from Italian Army sources.

JP4
20/1/45

Copy to:

AFHQ for G3 Org (22) (6)
(CR/9904/G.1 (51) of 6 Feb refers)

Internal

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ADAMS {2}
S&T

L. M. T. Leland
for Major General
(M.M. I.A.)
IT-C-420

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Appendix "A" to MIA Letter
SD/1/1 dated 2/ Feb 45.

Effective date 25 Feb 45

305/MEH/1

AN ITALIAN ARMY NEWSPAPER UNIT
(Italian Personnel & Transport)

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

	Offrs	ORs	Total
HQ Italian Army Newspaper Unit	2	3	5
Three Publication sub units each	4	6	10
Total	14	21	35

(ii) Transport

	M/Cs	Cars	Trucks	Total
HQ	-	1	-	1
Three sub units each	2	-	4	6
	6	1	12	19

Appendix "B" to HMIA Letter
SD/1/1 dated 21 Feb 45.

PROPOSED ORGANISATION FOR ITALIAN ARMY
NEWSPAPER UNIT

Headquarters	Offrs	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes.	Total
Officer in Charge and Editor-in-Chief (Lt. Col.)	1	-	-	-	1
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Clerk	-	-	-	1	1
Orderly	-	-	-	1	1
Driver i/c	-	-	-	1	1
Total for HQ	2	-	-	3	5

Transport--- Cars 2 str 1

3 Publication Sub Units

Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel	Offrs	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes	Total
Editor i/c (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
Asst Editor (Capt)	1	-	-	-	1
Press officer (Capt)	1	-	-	-	1
Admin officer (Lieut)	1	-	-	-	1
Sub Editors	-	2	2	-	4
Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Total	4	2	2	2	10

Transport --- Trucks 4
H/Cs 2

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen duty	4
Compositors	4
Lino type Operators	4
Machine Hands	1
Process Engravers	1
Distributors	2
Reporter	1
Drivers i/c	4
Motor Cyclist	2

Total 23

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(A.L.I.A.) ROME.
20/2/45

20. Feb '45.

Ministry of War.

Copy - G-1 (R) AFHQ.

Press & Radio Censorship Branch, AFHQ.

C.C. BAHU.

A.D.C. W.S. MUI.

1. Reference draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper "La Patria" passed to you under ref. Wel/H/2 of 15 Jan.

2. This plan is now approved in principle, subject to final approval on the establishment for personnel and vehicles. In order that delay may be avoided approval for publication, initially in Rome and Florence, is authorized.

3. Transport. An initial release of five lorries (30 quintal) has been made (this HQ letter AG/27 of 17 Feb refers). These lorries should be allotted by you, two to Rome Edition and three to Florence Edition.

4. Newsprint. Your letter WH/4 of 6 Feb states that the Italian Press Commission have made available a monthly allotment of 331 tons. The circulation figures for both "La Patria" & "Italia" should be worked out on a basis of 1 copy to every 7 men. I.e. present circulation figure, approximate total of all three editions, 45,000.

5. Publications. This approval is for the publication of "La Patria" on six days a week and "Italia" on one day a week.

6. The arrangements which you have already discussed with C.C. BAHU with regard to the cutting of newsprint at Tivoli and transportation to Florence should now be put into effect.

7. Please inform this HQ of the proposed date of publication in Florence and Rome. Two copies of each day's edition are required at this HQ, as soon after publication as possible.

1. Reference draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper "la Patria" passed to you under ref. Wel/N/2 of 15 Jan.
2. This plan is now approved in principle, subject to final approval on the establishment for personnel and vehicles. In order that delay may be avoided approval for publication, initially in Rome and Florence, is authorized.
3. Transport. An initial release of five lorries (30 quintal) has been made (this HQ letter 12/27 of 17 Feb refers). These lorries should be allotted by you, two to Rome edition and three to Florence Edition.
4. Newsprint. Your letter W14 of 6 Feb states that the Italian Press Commission have made available a monthly allotment of 33 tons. The circulation figures for both "la Patria" & "Italia" should be worked out on a basis of 1 copy to every 7 men. i.e. present circulation figure, approximate total of all three editions, 45,000.
5. Publications. This approval is for the publication of "la Patria" on six days a week and "Italia" on one day a week.
6. The arrangements which you have already discussed with C.C.Bann with regard to the cutting of newspaper at Tivoli and transportation to Florence should now be put into effect.
7. Please inform this HQ of the proposed date of publication in Florence and Rome. Two copies of each days edition are required at this HQ, as soon after publication as possible.
8. The Editor is ~~aware~~ of each edition will be personally responsible that all original news or matter of a similar nature will be submitted for censorship prior to publication. Each editor will be advised on this aspect of his duties by a representative of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch I.I.N.O., during the early days of publication.

Seen by 2 1/2.

25/ Feb / 45.

W.Pickney. *Colonel*
Major General,
I.I.N.O.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Detachment " A"
APO 512

COPY. A/27/2.

(12/1)

19 February 1945

Subject : "LA PATRIA"

TO : Lt.Col. Ugo Maraldi
Capo Ufficio Stampa
Ministero della Guerra
ROME.

Reference today's conversation with Capt. Nicolai, the following arrangements for military censorship of "La Patria" and "L'Italia" are hereby confirmed:

1. Censorship will be entrusted to the Officer in charge of each edition of the paper. These officers are :

"LA PATRIA" - Rome - Lt.Col. MARALDI
- Florence - Capt. BATTAGLIA
- Bari - Major NUOVO

"L'Italia" - Rome - Capt. NICOLAI

2. Enclosed herewith are 3 copies of the Basic Censorship Directives, for distribution to the officers concerned.

3. Most of the paper will presumably consist of news and articles taken from news agencies. All this material will have already been pre-censored at the point of origin. In case of need, however, reference may be made to the following Allied Censors:

Florence - Capt. M.R. Corsetti - Florence - 1119 - Ext. 3.
Bari - Capt. R.T. Fleming - Bari - 23003

I.C. ALEXANDER
Major, I.C.
Senior Local Press & Radio
Censor.

Copy to:
Lt.Col. J.L. Hayden.
Lt.Col. J. McCann.
Capt. A. Del Mare.
Capt. Corsetti.
Capt. R.T. Fleming.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N/23.
18 Feb '45.

G.(SD). M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- A/Q. M.M.I.A.

1. Reference conversation (GSO 1(SD)) - ADAWS - GSO 11)
2. Attached is the draft of the W/E required for the running of the Italian army newspaper "La Patria".
3. It is understood that you will authorize this establishment under category 1 (C) and also authorize the employment of the civilians, notifying G3 (Org) AFHQ that this has been done.
4. It is proposed that the name of the unit should be Italian Army Newspaper Unit. (Nucleo Giornale Esercito Italiano)
5. The HQ will be located in Rome and the publication units at Rome, Florence and Bari.
6. The plan for the publication of this newspaper has been approved by AFHQ under reference CR/9904/G-1(Br) of 6 Feb.
(Copy to G3 (Org) AFHQ)

Adz
Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

of the Italian army newspaper "La Patria".

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(Copy to G3 (Org) AFHQ)

[Signature]

Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

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DRAFT WAR ESTABLISHMENT

for ITALIAN ARMY NEWSPAPER UNIT.

(note - All personnel to be Italian.)

HEADQUARTERS

Officer in Charge and
Editor -in-Chief (Lt.Col.)
Captain
Clerk
Orderlies
Driver i/c.

3 Publication Units.

Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel.

Editor i/c. (Major)
Asst. Editor (Capt.)
Press officer (Capt)
Admin. officer (Lieut)
Sub Editors
Orderlies

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty
Compositors
Lino. type Operators
Machine Hands

4
4
4
1

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OFFICERS	SERGEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATEES	TOTAL
1.	-	-	-	1
1.	-	-	1	1
			1	1
			1	1
			1	1
2			3	5

Transport
Cars 2str.
1.

OFFICERS	SERGEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATEES	TOTAL
1.	-	-	-	1
1				1
1				1
1	2	2		4
			2	2
4	2	2	2	10

Transport
Cars 2str.
1.
Trucks 5.
M/cs. 1.

Clerk	1	1	1	1	1
Orderlies	1	1	1	1	1
Driver i/c.	1	1	1	1	1
	2	3	5		

3 Publication Units.

Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel.

Editor i/c. (Major)
Asst. Editor (Capt.)
Press officer (Capt)
Admin. officer (Lieut)
Sub Editors
Orderlies

OFFICERS	1.	1	1	1	1
SERGEANTS	-	-	-	-	-
CORPORALS	-	-	-	-	-
PRIVATEES	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	1	1	1

Transport
Cars 2str.
Trucks 5.
M/cs. 1.

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty
Compositors
Lino. type Operators
Machine Hands
Process Engravers
Distributors
Reporter
Drivers i/c.
Motor Cyclist

4
4
4
1
1
2
1
6
1
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Note. Transport to be provided from Italian resources.

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OVERALL TOTALS.

(i) Military Personnel

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>
HQ.	2.	3.
3 Publication Units.	12.	18.
	<u>14.</u>	<u>21.</u>
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(ii) Civilian Personnel. (To be civilian employees -
ex-soldiers, patriots, or other who have been security tested)

Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

	<u>2str.</u>	<u>Trucks.</u>	<u>M/C.</u>
HQ.	1	-	-
3 Publication Units.	3	15	3
	<u>4.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>3.</u>
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(ii) Civilian Personnel. (To be civilian employees -
ex-soldiers, patriots, or other who have been security tested)

Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

	<u>2str.</u>	<u>Trucks.</u>	<u>M/C.</u>
HQ.	1	-	-
3 Publication Units.	3	15	3
	4.	15.	3.

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SUBJECT: Military personnel for the ROME, BARI, and
FLORENCE Staff for the daily newspaper "LAPATRIA"

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/13-17
12 February 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Minister for War

Ref. your letter 203122/II of 5 February 1945.
216-9-16

1. You will receive written instructions from this office concerning the formation of the units shown as subject of this letter, at which time you will be informed as to what category they will be assigned, and also as to their rations.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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of R
Being formed by 23 Sub
9 SD as ITI-ITI
under Cat 1.c.
On 14/2

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Translation
 from Min. of War
 M M L A
 Subject Mil. personnel for city ROME,
 BARI, & Florence staff for the daily
 newspaper. "La PATRIA"
 Ref. 00312211
 216-9-16
 Date Feb. 5, 1945
 pg 27/2.

As is known, the Supreme Allied Command, in agreement with this Ministry, has decided to give the Italian Army an information daily newspaper.

The use of 15 mil (officers, senior NCO's & O.R.S.) is planned for each of the ROME, BARI, and FLORENCE editions.

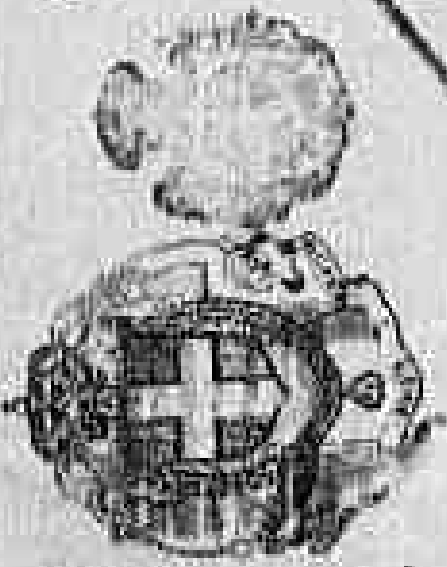
Bearing in mind that the 3800 rations (Category 1) assigned for the administrative authorities are all used, we beg you to examine the possibility of assigning 45 rations in excess of the 3800 rations for said personnel.

(sgd)

cpl. v.c.

See folio 11
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

URGENTE

Prot. N. 203122 / II. Allegati

216-g-16

Risposta al fido

Roma, P.M. 3800, 5 febbraio 1945

Gen. M. 12

OGGETTO: personale militare per le redazioni di Roma, Bari e Firenze del

quotidiano "La Patria".

Fiducial Office Staff of 12 Officers, Propag.

Military Forces Sub Commission - A.S. - (M.M.I.A.) 2 - ROMA

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Come è noto, il Comando Supremo Alleato, d'accordo con questo Ministero, è venuto nella determinazione di dare all'Esercito un quotidiano a carattere informativo.

Per ciascuna delle redazioni di Roma, Bari e Firenze è previsto l'impiego di 15 militari fra ufficiali, sottufficiali e trup

pa.-

Tenuto conto che le 3800 razioni della 1ª categoria assegnate per gli organi amministrativi sono totalmente impiegate, si prega voler esaminare la possibilità di assegnare per il personale suddetto altre 45 razioni in più delle 3800.-

d'ordine  
II. CAPO DI CABINETTO

*Amalf.*

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ITALIA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - R.O. - 12

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

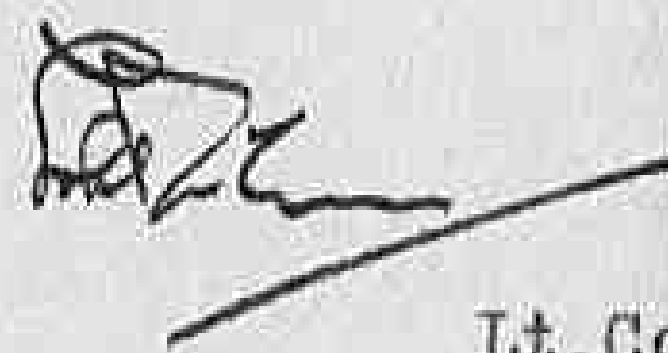
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A.D.A.W.S.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)ROME.  
11 Jan 45.

Special Section,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy:-AQ.MMIA. /

1. Attached is a draft plan for the conditions to cover the running of the Italian Army newspaper "TRICOLOR".
2. This is based of the Maraldi plan amended after discussion with O.C. Br.Arm. Newspaper Unit.
3. It does not cover censorship which appears to be fully covered already by P.R.O. AFHQ letter 2/PR3/86 of 20 Dec 44.



Lt.Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.

Ch 12 Jan

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A.D.A.R.S.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(MILIA) ROME.

Jan 45.

Proposal for the production of a Daily Newspaper for the Italian Army.

1. Name. ~~TRICOLOR~~ <sup>NO</sup> It is proposed that the paper should be called initially, at Rome, Florence and Bari.
2. Publication. It is proposed that the paper be printed, initially, at Rome, Florence and Bari.
  - (i) Rome. To be printed at the Union Jack press at 61 Via Tritone. C.C. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.
  - (ii) Florence. To be printed at "Via Mazione" press, provided PNB is instructed to make it available.
  - (iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" press provided PNB is instructed to make it available.
3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 60,000, a monthly release of 311 tons of newsprint will be required. On present figures this would give a ratio of just under 1 in 4. Br; Army newspapers work on a ratio between 1 in 5 and 1 in 10.
4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 8-15 cwt) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BANU by BANU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BANU transport to help with delivery to 8th Army area from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.
5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Br. Army telephone communications. Such telephone communication is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BANU.
6. British Journalists. It is proposed that C.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit HQ. Similarly his editors at Rome, Florence, and Bari would be available to the local Italian press units in advisory capacities.
7. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the 408



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be made available.

(ii) Florence To be printed at the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" press, provided PNB is instructed to make it available.

(iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" press provided PNB is instructed to make it available.

3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 80,000, a monthly release of 312 tons of newspaper will be required. On present figures this would give a ratio of just under 1 in 4. Br; Army newspapers work on a ratio between 1 in 5 and 1 in 10.

4. Transport: Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 8-15 cwt) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BANU by BANU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BANU transport to help with delivery to 8th Army area from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.

5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Br. Army telephone communications. Such telephone communication is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BANU.

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that C.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit HQ. Similarly his editors at Rome, Florence, and Bari would be available to the local Italian press units in advisory capacities.

7. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the <sup>5408</sup> responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, who have estimated the cost at Lire 2,000,000 a month. This estimate does not allow for any income which would be available if the paper is sold in LoFC areas.



8. Personnel. The Italian Ministry of War has suggested officer personnel as follows:-

| <u>Officers.</u> |    | <u>Officer Proposed</u> |
|------------------|----|-------------------------|
| HQ and Admin.    |    |                         |
| Editor in Chief. | 1  | Lt:Col. Maraldi         |
| Rome Edition     | 1. | Lieut. Bullio           |
| Florence Edition | 1. | Capt. Battiglio         |
| Bari Edition     | 1. | Major Nuovo             |
| <u>4.</u>        |    |                         |

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Florence Edition 1. Capt. Battaglia

Bari Edition 1. Major Lucio

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1. Ask AFHQ if any reply to (4)

2. Reply to Mum Wan ref (6)

(a.) Presses & publication aspect, amongst being made to use of presses.

(b.) ?  
Prints (estimated of 33 1/2 tons) of newspapers per month has been asked for - this is considered enough for 1 paper to 5 men

(c.) It is considered that 5 vehicles for Italian military sources are needed at each center & distribution

(d.) It is considered that the editorial staff should be military personnel, subject to military laws, and that operations should be civilian / preparedness etc soldiers or patriots.)

~~It is suggested that the name "The Tribune" would be preferable even though it is now at one time used by anti democratic agents. It is felt that there is no reason why we temporarily need by the enemy it should be for her abandoned.~~

~~WBR~~

~~Draft forwarded to Gen. H. H. H. for review with the staff. The staff will be in the office.~~



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**PARTITO FASCISTA REPUBBLICANO**  
**FEDERAZIONE DELL'URBE**

UFFICIO TESSERAMENTO

Posizione N. \_\_\_\_\_

Roma \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATO D'ISCRIZIONE AL P. F. R.

Si dichiara che il camerata \_\_\_\_\_

di \_\_\_\_\_

e di \_\_\_\_\_

nato in \_\_\_\_\_

il \_\_\_\_\_

risulta iscritto al P. F. R. presso questa Federazione in data \_\_\_\_\_

con tessera N.° \_\_\_\_\_

anno \_\_\_\_\_

IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO

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Herewith "MARALD PLAN"  
for daily paper

23/12

CT P.

Plan herewith.

- OK. (a) The MT will be provided from ITM/AN  
resources.
- agree (b) circulation is too high so it will  
take too much paper. 60 000 of  
circulation equals 34 times newspaper  
for a month. Quite a lot and quite  
enough?
- OK (c) Should go to MEMO for approval  
after we have done the details



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Herewith "MARALD I PLAN"  
for daily paper  
Jul 23/12

CR P.

Plan herewith.

- OK. (a) The MT will be provided from 100000  
Reserves.
- agree (b) Circulation is too high as it will  
be too much paper. 60 000  
circulation equals 30 000 newspaper  
for a month. Quite a lot, and quite  
enough?
- yes (c) Should go to press for approval  
after we have done the draft



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**Partito Fascista Repubblicano**  
**FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO**

Roma, li \_\_\_\_\_ 1943-XXI

Il Camerata \_\_\_\_\_

Paternità \_\_\_\_\_ Maternità \_\_\_\_\_

Data e luogo di nascita \_\_\_\_\_

Residente a \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ n. \_\_\_\_\_

Telefono \_\_\_\_\_ professione \_\_\_\_\_

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Domicilio \_\_\_\_\_

P. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO  
(GINO BARDI)

*Transcript of the Staff?  
no expenses*



Translation

Ministry of War.

Programme for the Army's daily newspapers.

1. Title

Since the fascists used to publish a daily entitled "Tricolore" which was anti-democratic and anti-liberal & which was distributed free even to the troops, the title suggested is

"La Patria", symbol of union and accord

for all. I would still call it Tricolore - why let the enemy pinch the banner from us? He cannot even think of it while he has it. <sup>never flag up</sup> <sub>name over the head of the</sub>

2. Place of printing

Florence, Rome, Bari. After the first experiment, Ancona and Naples, if necessary.

a) Florence. Press of "La Nazione": St. Lillo of the P.W.B. states he awaits instructions to grant the use thereof.

b) Rome. Press at Via Tritone 61 where the "Union Jack" is printed. Agreement arrived at with the manager of the "Union Jack" who is willing to be helpful.

c) Bari. Press of the "Gazzetta del Mugugno". Local P.W.B. representative, Mr. <sup>by the</sup> ~~Bar~~ <sup>Bard</sup>, awaits instructions to grant use thereof.



3. front of paper.

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For a circulation of 80-100,000 copies a front of about 400 quintals per month to be divided between the 3 presses will be required.

700 hrs.

4. Distribution <sup>Florence</sup> The paper can be sent to the 5th Army front but difficulties have been encountered in expedition to the 5th Army. A small fleet which would be required to carry about 2 quintals daily.

Rome. The paper can be sent by air to Lardinia and partly to Naples, who would receive 7000 copies in the early morning. But M.T. would be necessary to send further copies to Naples and to Ancoi Piceno (Northern limit of the Rome edition) where a combat group is stationed. (Temporarily)

Bari distributes in Calabria, Puglia and Sicily.

Summing up 3 vehicles should leave each of the 3 centers - Florence, Rome and Bari, every day. Even Naples should have 3 vehicles to send off on arrival of the plane to Rimevents and Cava di Tirreni.

It is to solve this problem that we



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assistance either by the grant of the necessary vehicles or by allowing us the use of Allied means of communication already existing.

5. Personnel. As in the case of British papers the Head office (both editorial and administrative) will be in Rome at the Press Office of the M. of W. The Chief Editor of the 3 editions will be the Chief of the Press Office Lt. Col. Lgo Maraldi.

Chief editors of the branches: -

Florence: Capt. Dr. Lugo Battaglia, of this office.

Rome: Lt. Lt. Pietro Bullio (well known to Col. Audlepp, chief of the British Army Press Services.)

Bari: Magg. Pasquale Muro (late of Historical Branch of the SOTRE)

A complete telephone service, already ensured, from "Union Jack" H.Q. in Rome will permit the Press Office to communicate daily with Florence and Bari, [ensuring for

transmission of short articles and news items in Rome thus saving the expense of collaboration in the other towns.]

6. British journalists For Rome we have been assured of the courteous assistance



of either A. Audliss or Maj. Clarke,  
Director of "Union Jack". A British journalist  
would be of great help both at  
Florence and Bari as advisor.

7. Expenses. About £2,000,000 per month  
will cover expenses in full for printing,  
services, salaries, + payment to  
collaborators. Part of this sum can  
be recovered from sales to partisan  
troops and eventually to the public.  
Price 1 lira per copy.

The price of paper is not included  
in this estimate as we are awaiting  
further news from the British  
Authorities.

8. Date of publication. The Press Office  
is in a position to start publication  
during the first 10 days of January.

As agreed "Italy" will continue  
to be published weekly, on Sundays,  
as a supplement to the daily.

For economic reasons it must be  
printed only in Rome.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Ufficio Stampa

PROGRAMMA definitivo per il giornale quotidiano dell'Esercito.

1) - TITOLO DEL GIORNALE

Polché i fascisti pubblicavano già "Tricolore", giornale settario antidemocratico e antibritannico, che veniva distribuito gratuitamente anche alle truppe, si propone come titolo "LA PATRIA", simbolo di concordia e di unione per tutti.

2) - LOCALITÀ DI STAMPA

Firenze, Roma, Bari - Dopo il primo esperimento, se necessario, Ancona e Napoli.

a) - FIRENZE - Tipografia del quotidiano "LA NAZIONE". Il Ten. br. tamico Little, del P.W.B., dichiara di attendere ordini per concederne l'uso.

b) - ROMA - Tipografia Via Tritone 61 ove si stampa l'"UNION JACK". Presi accordi con il Direttore dell'"UNION JACK", ben disposto ad agevolarci.

c) - BARI - Tipografia de "LA GAZZETTA del MEZZOGIORNO". Il dl. rigente del P.W.B. locale, Mr. Bad, attende ordini per concederne l'uso.

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3) - ASSEGNAZIONE CARTA

Per una tiratura di 80-100.000 copie occorre un'assegnazione di circa 400 quintali al mese, da dividere per le tre sedi.

4) - DISTRIBUZIONE

- FIRENZE - Si può far giungere il giornale sul fronte della 5<sup>a</sup> Ar =



mata, ma s'incontra qualche difficoltà per la spedizione all'8<sup>a</sup> Armata. Occorrerebbe qualche automezzo leggero per trasportare un peso di circa 2 quintali al giorno.

- ROMA - Si può spedire per via aerea il giornale in Sardegna, e in parte a Napoli che riceverebbe nelle prime ore del mattino circa 7000 copie. Ma occorrono anche mezzi leggeri automobilistici, per il trasporto di altre copie a Napoli e per raggiungere Ascoli Piceno (limite nord per l'edizione di Roma) dove si trova un gruppo di combattimento.

- BARI - Provvede alla distribuzione per le Calabrie, Puglie, Sicilia.

In definitiva dai centri di Firenze, Roma e Bari, dovrebbe partire giornalmente tre automezzi leggeri. Anche Napoli dovrebbe avere tre automezzi da mettere in moto, dopo l'arrivo dell'aereo, per Benevento e Cava dei Tirreni.

E' per la soluzione di questo problema che è necessario l'aiuto, sia con concessione di automezzi, sia usufruendo di comunicazioni già esistenti per conto degli Alleati.



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#### 5) - PERSONALE

A somiglianza di quanto avviene per i giornali inglesi, la direzione centrale (giornalistica e amministrativa) sarà a Roma presso l'Ufficio Stampa del Ministero della Guerra. Direttore delle tre edizioni il Capo dell'Ufficio Stampa : Ten. Col. Ugo MARALDI.

Redattori responsabili per le varie sedi:



- FIRENZE - Capitano compl. dr. Enzo BATTIGLIA, di questo Ufficio.

- ROMA - S.Ten.compl. Pietro BULLIO (ben conosciuto dal Colon= nello Cudlipp, capo Servizio Stampa dell'Esercito Bri= tannico).

- BARI - Maggiore compl. avv. Pasquale NUOVO (già in servizio presso l'Ufficio Storico dello Stato Maggiore).

Un servizio telefonico completo, già assicurato, dalla sede di Ro= ma di "UNION JACK", consentirà all'Ufficio Stampa di comunicare giornalmente con Firenze e Bari, anche allo scopo di trasmettere brevi articoli e note di varietà a Roma ed evitando così spese di collaborazione nelle altre città.

6)- GIORNALISTI BRITANNICI

Per Roma è già assicurata la cortese assistenza sia del Col. Cudlipp, sia del magg. Clarke Direttore di "UNION JACK". Un gior= nalista inglese sarebbe molto gradito, come consigliere, sia a Fl renze sia a Bari.

7)- S P E S A

Circa due milioni di lire al mese per spese di stampa al comple= to, servizi vari, assegni e compensi ai collaboratori. Sarà ricupe= rata parte di tale somma con la vendita alle truppe di retrovia ed



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Non è compresa, in questo preventivo, la carta per cui si attendono comunicazioni dalle Autorità Britanniche.



8)- INIZIO PUBBLICAZIONE

L'Ufficio Stampa è in grado di iniziare la pubblicazione nella prima decade di gennaio.

Come d'intesa l'"ITALIA" continuerà la pubblicazione, la domenica, come supplemento settimanale del quotidiano.

Sarà stampato, per ragioni di economia, soltanto a Roma.



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To : Director of Army Welfare Services,  
A.F.H.Q.

HQ/Con/F

TOP SECRET

Request by Officer Commanding, British  
Army Newspaper Unit, C.I.F., on News-  
paper for Italian Troops.

WFL/1024/NEWS dated 28 November, 44, reached this H.Q. 2 Dec.  
Following is report requested after preliminary survey, including  
policy and planning observations which may assist in initial stages.

1. Object of Journal :

- (a) To assist promotion of esprit de corps among Italian soldiers now fighting or working for United Nations ;
- (b) To develop their interests in the world war scene, as opposed to local Italian political events which currently dominate the civilian Italian party newspapers ;
- (c) To record their own achievements in the Allied cause, and to furnish daily news of the successes and problems of the nations they are fighting with.

2. Policy :

- (a) To reduce space devoted to Italian politics to a minimum. Objective reporting of local political events, confined to reports of what has occurred, not what is likely to occur.
- (b) Background Policy : "The Great Crusade We Have Now Joined". Articles on the history of this war from an Allied point of view - also the events which led up to it. Articles on past campaign of Allied Army with which the Italians will serve. A technique of maps and pictures would be employed wherever possible, in view of education rating of considerable proportion of the troops concerned.
- (c) Considerable space to domestic items of a regimental type.

3. Locations Strength :

O.C., B.A.M.U., understands position as follows :

| Personnel                              | Strength     | Location                      | Suggested Newspaper Service                               |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 combat groups fully equipped         | 20,000 total | Forward under British Corps   | First priority for daily journal from Florence or Perugia |
| Service troops with 5th and 8th Armies | 60,000 total | Dispersed N. of Army boundary |                                                           |

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| Service troops which 5th and 6th Armies                            | 80,000 total | Dispersed N. of Army boundary |                                                           |
| 3 combat groups (in transit) training equipment, awaiting S. 1098. | 30,000 total | Monterento                    | Second priority for daily journal from Naples             |
| Service Troops                                                     | 30,000       | Naples, Bari Etc.             |                                                           |
| 1 Combat group undergoing reorganisation                           | 10,000       | S. Italy                      |                                                           |

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It is pointed out that though priority should certainly favour forward elements, production in Naples will be quicker because of technical difficulties in Florence.

4. Distribution, Alternative Methods :

- (a) With rations. Since rations are not collected daily, some issues would reach the soldiers late, but system can be improved gradually if transport available.
- (b) Supplement existing FRONT ARMY NEWS, STARS AND STRIPES, and UNION JACK transport. Collective system would effect economy on overall position.

5. O.C., D.A.M.U. suggests following working arrangement :

- (i) Each paper to be produced by Italian civilian personnel under Editorship of Italian officer with small military staff. This officer must be trained journalist. Preferably able to speak English. Suggested rank, Major.
- (ii) British Army Newspaper Unit to give all assistance possible. Minimum personnel needed : 3 officers, viz. : 1 at H.Q., D.A.M.U. collecting material, arranging translations and generally helping the project; 1 as liaison with the Italian Editor of each journal. Selection of personnel in extremely important. Must speak Italian fluently, understand Italian politics, and be sympathetic to the project. (O.C., D.A.M.U. can put forward one suitable appointment for this work)
- (iii) Italian Editor responsible to MIA and Italian Ministry of War. For comments, with advice from D.A.M.U. liaison officer.
- (iv) D.A.M.U. to supply suitable articles, and pass on blocks and pictures.
- (v) P.W.U. to furnish its Basic News Service, plus cuts (blocks) and general material which it at present issues to Italian civilian readers.
- (vi) P.W.U. responsible for censorship.
- (vii) Newspaper, LBS, and all materials to be supplied by Italians by arrangement with Allied Commission (see para 7).

6. Circulation :

100% supply of papers is advocated for the two forward Contact Groups. (a morale booster for the Italians is bound to have an immediate beneficial effect, and since the number involved is small, it would be false economy to issue on a ratio basis).

7. Herewith suggested circulations with approximate newspaper requirements :-

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| Location                                | Supplying                                | Circulation<br>break-down      | Total Circulation | Newsprint required                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Florence<br>(or<br>Ravenna)             | 2 sqd<br>combat troops<br>(20,000)       | 20,000<br>(1 per<br>man)       | 36,000            | 19 tons monthly<br>for daily 4-page<br>paper ("Union<br>Jack" size)  |
|                                         | Forward<br>Service<br>troops<br>(80,000) | 16,000<br>(on 1 in 5<br>basis) |                   |                                                                      |
| Naples                                  | 4 Combat<br>Groups<br>(40,000)           | 8,000<br>(1 in 5<br>basis)     | 24,000            | 12½ tons monthly<br>for daily 4-page<br>paper ("Union<br>Jack" size) |
|                                         | Service<br>Troops<br>(80,000)            | 16,000<br>(1 in 5<br>basis)    |                   |                                                                      |
| Total monthly newsprint<br>requirements |                                          |                                |                   | 51½ tons                                                             |

8. It is suggested that preliminary meeting is held in Rome between representatives of:

- USA, CT
- Italian Ministry of War
- Army Welfare Services
- British Army Newspaper Unit
- P.W.E.

*H. Cudlipp*

H. Cudlipp, Lieut Colonel,  
Commanding Officer,  
British Army Newspaper Unit,  
C.M.E.

1. December, 1944



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| <p>Maples</p> <p>4,000 (1 in 5 basis)</p> <p>16,000 (1 in 5 basis)</p> | <p>24,000</p> <p>12½ tons monthly for daily 4-page paper ("Union Jack" size)</p> | <p>Total monthly newsprint requirements</p> <p>31½ tons</p> |
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 British Army Newspaper Unit  
 P.W.D.

*H. Cudlipp*

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 C.E.F.

14 December, 1944

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Subject:- Welfare - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

OR/9904/G-1(B).

29 Dec. 44.

Allied Publications Board.

1. As one of the measures for reinforcing the morale of the Italian Army, it is proposed that an Italian Army Newspaper should be published, on modest "Union Jack" lines.
2. This newspaper it is considered would help to engender a spirit of cohesion in the units of the Army, which is at present operating in three parts, under British, American and Italian auspices. It will be particularly welcomed by those ITALIAN troops in the forward area, where newspapers are not normally available.
3. Printing and distribution problems are being successfully overcome and it remains for authority to be secured for the release of newsprint. Estimated requirements are 33½ tons per month.
4. As a matter of policy it is considered that if this newsprint can be made available in no other way, it should be produced from that allocated to the Italian civil dailies.
5. The rehabilitation of the Italian Army is most important and Field Marshal Alexander has instructed that every consideration shall be given to the improvement of their welfare, as one of the means of effecting this. This projected newspaper will be an integral part of Italian Army Welfare, and it is therefore requested this paper be made available.

Copies to:-  
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Major General,  
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SUBJECT:- Newspapers - ITALIAN Tps.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel:- FILPOT 235.

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29 Nov 44.

Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)  
HQ Allied Commission, ROME.

Reference your AQ 2277 of 27 Nov 44.

1. The question of the provision of newspapers for ITALIAN tps fighting with FIFTH and EIGHTH <sup>Armies</sup> is still being investigated by this HQ.
2. The contents of your Signal are noted and a further communication will be sent to you in due course.

JLT/EME.

HEADQUARTERS  
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for Brigadier,  
DAG.

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① Newspaper

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

Date of Call 25/11/44.

Time 1815 hrs.

Caller Cpl Noakes. Appointment AG.

Person called Wg TETLOW Appointment Personal Services AA1.

| Subject of Conversation.      | Action to be taken or Decisions arrived at.                  |
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| Newspaper for Italian Troops. | Tel Lws to go into question & inform Hq MM 1A as to Results. |



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Signature of Officer receiving call

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