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Welfare - Miscellaneous

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Jan. - Dec. 1945

Subject: Army Welfare Services.

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

WEL/F

17 Dec. '45.

To : Ministry of War.
(Ufficio Benessere Alle Armi)

With reference to conversations (NEGRI-ARNOLDI - COPILE) it is notified that the nucleus of Italian troops attached to Army Welfare Services, GHQ will now remain in NAPLES, as the proposed move of Army Welfare Services is cancelled.


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

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/ecc.

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FRIDAY COMBAT GROUP.

The attached letter from Contessa Laura Leonardi addressed to Col. Paul Rodriguez (British), received from the latter. I referred the Contessa to the Ministry of War, Off. Gen., Dr. Col. Negro. Amaldi.

2 Dec. 45.

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Ministry of War, Uff. Gen.,
de. Col. Negri, Amaldi.

2 Dec. 45.

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*Welfare.*Subject : Donation to CharityLand Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 024

29 Nov. 45.To : Rear HQ
13 Corps

1. With reference to your 1328/2/A of 3 Nov 45, we are informed by the Italian Ministry of War that the sum you desire to allot would be best allocated through the Territorial HQ Udine.
2. The Ufficio Benessere has asked that an expression of its appreciation of this gesture should be conveyed.

for JAC Paenza Neg
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal. Welfare ✓

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SECRET

SECRET

FROM: AFHQ

TO: A DISTRICT
MIA

INFO: 3 DISTRICT

UNCLASSIFIED

REF: C 30422

PARA ONE : RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE GRUPPI AS BETWEEN DISTRICTS AND MIA REQUIRE CLARIFICATION (.)

PARA TWO : UNTIL RETURNED TO THE CONTROL OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ALL GRUPPI ARE UNDER ALLIED COMMAND AND ARE UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF TWO DISTRICT (.)

PARA THREE (.) ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING (.) MIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING OF THE GRUPPI (.) MIA WILL ENSURE THAT INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE MATTERS ARE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH TWO DISTRICT WHERE ANY OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE INVOLVED AND WILL ADVISE THE ITALIAN WAR SYSTEM AND TWO DISTRICT OVER ACCOMMODATION TO EFFECT WHERE POSSIBLE CONCENTRATION OF GRUPPI FOR TRAINING (.)

PARA FOUR (.) ADMINISTRATION (.) THE GRUPPI ARE AT PRESENT ADMINISTERED BY TWO DISTRICT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MIA (.) CONDITIONS COVERING ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRUPPI ARE CONTAINED IN AN LETTER 091.711/169 OUT-0 DATED 16 MAY 44 (.)

PARA FIVE (.) WHEN RETURNED TO THE CONTROL OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE GRUPPI WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISPOSAL OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIA TOWARDS THE ITALIAN ARMY AT THIS STAGE WILL FORM THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION

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Welfare Clerk

Keep for Capt Coppel

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Subject: Recreational Transport - Italian Personnel.

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

A 246

26 Oct. '45.

To : Commandant,
Depot & Trg. Establishment,
C.M.F.

Reference your IV/B/2 dated 17 Oct 45.

1. GRO 223/45 does not apply to Italian Military.
2. It is understood, however, that ER-ITIS and the Italian Group are allowed recreational transport.

R. E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, S/Captain.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Internal: 'Q'
Welfare.

REH/ccc.

Welfare Comm.

File in Welfare

16th 26/11

HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

To: COMMANDING OFFICERS,
ALL UNITS, R.A.M.C.

Entertainment Section,
Army Welfare Services,
Home Area Allied Command.

29th Oct, 1945.

Information has been received from Army Welfare Services HQ, that a situation is arising whereby, Unit Welfare Entertainment Officers are engaging Italian stage performers for troops entertainment at salaries much higher than those which ENSA, under their imposed salary limits, are permitted to pay.

A recent example of this was the engagement of an Italian soloist at £35 weekly, who, had previously been content to accept the ENSA maximum of £20.

The overall result of this has been to inflate salaries demanded by Italian Artists, in some cases by as much as 53%.

In order to avoid Unit Entertainment Officers paying Italian performers salaries higher than those laid down in the deliberations of Sub Committee of the Labour and Wages Control Committee, Labour Directorate, the following scale is shown for reference :-

SCALE OF SALARIES FOR ITALIAN CIVILIAN ARTISTS

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<u>SPECIALITY ACTS</u>			
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	2nd Grade	4,000 Lire per week = £10	
	Assistants	2,000 - 2,800 Lire per week = £5 - £7	
<u>DANCERS</u>			
	1st Grade	4,000 Lire per week = £10	
	2nd Grade	2,800 Lire per week = £7	
<u>SINGERS</u>			
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WELFARE

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Subject:- Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

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

Q/95

26 September, 1945.

To:- ALL M.M.I.A. L.Os.
Navy Sub Commission.
Air Force Sub Commission.

Reference this H.Q. letter Q/95 dated 16 July 45, enclosing A.F.H.Q. directive reference AG 386.3/163 LOG-O dated 22 Jun 45.

Appended below is amendment to above directive.

[Signature]
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APC 512

Reference:- AG 386.3/163 LOG-O

14 September, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy.

A.F.H.Q. letter, file and subject as above dated 22 June 1945, is amended by deleting the last sentence of paragraph 9 c and inserting the following:

"All remaining recaptured Italian war material will be reported to AFHQ and disposal instructions awaited, except that in the case of Naval and Air Force material when the instructions of the Navy or Air Force Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission, acting on behalf of the Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders, may be accepted".

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(signed) R.A. STURDY
Captain, AGO
Assistant Adjutant General.

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W. D. One
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Major General L. BROWNING CB. OBE. MC.
Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
DO/2

3/ Jul 45

Dear

Regarding your proposal (DO/DAG/10 dated 25 July) to establish an Italian leave centre alongside the British one at Cortina d'Ampezzo, my views are as follows:

- (1) Such an establishment for the Italian Army itself seems to be hardly justifiable. They prefer to spend their leave with their families rather than at winter sports centres.
- (2) If, however, the British Authorities feel they can conscientiously call on the Italian Army to provide Skiing instructors and other attendants, I think AFHQ should prepare and approve the necessary W.E. for a BR.ITI. Unit to which might be attached women of the C.A.F. which corresponds to our W.V.S.
- (3) I would prefer not to ask for any attachments/or to employ unauthorised bodies of workers which I fear might be the thin end of a complicated wedge.
- (4) As an alternative, British Welfare might engage civilian instructors and attendants, which from my (MIA) point of view would be preferable.

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TO: Major General M.N.M. MAGLEOD, CBE, DSO. *HT*
D.A.C.
G-1(B)
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

from: LAZIO CRR Terr. Region ^{Translation} ref. 8/9
to: ADOS Stores

16 July 45

Subject: Region canteen. -

During these last days this H.Q. has re-opened a canteen for the CRR of the region in order to give them a possibility of recreation when they are off duty & enable them to buy items that cannot be purchased elsewhere. -

A reasonable availability of beer would be of great help - since the season is in view of the hot season & since it is not possible to purchase any other healthy drink - We beg you therefore kindly to authorize the PEROM firm to provide ^{the canteen with} a quantity of 1316 beer sufficient for 300 CRR. -
Thanking you
(Encl. 1)  Lt. Col. PATRIGNANI



Legione territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali "Lazio,,

UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE - SEZIONE 1^aN. 8/9 di protocollo.

Roma, li 16 luglio 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Spaccio cooperativo Legionale.-

ALL'UFFICIO ADOS STORES

R O M A

Da qualche giorno questo Comando ha rimesso in attività un locale di convegno per i carabinieri della Legione, allo scopo di dare loro possibilità di ricreazione nelle ore libere dal servizio e di fornire per mezzo dello spaccio cooperativo quei generi di conforto ch'è possibile acquistare dal libero commercio.

Poichè grandissimo giovamento apporterebbe la disponibilità di un po' di birra - data la stagione calda e la difficoltà di trovare sul mercato una bibita sana - si prega vivamente di consentirne alla Ditta Peroni di rifornire giornalmente lo spaccio della Legione un quantitativo di birra sufficiente per la media di 300 carabinieri presenti.

Si ringrazia per quanto potrà essere fatto.-

IL TEN. COL. VICE COMANDANTE E RELATORE
- Amilcare Patrignani -

Refused,
by

File

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No. 11053 RANK: S. Tenente
NAME : Renato RICCIARDI

WING No. 1 B		
No. 28	P. O. W. Camp	2nd Plane St. do.
C/o G. P. O.	BOMBAY	
Record Card	MIA Cert No	Italian Regn No

Subject: Enquiries.

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

WEL/P

19 July, '45.

To : War Materials Disposal and Italian P.W. Sub-Comm A.C.

The brother of the under-mentioned Italian officer states that no news has been received of him for over six months. May enquiries please be made?

No. II6653 S/Ten RICCIARI, RENATO

Wing No. I B

No. 28 P.O.W. Camp,

c/o G.P.O., BOMBAY.

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

1314

/ecc

Subject: STORES for WELFARE
SERVICE - EIGHTH.

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WELFARE

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
F O M E
6/03/4

M.M.I.A. L.O. Rear
Eighth Army.

7 July 45.

Ref. by Q 313 dated 7 July/45.

1. Enclosed herewith at Appendix "A" is a list showing items released to 228 DIV against stores demanded for Eighth Army Welfare Service in their letter of 22 Jun 45 to Col. NOAKES M.M.I.A. copy to you.
2. It will be seen that the majority of items requested are being supplied - where possible, other items have been released in lieu of those not available.
3. It is suggested that:-
 - (a) Handkerchiefs, which are large, can be well washed and ironed and used in lieu of napkins and would also serve the purpose as dishcloths.
 - (b) Aprons cooks could be altered as necessary for use as dust-coats.
 - (c) Sheets can be laundered and used in lieu of table cloths.
4. It must be clearly understood that these stores are issued for welfare purposes only.

Internal Distribution:-

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Welfare

W.A. Badcock
W.A. BADCOCK, Major
for Col. DA & GNG,
M.M.I.A. 1313

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Appx 11x "A" to 9/08/40 of 7 July

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<u>STORES REQUIRED</u>		<u>STORES RELEASED</u>	
16	White uniforms	)	Jackets, cooks 42
26	" jackets	)	
1	Black uniform	) (	Blouses ED black 2
9	" trousers	) (	Trousers ED " 20
20	Fatigue suits	(	Blouses denim 20
		(	Trousers " 20
44	Black or grey dust-coats		Aprons cooks 40
100	Napkins	)	
100	Dishcloths	)	Handkerchiefs 300
100	Floorcloths	)	
510	Sheets		Sheets 300 (released under 9/08/313 of 2 Jul)
100	Cushions		NOT AVAILABLE
12	Large table cloths		NOT AVAILABLE
30	prs White gloves		Gloves white 30
1	Sewing machine		Sewing machine 1 (2 man)
1	Iron		Iron pressing 1
3	Typewriters		Typewriters 1
1	Coffee machine		Coffee grinder 1
1	Ice - cream machine		NOT AVAILABLE
1	Big pan		Cooking pan large 1
50	Plates		Plates china 50
50	Soup dishes		Dishes soup 50
50	Table sets	(	Spoons 100
		(	Forks 100
		(	Knives NOT AVAILABLE
2	Big ladles		Ladles 1312
1	Kitchen knife		Knives, kitchen 1
1	Weighing machine		Machine, weighing 1
1	Scale balance		Balance, scales 1

SIGNAL

FROM: M H I A

DATE 07 1300 TIME B

Welfare
55A

TO(FOR ACTION): NEWGUTH

TO(FOR INFO) : REAR HIGHWAY ARMY
54 AREA

0/08/324

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR M H I A L O (.) REMOVED ADDRESSES NEW WELFARE
LETTER DATED 22 JUN (.) FIRST (.) PREPARE FOR TRANSFER TO
B A R I FOR ISSUE TO 228 DIV FOR WELFARE SERVICE (.) JACKETS
COCKS FORTY TWO (.) BLOUSES BATTLE DRESS BLACK TWO (.)
TROUSERS BATTLE DRESS BLACK TWENTY (.) BLOUSES DENIM TWENTY (.)
TROUSERS DENIM TWENTY (.) ARROWS COCKS FORTY (.) HANDKERCHIEFS
THREE HUNDRED (.) SHOES ONE HUNDRED (.) THERMOS ONE (.)
SECOND (.) INCLUDE ALSO ALL STORES RELEASED UNDER AUTHORIZATION
BRIT 98 DATED 6 (.) GLOVES WHITE THIRTY (.) IRON PRESSING ONE (.)
COFFEE GRINDER ONE (.) COOKING PAN LARGE ONE (.) PLATES CHINA
FIFTY (.) SOUP DISHES FIFTY (.) TABLES TWO (.) KNIFE SETS
ONE (.) WASHING MACHINE ONE (.) BALANCE SCALES ONE (.) THIRD (.)
THIRD ADDRESSES INCLUDE FORMS ONE HUNDRED RELEASED UNDER
AUTHORIZATION BRIT 100 DATED 7 (.) PREPARE FOR RELEASE TO
V E R I C E PERIOD 4 TO 13 AUG WITH STORES RELEASED TO 228 DIV
UNDER BY 0/08/303 AND 304 DATED 28 JUN AND 0/08/313 DATED 8

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION: 9

WELFARE ←

Subject :- Stopping of Trains at ANAGNI.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.H.I.A.)
Tel :- ROME 470206.
Ref :- Mov. Rail. 10/3.
26 May 45.

SMRE (Ufficio Trasporti).

1. I enclose copy of letter received from the Ministry of War (Ufficio Benessere).
2. As you are aware, CROCIANO station is being used for FROSINONE traffic.
3. Will you please give an estimate of the number of troops and the tonnage of stores now passing by road each day which would be diverted to rail if the stop is agreed.
4. On receipt of your reply, the matter will be referred to A.F.H.Q.

53A W.A.A. Evans / 1310
Capt RA.
(W.A.A. Evans)
Movements Liaison Officer.

Copy to :- Welfare (M.H.I.A.) - your WEL/F dated 28 May refers.

SUBJECT: Stopping of trains
at Anagni.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/F.
22 May '45.

To : Q - Movements,
M.M.I.A.

Attached is a translation of Ministry
of War letter 04223/BS. of 25 May.
May a copy of your reply be passed to
Welfare ?

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

1309

Ministry of War
Ufficio Renseign.

TO : ADMTS. MILIA.

25. May '45.

04523/58.

SUBJECT : Stopping of trains at ANAUNI.

The General Directorate of the State Railways, acting in accordance with the unfavourable views of the Allied Authorities, have always refused to stop trains at ANAUNI Station.

As MILIA is aware, a detached Battalion of Prosimone Training Camp is located close to ANAUNI.

In view of the scarcity of transport at the disposition of the Battalion, and of the necessity of sending to Rome for all services, including sanitary and rationing, it would be opportune to authorize the State Railways to agree to stop trains at ANAUNI for Military traffic, both personnel and goods: it is suggested that at least two trains a day, one up and one down, should be stopped.

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A. PATTACINI
Lt. Col.
for ENCLAVES.

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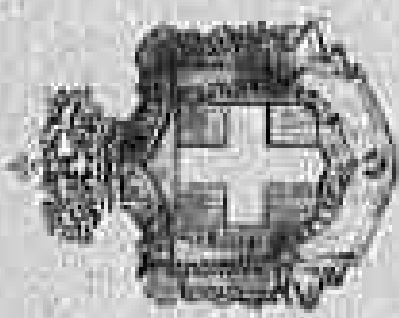
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/s/ A. BARTOLINI
Lt. Col.
for ANAMNI.

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Divisione ^{Se.} 142223 Delegati

P. M. 3300 25 MAG 1915

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Al A.D.W.A.S. Land Forces Sub.
Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Welfar e 2615
Risposta al foglio del
Dir. Se. 212

OGGETTO Fermata treni stazione di Anagni.

Stopping of train at

La Direzione Generale delle Ferrovie dello Stato più volte interessata, trincerandosi dietro il parere sfavorevole delle Autorità Alleate, ha sempre negata la istituzione di una fermata alla stazione di Anagni.

Com'è noto a codesta Missione, presso ^{la} ~~stazione~~ ^{la} località è accantonato un battaglione distaccato dal Campo Addestramento di Prosinone.

Data la scarsenza degli automezzi a disposizione del Battaglione e la necessità per questo di far capo a Roma per tutti i servizi logistici, ivi compreso il sanitario e l'alimentare, sarebbe opportuno autorizzare le Ferrovie dello Stato a concedere la richiesta fermata abilitando la stazione di Anagni al servizio dei passeggeri (militari) e merci pure militari per almeno due treni uno ascendente e l'altro discendente.

P. IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA A.D.S. TRANSLATION
(Gen. Col. A. Bartocchini)

C. Bartocchini

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OGGETTO

Fermata treno stazione di Anagni.

Coppies of train stop

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D. IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA G. P. S.
(Ten. Col. A. Bartoccini)

TRANSLATION

1302

Date

Subject : Visits.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A331

17 May 45

To : Ministry of War.

1. Information has been received from 15 Army Group that authority is granted for the visit of the Italian Director of Welfare to Army areas.
2. He should report to Rear HQ of Armies concerned before visiting areas.

*Sum -
B. H. G. M. A.*
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

DSLG/jw

Copy to : Welfare MMIA. —

1306

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

L.V. Copple
(MM&H)

23/708

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: Request of M.M.I.A. for authority to send Italian War Ministry officer into North of Italy to make miscellaneous purchases for the Italian Army.

TO : Supply Division

1. Lt. Copple (MMIA Telephone 388) contacted the Economic Section this morning (17 May 1945) and stated that the Italian War Ministry wants to send an officer to the North of Italy to make miscellaneous purchases for the benefit of the Italian Army.

2. It was not stated whether purchases were to be materials or food or both.

3. It is requested that the Supply Division contact M.M.I.A. (telephone 388) and obtain information as to what is wanted and then provide necessary action.

For the Acting Vice President:

L. D. DENMORE,
Colonel, F.A.
Executive Director
Economic Section

1305

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

11101 B

TO (FOR ACTION): HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

REF NO: A 134

RESTRICTED

REFER MMIA LETTER A024 OF 27 APR (.) REQUEST AUTHORITY MAY NOW BE
GIVEN ITALIAN DIRECTOR OF WELFARE TO VISIT N. ITALY

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MMIA.

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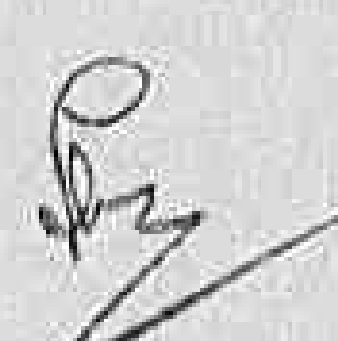
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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

WEL/F.

To:- "A2"

1. Reference your letter A024 OF 27 April to 15 Army Gp.
2. Attached is a copy of a further letter received from the Italian Director of Welfare.
3. May 15 Army Group be asked by signal if a answer can now be given to your letter.

10 May '45.

1303

TRANSLATIONMinistry of WarP.M. 3800 10 May '45Ref No: 03717/B.S.To:- A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.Subject/ Inspection.

Further to 03171/B.S. of 24 Apr. and 03323/B.S.
of 27 Apr. - I would again request the necessary permission
for my tour of inspection, for which many letters ask.
This is intended to be a short tour.

G.C. TAMASSIA
Brigadier.

1302



P/M. 2800 10 maggio 1915

Ministero della Guerra
UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

M. A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Com.
AC. (MMIA)

Direzione
Let. 03111 /BS. Allegati

ROMA

Oggetto Ispezioni.-

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A seguito della nota 03111/BS. del 24 aprile u.s. e 03323/BS. del 27 stesso mese - prego nuovamente voler interessare le competenti autorità perchè venga sollecitamente autorizzato il giro d'ispezione di cui alle lettere surrichiamate e che il sottoscritto intende effettuare a breve scadenza.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA  
(G.C. Tamassia)

*Luca 4301*

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FROM 15 ARMY GROUP C2C3OF  
TO CG FIVE ARMY CGS EIGHT ARMY  
INFO EMIA

SGS 317. CONFIDENTIAL (.)

DESIRABLE THAT ITALIAN DIRECTOR OF WELFARE VISIT ARMY AREA  
TO PLAN ITALIAN WELFARE AND ARRANGE LOCAL PURCHASE WELFARE  
STORES BEFORE PRICES RISE (.) REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THIS HQ EARLIEST  
DATE THIS VISIT CAN BE PERMITTED

ORIGINAL ON FILE A331 FOLIO 11.



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SUBJECT : Visits to M.M.I.A.

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

INT/101/1

25 Apr '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Various officers of the Ministry of War have visited this HQ during the past few days with a view to obtaining passes to places recently liberated by 5 and 8 Armies.
2. Until such time as restrictions are eased NO authority can be granted to Italian military personnel to visit these places in Army areas on compassionate or other grounds.

V.R. SELBY, Capt.

for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

See by  
H. Selby  
in M.M.I.A.  
for M.M.I.A.

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Validity expires

30 June  
26 APRIL '45.

Identity Card No

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Signature

Lt. Col. A. Angeloni

**PASS**Permission is given to Lt. Col. A. ANGELONI. Italian Army Welfare Service,  
Asst. Director of (unit) Ministry of War.

to proceed from ROME

Army Areas within 15th Army Group.

Date of outward journey Valid from date to 26 April '45.

Means of travel Road Transport

Purpose of journey Visiting Italian Army Units, on Welfare Service matters

~~Civilian clothes permitted~~\*

The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

26 JAN. 45.

date

\* Strike out if not applicable.

Major General  
G. O. C. Land Forces Sub Commission

G. O. C. M. F. I. A.

Validity expires

26. APRIL '45.

Identity Card No.

40982.8

Signature

[Signature]

**PASS**Permission is given to  
Director

By: Gen. TAMASSIA.

Italian Army Welfare Service,  
Ministry of War

And

of (unit)

to proceed from

ROME

to

Army Areas within 15th Army Group.

(Subject to operational  
situation)

and return\*

Date of outward journey

Valid from date to 26. April '45.

Means of travel

Road Transport

Purpose of journey

Visiting Italian Army Units, on Welfare Service matters.

~~Civilian clothes permitted~~

The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

26. JAN. 45.

date

3D Cpt W.

\* Strike out if not applicable.

Major General

G. O. C. Land Forces Sub Commission

Allied Commission

(M. M. I. A.)

G. O. C., M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Visit.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
A024.

37 Apr '45.

To : HQ. 15th Army Group.

1. In the interest of Welfare for the Italian army the Italian Director of Welfare is desirous of visiting the army areas in newly liberated territory.
2. He wishes to make this tour for two purposes:-
  - (i) to consider the planning and layout of Italian welfare installations.
  - (ii) to make arrangements for local purchase of welfare stores. These arrangements should be made before the market rises and while goods are still available.
3. While it is clear that such a visit at the present time would not be feasible, the importance of the objects of the visit are appreciated.
4. Will you please give notification of the earliest possible moment when this tour could be authorized.

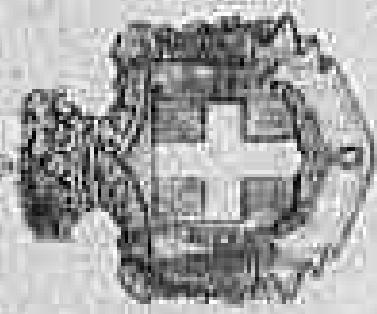
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*W. P. Shirley*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Internal:- "G"  
ADAWS.

*See by  
Adams  
20 May  
Jes*

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Ministero della Guerra  
UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Divisione Sec.  
Prot. N. 03328 BS Allegato

OGGETTO Ispezioni. =

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A seguito della nota n° 03171/B.S. del 24 corrente ed in risposta alla nota di codesta Missione n° Wel/F del 25 corrente prego voler interessare le competenti autorità perchè venga autorizzato il mio giro d'ispezione dal 30 corrente al 10 maggio; limitatamente alle Div.ni 212° - 210° - 231° e Gruppo di Combattimento "Mantova". =

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA  
(G.C. CAMASSIA)

*Caracciolo*

1295

TRANSLATION: *D*

With reference to 03171/B.S. of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, and  
Wel/F of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, it is requested that steps may  
be taken to secure authority for the tour of inspection

P. M. 3000 27-4-45

Al A. D. A. W. S.  
c/o LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.A.)

= ROMA =

Risposta al Foglio del  
Dir. *Sec.*

OGGETTO Ispezioni. =

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA  
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

*Caracciolo*

1295

TRANSLATION. *D*

With reference to 03171/B.S. of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, and  
Wel/F of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, it is requested that steps may  
be taken to secure authority for the tour of inspection  
from the 30<sup>th</sup> instant to the 10<sup>th</sup> proximo. The tour will be  
limited to 212, 210, & 231 Divisions, and Mantova C.B.

SUBJECT: Inspection.

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

WEI/F.

25 Apr '45.

To : Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

1. With reference to your 03171/B.S. of 24 April, it is strongly urged that, in view of the present operational situation, the tour of inspection proposed by General Tamassia should be postponed.
2. However, if it is not desired to postpone the tour, application can be made for permission to visit 212 Command, 210<sup>o</sup> and 231<sup>o</sup> Divisions, and Mantova Combat Group. It would not be possible to visit Legnano and Cremona Combat Group, or 228<sup>o</sup> Division.
3. Please advise this HQ of your intention in view of these circumstances.

*P.*  
Lt.Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

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## TRANSLATION - 41A

From: Ministry of War

P.W.3800 24 Apr '45.

Ref No. 03171/P.S.

To : A.D.A.T.S.  
M.H.I.A.SUBJECT / Inspection.

The Director of Welfare (Italian) wishes to visit the formations listed below, starting on the 30th instant, to carry out inspections from the Welfare point of view.

It is requested that M.H.I.A. will make the necessary arrangements for the visits, which would last 10 days.

The name of the officer who will accompany the General is yet to be decided.

212 Command - in the region of Leghorn and Pisa.

231 Division.

Mantova Combat Group -Radda di Chianti.

Legnano " " - Bologna.

Cremona " "

323 Division - Ravenna.

/S A. ANGELONI It.Col.  
for Brig-General.



ANA/am

Ministero della Guerra

Roma, 2<sup>a</sup> Aprile 1945  
P.M. 3800

MA.D.A.W. A.S.  
c/o LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. M.M.I.A.  
ROMA

Divisione  
Int. N. 0371 B/S Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del  
Dir. N. 2

OGGETTO Ispezione.-

Sarebbe desiderio del sottoscritto, a partire dal 30 corr., di visitare e prendere contatti nei riguardi del servizio Benes- sers, con le sottoelencate Unità e Divisioni.-  
Prego codesta L.F.S.C. di voler opportunamente predisporre per tale visita che dovrebbe svolgersi in un periodo di giorni 10.-  
Mi riservo di far conoscere il nominativo dell'ufficiale che mi accompagnerà durante il giro di ispezione.-

- Comando Italiano 212✓- Nella zona Livorno Pisa
- Divisione 210 ✓
- Divisione 231 ✓
- Gruppo Mantova - Radà di Chianti -
- Gruppo Legnano - Bologna -
- Gruppo Cremona e
- Divisione 228 - nella zona di Ravenna.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA  
(G.C. Tamassia)

*Gen. Col. D'Ampeghino*

OGGETTO Ispezione.-

Sarebbe desiderio del sottoscritto, a partire dal 30 corr., di visitare e prendere contatti nei riguardi del servizio Benesere, con le sottoelencate Unità e Divisioni.-

Prego codesta L.F.S.C. di voler opportunamente predisporre per tale visita che dovrebbe svolgersi in un periodo di giorni 10.-

Mi riservo di far conoscere il nominativo dell'ufficiale che mi accompagnerà durante il giro di ispezione.-

- Comando Italiano 212 - Nella zona Livorno Pisa
- Divisione 210
- Divisione 231
- Gruppo Mantova - Radà di Chianti -
- Gruppo Legnano - Bologna -
- Gruppo Cremona e.
- Divisione 228 - nella zona di Ravenna.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA

(G.C. Tamassia)

Gen. Col. *Alberghini*

1292

Subject: Shuttle Protective

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MILA)  
ROME  
11/4/1974

17 April 45

Ministry of War,  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato

Reference year 02699/B.S. of 13 April 45.

Owing to the world wide rubber shortage,  
these items are not available to the Italian Armed  
Forces.

It is pointed out however, that large  
quantities of capsules, preventive for chemical prophylaxis  
are readily available on request by the appropriate  
authorities.

  
A. W. J. Cooper,  
Staff Capt.  
for A.D.A.W.S.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MILA)

/RSG

Copy to: A.D.A.W.S. MILA for info  
Ministry of War, Dir. Sanita Mil.

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37A  
SUBJECT: Welfare of Troops in  
AMG Evacuation Camps.

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

WEL/F.

3 April '45.

Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

It has been reported to this HQ. that there are, in 20° and 21° AMG Evacuation Camps at Castiglione and Assisi, 180 soldiers and carabinieri. Owing to their situation little has been done for their welfare.

This information is passed to you as you may wish your Welfare Officer at 209 Div HQ to take up this matter.

✓ Lt.Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

RESTRICTED. 36#

SUBJECT: Welfare of Signal Units.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
WEL/T.  
2 Mar'45.

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Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

1. Reports have been received that little has been done for the welfare of the following units:-

School of Signals, moving to Bracciano.

A line Signal Coy - Nocera - attached 227 Div.

A line Signal Coy - Mola di Bari - attached 230 Div.

A line Signal Coy - Perugia - attached 209 Div.

2. This information is forwarded as you may wish to take up the matter with your Welfare Officers at the formations mentioned.

*D. J. J.*  
Lt. Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

Subject: Request from Rector,  
Florence University.

33A  
Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.) ROMZ.

WEL/F.

24 Mar'45.

Ministry of War  
Directorate of Welfare.

Copy to:- Education Sub Commission A.C.

Attached is ~~a copy of~~ a letter forwarded  
from the Rector of Florence University: it is passed  
to you so that you may give him what information you  
consider necessary.

✓ Lt.Col.  
A.D.A.W.S.  
M.M.I.A.

RVC/

Original letter passed to MofW.  
Attachments returned to Educ S/C

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33B

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10 March 1945

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee.

FROM : Education Subcommittee.

1. Request information as outlined in basic attached letters.
2. Displaced Persons and Repatriation Subcommittee suggested this office refer request to Land Forces Subcommittee as per first endorsement.



CARLETON W. WASHBURNE  
Major, AUS  
Director of Education.

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FIRENZE, 15 febbraio 1945:

R. UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI  
DI FIRENZE  
IL RETTORE

Al Comando Militare Alleato  
Ufficio Educazione

FIRENZE

Recentemente, nella mia qualità di Rettore, sono stato nominato Presidente del Comitato di assistenza per le famiglie e per i reduci della Divisione "Garibaldi", perché gran parte degli ufficiali di quella Divisione, formata con reclutamento prevalentemente fiorentino, è costituita da studenti di questa Università.

In questa veste, mi permetto di richiedere a codesto Ufficio quanto segue.

La divisione suddetta, che al momento dell'armistizio combatteva nei Balcani, si ribellò ai tedeschi e, inquadrata dai propri ufficiali tutti concordi, si unì all'esercito di Tito alle dipendenze del quale ha continuato a combattere contro i tedeschi per più di un anno (tanto che per perdite in combattimento e per epidemie si è ridotta ormai a meno di un quarto dei propri effettivi); attualmente si trova nel Montenegro meridionale, di dove il Ministro della guerra italiano Casati, col pieno appoggio del Comando alleato, ne ha richiesto a Tito il rimpatrio.

Da vari mesi i congiunti dei componenti le gloriose schiere superstiti della "Garibaldi" vivono in attesa del ritorno dei loro cari, molti dei quali sono studenti di questa Università; ma poiché per ora essi non sono riusciti ad avere notizie sulla data del rimpatrio, mi hanno incaricato di rivolgere a codesto Ufficio rispettosa preghiera di voler richiedere alle Autorità competenti informazione in proposito. Se, come spero, codesto Ufficio vorrà occuparsene, le notizie che mi potrà fornire serviranno a <sup>1286</sup>propagare nell'attesa tante famiglie che stanno in pensiero per i loro cari.

Cop ossequi.

/S

Calamandrei.

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LROF V LOEU MRS

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FROM FIVE ARMY 071949A

TO ~~MMIA~~ MMIA

INFO REAV HQ 3TH ARMY

GR 58 BT:

DISTONE

REFNR 9842

RESTRICTED X REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL WILLIAM EASY LOVE KLANT SEVEN  
 OF ONE MARCH ONE NINE FOUR FIVE SUBJECT DIRECTOR ITALIAN WELFARE  
 GENERAL TAMASSIA PAREN FIVE ARMY TO MIKE MIKE ITEM  
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 PAREN X YOUR REQUEST FOR THE GENERAL TO VISIT ITALIAN TROOPS  
 THIS AREA IS APPROVED

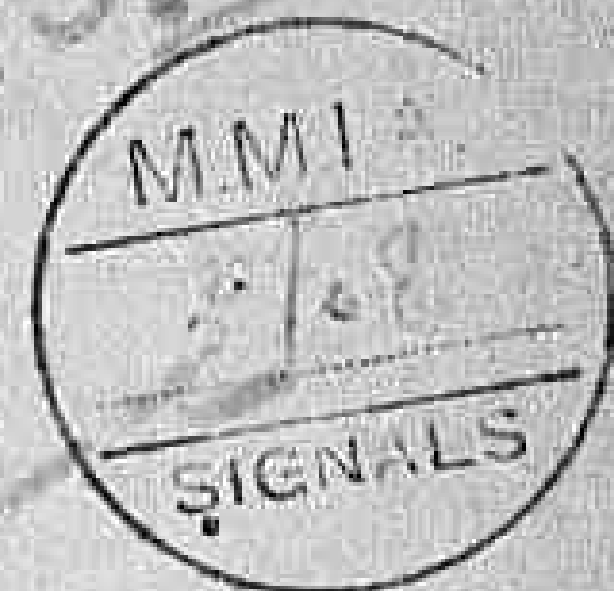
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SUBJECT: Visits to Army Areas.

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

Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Reference 01620/B.S. dated 1st March.

1. 8th Army, 5th Army and 1 District have now approved the programme of visits proposed by General Tanassia, from 7th to 15th March, accompanied by one Staff Officer.
2. Attached is pass for Captain R. Roncati, authorizing him to proceed into Army areas on the dates indicated.

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

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

*Letter and pass handed to Capt.  
Roncati in this office at 1800 hrs  
6 March.*

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28A F.

WELFARE MMIA

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REAR BISHOPARY

MINISTRY OF WAR FOR WELFARE

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RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) MINISTRY OF WAR SIGNAL RLY 01302 OF 28 FEB  
TO CREMONA (.) QUOTE (.) REQUEST LIQUID IASTRICATI WITH  
EQUIPMENT REPORT THIS IN REQUEST FOR SHORT MISSION OVERSEAS (.)  
UNQUOTE (.) NO REPLY RECEIVED (.) REQUEST YOU INSTRUCT  
CREMONA REPLY

IMPORTANT

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COPIA

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

28

1400

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA"

M.M.I.A.

RESTRICTED

B.S. n. 91582/di prot (.) Pregasi far presentare massima  
urgenza questo Ufficio Tenente Lastricati munito macchinario  
riprese per breve missione altremare (.)

Ref. *Expedito reply giving ET 1282*  
*For minor 10* *Mr W. assist reply urgently to the request*

Ufficio Benessere del Soldato  
F.to Gen. G.C. Tamassia

785020

LROF V MWRU 03/252  
FROM MMIA REAR 8 ARMY 031130A  
TO HQ MMIA ROME *22A*

REF UEL/7 DATED 1 MARCH GEN TAMASSIA AND OFFICER  
MAY VISIT THIS AREA 7-15 MARCH

1402A FM SENT

RD 1402A HTH VA ARK

*18/04**9306**650-11 (1) home**welfare**4/3**1281*

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LROF V MBZX NR 02269  
FROM MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT  
TO MMIA ( ROME )  
GR 10 BT

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VISIT OF WELFARE ~~GENERAL~~ / GENERAL APPROVED AND WELCOMED .

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WELFARE MMIA

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FOR MMIA LC (.) FOLLOWING SIGNAL FROM MINISTRY OF WAR TO BARI  
TERRITORIAL HQ (.) QUOTE (.) PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR WELFARE  
OF GARIBALDI DIV (.) ITALIAN WELFARE TO PROVIDE GIFT PARCELS  
OF TOILET ARTICLES ETC ASKING HELP FROM LOCAL CIVILIANS (.)  
REPORT FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (.) SIGNED CASATI (.)  
UNQUOTE (.) ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND GIVE ALL POSSIBLE HELP

ROUTINE

J. M. CANN.

L. Co.

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WELFARE AREA

27<sup>th</sup> Replies

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REAR HQ 8 ARMY

REAR HQ 8 ARMY

DISTONE

MINISTRY OF WAR FOR WELFARE

WEL/7

RESTRICTED

FOR AREA 1 0 (.) BRISTOL ITALIAN WELFARE ONE PARASOL  
 ACCOMPANIED BY ONE STAFF OFFICER DESIRES VISIT ITALIAN  
 FORMATION 7 - 15 WAR TO DISCUSS WELFARE PROBLEMS (.)  
 DATES OF VISITS AS FOLLOWS (.)  
 DISTONE 7 5 ARMY 8 AND 3 8 ARMY 10 TO 15 (.)  
 REQUEST YOU OBTAIN AND SIGNAL APPROVAL (.)  
 CONSIDERED IMPORTANT TO IMPROVEMENT WELFARE

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IMPORTANT



Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Divisione

Sez.

Int. V. 81690/BS. Allegati

OGGETTO Richiesta "Pass".-

ROMA

Risposta al Regio del  
Dir.

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Renato, 14 marzo 1945

21A

LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION

( M.M.I.A. )

Il generale di Brigata Tamassia Giulio Cesare Capo Ufficio "Benessere del Soldato" intende, tra il 7 ed il 14 marzo 1945, reaversi nella zona delle Armate per visitare e prendere contatti con i Comandi della Divisione 209 - della Delegazione T - delle Divisioni 210 e 231 - dei Gruppi di Combattimento "Cremona" e "Friuli" - Divisione 228 e gruppo di Combattimento "Folgore".

Il Generale Tamassia sarà accompagnato dal 1° Capitano Roncati Renato.

Tanto comunico per norma con preghiera di provvedere al rilascio dei necessari "Passes".-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA

( G.C. Tamassia )

*Clavio*

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| Data      | Contenuto                         | Uscita |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 7 Mar     | 209 Div                           | 1 Dist |
| 8-9 Mar   | Dist 210 e 231 Div                | 5 Arm  |
| 10-14 Mar | 209 Div, Friuli, Cremona, Folgore | 5 Arm  |

OGGETTO Richiesta " Pass".-

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA

( G.C. Tamassia)

*Claudio Tamassia*  
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*Proposta Data*

| <i>Data</i>      | <i>Richiesta</i>                         | <i>WAS</i>    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>7 Mar</i>     | <i>209 Div</i>                           | <i>1 Dist</i> |
| <i>9-9 Mar</i>   | <i>210 - 231 Div</i>                     | <i>5 Army</i> |
| <i>16-18 Mar</i> | <i>228 Div. Friuli, Cremona, Folgore</i> | <i>5 Army</i> |

WELFARE

18A

Subject:- Change of Telephone Number.

The telephone number of Capt. A.M. NEWTON, MMIA LO  
British Increment, Rear HQ FIFTH Army is now:-

LIGHTNING HEAR 350

*[Signature]*  
Sjt.  
Signal Office Superintendent. MMIA.

Distribution.

All Branches.

27 February 1945.

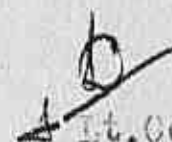
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SUBJECT : Authority to Travel.

18B  
A.D.A.W.S.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
(M.I.A.) ROSE.  
WEL/E  
23 Feb'45.

Ministry of War  
Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato.

Attached is a pass for the use of  
Major G. NIGROMI, travelling to HQ. "FRIULI" Combat Group.

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

1275

16A  
Visit of H.R.H. The Lieutenant General of the Realm to the Front .

During the 16,17,18 & 19 of this month H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm has been to the front to visit units of our Combat Groups and Patriots. stationed in the line.

Whilst in the operational zone, H.R.H. spent two complete days in the front line, visiting small detachments in the most advanced areas, and some of the observation posts of the Friuli and Cremona Combat Groups and some bands of Partisans.

On the 18th H.R.H. placed a wreath on the graves of our Dead in the military cemetery, and decorated on the field officers and men of the army and the Patriots, who had distinguished themselves in recent operations.

During the return journey, the Lieutenant General of the Realm visited some of our auxilliary units, which do such necessary and valuable work in the immediate rear: he inspected civil and military hospital in the region of Ravenna, Faenza, Cesena and Forli, and then received officials of the church, of politica, and both Italian and Allied civil and military authorities, who explained to him the present situation and the most urgent needs of the people.

Endorsed. " No objection from MMIA point of view

W.Pidsley Colonel."

19.Feb'45.

Returned to Director of Welfare,  
Ministry of War,  
20/2/45 for release.  
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SUBJECT: Copy of MMIA Adm. Instruction No. 18.

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

TEL/T

17 Feb '45.

Ministry of War  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 18. concerning command and administration of the Italian army.

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

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L'UNITA

Friday February 16. 1945.

THE "HOME FOR FIGHTING TROOPS"  
will be opened shortly.

The "Rest Hostel for Fighting Troops" visited in the last few days by Mr. Bonomi, President of the Council, will shortly be commencing operations. The Hostel, situated in Via Guidobaldo del Monte, in the Parioli, has been set up to give fighting troops enjoying a welcome leave comfortable quarters and messing facilities during their stay in Rome.

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" CORRIERE ALLEATO "

12A

A news sheet, published daily by the PWB Mobile Press, in the most forward town having the necessary facilities.

Published in 8th Army area, PWB 8 Army having full control.

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" BULLETTINO di NOTIZIE "

A PWB news sheet published biweekly in the North. Delivered to Vatican and British and American Embassies.

No longer published in Rome.

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A.D.A.W.S.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
( M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
WEL/F/10.  
14 Feb '45.

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'B' B.A.N.U.  
( Administration)  
C.M.F.

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With reference to telephone conversation of 14 Feb., it is confirmed that copies of newspapers need no longer be addressed to Col.W.Pidsley, AAG Advanced Admin Echelon, AFHQ., as this appointment no longer exists.

b  
S/Lieut. Welfare.

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REPORT FOR ITALIAN TROOPS OPERATING WITH 8TH ARMY

Continued

extract from General Allento, 27 Jan 45. No. 97.

The activity, which is increasing daily, in welfare for the troops of a Italian division operating with 8 Army is brought to light through an interview by a correspondent of war with the senior welfare officer of the div. Two mobile canteens working near the front line take daily to the troops over a 1,000 cakes, newspapers and magazines. Three static canteens at Rimini, Cesena, and Forli give the troops the possibility of a rest centre, where organized civilian committees at Rimini and Cesena help the active work of the soldiers spiritual welfare.

Thanks to the co-operation of Allied Welfare officers it has been possible for the soldiers to attend cinema shows, there are three shows a week at Rimini, Cesena and Forli. In order to continue to obtain help from the people of the newly liberated territory there has been created a welfare office for the families of prisoners of war. This office facilitates as much as possible the distribution of news concerning the fate of acquaintances, also the publication of lists of prisoners of war, and facilities for every sort of correspondence. The help given by the public is notable, for example the offices at Pesaro, has been visiting daily by a average of 160 people.

The newspaper of the division is "Il Piave" which has now reached a circulation of almost 1,000 and is distributed to all units. The situation is relieved by the fact that, although the rule is that all welfare activity is effected only out of the funds of the office, the people of the liberated territories have often brought contributions to the start of this work.

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Rome. 31 Jan.

The Land Forces Sub Commission of

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G/36  
3 Feb 45.

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Lt. Col  
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C/o Land Forces Sub Comd.A.S.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
MIL/5/C.  
3 Feb. 48.

ADAMS. Rear Hd. 8th Army.  
ADAMS. No. 3 District.  
DADAMS No. 15 Army Group (RS)  
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The enclosed pamphlet, issued by the Italian Ministry of War is forwarded for the attention of the Italian Military Officers attached to your headquarters.

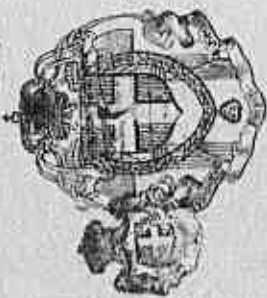
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# Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° 00149/B.S. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 30 gennaio 1945

OCCORRENZA: Lasciapassare.

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C/O LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Si accusa ricevuta dei lasciapassare rela-

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Generale di Brigata TAMASSIA Giulio Cesare

Ten. Colonnello ANGELONI Alfredo

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L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO
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SUBJECT : Passes.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/F/3.
26 Jan. 45.

Direttore, Ministry of War.
Ufficio - Assistenza e Benessere del Soldato.

1. Attached are passes giving authority for the Director and Asst. Director to visit Italian formations in the operational area on welfare service matters only.

2. These passes are valid until 26 April 45.

3. Please acknowledge receipt. → SA.


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

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 7-4, US ARMY

Subject: Gymnasium for Allied Troops.

Ref: AAC/WEL/33
10 Jan 45.

To: Distribution "R".

A recreational gymnasium sponsored by Welfare and Special Services, R.A.A.C. for service personnel in the city of Rome is situated at 55 Lungotevere Flaminia. As a preliminary to arranging a programme of organised recreational training for Allied units in the City area, a recreational course for N.C.O.'s is to be run by C.S.M.I. Haworth, A.P.T.C.

Date of Course: January 22 - 24 inclusive.

Personnel: N.C.O.'s keen on games and the organisation of recreational facilities for Service personnel, and of suitable medical category, not necessarily A 4.

Kit: P.T. kit or Shorts K.D. and soft shoes.

Midday Meal: Will be provided at Day Leave Restaurant, Ristorante Dal Bolognese, Piazza del Popolo.

Assembly: 0900 hrs Monday 22 January 1945.
Candidates to report to Scuola Fisica, 55 Lungotevere Flaminia.
Notebooks and pencils to be brought.
Names of candidates to be submitted to D.A.D.A.W.S.,

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RECREATIONAL COURSE FOR N.C.O's.

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