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Dec. 1944 - Nov. 1945

Subject: Weekly News Sheet.

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

WEL/N/I

16 Nov 45.

To : Ministry of War,
Ufficio Stampa.

Copies of the weekly "Notiziario dell' Esercito" do not appear to be reaching this HQ. Will you please arrange for four (4) copies of each issue to be delivered to this Welfare Office, commencing with No.1 ?

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

4985

RVO/ccc.

Subject: Italian Army - Welfare.

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

A 024

5 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. From reports of liaison officers and meetings with Italian officers throughout Italy, it appears that there is a lamentable lack of knowledge on the part of junior officers, R.C.Os and men regarding matters of General Army interest and well being.

2. Lack of knowledge breeds fear; rumours are started and rapidly enthusiasm and confidence give way to apathy and discontent.

3. At this time, particularly when the future is so uncertain, it is necessary that everything possible should be done to circulate reliable information and stimulate interest and confidence in the future of the Army.

4. While the staff is busy planning and organising in Rome, there is a tendency to neglect the regimental officer and man in the field, and to leave them discontented and doubtful regarding their duties towards their men.

5. Every effort should be made to give authoritative information and explanations as early as possible to all ranks of the Army. The Weekly News Sheet suggested in my A 024 of 20 Sept 45 should be utilised for this purpose but does not absolve the responsible staff from their individual responsibility in this respect.

6. Please deal with this question as a matter of urgency.

L. Brown

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Please deal with this question as a matter of 023840Z.

L. Browning
Major General, —
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Welfare, M.M.I.A.
File A 052.

Subject : Italian Army Newspaper - "La Patria"

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

A/024

20 Sep. '45.

To : O.C. BAFFI G.M.F.

Reference your HQ/COM/7/XIAL of 8 September.

1. Thank you for your very clear appreciation of the situation in regard to the future of "La Patria".
2. As a result certain recommendations were made to AFHQ in this HQ letter A 024 of 14 Sep. (copy to O.C. BAFFI), and these have now been accepted. The Ministry of War has therefore been informed that it is considered that "La Patria" may now be discontinued provided that an Army news sheet as suggested in the above letter is substituted and he has been asked to state his views.
3. AFHQ consider that your responsibility in connection with the Italian Army newspaper should now cease. Nevertheless the Minister has been asked his views and it is thought that he will welcome your advice at least during the early stages of the news sheet. Should this be the case, it is hoped that you will be kind enough to act in an unofficial advisory capacity.

Plt. Giulio L. Col

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

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SPH/ee

Internal - Welfare.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare - "LA PATRIA".

LAND FORCES SUP COM, A.C.
(F.M.I.A.) S O M E
A 024

20 Sept 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference your 1572 dated 13 August 45.

1. The proposal made in your above quoted letter for discontinuing the production of "LA PATRIA" has been reconsidered and in view of present circumstances this H.Q. is of the opinion that the publication of "LA PATRIA" as a daily paper for the Italian soldier could be discontinued provided that Italian Army news is made available for the Italian soldier by some other method.

2. It is considered that this could best be done by the production once weekly of a news sheet, to be distributed free throughout the Italian Army during the reorganisation period.

3. This news sheet should in no way attempt to compete with the civilian press as regards political, sport or other items of general news, and should be confined to articles which will give all ranks of the Italian Army official information in amplification or anticipation of Army Orders and intentions. Articles should also be published dealing with problems of general interest of benefit to the Army which are outside the scope of actual Army Orders.

4. It should be published centrally only (in Rome) once weekly, post-dated so that it is distributed throughout the Army on the same day. Central publication and circulation through official channels would greatly decrease cost of production and distribution.

5. It is considered that the publication of such a news sheet, containing early official information, would not only have the effect of reducing the number of, or of correcting harmful rumours which might adversely affect the smooth reorganisation of the Italian Army, but also give an increased sense of security to all ranks as to their future.

6. Please advise this H.Q. as soon as possible of your views on this matter and say whether, if the above proposals are put into effect, continued assistance from British Army Newspaper Units would be required by the Ministry of War.

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See File 105

S. P. R. C. Coland
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: Welfare MIA

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Italian Army Paper - La Patria.LORD FRANKS RUM 2005, A.C.
(M.A.S.A.)

L. 1024

14 Sept. 1945.TO : A.S.M.C. 9-1 (Re).FROM : D.A.S.M.C.O. 2200.

Reference A.S.M.C. 10/9505/5-1 (Re) 6th February 1945.

1. As part of the problem of the future of the Italian Army I have been considering the question of the future of the Italian Army Newspaper La Patria. I have discussed the matter with the Italian Ministry of War and with G.C. DASH who has given me most valuable advice and assistance.
2. D.J. B.A.S.A. letter 10/9505/5-1 of 3 September (copies to 9-1 (Re) and D.A.S.M.) is a useful exposition of the problem with which I agree generally. In view of the facts set out therein and of the political and financial features which I have discussed with the War Ministry, I am coming to the conclusion that it is neither desirable nor possible to continue La Patria for much longer in its present form.
3. On the other hand I consider that some form of Army news sheet will be required during the re-organization period extending possibly over the next twelve months. This sheet should not attempt to compete with the civil press in general world news, politics, sports or popular items but should confine itself to information on matters affecting soldiers as soldiers. It would contain official articles in amplification of army orders, and instructions and deal with such problems of general interest and benefit to the army as might be outside the scope of actual orders. It should be published centrally only (in some) news weekly and circulated through official channels thus reducing cost of production and distribution.
4. I recommend that I should be permitted to discuss the matter in liaison with the War Ministry and arrange accordingly as an early date. May I have your approval of this.

4.5.51

Reference A.P.H. 1. 09/9904/0-1 (Rev) 6th February 1965.

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4. I recommend that I should be permitted to discuss the matter in the lines with the War Ministry and arrange accordingly at an early date. May I have your approval of this.

2.12.65
G. L. Rossi
Min. of War

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FOR M.M.I.A. L.O. (.) REMEMBER YOUR MM/289 OF 12 SEP (.)
DELIVERY LA PAXIA WILL BE EXPEDITED (.) NO NEW FORWARDING
ARRANGEMENT MADE IN DEFECTO STAMPA (.) BEING INVESTIGATED

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT
M.M.I.A.
Capt.

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~~NR 472~~ ~~QVR 1~~ ~~LRKB~~ BY ALS
 FROM NMIA LO REAR 13 CORPS 121630B

TO NMIA ROME *briefcase*

INFO 228 ADH DIV

QSH

NM/209 (.) UNCL (.) PATRIA NEWSPAPERS ALLOTTED
 228 DIV HAVE NOT BEEN ARRIVING

TREVISO AIRFIELD SINCE 31 AUG (.)

PLEASE CONFIRM IF OTHER FORWARDING

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE

BT 121630B

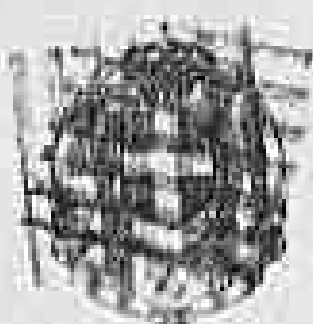
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Roma, 7 Luglio 1945

Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO
Ufficio Stampa

M. TEN. COPPLE WELFARE
L.F.S.C. AC. (M.M.I.A.)

Divisione 1349
Int. N. 1349

Risposta al f. del
Dir. N. 1349

ROMA

OGGETTO: Invio giornale "La Patria"

Seguito al foglio 1226 del 21/6/1945 si trasmettono i N° 72 e 82 del giornale "La Patria" edizione di Firenze richiesti con lettera in data 18 giugno u.s.

Per quanto riguarda il N° 19 edizione di Bari quella Redazione comunica che per errore tipografico detto numero è stato saltato e pertanto deve considerarsi non stampato.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Maraldi) *~hs*
Ten. S. Maraldi

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SIGNAL

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FROM : INDIA

TO : DEPTONE

INFO : A 213

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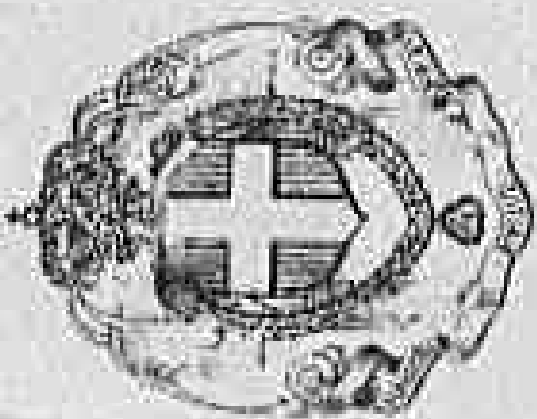
FOR INDIA IS (.)
 HOW YOUR 12/15 OF 13 JUNE (.) MINISTRY OF WAR STATE DELIVERY
 LA PATRIA 239 DIV NOW ARRANGED FROM FLORENCE

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INTERVAL:

WELFARE

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO
Ufficio Stampa

n. 1204 di prot.

Roma, 21 giugno 1945

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

Palazzo delle Corporazioni

R O M A

OGGETTO : Distribuzione "La Patria".-

Riferimento WEL/N in data 16 c.m.-

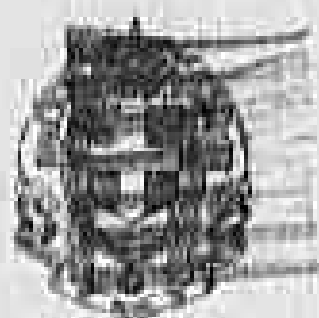
S'informa che la redazione di Firenze ha dato assicurazione che il giornale "La Patria" viene regolarmente inviato alla 209^a Divisione.

Il Ten. Col. Leonardi partito alla volta di Milano si accerterà della regolarità del servizio.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(U. Maraldi)

U. Maraldi

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Roma, 21 giugno 1945

Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO
Ufficio Stampa.

TEN. COPPLE WELFARE
L.F.S.C. AC. (M.M.I.A.)

Divisione *1220* *Allegati*
Prot. N° *1220*

ROMA

Oggetto: Invio giornale "La Patria" *Per* *Telex* *N°*

In rif. alla lettera del 18/6/1945.
Si inviano i N° 72-73-75- e 84 edizione di
Roma del giornale "La Patria" ed il n°4
edizione di Bari.

I numeri 72 e 82 edizione di Firenze
ed il n° 19 edizione di Bari, già richiesti,
si invieranno non appena saranno giunti a
questa Direzione.

IL T.COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Maraldi)

Ugo Maraldi
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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.

Reference your TIO2 DIRECT 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.

S.P. Archer

S.P. ARCHER, Major.

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper

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

A.241.

18 Jun '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Copy: CC. BAU (2)

Reference your letters 1088 and 1099 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.

SP Archer
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Internal:-Welfare.

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SUBJECT : "La Patria"

91A
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEI/N.
16 June '45.

To : Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

Certain issues of Rome, Florence and Bari
Editions of "La Patria" have not been received at this HQ:
These are Rome Numbers 72, 73, 75, 84.
Florence Numbers 72, 82.
Bari Numbers 4, 19.

Please obtain and forward copies of these
issues as soon as possible.

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

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SUBJECT: Distribution "La Patria"

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

WEL/N.
16 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.


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

Internal: "A".Branch.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Unit No.2 APO. 512

30 May 1945

TRANSLATION

SUBJECT : Transfer
TO : Capt. Annibale DEL MAR
MILAN

1. Capt. Nicolai has requested the consent of this Office for your transfer as Director of the Milan edition of "La Patria".

2. Since we realise the importance of this post, and recognise your special qualifications for the job, consent is given for your transfer.

3. In the event of your desiring the services of any other Officers at present working with Press and Radio Censorship Branch, I shall be glad to be informed in time to make any necessary adjustments.

4. Until you are definitely transferred from this Unit, I should be grateful if, for the time being, you could devote the minimum amount of time necessary to the Censorship Office for the organisation of the Milan branch.

5. I take this opportunity to thank you, in the name of Allied Force Headquarters and also on my own account, for all your services, which for the past twenty months have afforded valuable aid to this organisation.

I. C. ALEXANDER *36
Major, I.C.
Senior Local Press & Radio
Censor.

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Copy to: Col. Pidsley ✓
Lt. Col. Hayden
Capt. Nicolai
Capt. Orback

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Via Veneto, 62 Roma

30 Maggio 1945

OGGETTO:trasferimento.

AL Cap.no DEL MARE ANNIBALE
Censura Militare Stampa
presso P.W.B.

M I L A N O

e, per conoscenza:

AL Colonnello PIDSLEY
AL Ten.Colonnello HAYDEN
AL Capitano NICOLAI
AL Capitano ORBACK

1. Il Capitano Nicolai ha richiesto a questo ufficio il nulla osta per il suo trasferimento al giornale "Patria" edizione di Milano, in qualità di Direttore.

2. Essendo a conoscenza dell'importanza di questo nuovo incarico e della sua particolare attitudine per tale lavoro, questo ufficio è disposto a rilasciare il richiesto nulla osta.

3. Qualora Lei desiderasse di servirsi di altri ufficiali attualmente in servizio presso la C.M.S. sarò grato di esserne tempestivamente informato.

4. In attesa dell'eventuale trasferimento sarei grato se per il momento potesse interessarsi, il minimo necessario, dell'ufficio della Censura, per sorvegliare l'organizzazione del nucleo milanese.

5. Colgo l'occasione per ringraziarla vivamente, a nome del Quartiere Generale Alleato e mio, dei suoi servizi, che da 20 mesi sono di prezioso aiuto alla nostra organizzazione.

I. C. Alexander
I.C. ALEXANDER

Major I.C.

Senior Local Press & Radio
Censor, ITALY

88A

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspapers - La Patria

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
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 AC.

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 AC Chief Accountant.

R. T. M. Wareham
R. T. M. WAREHAM, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

RTMS/ri
Copy to: BANU
Allied Publication Board
Commerce Sub Commission AC
Welfare
'A' Branch - file A/241

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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.

14 May 45.

To : AFHQ,
(for Q Maint)

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

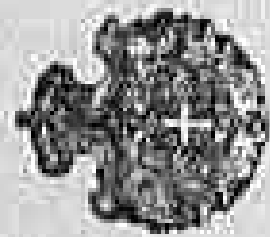
1. It is confirmed that one copy of vouchers received at this HQ covering any Sterling expenditure incurred for civilian labour, materials etc in the publication of "La Patria" will be forwarded to ADPSS.AFHQ.
2. It is also confirmed that provision of newspaper is an Italian responsibility and will be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

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

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Copy To : Ministry of War
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ADAWS.M.M.I.A. —

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO STAMPA

ROL- 3 maggio 1945

n. 665 di prov.

OGGETTO : "LA PATRIA" a Bari.

ALLA N.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 amichevole assistenza prestata alla redazione dei seguenti ufficiali britannici :

Magg. HOLT della M.M.I.A.

Magg. FORD dell'Union Jack

Magg. BALE sovrintendente della locale tipografia.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Meraldi)

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no. 009 di prot.

OGGETTO : "LA PATRIA" a Bari.

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

ROMA

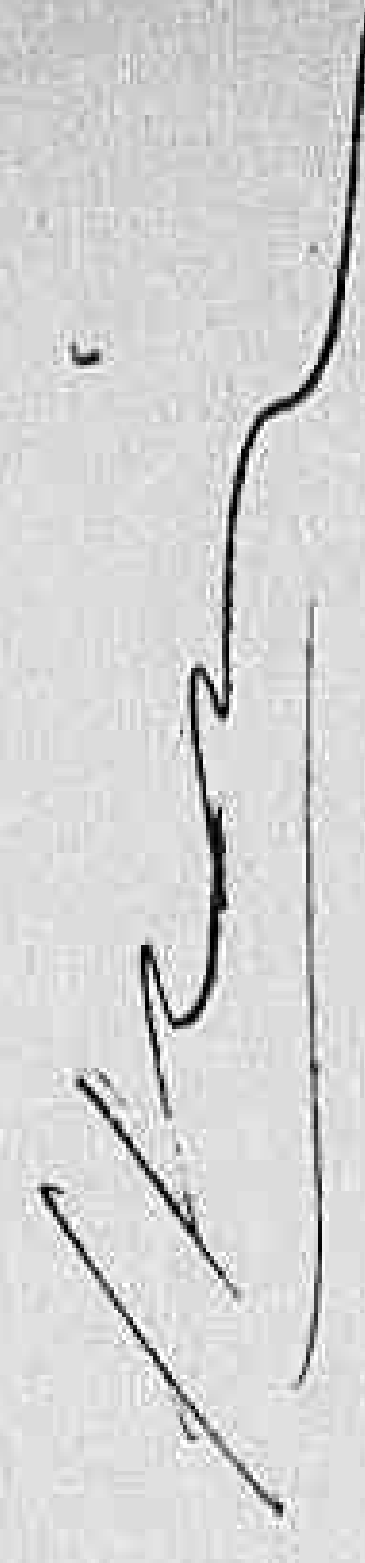
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MAJG. HOLT della M.M.I.A.

MAJG. FORD dell'Union Jack

MAJG. BALE sovrintendente della locale tipografia.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Maraldi)



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COPY SIGNAL.....A/241... Po. 49.

From M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 AREA.
To M.M.I.A. H.Q.

AQ/256 RESTRICTED. REF MIA 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
3 MAY

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To : G(SD) through "C".

1. Reference instructions of Col "A".
2. Attached is a proposal to increase the W/E of the Italian Army Newspaper Unit (305/SMRE/1) by one publication unit.
3. If approved please pass to G(SD) for implementation by W.E.C. in accordance with SD/7/2 of 5 Apr.


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

20 Apr '45.

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ITALIAN ARMY NEWSPAPER UNIT

(Nucleo Giornale Esercito Italiano)

1. The Proposal.

(a) Italian Army Newspaper Unit (Nucleo Giornale Esercito Italiano). W.E. No. 305/SMRE/1 of 21 Feb'45. held in Category 1(c) Sec(viii)

(b) Proposal is to amend the W/E. by the addition of one more publication sub-unit.

2. The effect of the proposal.

(a) The increase in personnel consists of:-

Major	1	)	
Captain	2	)	
Lieutenant	1	)	
ORs	6	)	4 officers.

The increase in transport is:-

Trucks	4	)	
M/Cs	2	)	from Italian sources.

In addition 23 civilian employees will be required.

(b) There is no corresponding decrease in personnel or transport.

(c) Personnel may be medical category B.

(d) Attached is the detail of a publication unit under the existing W/E.

3. Reasons for the proposal.

(a) The occupation of Northern Italy will increase the distribution commitment of the army newspapers, La Patria and Italia. The three publication units at present implemented are employed at ROME, FLORENCE and BARI. It is proposed to move the FLORENCE unit to the BOLOGNA area to serve North Eastern Italy. It is proposed that the new unit should be sited in the ALESSANDRIA area to serve North West Italy. The ROME and BARI units would remain to serve Central and Southern Italy respectively.

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(b) The implementation of a fourth publication unit will overcome many of the difficulties which would otherwise arise through transport problems.

PUBLICATION SUB UNIT.

(i) <u>Military Personnel.</u>	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
	M/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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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): 54 AREA

271548

REF NO: A 96

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) REFER YOUR LO/7/3/AQ OF 18 APRIL (.) MINISTRY OF WAR
REPORT APPROVAL RECEIVED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PRINTING OF LA PATRIA
IN BARI W.E.F. 3 MAY (.) MMIA HAS NO CONFIRMATION FROM ALLIED SOURCES (.)
CAN YOU CONFIRM

PRECEDENCE ImportantAUTHORIZATION J. P. H. Capt.

INTERNAL DIST:

ADAMS

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SUBJECT: "La Patria" - Florence Edition.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEI/N.
20Apr'45.

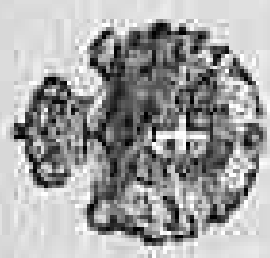
Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

Certain issues of the Florence Edition
of "La Patria" have not been received at this HQ:
These are Numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15.

Please obtain and forward copies of these
issues as soon as possible.

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

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO STAMPA

Rome 3 april 1945

654 di prot.

TO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M.M.I.A.
Roma

Subject : Northern Italy edition of "LA PATRIA"

With reference to your letter WEL/N 22 march 1945, we inform you that captain Battiglia and Mr. Fran. co Sereni are the same person as P.W.B. of Florence well knows.

The pseudonym was chosen by Capt. Battiglia since his relatives find themselves yet in Northern Italy. Any way I disposed that also my name was printed as editor.

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

Ugo Maraldi

67A.

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TO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M.M.I.A.
Roma

Subject : Northern Italy edition of "LA PATRIA"

67^A
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(Ten. Col. Ugo Maraldi)

Ugo Maraldi

4055

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

3 April '45.

To : 5^o British Military Printing
Press, C.M.F.

Copy to:- O.C. BANU. (less enclosures)

The attached copies of this HQ's letters
AQ/27 of 21 Feb, A/27/2 of 18 March, and a copy of
the approved plan of production of the Italian Army
Newspaper "La Patria" are forwarded to you for
information at the request of O.C. BANU.

Dy
Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.

4558

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.

P. P. Archer
S. P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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

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COPY

Original File A/27/2.
Folio No. 30.

Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO STAMPA

26 March 1945.

72^ALand Forces Sub Commission A.C.
U.M.I.A.
Palazzo delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto - 7° PianoSubject: 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.

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

4056

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/W.
14 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.

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

Copy to:- "A" Branch, M.M.I.A.

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Ref
Lt. Col.
A. D. A. W. S.
M. N. I. A.

Copy to:- "A" Branch, MIA.

4955

Subject :- Vehicle Assignment - Italian Army.
Newspaper Unit.

ST/1311

23 Mar 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MEXA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489034 Ext 526

To :- SECRET.

1. Attached is Release Note No R/3 releasing 3 motor cycles, 5 loadcarriers to Italian Army Newspaper Unit.
2. The 5 vehicles at present on assignment from War Ministry, Administrative Transport Coy will remain with the Newspaper Unit (this HQ letter AQ/27 dated 17 Feb 45 refers) until further orders. <- See 22^A

/JV

Copy to :- Benessere del Soldato.
Ministry of War
Welfare, MEXA HQ. _____

Alfredo J. P.
for Lt. Col,
ADET, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MEXA)

4954

Subject: "La Patria" - Florence Edition.

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

Ministry of War
Ufficio Stampa.

1. It is noted that the editor of the Florence edition of "La Patria" is stated in the paper to be Franco Sereni.
2. In the original plan, as agreed by you, the editor proposed for this edition was Captain Battiglia. (Ref. WEL/N/2 of 15 Jan.) AFHQ Press & Radio Censorship Branch letter of 19 February stated the censorship of the edition would be the responsibility of that officer.
3. Please, therefore, let us have your comments on this.

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L
& Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.

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MINUTE

Q2.

1. Will you say when the transport as shown in W/E (305/3/SMRL/1 of 25 Feb.) can be issued?
2. Of the three editions those at Rome & Florence commenced publication on 26 Feb and authority has now been given for the Bari edition to be started.
3. The present transport consists of 5 vehicles allotted on authority of Col Q ex the War Ministry pool.
4. The Italian transport as shown on the W/E. for HQ and three publication units is :-

Trucks	12.
Cars 2str.	1.
M/C.	6.
5. The distribution of army newspapers has a high morale value and therefore the newspaper unit should be given the means to carry out that distribution.
6. The transport as shown on W/E was authorized to S.T. by Col Q. but it is understood that provision is on a low priority.

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Col. "A"

4442

SUBJECT: Italian army newspaper.

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

4/27/2.

18 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

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

1. Reference AG/27 of 20 Feb and Ufficio Stampa letter N. 536 dt prob. of 16 Mar.

2. It is noted that a two weeks reserve of newsprint 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 12 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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W.P. duval Colonel
Major General
M. M. I. A.

INTERNAL

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ADAMS.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Papers to Allied HQs.

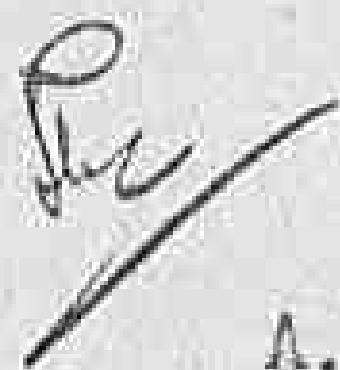
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

WEL/N.

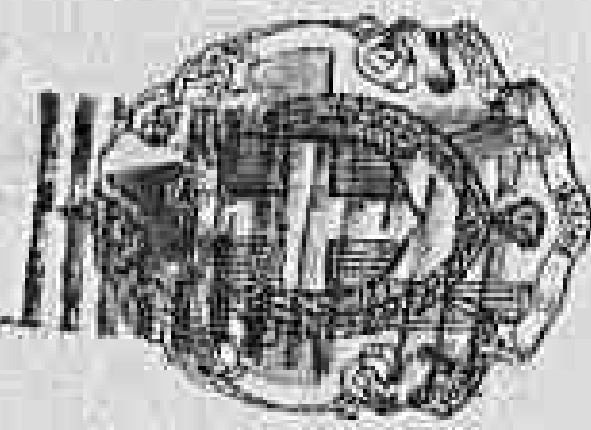
4 Mar'45.

Direzione Amministrativa
Quotidiano "La Patria".

1. Reference your letter of 12 Mar.
2. One copy of your list of copies of "La Patria" issued to Allied headquarters is returned herewith.
3. This list is agreed.
4. This HQ, only, requires in addition two copies of each issue published at Firenze and also at Bari when publication commence there.
5. As yet no copies of the Firenze edition have been received.


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

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Ministero della Guerra

Quotidiano "LA PATRIA"

DIREZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

Roma, 12 marzo 1945

Gent. Sig. Col. Mc CANN,

conformemente suo desiderio, mi permetto inviarle un elenco, in duplice, relativo alle copie del Giornale "LA PATRIA" che ancora sono in nota per l'invio in omaggio ad Enti o persone alleate, con preghiera di volermene ritornare una munita di quelle modificazioni che credesse di voler apportare.

Con molti ossequi.

IL DIRETTORE AMMINISTRATIVO
(Ten. Col. Giov. Leonardi)

Leonardi

Al T.col. / Mc CANN

presso la ALLIED COMMISSION - M.M.I.A.

Palazzo delle Corporazioni

Via Veneto

- ROMA -

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Al T.col. / Mc CANN
presso la ALLIED COMMISSION - M.M.I.A.
Palazzo delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto - R O M A -

4949

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

42A
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A/27/2.
17 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.


Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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A.D.A.W.S. NMIA.

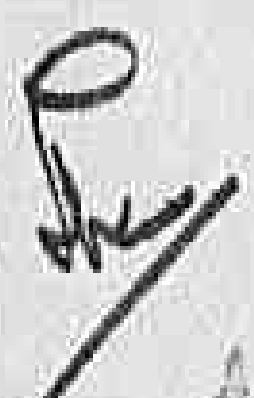
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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

41^A
A.D.A.W.S.
C/O Land Forces Sub Comm.A
(L.M.I.A.) RCME.
WEL/T/41.
27 Feb'45.

Army Welfare Services,
A.F.H.Q.

Attached are two (2) copies of No.1 and
one (1) copy of No.2. of "La Patria. For your information,
copies have been handed to DAWS and DDAWS.


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

SUBJECT: Italian Censorship.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.
(N.S. I.S. I.S.) R.C.M.
1/27/42

26 Feb'42.

To: AFHQ for C-1 (HR) (4)

1. Reference CR/BPO4/3-1 (HR) of 6 Feb. and verbal report to AFHQ (P4).
2. Publication at Rome and Florence commenced 25 Feb. (This No. 17/27 of 16 Feb copy to you refers)
3. Establishment. The establishment has been authorized within Category 1(c) of the Italian order of battle (This No. 12/1/1 of 21 Feb copy to you refers).
4. Summary. The 331 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 2.
5. Transport. As shown in the original plan and in the authorized W/O transport will be provided from Italian resources.
6. Interference.
 - (1) Censorship is controlled by Det. A. The 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 CO. NEM in respect of policy and general aid. As instructed by you application is being made for an officer to be attached from the interpreters pool. The against a vacancy on 1/27/42. It is stressed that CO. NEM'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 W/O (1).

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3. Establishment. The establishment has been authorized within Category 1 (C) of the Italian order of battle (this HQ, 12/1/1 of 21 Feb ceps to you refers).

4. Production. The 300 tons allotted by the Italian Press Commission will cover the production of "la Patria" for six days a week and "l'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 W/A transport will be provided from Italian resources.

6.

RECOMMENDATION

(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 CO, BAHU in respect of policy and general aid. As instructed by you application is being made for an officer to be attached from the interpreters pool. The request is being made on BAHU W/A. It is stressed that CO, BAHU'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 DIC III (1).

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Major General,
H. I. I.

Copy to: - DASH. A. F. H. Q.

" " ADAMS. H. I. I. I.

" " Information Base & Censorship Section

Press & Radio Censorship Branch, APO 312 A. F. H. Q.

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/2904/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 CC. BANU in his duties as advisor to the Editor in Chief of the Italian Army newspaper "La Patria" & "Italia."

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

Internal

"A"

A.D.A.W.S. ✓

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35A
SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

" " 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.

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

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SUBJECT : Italian Army Newspaper.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

19 Feb. 45.

M. M. I. A.

Reference CR/9904/G-1(Br) dated 6 Feb 45

Your reply is now requested please.

21 FEB 1945

RJH/mag.

R. J. Linn
Major General
DAG, G-1(Br). 44

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

PrR/Cas/G

22 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Army Newspaper.

TO : ADAC (P), C-1 (Br.).

Reference your letter CR/9904/C-1(Br) dated 6 February 1945
addressed to M.M.I.A.

1. This Section was not included in the distribution of the above referenced letter, but the copy intended for C-2 (CC) and not required by them has been passed to us. Unfortunately this has caused considerable delay in it's receipt by this Section.
2. With reference to paragraph 5 of your letter above referenced, the Press and Radio Censorship Branch of this Section is solely responsible for the censorship of the Italian Press.
3. Accordingly, it is requested that this Section be included in the distribution of further correspondence on this subject.

M. L. Hayden 4943

JOHN L. HAYDEN,
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.,
Chief, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

Copy to: M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

24 Feb '45.

HQ. 15 Army Group (B3)

1. Approval has been received from AFHQ under authority of CR/9904/C-1(Br) for the publication of a newspaper for the Italian army to be named "La Patria".
2. Arrangements have been made to publish the paper in three editions at Florence, Rome and Bari. These three units will work in co-operation, for advisory purposes, with the British Army Newspaper units concerned.
3. Authority has now been given to the Italian War Ministry to publish initially at Florence and Rome. The Bari unit will publish when final details of personnel and transport have been completed.
4. Distribution Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army areas will be served from Florence. Italian troops in Central Italy and Sardinia will be served from Rome. Southern Italy and Sicily will be covered by the edition on publication.

Major General,
M.M.I.I.

Copies -

HQ District.

HQ Rome Allied Area Command.

MMIA-IO. 5 Army.

" " 5 Army (for att. Br. Inor.)

" " 8 Army

MMIA-IO. 52 BIV.

" " 53 BIV.

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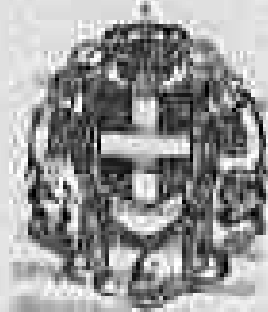
W. B. Parley.

A
Major General,
M. I. I.

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1	HQ 2 District.
2	HQ Rome Allied Area Command.
3	USMA-IO. 5 Army.
4	5 Army (for att.Pr.Inor.)
5	8 Army.
6	No 1 District.
7	No 3 District.
8	54 Area.
9	c/o PBS. Southern District.
10	Thru A.C. Sardinia.
11	HQ Region 1 A.C. Sicily.
12	Taranto (c/o 52 Area)
13	St Andrew Camp Taranto.
14	Med IO. c/o ADMG 52 Area.

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 Trani Camp (c/o Sigs
 office Barletta)
 Ministry of War.
 O.C. BIV.
 A.D. A.W.S. IMA.



Roma, 23 febbraio 1941

Ministero della Guerra
GABINETTO
Ufficio Stampa

M. LA M.M.I.A.
Palazzo delle Corporaz.
Via Veneto

Divisione 395
Sott. N. 395
Allegati

Respett. f. del.
Div. 395
N. 395

OGGETTO: Giornali Militari Italiani.

Riferimento foglio AQ/27 del 20 corr.
di codesto M.M.I.A. comunicato che "LA PA
TRIA" uscirà a Firenze e a Roma domani
24 febbraio.

IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(U. Maraldi)

U. Maraldi

With reference to AQ/27 dated 20th instant,
I have to inform you that "La Patria" will
be published in Florence and Rome tomorrow
the 24th of February.

4941

H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PMB/86.

21st February, 1945.

Subject: Italian War Correspondent
"La Patria".

TO: Public Relations Director,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Reference your 37/PMB dated 17 Feb, 45.

1. PMO, AFHQ has no objection to the Italian Army newspaper "La Patria" having a war correspondent.
2. We take it that DE SANTIS has been screened in accordance with the procedure mentioned in para 2 of your memo 37/PMB of 27 Nov last.
3. When he has been so screened, perhaps you will arrange for a licence form to be completed and signed by you on behalf of Allied Commission. The licence should be forwarded to us for completion by PMO, AFHQ and 15 Army Group.
4. We shall require 2 more photographs of the correspondent and notification of his identity number.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

G. A. L. Helder
G. A. L. HELDER
Ident. Colonel
A D P R

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ✓

- must bear in mind:
- 1st that Marsella is ready for Rome -
 - 2nd the workmen are already on the payroll. ^{for Project B}
 - 3rd for Florence ^{the} must ^{be} ~~unleashed~~ before hand the transportation of the paper -
 - 4th The newspaper published in Rome - will be circulated ⁱⁿ the front. arrangements already made with Corliss -

August

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

19 February 1945

SUBJECT : "LA PATRIA"

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

Referenced 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 BUONO

"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. R.E. Corsetti - Florence - 1113-
 Ext. 3.

Bari - Capt. R.T. Fleming - Bari - 23003

Copy to:

Lt. Col. J.L. Hayden.
 Lt. Col. McCann, SMIA
 Capt. A. Col Bare
 Capt. Corsetti
 Capt. R.T. Fleming

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

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.
40/27.

20. Feb '45.

Ministry of War.

Copy - G-1 (Br) AFM.

Press & Radio Censorship Branch, AFM.

C.C. B.M.

A.D.S.M.S. M.I.A.

1. Reference draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper "La Patria" passed to you under ref. Rel/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 40/27 of 17 Feb refers). These lorries should be allotted by you, two to Rome Edition and three to Florence Edition.

4. Newsprint. Your letter RM14 of 6 Feb states that the Italian Press Commission have made available a monthly allotment of 333 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. Publication. 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. Barni with regard to the cutting of newspaper at Tivoli & 288 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.

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4. Newsprint. Your letter N214 of 6 Feb states that the Italian Press Commission have made available a monthly allotment of 336 tons. The circulation figures for both "La Patria" & "Italia" should be worked out on a basis of 1 copy to every 7 men. 1.e. present circulation figure, approximate total of all three editions, 45,000.

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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~~ 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 A.F.H.Q., during the early days of publication.

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

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

Information, News & Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch.
Detachment A.
A.F.H.Q. A.P.O. 512.

With further reference to today's telephone conversation, (Alexander - Copple) it is confirmed that the first edition of "La Patria" will be published on Saturday the 24th instant.

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

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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1. D. A. W. S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.M.I.I.) W.M.
REL/N/23.
18 Feb 45.

G. (SB). M.M.I.I.A.

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

1. Reference conversation (GSO 1 (SB) - ARMS - GSO 1.)
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. (Macao 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/9904/3-1 (Br) of 6 Feb. (Copy to G3 (Org) AFHQ)

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

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6. The plan for the publication of this newspaper has been approved by AFHQ under reference CR/9304/G-1(Br) of 6 Feb. (Copy to G3 (Org) AFHQ)

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Lt. Col.
A.D.A.#.S.

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	OFFICERS	SERGEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Transport	1	1	1	1	4
Cars 2str.	1	1	1	1	4
Trucks 5.	1	1	1	1	4
Mos.	1	1	1	1	4
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(1) Military Personnel.

(11) Civilian Personnel

Note: Transcript to be provided from Italian resources.

OFFICERS	1	1	1	1	4
SERGEANTS	1	1	1	1	4
CORPORALS	1	1	1	1	4
PRIVATE	1	1	1	1	4
TOTAL	4	4	4	4	16

Transport 1.
Cars 2str. 1.
Trucks 5. 1.
N/CS. 4933

Clerks Gen. Duty	4
Compositors	4
Line. type Operators	4
Machine Hands	1
Process Engravers	1
Distributors	1
Reporter	6
Drivers l/c.	1
Motor Cyclist	1

(1) Military Personnel

3 Publication Units.

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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) TAUPOPOUT.

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Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

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3 Publication Units.	3	15	3
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SUBJECT: Newspaper "La Patria".

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

AQ/27.

17 Feb'45.

Ministry of War
Benessere del Soldato.

Copies to: Ufficio Automobilismo SURE (for confirmation of
assignment)

ST. MMIA HQ.
Welfare MMIA.

1. This HQ has released the following vehicles for use
in the administration and distribution of the army newspaper
"La Patria".

FIAT	- 160774	)	
"	- 160783	)	Type FIAT 626
"	- 160436	)	
"	+ 118777	)	Load Capacity 30 Quintals.
"	- 150695	)	

2. These vehicles are available for collection by your
driver's from Parco Amione, Via Nomentana 276 .
(CC. Capitano Ferrando).

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h. 4533
MAJOR GENERAL,
M.M.I.A.

WELFARE FOR ITALIAN TROOPS OPERATING WITH 8th ARMY.

Extract from Corriere Alleato. 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 every sort of correspondence. The help given by the public is notable, for example the office 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.

A NEW DAILY FOR THE ARMY.

Rome. 21 Jan.

The Land Forces Sub Commission of the

Allied Commission has announced to-day that the Italian army will shortly have its' own daily paper. It is to be called "Patria" and will be published at Rome, Florence and Bari. A certain amount of help will be given to "Patria" by the Allied army newspaper units in the form of means of communications and news.

"Patria" will be entirely independent. The policy governing its articles, and the method of presenting news will be decided by the papers' own editors, who will be Italian army personnel.

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LA PATRIA

QUOTIDIANO DELL'ESERCITO

Rome, February 14th 1945

REDAZIONE

Distribution plan for the Italian Army's daily "La Patria" and for the weekly "Italia".

The distribution of our papers is made by railway and with military trucks. The service will be completed by the civilian firm "Constelluccio", one of the best. This firm will be able to send the paper everywhere within 24 hrs. North Italy Edition (Florence): The editor of the Florence Edition was yesterday in Rome. He has told me that, thanks to the great kindness of the British Command, in touch with the Italian H.Q., he will use the same transport as Union Jack to send the paper to the soldiers with the 8th Army. The paper will be distributed by the Italian Commands to the troops in the front line. The same will be done for the Italian soldiers who are with the 5th Army. Very useful will be the 5 trucks allowed by M.M.I.A. to Florence.

General Cerigo, C.O. of "Delegazione T." in Florence, has received orders from the Italian War Ministry. He will provide for the distribution in the territory under his control. The distribution will be accomplished in the quickest way. Thus I think that the distribution is assured in the most important zone.

Central Italy Edition (Rome): The daily train leaving Rome for Naples at 1700 hrs. will transport the papers for 40,000 men of the Naples zone. The Naples Area Command will provide the distribution for all the troops in the early hours of the morning.

The Cassano Training Centre (17,000 men) will receive the paper by military transport 2 hrs. after the printing, i.e. about 1700 hrs. The five trucks given by M.M.I.A. will provide for the transport in the Rome Area and **4931** north to Grosseto and Perugia. The copies for the troops in Sardinia will be sent by air mail.

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Southern Italy Edition (Bari): The distribution will be accomplished to all units by rail and with trucks (Sicily included). The Bari Area Command declares

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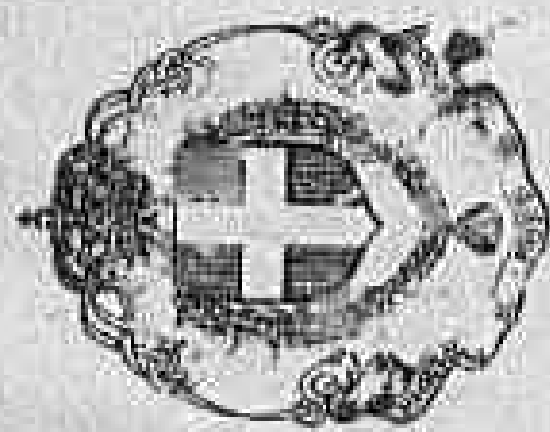
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they will not find any difficulty.

The civilian firm "Castellucci" will reach the towns not touched by the military network. The firm will also call the paper in the barracks (Carabinieri included).

The paper will be sent also to the Patriots and to the workers of the military factories.

Ugo Merzani
It. Col.
(Ugo Merzani)
Chief of "Ufficio Stampa" (P.M.S.)
Italian War Ministry



Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

UFFICIO STAMPA

ROME, February 13rd 1945

MEMORANDUM

1. Everything is ready for Florence. Yesterday we had 10 tons of newspaper, all for Florence. But we need transport: at least 4 trucks of 2 tons each.
2. The Rome Edition will be ready in the same time or some days after. The Rome Edition sends the paper to the Training Center of Cesano (15,000 men), to Naples (35,000 men) and so far as Perugia and Siena.
3. The Bari Edition will be ready about March 1st.
4. It is very urgent to have the two cars and the motorcycle for the Rome Direction, according to the programme of Col. McCann.
5. It is very urgent to have 50 rations for the military personnel in Florence, Rome and Bari.
6. The British Authorities in Florence and in Bari have been very kind with us, but they declare that they have not received yet any order from their Superior Commands.

*Parti.
Florence and.*

Lt. Col.

(Ugo Maraldi)

Chief of "Ufficio Stampa" (P.R.S.)

Italian War Ministry

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Chief of "Ufficio Stampa" (P.R.S.)

Italian War Ministry

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for Advertisements

To: Lt. Col. McCann,
From: Lt. Col. Cudlipp, CO, BANU

HQ/ED

O.C., BANU, reports:-

He has a vacancy on BANU establishment Captain / ~~Major~~ Lieut. The whole matter could be cleared up if he could have authority to hold a major against one of these vacancies.

He particularly requests that Major MATTAI (Intelligence Corps), No. 2 District, be released for the job. Major Mattai has had much experience in dealing with Italians and has special qualities that make him unusually suitable for the job.

It is proposed that Major Mattai keeps in close touch with the Italians, watches the contents of the paper and liaises between them and OC, BANU.

10 Feb 45

H. CUDLIFF, LT. COL.

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1 To: Lt. Col. McAnn,
From: Lt. Col. H. Cudlipp.

HQ/ED 183

(PERSONAL)

I saw Capt. Yarrow. He is very interested in the job, but I stress that we should make every effort to get Major MATTAL. The job will be an extremely tricky one, and Capt. Yarrow has not nearly so much experience as the man I want, nor has he Maj Mattal's particular knowledge of ~~the~~ Italian affairs and personalities.

10 Feb 45

H. CUDLIPT, Lt. Col.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

6 Feb. 45.

M.M.I.A.

A letter on the subject of Daily Italian Army Newspaper from the Welfare Officer att'd to Land Forces Sub Comm - WEL/N/3 dated 18 Jan 45 has been received at this HQ through D.A.W.S.

1. The general project for the production of LA PATRIA is approved.

2. Establishment.

The question of establishment for the paper should be taken up direct by you with G-3 Org (SD) with whom the matter has been discussed.

The proposal that a B² Officer - of the rank of Major, Italian speaking, who shall be held surplus to OC BANU Est presents some difficulties. It will not be possible to attach an officer indefinitely without Establishment. Have you an officer in mind for this job? If so, have you any vacancy in W.E. against which he can be held. If not, it will be necessary for an addition to be made to the BANU W.E.

3. Newsprint.

The scale of distribution of 1 to 5 is considered to be too high as this would place the Italian Army at an advantage over the British. It is suggested that the scale be fixed at an overall figure of 1 - 7 and varied by you in respect of specific formations according to their geographical distribution.

If 1 to 7 is accepted, the tonnage required is calculated to be 24 tons per month. If 33½ tons is allotted by the Italian Press Commission presumably this would be adequate to cover the ITALIA too.

4. Transport.

No definite request is made for release of transport in the letter under reference, though it is understood (conversation Brig. Ware - Col. Pidsley) that this is required. You are requested to take this up direct with Staff Branch concerned (Q(AE)).

5. Supervision.

Further information is required as to responsibility for supervision, as it is essential that a close watch be kept to ensure that unsuitable material is not included.

Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

Copy to: G-2 (CC).
G-3 (Org)
Q (AE)
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ITALIAN PRESS COMMISSION NOW AGREES PUBLICATION LA PATRIA DAILY (.)
 SUNDAY EDITION TO BE CALLED ITALIA WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO LA PATRIA (.)
 DO YOU NOW APPROVE THE SCHEDULE IN DETAIL INCL TRANSPORT FOR
 DISTRIBUTION AND PERSONNEL FOR PRODUCTION

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 ERIG WARE HAS ARRANGED MR WHITE OF PRINTING SEC AC TO TELEPHONE CO
 PIDSLEY (.) UNDERSTAND ITALIAN PRESS COMMISSION PROPOSE TRANSFORM ARMY
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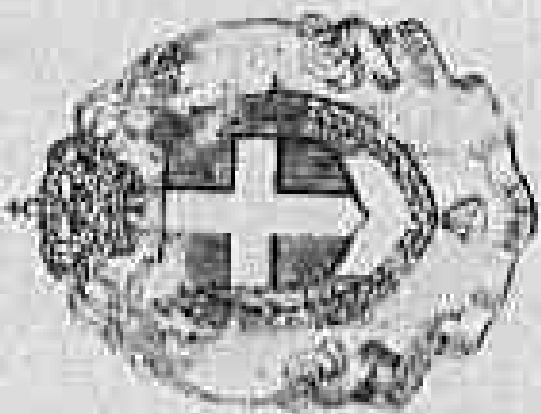
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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Ufficio Stampa

N. 64 di prot.

Roma, 16 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Pubblicazione del quotidiano dell'Esercito "LA PATRIA".

AL CAPO DI GABINETTO

S E D E

Trasmetto alla S.V. l'allegato promemoria della "Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) con relativa traduzione italiana, in merito alla pubblicazione del nuovo quotidiano dell'Esercito "LA PATRIA".

L'Ufficio "Benessere del Soldato" (e, per esso, il T. Col. Angeloni) che le Autorità Alleate hanno anche interessato alla questione, poichè essa rientra precisamente nelle attività volte a mantenere alto il morale delle truppe, aveva sottoposto il promemoria stesso all'approvazione della S.V. che, sapendo investito della cosa l'Ufficio Stampa, lo restituiva senza il sollecitato "benestare".

In vista delle vive premure da parte delle competenti Autorità Alleate, prego la S.V. di voler dare, con cortese sollecitudine, il richiesto "nulla osta" anche all'Ufficio Benessere, restituendo l'incartamento direttamente al T.Col. Angeloni.

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AL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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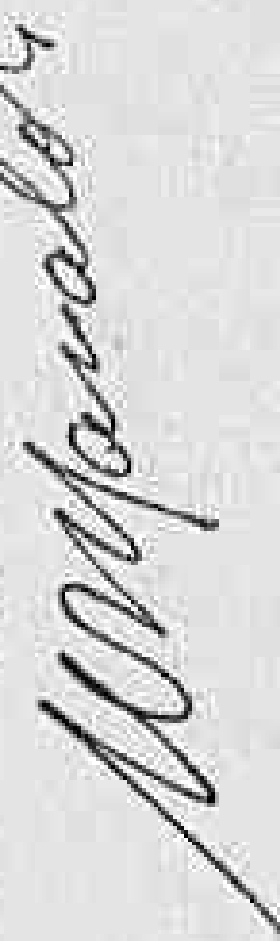
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IL T. COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Ugo Maraldi)

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEI/N/2.
/5 Jan.45.

Ministry of War.

1. Attached is the draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper to be called 'La Patria'.
2. The draft is passed to you for agreement by the Gabinetto.
3. In view of the urgency it is requested that it be returned at the earliest possible moment.

I. F. N. B. M. A. C.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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

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

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called 'La Patria'.
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 "La Nazione" press, provided PWBis instructed to make it available.
 - (iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzette del Mezzogiorno" press provided PWB is instructed to make it available.
3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 60,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 33 1/2 tons of newsprint will be required.
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 O.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.

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7. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the 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 L of C areas.

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

	Officers;	Officer Proposed.
HQ. and Admin.		
Editor in Chief.	1.	It.Col. Maraldi.
Rome Edition.	1.	Lieut. Bullio.
Florence Edition.	1.	Capt. Battiglia.
Bari Edition.	1.	Major. Nuovo.

4.

The Italian Ministry of War propose that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

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PROPOSTA DEFINITIVA PER LA PUBBLICAZIONE QUOTIDIANA

DI UN GIORNALE PER LE FF.AA.

- 1°- NOTE: Si propone che il giornale si chiami "La Patria".-
- 2°- PUBBLICAZIONE: Si propone che il giornale sia stampato inizialmente a Roma - Firenze e Bari.-
- a)- Roma - presso lo Stabilimento editoriale dell'Unione Jack - via del Tritone.- Il Direttore del B.A.N.U. (British Army New Unit) ha convenuto di cedere tutto lo spazio necessario.-
- b)- in Firenze presso la Direzione.-
- c)- in Bari presso la Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno.-
- 3°- TRASPORTI: Trasporto da provvedersi da parte italiana.
Si calcolano 5 autocarri da 8-15 q.li per ogni giornale. Nelle presenti condizioni non è possibile usufruire della organizzazione di distribuzione del B.A.N.U. ad eccezione per la zona di Firenze dove una certa cooperazione per la distribuzione nella zona VIII^a Armata potrà essere ottenuta da B.A.N.U.-
- Il Ministero della Guerra Italiano ha deciso di provvedere alla distribuzione del giornale in Sardegna e mezzo di aereo.-
- 4°- CIRCOLAZIONE: E' stata calcolata una circolazione di 60.000 copie giornaliere (1 ogni 5 uomini).
Una fornitura di 33 tonnellate di carta al me-

2°- PUBBLICAZIONE: Si propone che il giornale sia stampato inizialmente a Roma - Firenze e Bari.-

- a)- Roma - presso lo Stabilimento editoriale dell'Unione Jack - via del Tritone.- Il Direttore del B.A.N.U. (British Army New Unit) ha convenuto di cedere tutto lo spazio necessario.-
- b)- in Firenze presso la Direzione.-
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3°- TRASPORTI: Trasporto da provvedersi da parte italiana.

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Il Ministero della Guerra Italiano ha deciso di provvedere alla distribuzione del giornale in Sardegna a mezzo di aereo.-

4°- CIRCOLAZIONE: E' stata calcolata una circolazione di 60.000 copie giornaliere (1 ogni 5 uomini).
Una fornitura di 33 tonnellate di carta al mese è stata richiesta.-

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- 5°- COMUNICAZIONI: Si propone che il giornale per le FF.AA. Italia-
ne possa usufruire delle comunicazioni telefoniche
delle Br.Army. Tali comunicazioni saranno possibili dall'ufficio
di Roma che sarà situato nei locali del B.A.N.U.-
- 6°- GIORNALISTA INGLESI: Si propone che il Capo del B.A.N.U. sia a
disposizione della Direzione del giornale
per le FF.AA. e similmente i suoi ufficiali di Roma - Firenze -
Bari.-
- 7°- FINANZE: La spesa che è completamente a carico del Ministero del-
la Guerra è stata calcolata in 2.000.000 mensili per le
3 edizioni.-
- 8°- PERSONALE: Il Ministero della Guerra ha proposto il seguente per-
sonale:
- | | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|
| - Editore Capo | 1 | Ten.Col. Maraldi |
| - Edizione di Roma | 1 | Ten.te Bullio |
| - " di Firenze | 1 | Cap.no Battaglia |
| - " " Bari | 1 | Magg. Nuovo |
| | <u>4</u> | |
- Il Ministero ha inoltre proposto che gli altri impiega-
ti ed addetti ai giornali siano presi da elementi civili. Il pagamento
dei quali dovrà essere effettuato con i fondi di cui al p.7.-
- Il Comando Inglese propone che il personale sia milita-
re e civile dando la preferenza per la parte tecnica (operai, fornito-
ri, compositori etc.) a militari alle armi ed ex patrioti.-

Si domanda il benessere.-

- 6°- GIORNALISTA INGLESI: Si propone che il Capo del B.A.N.U. sia a disposizione della Direzione del giornale per le FF.AA. e similmente i suoi ufficiali di Roma - Firenze - Bari.-
- 7°- FINANZE: La spesa che è completamente a carico del Ministero della Guerra è stata calcolata in 2.000.000 mensili per le 3 edizioni.-
- 8°- PERSONALE: Il Ministero della Guerra ha proposto il seguente personale:

- Editore Capo	1	Ten.Col. Maraldi
- Edizione di Roma	1	Ten.te Bullio
- " di Firenze	1	Cap.no Battaglia
- " " Bari	1	Magg. Nuovo
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Il Ministero ha inoltre proposto che gli altri impiegati ed addetti ai giornali siano presi da elementi civili. Il pagamento dei quali dovrà essere effettuato con i fondi di cui al p.7.-

Il Comando Inglese propone che il personale sia ¹⁹ militare e civile dando la preferenza per la parte tecnica (operai, fornitori, compositori etc.) a militari alle armi ed ex patrioti.-

Si domanda il benessere.-

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STREJDOM: -Italian Army Newspaper.

RESEARCH

A.D. 1863.
c/o Land Forces Sib Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.) Regt.
M.I.A.

18 Jan. 15.

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C.C. BAJU. C-2.

1. Attached at Appendix A is a draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper to be called 'La Patria'.
2. This plan has been agreed by HQ. MIIN and by the Italian Ministry of War. It is now passed to you so that AFHQ approval in detail may be obtained.
3. Attached at Appendix B is a suggested W.L. for HQ and three presses for the paper. This W.L. has been discussed with Italian Army Welfare and with C.O. BANU. It is based on the lines of the BANU W.L. but scaled down in respect of the difference in circulation figures.
4. It will be noted that authority is suggested for a large proportion of the press operators to be civilians. This is at the request of the Italians and is done to avoid as far as is possible using the army ceiling.
5. As the plan for this paper is based on the fact that it will serve all Italian army forces whether Br Itis, US Itis, or Iti Itis it is recommended that all army personnel should be held against IPI-ITI Category of the order of battle. As the ceiling of this category is now full will you say where this W/L should be carried?

- Ref Paras 506 of App. 1. In view of the fact that O.C. NAMU will in fact be holding a watching brief in matters of policy in addition to work entailed in the liaison for news and communications it is considered essential that he should have attached to him, surplus to his own F/, a Pr. officer (fluent Italian speaking). In view of the rank of the Italian officers involved the Pr. officer should be of the rank of major. ~~CH 4/4/48~~ subject NAMU letter HQ/CCN/F of 4 Dec Para 5(ii) refers.

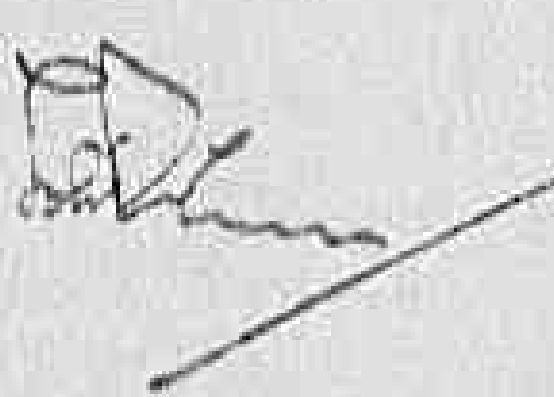
the Italian army newspaper to be called 'La Patria'.

2. This plan has been agreed by HQ. MIA and by the Italian Ministry of War. It is now passed to you so that HQHQ approval in detail may be obtained.
3. Attached at Appendix B is a suggested H. for HQ and three presses for the paper. This H. has been discussed with Italian Army Welfare and with O.C. BAMU. It is based on the lines of the BAMU H. but scaled down in respect of the difference in circulation figures.
4. It will be noted that authority is suggested for a large proportion of the press operators to be civilians. This is at the request of the Italians and is done to avoid as far as is possible using the army ceiling.
5. As the plan for this paper is based on the fact that it will serve all Italian army forces whether Br Itis, US Itis, or Iti Itis it is recommended that all army personnel should be held against I71-I71 Category of the order of battle. As the ceiling of this category is now full will you say where this H. should be carried?
6. Ref Paras 5 & 6 of App. A. In view of the fact that O.C. BAMU will in fact be holding a watching brief in matters of policy in addition to work entailed in the liaison for news and communications it is considered essential that he should have attached to him, surplus to his own H., a Br. officer (fluent Italian speaking). In view of the rank of the Italian officers involved the Br. officer should be of the rank of major. ⁴²⁴¹⁸ subject BAMU letter HQ/COM/T of 4 Dec Para 5(11) refers.
7. Newsprint. Application for 334 tons of newsprint per month was made by O.L.Br. AFHQ to Allied Publications Board on 20 Dec under ref. CR/9804/2-1 (Br). The Ministry of War request that when approved this newsprint should be consigned as follows:-

ROME	134 tons.
FLORANCE	11 "
BARI	8 "
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8. The production of this paper will have a great effect on Italian army morale and publication can commence immediately rulings are given on the points raised in this letter. In view of this it is requested that approval and rulings may be forwarded as soon as is possible. If and when approval in principle is given and the newsprint is released publication can start immediately and it is proposed that such publication should be started first in Rome, and after initial trial be extended forthwith to serve the fighting troops.


Lt.Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

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APP MBIX A.

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

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called "La Patria".
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 Via Tritone. C.O. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.
 - (ii) Florence. To be printed at "La Nazione" 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, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 331 tons of newsprint will be required.
4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 9-15 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 87 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 0.6. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit (I). 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 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 from the sale of the paper.

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press provided PAB is instructed to make it available.

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

3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 50,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 304 tons of newsprint will be required.

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 Dr. Aray 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 O.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit (B). 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 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 L or C areas.

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

	Officers.	Officer Proposed.
Hq. and Admin.		
Editor in Chief.	1.	Lt. Col. Maraldi.
Rome Edition	1.	Lieut. Dullio.
Florence Edition	1.	Capt. Battaglia.
Bari Edition	1.	Major. Nuovo.

4.

The Italian Ministry of War proposes that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

Florence Edition

1.

Capt. Battaglia.

Rari Edition

1.

Major. Nuovo.

4.

The Italian Ministry of War proposes that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

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HEADLINES

Officer in Charge and
Editor-in-Chief. (Lt. Col.)
Captain
Clerk
Orderlies
Driver 1/c.

Transport
Cars 2 str.
(~~6 str.~~) 1.

29	1-1-1	Officers	1
1	1	Sergeants	1
1	1	Corporals	1
1	1	Privates	1
	1-1-1	TOTAL	

3 Publication Units.

Each to consist of:

(1) Military Personnel.

1000

Transport
Cars 2str
(4x6)
Trucks
Boat 4x
/cs.

7		Officers	1	02
8		Sergeants	1	02
9		Corporals	1	02
10		Privates	1	02
11	10	TOTAL		

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty
Compositors
Line, type Operators
Machine Hands
Process Engravers
Distributors
Reporter
Unions 1/2

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

	Cars	Servants	Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
Officers	4	-	-	-	-
Servants	-	6	-	-	-
Corporals	-	-	8	-	-
Privates	-	-	-	2	-
TOTAL	4	6	8	2	20

Transport
Cars 2str
~~(4 x 2)~~
Trucks
15cwt-4x
W/OB.

<u>Transport</u>	
Cars 2str	1.
(4-2-2)	
Trucks	5.
50wt-4x	1.
W/CS.	

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2.

OVERALL TOTALS.(i) Military Personnel.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>OSi</u>
Hq.	2.	3.
3 Publication Units.	<u>12.</u>	<u>18.</u>
	14.	21.

(ii) Civilian Personnel. (To be civilian employees -
ex-soldiers, patriots, or others who have been security tested)

Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

	<u>2str.</u>	<u>150wt.</u>	<u>M/C.</u>
Hq.	1.	-	-
3 Publication Units.	<u>3.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>3.</u>
	4.	15.	3.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WFI/H/2.
15 Jan. 45.

Ministry of War.

1. Attached is the draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper to be called 'La Patria'.
2. The draft is passed to you for agreement by the Gabinetto.
3. In view of the urgency it is requested that it be returned at the earliest possible moment.

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

*Handed to WFI 15 Jan
Angelini 1130h
who will send down to
return to 16 Jan 15/1.*

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A.D.A.T.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(I.I.A.) Rome.
Jan. 45.

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

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called "La Patria".
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. O.C. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.
 - (ii) Florence. To be printed at "la Nazione" press, provided FWBis instructed to make it available.
 - (iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzette del Mezzogiorno" press provided FWB is instructed to make it available.
3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 80,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 334 tons of newsprint will be required.
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 Dr. Army telephone communications. Such telephone communication is possible from the Home office which would be located beside that of R.NU.
6. British Journalists. It is proposed that O.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit **4911**. Similarly his editors at Rome, Florence, and Bari would be available to the local Italian press units in advisory capacities.

Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the

(1) Rome. To be printed at the Union Jack press, at 61 Via Tritone. O.C. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.

(ii) Florence. To be printed at "La Nazione" press, provided PWB is instructed to make it available.

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

3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 50,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 354 tons of newsprint will be required.

4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 3-15 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 O.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit **4911**. 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 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 1 of 6 areas.

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

	Officers;	Officer Proposed.
HQ. and Admin.		
Editor in Chief.	1.	Lt. Col. Maraldi.
Rome Edition.	1.	Lieut. Bullio.
Florence Edition.	1.	Capt. Battaglia.
Bari Edition.	1.	Major. Muro.
	4.	

The Italian Ministry of War propose that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

Editor in Chief.	1.	Lt. Col. Paraidi.
Rome Edition.	1.	Lieut. Bullio.
Florence Edition.	1.	Capt. Battaglia.
Bari Edition.	1.	Major. Nuovo.

4.

The Italian Ministry of War propose that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

Special Section,
M.I.A.

Copy: -AG. MIA.

1. Attached is a draft plan for the conditions to cover the running of the Italian Army newspaper "Tricolore". S. Falvini.

2. This is based of the Maraldi plan amended after discussion with O.C. Br. Army Newspaper Unit.

3. It does not cover censorship which appears to be fully covered already by F.R.O. AFHQ letter 2/PRS/86 of 20 Dec 44.

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

① Help the name "Tricolore" been confirmed by Maraldi I was
② I think all the editorial staff should be soldiers and civilians (perhaps be soldiers & patriots) expressed as operatives.

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Censorship
Post

A.D.A. 3.
C/O Italian Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MIA) ROME.
Jan 45.

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

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called "L'Unità".

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.O. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.

(ii) Florence. To be printed at "La Nazione" 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 331 tons of newspaper will be required. ~~On present figures this would give a ratio of just under 1 in 4. But newspaper work on a ratio between 1 in 5 and 1 in 10.~~ (1 paper 15 min)

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. 4568

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that C.O. 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 responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, who have estimated

(ii) Florence To be printed at "La Nazione" 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.
(1 paper is 5 mm)

3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 50,000 a monthly release of 321 tons of newspaper will be required. On present figures this would give a ratio of just under 1 in 5. Daily newspaper work on a ratio between 1 in 3 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 PANU by PANU transport. In exception is that it may be possible for PANU transport to help with delivery to 6th 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 PANU. 4368

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that C.O. BINU 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 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 loco areas.

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

Officers.	Officer Proposed
HQ and Admin.	
Editor in Chief.	1 Lt:Col. Maraldi
Rome Edition	1. Lieut. Bullio
Florence Edition	1. Capt. Battaglia
Bari Edition	1. Major Nuovo
	4.

The Italian Ministry of War propose that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the budgetary resources.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

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

Special Section,
M.I.A.

WEL/N-

Copy: -A2. M.I.A.

1. Attached is a draft plan for the conditions to cover the running of the Italian Army newspaper "SPRIGOLONE".

2. This is based of the Veraldi plan amended after discussion with G.C. Br. Army Newspaper Unit.

3. It does not cover censorship which appears to be fully covered already by F.R.C. AFHQ letter 2/FRS/36 of 20 Dec 44.



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

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A.D.A. #.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MIL) ROMA.

JAN 43

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

1. Memo.
Particulars.
It is proposed that the paper should be called

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. EAMU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.

(ii) Florence. To be printed at "Le Nazioni" press, provided PNB is instructed to make it available.

(iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzetta del Messogiore" 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 8-10 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 EAMU by EAMU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for EAMU 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 EAMU.

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that C.C. EAMU be available as an adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit. Sicily has 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 responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War.

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

4. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 60,000, a monthly release of 311 tons of newspaper will be required. On present figures this would give a ratio of just under 1 in 4. British Army newspaperers work on a ratio between 1 in 5 and 1 in 16.

5. 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 5th Army area from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.

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

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

8. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the 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 local areas.

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

<u>Officers.</u>		<u>Officer Proposed</u>
Head and Admin.		
Editor in Chief.	1	Lt:Col. Beraldi
Rome Edition	1.	Lieut. Bullo
Florence Edition	1.	Capt. Battiglis
Bari Edition	1.	Major Muro

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Procedure for the transmission of news of the Italian Army to the Allied & Italian press;

2/PRS/86
20 Dec 44.

As from the date of this letter the following procedure for the transmission of matter relating to the Italian Army to the Allied & Italian press will be carried out.

I. Matter emanating from the Ministry of War (including the Italian Government) will be sent to the Headquarters of MMIA., which will in its turn submit it to the P.R.O. AFHQ in Rome to be stamped with the "Military Censorship" Stamp.

The PRO, AFHQ, in Rome, will send the matter direct to the Press Office of the Ministry Of War, which will arrange for despatch to the Italian press.

II. A copy of the news will be sent from the P.R.O. AFHQ in Rome to the Allied Press, PWB., if it is considered necessary. The Press office will send a copy to MMIA for information.

III. The PRO. AFHQ in Rome will transmit the matter to all, or any of the following.

- (a) Allied War Correspondents.
- (b) Press Office, Ministry of War (for transmission to Italian Press)
- (c) P W B.
- (d) P R O. A C.
- (e) M M I A. (for information)
- (f) U N N S. (" ")

IV. Matter emanating from Allied War Correspondents will be sent immediately to PRO AFHQ, in Rome, who will pass it to:

- (a) Allied Press
- (b) P W B.
- (c) Italian Press through Press Office (Ministry of War)

V. News coming from the PRO. AD., after being passed by the Military Censors of the PRO AFHQ in Rome, will be sent to MMIA for distribution, through the Ministry of War Press Office, to the Italian Press.

VI. Matter emanating from MMIA, after being passed by the Military Censors of the PRO, AFHQ in Rome, will be sent to the Ministry of War Press Office for transmission to the Italian Press

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G.A.L. HELDER Lt.Col.
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UFFICIO RELAZIONI PUBBLICHE
C.M.F.

OCCASITO: procedura per la trasmissione
di notizie sull'Esercito Italiano
alla stampa alleata ed italiana.-

2/FRS/86
20 Dicembre 44

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Da oggi la procedura per la trasmissione di notizie sull'Esercito Italiano alla stampa alleata ed italiana sarà la seguente:

I.- Le notizie emanate dal Ministero della Guerra (compreso il GoveX no Italiano) saranno trasmesse al comando della MIA che a sua volta sottoporrà i notiziari al PRO (Public Relations Office) dell'A.P.HQ. in Roma perchè siano censurate dai "censori militari stampa".

Il PRO AFHQ in Roma trasmetterà quindi i notiziari direttamente all'Ufficio Stampa del Ministero della Guerra che ne curerà la consegna alla stampa italiana.

Copia del notiziario sarà trasmessa dal PRO-AFHQ di Roma al PWB Stampa Alleata -se lo ritiene necessario-. L'Ufficio Stampa trasmetterà una copia -per informazione- alla MIA.

II.- Le notizie provenienti dai corrispondenti di guerra accreditati italiani saranno immediatamente trasmesse ai censori militari stampa che conoscono la lingua italiana e restituite, a censura avvenuta, al PRO AFHQ di Roma, che ne curerà la ritrasmissione alla stampa italiana tramite l'Ufficio Stampa.

III.- Il PRO AFHQ di Roma, a sua volta, inoltrerà le notizie ad uno o a tutti tra i seguenti:

a)- corrispondenti di guerra alleati
b)- Ufficio Stampa (Ministero della Guerra) (per la ritrasmissione alla stampa italiana)

c)- PWB

d)- PRO-AC

e)- MIA (per conoscenza)

f)- UNNS (per conoscenza)

IV.- Le notizie provenienti dai corrispondenti di guerra alleati saranno immediatamente trasmesse al PRO AFHQ di Roma che le passerà a sua volta:

a)- alla Stampa Alleata

b)- al PWB

c)- alla Stampa Italiana a mezzo dell'Ufficio Stampa (Ministero della Guerra)

V.- Le notizie provenienti dal PRO-AC, appena censurate dai censori militari del PRO-AFHQ di Roma, saranno inviate alla MIA perchè le distribuisca, tramite il Ministero della Guerra-Ufficio Stampa, alla stampa italiana.

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VI.- Le notizie pervenute dalla MIA, appena censurate dai censori militari del PRO-AFHQ di Roma, saranno inviate al Ministero della Guerra (Ufficio Stampa) per la consegna alla stampa italiana.

P. L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO ALLE RELAZ. PUBBL.

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T/ro G.A.L. HELDER Ten. Col.

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