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MMIA OFFICE INSTRUCTION NO 140

25 January 1947

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Branches, Services and Sections, when originating correspondence, are not adhering to Branch, Service and Section seniority on internal distributions.

Originating sections will, in future, use the following strict priority of Branches, Services and Sections

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Chief Clerks of Branches, Services and Sections will ensure that clerks are made familiar with this instruction.

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M.M.I.A. OFFICE INSTRUCTION No 128

Addresses and Telephone Nos -- B.L.U.s

MMIA Office Instr No 110 of 18 Dec 45 and subsequent Amendments 1, 2, 3 dated 16 Jan, 1 Mar and 10 Apr respectively are hereby cancelled.

Att Appx 'A' shows data regarding locns, addresses and tel nos of BLUs as presently known.

Amendments or new Appxes will be issued as and when necessary.

Addressees of lists A and B below, will please submit to G Branch any definite information, as it comes to hand, regarding changes in any of the data in the Appx, in order that the record may be maintained and kept fully up to date.

Attest
for Major General, *SH*
M. M. I. A.

25 May 46
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MMIA OFFICE INSTRUCTION No 127

Accommodation - MMIA Records Section

1. W.e.f. today, 27 May 46, MMIA Records Section Clerks will be located in the large MMIA Conference Room (42, 44, 46).

2. The morning conference will continue to be held in the above room as at present, but all other conferences, with the exception of those involving large numbers of officers, will be held either in the old Conference Room (31, 33), or in one of the offices of the branch/branches concerned.

Likewise, Summaries of Evidence, Courts of Inquiry etc, will be convened in the old Conference Room.

3. The only general exception to the above ruling will be made in the event of a failure in the electric power supply, in which case conferences etc, scheduled to take place in the old Conference Room may be transferred to the large Conference Room.

4. Sjt ROWLAND, NCO i/c of Records Section clerks is responsible for ensuring that the central tables in the large Conference Room are cleared of all files etc by 1600 hrs each evening.

5. All applications for use of either Conference Room will be made to the Chief Clerk HQ, vide memo CC/7 dated 19 Nov 45, for co-ordination with Records Section, as may be found necessary.

25 May 46

Alfred J. Smith
Lieut Col
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Officer i/c Records Section
NCO i/c Records Section

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SUBJECT : Records

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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22 May 46

TO : List A (Less Serials 1,2,3,4,18)Copy to : List A (Serials 1,2,3,4,18)

Ref this Office letter G/99/1 of 10 May 46, para 3.

1. It is apparent that the instructions contained therein are not being adhered to, in that the NCO i/c ARCHIVES Section MMIA has in no case been consulted in respect of proposed changes to current file lists. It is stressed that in the future, NCO i/c Branches, Services and Sections will be responsible for ensuring that the NCO i/c ARCHIVES Section is consulted before changes to file lists are put into effect, and that he is afterwards officially notified of effective changes in order that Master File Lists in his possession may be fully maintained. Any major problems which may arise will be brought to the attention of the officer i/c ARCHIVES Section MMIA (Major ROLLA C. VAN KIRK) who will advise on courses of action to be taken.

2. Particular attention is drawn to para 4 of the above letter.

3. Should a file require to have its number changed for any reason, that file will be closed and a new cover opened under a new (previously unused) number.

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to Note
[Signature]

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Lieut Col
GS

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INTER OFFICE MEMOTRG Sec.
23 May 46.TO : Distribution Below.

Herewith for your information Copy (s) of the Staff Tables and Equipment Lists.

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Lt. Col.
GSO 1 (TRG).

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SUBJECT:- Supply Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/134

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- List 'B'.

18 May 46.

In reports received from our Liaison Officers on inspection of Supply Units over the past three months the following points, though not applicable in all cases, would appear to be fairly general, and it is suggested that an immediate drive is made by you to effect improvements in the points outlined in an endeavour to increase the efficiency of Supply Depots in the Italian Army.

1. The necessity for adequate dunnage does not appear to be fully realised, and supplies are frequently stored in direct contact with the floor to their obvious detriment.
2. It would appear from reports that Engineering work is outstanding at most of the Depots visited. Since food is vital to the well being of the whole Army, priority should be given to any essential repairs in Supply Depots.
3. Fire precautions are generally inadequate.
4. Accommodation for the men, including sleeping, dining, recreational quarters etc., are of very low standard, little interest apparently being taken in the welfare of the troops. It is of the greatest importance that morale is kept at a high level, and one of the first essentials to this end is comfortable accommodation.
5. Latrines and ablutions leave much to be desired and the health value of disinfectants is not fully appreciated. More attention should be paid to the cleanliness of latrines, many of which are said to be in a filthy condition.

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ADST, Land Forces and Com. AG. (MIA).

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SUBJECT: MMLA Directive No. 2 (C/7 dated 7 Dec 45)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

C/7

17 May 46

TO : Distribution below

Amendment No. 5 to MMLA Directive No. 2.

1. Appendix "F" - DELETE para 7 and substitute:

"COURT MARTIAL and COURTS OF INQUIRY matters will be referred direct to local Area HQ, copy to HQ MMLA - Courts of Inquiry however regarding loss or damage to stores, vehicles etc held on charge of this HQ will continue to be referred to HQ MMLA."

2. Appendix "F" - after para 9 - ADD new sub para 9 (a) as under:

"Marriage Applications

- 9 (a) Applications for permission to marry will NOT be referred to HQ MMLA except for information - Procedure as outlined in Marriage Regulations CMF issued as Appendix "A" to GRO 258/46 will be followed with particular reference to para 5"

3. Appendix "F" para 10 - DELETE sub para (a).

4. Appendix "F" para 10 - re-letter remaining paras (a) and (b) respectively.

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DISTRIBUTION:

List "A" (less Serials 9, 10, 11, 18, 19)
List "B" (2 copies)
List "C" (6 copies to Serial 1)

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. AC.

M. M. I. A.

CC.RR. Bulletin. No. 4.

NOTE:- The contents of this bulletin are primarily for the information of the CC.RR. Liaison Officers with CC.RR. Brigades, and are intended to offer a general appreciation of the situation regarding the reorganisation of the Carabinieri, together with items of specific interest.

1. ADMINISTRATION. It now appears that the forecast of CC.RR. GHQ. to be able to recruit approximately 7000 - 8000 men by the end of May has no possibility of being successful. While it is admitted that only about three weeks have elapsed since the scheme was circulated to Legions, only about 100 men from "congedo" have offered themselves. It is stated that the reason for lack of volunteers is that enlistment involves, (1) serving where directed, (2) no tenure of service, (i.e.) can be dismissed at discretion of the War Ministry when the emergency period has passed, and (3) poor rates of pay coupled with conditions (1) and (2), plus uncertainty caused by the possible outcome of the elections.

2. A very small increase can be expected monthly from returning P.O.Ws, possibly 200 - 300 per month.

3. Another small contribution may be from men now becoming due for discharge and who may elect to continue in service. No firm estimate can be made of these figures. There is normally an annual wastage of 2000 - 3000 spread over the whole 12 months, but it must be remembered that a number of these men have already remained in service and are forming the 12 Special Guard Companies. On the other hand 743 left during April, so it can be seen that very few can be expected from this source.

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5. It therefore appears that even if the 1922 Class is compulsorily recalled, the maximum increase from all classes will be about 2000 during the next 2 or 3 months, even provided the 1922 Class is recalled immediately.
6. DOMESTIC. Considerable changes have taken place in the Carabinieri Section of M.M.I.A.

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Major Writter joined 6 B.L.U.
 Major Sykes joined 11 B.L.U.
 Major Coxhead, CCR. L.O. with 3 B.L.U. has
 left this theatre and returned to England. Major Hills has
 taken over the duties of Major Coxhead as well as his own with
 No. 1 B.L.U.

Major Limbert has arrived from England and is
 shortly to take up duties as CCR. L.O. with 10 B.L.U.

Major Hayes, CCR. L.O. with 10 B.L.U. will take
 over CCR. L.O. duties with 6 B.L.U., while Major Lacey at present
 with 8 B.L.U. will go to Palermo and become CCR. L.O. with 11 BLU

7. AMMUNITION. The General Artillery Directorate is making
 available 250,000 rounds of 9 mm; ammunition for the model 34
 pistol. A further consignment of 1,599,209 rounds of 9 mm. am-
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Palermo Legion.	142 "
Abruzzi Legion.	485 "
Ancona Legion.	379 "
School, Rome.	571 "
Verona Legion.	73 "
Genoa Legion.	167 "

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 521 Beretta automatic rifles from existing stocks. Most Mobile
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10. MOBILE BATTALIONS. The W/E for the Mobile Battalions is
 at last settled and agreed. It has been printed and translated
 and copies have been dispatched to all CCR. L.Os.

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Lezio "	9 "
Naples "	9 "
Cagliari "	9 "
Bari "	10 "
Palermo "	9 "

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Lazio Legion. 4
 Florence Legion. 4
 Naples Legion. 2
 Turin Legion. 4
 Livorno Legion. 2
 Genoa Legion. 2
 Alessandria Legion. 2
 Ancona Legion. 2

Florence school. 2 lead carriers.
 Rome Legion. 1 three-wheeled motor cycle carrier.
 Lazio Legion. 1 light truck.

13. The following vehicles were released to the Carabinieri from E.V.Ps. the week ending 12th May, 1946:-

	<u>Jeeps.</u>	<u>Motor cycles.</u>	<u>Lead Carrier</u>
Abruzzi Legion.	4		5
Catanzaro Legion.	3		5
Belgium Legion.		4	6
Naples Legion.			
Bologna Legion.	4		
Florence Legion.	3		
Livorno Legion.	2		
Lazio Legion.	4		
Turin Legion.	2		
Alessandria Legion.	2		
Lazio Mobile Battalion.		5	
Rome Mobile Battalion.		5	

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14. Will CONR L.Os. please check in every case that vehicles are being received, both from the SPA factory and E.V.Ps. and inform this office.

15. CONR. GHQ. has again been advised to issue fresh orders to Legion and Mobile Battalion Commanders to send all broken

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down and inefficient vehicles into the Italian Army Territorial
 W. Workshops. The War Ministry has undertaken to give the Carabinieri
 first priority on repairs. At the present time there are
 still far too many broken down vehicles lying about in Carabinieri
 Campuses. Will CARR L.Os. continue to press their Brigade Com-
 manders to see that the orders of CARR.GHQ. are carried out and
these inefficient vehicles turned in.

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17th May, 1946.

Richard Fletcher
 Genl. MICHIE. Lt. Col. Wright
 f. Major General,
 M. M. I. A.

Distribution:

List A less 17, 18 and 19.
 List B.
 All CARR. L.Os.
 War Diary 2.
 Public Safety Sub-Commission. AC.
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Questura (including Railway and Traffic Police)	"	32,405
Guardia di Finanza	"	31,629
Forest Guards	"	5,579
Municipal Guards)		
Armed Watchmen)		

According to local needs specially authorized.

3. CARABINIERI (CC.RR.).

The CC.RR. are the largest single Police Unit; they are the first and oldest Regiment in the Italian Army and have a splendid tradition of which they are intensely proud. An exceptionally high moral standard is required from volunteer recruits to the CC.RR. and enquiries concerning them and their families cover three generations. They are recruited and trained as soldiers. In their training, part is devoted entirely to instruction in Italian law and police powers and procedure, as every Carabiniere, in addition to being a soldier, is also an "Agente di Pubblica Sicurezza" (Policeman), with full police powers. The police duties of the CC.RR. are more comprehensive in these parts of Italy other than large cities and provincial seats as they (CC.RR.) are the only fully authorized police to be found in rural places. Therefore it is upon the CC.RR. that the chief responsibility for the maintenance of law and order rests. The general emphasis is that the CC.RR. are soldiers with, as a secondary duty, police functions.

4. For administration and discipline, CC.RR. are exclusively under the control of the War Ministry, operationally from the police aspect, however, they are under the direct control of the Minister of Interior who exercises that direction and control through the Civil Authorities (Prefetti and Sindaci).

5. The Prefect acts for the Ministry of Interior and in his Province he is the supreme authority for the Government, being responsible only to the Ministry of the Interior.

6. The second highest responsible Official in each Province is the Questore (the chief of all Police Agencies in the Province). The authority of the Questore includes the operational control of the Carabiniere, and all crimes coming to the notice of the CC.RR. have to be reported by them to the Questore, although CC.RR. are not bound to seek assistance in investigation. If, however, Carabiniere and Questore are jointly

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provide.

Civil authorities should therefore administer the Police under their operational control in such a manner that every citizen has confidence in the police to protect him.

8. In many parts of Italy to-day the civil authorities do not possess the essential qualifications and the political interests of the authorities concerned have undoubtedly had a considerable bearing on the correct or incorrect use of the Carabinieri and other Police Agencies. This is particularly true regarding the North of Italy.

9. The 12 "Mobile Battalions" of the Carabinieri (heavily armed with Armoured Cars etc.) have been created primarily to deal with public disorders of such gravity that Carabinieri personnel normally armed could not quell.

In the event of serious disturbances arising from political motives, instructions may be given by non-impartial civil authorities which will - by effecting dispersal - defeat the purpose for which the Mobile Battalions have been created. This fact should always be borne in mind so long as the operational control of the Carabinieri is vested in local civil authorities.

10. Although their standard of efficiency and administration still leaves much to be desired, the Carabinieri can be relied upon to perform their duties impartially and their tradition and training of the past 133 years as soldiers and policemen is the most valuable asset in the Italian police system. Exhaustive enquiries have failed to reveal that the politics of any CC.RR. personnel affect the manner in which their duties are carried out. Therefore the policy of this HQ is not directed towards any fundamental change in the constitution of the Carabinieri, but to make it function as an efficient, independent Police Force.

It is intended to accomplish this by :

- (a) Ensuring that all Carabinieri requirements are provided through Army channels of supply.
- (b) The supply to Carabinieri of sufficient transport, arms ammunition.

Railway Police.

Traffic Control Police.

Guardie Metropolitane.

the latter existing in Rome, Milan, Palermo and Naples.

15. The Railway Police and Traffic Control Police are energetic but untrained. Training of those men; however, is taking place, but it is unlikely they will ever be entirely satisfactory, owing to their low standard of education, as no qualification (other than political ones) was at the time of their recruitment during the liberation required of them.

16. Guardie Metropolitane. The Guardie Metropolitane are concerned with local traffic control, conservation of bye laws, and control of markets. These men are ornamental rather than useful. Their continued existence in their present state, is however a nuisance, because they are incapable and/or unwilling to carry out their duties. The Carabinieri and Questura although empowered to act against offenders, ignore offences which should be dealt with by the Guardie Metropolitane e.g. street trading in rationed goods, etc.

17. Guardia di Finanza. The body has military status, but is not a part of the Italian Army, being dependent on the Ministry of Finance for administration, and upon the Ministry of Interior operationally.

The Guardia di Finanza are, as their name implies, chiefly concerned with the enforcement of taxation laws and the collection of revenues. They work closely with the Carabinieri on frontier control.

They are highly efficient.

18. Guardia Forestale. The Guardia Forestale are dependent upon the Ministry of Agriculture. They too have military status but are not a part of the Italian Army. They are specialists in afforestation and their work is extremely important for the preservation of forests and agricultural land value. They are efficient.

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19. Guardia Municipale. The Guardia Municipale are engaged on a communal basis, under the control of the Sindaco. They are employed as municipal messengers and are supposed to control markets and shops. Broadly speaking, they are completely unimportant in the contribution they make towards the preservation of law and order.

20. Armed Guards. In order to save employing Carabinieri or Italian Army Units in guard duty at dumps of captured enemy materials, AFHQ has given authority for the Italian War Ministry to use armed Italian civilians on guard duty. These men wear green arm bands when on duty and are employed by the Italian Army Territorial Commands. They are armed to a very light scale and can only carry arms when on duty. The number of armed civilian guards so employed varies according to local requirements.

21. Conclusion. The conditions in which the Carabinieri have been working in the past few years have been extremely difficult. They lost considerable "face" under the Fascists and after the armistice. Nevertheless the material is good, if properly organized and held. The CC.RR. have already made great strides, largely as a result of the policy inaugurated as in para 16 above and partly owing to their enhanced prestige and the growing confidence of the public in them. There is no doubt that the general public are tired of disorder and welcome the increased CC.RR. efficiency and success in preserving order. Therefore the first and most hopeful step in Italian police re-organization must be to put the Carabinieri on their feet.

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4 May 46.

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H. MIGHALL, Lt. Col.

CC.RR. Branch.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. AC.

M. M. I. I.

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SUBJECT:- RecordsLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC. (LMSIA)
G/99/1.10 MAY 46.TO : List 'A' (less Serials 1,2,3,4,18)
Copy to : List 'A' (Serials 1,2,3,4,18)

1. ARCHIVES.AC. have ruled that a Master List of Files be submitted in order that a true picture can be obtained of numbers of existing files held by this Sub-Commission, and also to obviate unnecessary work in the future.
2. To compile this Master List of Files it is essential that all Branches, Services and Sections, submit copies (in duplicate) of their existing file lists. These will be forwarded by 15th MAY 46 to, Sgt.T. ROWLAND (Room 33).
3. On and after the a/m date Sgt ROWLAND will be informed of all proposed additions of new files or alterations in existing file systems, by the Branch, Service or Section concerned.
4. When it is found necessary to originate a new file, particular care will be taken to assure that the file does not bear a number already existing in the present list of files. This in effect means that if a file is closed and is no longer required the number of the file will become ineffective and not used again under another title.
5. All file covers will be marked plainly and clearly, and subsequent covers will be marked accordingly. i.e. "2nd Cover", Opened 12 MAY.45. Closed. 12. Sep 45.
6. Attention is again directed to this HQ G/99/1 of 4 MARCH 46.

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A. J. L. C. G.
Lieut Col
GS.5671
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10 May

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7 May 46

SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Army.
Interim.

TO : QMD Directorate (5 copies)

Reference MSD/81/3 of 29 Mar 46, Minute 2.

1. Approval is now given by para 7 of AFHQ signal NAT 1135 (not to all) for the issue forthwith of the balance of weapons and equipment required by the Italian Interim Army.

2. These issues will be made direct from British Depots to the Italian Army under arrangements to be agreed by Ordnance Directorate with WIA direct.

3. The issues will officially be regarded as 'on loan' but the normal Ord procedure of issues will NOT be followed. Instead the vouchering will be as for issues to the Italian Army prior to 14 Nov 45. Previous issues made 'on loan' are governed by this policy, and outstanding vouchers will be amended accordingly. Items concerned are listed in Appendix "A" to this letter. Copies of lists attached to bundles of vouchers in accordance with normal repayment procedure should be forwarded to this HQ for Financial Advisor (Dr.).

4. The equipment now to be issued is detailed at Appendix "B" to this letter. Normal maintenance will not be scaled, but major items only will be issued.

5. It is emphasized that issues are to be made from surplus i.e. not at the expense of the British, S. African or Greek Armies. However issues will be made if necessary from stocks which would otherwise be returned to UK vide para 4 of War Office letter Q(M) 5/373 of 23 Feb 46.

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SED. W.D.A. CLARE, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brigadier,
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Daily Circulators

Effective Tuesday, 7 May 46, only one Standard Daily Circulator form will be used within this HQ. This form will correspond exactly with that attached hereto. No other type or types will be put into use without sanction from GSO I(SD), and any suggestions for new or revised forms will be submitted to GSO I(SD) through the Chief Clerk MMIA.

Copies of the attached may be obtained immediately, on application to G(SD), but after this initial issue it will be a branch, service and section responsibility to reproduce the form to cover their own requirements.

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Allen M. Cox
Lieut Col
GS

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MMIA OFFICE INSTR No 126

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M.M.A. OFFICE INSTRUCTION No. 125.

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W.E.F. today (Friday 19th. April 46.), a CC.RR. Courier will arrive each morning at this HQ at 09.30 Hrs. from the CC.RR. G.H.Q.

As it has been found that the system of mail transmission to G.H.Q. CC.RR. through the Ministry of War is inefficient, the CC.RR. Courier run has been instituted for the purpose of speeding up communications with G.H.Q. CC.RR.

All mail for G.H.Q. CC.RR. should, therefore, in the future, be submitted to the Postal Clerk in the Chief Clerk's Office by 09.15 Hrs. daily at the latest, so the system is to bring any increase in efficiency over the measures formerly in force.

It is emphasized that this courier service is solely to and from G.H.Q. CC.RR.

19 April 46.

Crabtree
for Lt. Col. CS
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4. The space allotted for local distn will include such addressees as Ministry of War, Rome Allied Area Command and any other firms or units within the Rome perimeter. Internal distn and file numbers also come under the heading of "Local Distn".
5. Cases are numerous of non-insertion of date/time of signature. It is always the responsibility of the clerks to insert the date and the letter B denoting double Summer-time, and of the signing officer to insert the time of origin.
6. The attention of all officers and other ranks is drawn to the above points, and, in addition, to Office Instruction No 116, for the purpose of ensuring that:
- (a) Correct procedure in addressing of messages is observed at all times.
 - (b) The JCS Message Form is used in accordance with the spaces provided. (For example, 'A.G. AUTHENTICATION' is for the use of JCS Signals only).
7. It is stressed that the authenticating officer is responsible for the accuracy of all messages emanating from this HQ and for ensuring that wherever possible, correct abbreviations are used with a view to cutting down the work of signals transmission to the bare minimum necessary.

Lt Colonel,
GS18 Apr 46

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MEMO OFFICE INSTRUCTION No 122

It has been noticed in the past that Branches, Services and Sections, when originating corres, have not in all cases been adhering to Branch, Service and Section seniority on internal distributions.

Below is given the strict seniority of Branches, Services and Sections for use by all originating sections in the future.

<u>Branches</u>	G(Ops & SD) G(Int) G(Trg) A Q
<u>Services</u>	RE Sigs ST Med Ord REME
<u>Sections</u>	CCRR IPOW Liaison

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Lieut Col
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CC.RR. BULLETIN. No.2.

Note:-

The contents of this Bulletin is primarily for the information of CC.RR. Liaison Officers with CC.RR. Brigades and is intended to offer a general appreciation of the situation regarding the re-organisation of CC.RR, together with items of specific interest.

1. ADMINISTRATION. GHQ. CC.RR. have agreed that personnel returning from internment and not likely to be actively employed in the near future, shall not be clothed from CC.RR. stocks, but by the "CENTRI ALLOCGI".

The serious position regarding supply of stationary and office equipment, is appreciated by this HQ. It was hoped that some assistance would be given from Allied sources but investigation showed that supplies in this country were equal to, if not better than those at home. It is presumed therefore, that finance is again the problem. Obviously CC.RR. administration will suffer seriously if these essentials are lacking. LOs should discuss this problem with Legion Commanders, and if they consider the position as grave as has been stated verbally, Legion Commanders should submit their complaints in writing to GHQ. Suitable pressure will be applied by this HQ for practical assistance to be given to Legions. Copies of GHQ replies to Legions should be forwarded to this office for information.

In a letter dated 9th APRIL, addressed to GHQ, it was stated that the present method of distributing POL was considered uneconomical. It was recommended that POL supplies within Legions be drawn by the sub-unit concerned, (Groups, Coys, Tenancies etc.) from C.I.P pumps or depots, and that coupons be supplied for this purpose; the existing method of supply for Mobile Bns. to remain. Acceptance of this recommendation is awaited.

HQ.CC.RR. state that it is confident that about 50% of the personnel of the 10,000 increase can be enlisted from CC.RR. at present in 'Congedo', by the end of MAY. These CC.RR. have expressed the desire to return to service; they will be recruited locally by Legions, and as they are ex-CC.RR. should be immediately available for duty when re-enlisted. Another 1300 are expected from returned POW sources. Until more clothing is available, they will be clothed from existing Legion stocks, which will have the effect of slowing down new issues and replacements of clothing to CC.RR. at present in service.

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It is also proposed by GHQ.CC.RR. to use CC.RR. of the TRIESTE Legion (until if/and when required to be activated at TRIESTE) as reserve Companies of about 550 strong at Group HQs at: ALESSANDRIA, BOLZANO, VERONA, LIVORNO, ANCONA, ABRUZZI, CATANZARO and LESSINA. As load carrying vehicles become available, these Companies will be in the nature of a reserve (mobile) force.

Ordinary recruiting is proceeding satisfactorily.

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2. VEHICLES. (a) Legions. The following vehicles were released ex EVPs, week-ending 7 April.

<u>Legions</u>	<u>Load Carriers</u>	<u>Jeeps.</u>
LAZIO	-	2
GENOA	-	4
MORANCE	-	2
TURIN	-	6
ALESSANDRIA	10	2
APRUZZI	5	4
NAPLES	-	1
CATANZARO	5	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>

The following vehicles were released ex EVPs week-ending 14 April, 46.

<u>Legions</u>	<u>M/Cs</u>	<u>L.C.</u>	<u>Jeeps</u>
LEGHORN	-	10	-
BOLOGNA	-	10	4
GENOA	1	-	-
CATANZARO	-	-	4
LAZIO	-	-	3
ANCONA	-	-	3
TURIN	-	-	4
ALESSANDRIA	-	-	4
GENOA	-	-	4
NAPLES	-	-	4
	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>

In view of the poor condition of Jeeps which arrived at ROME, it was decided that all vehicles would be sent to ROME workshops for inspection and repair as necessary, before issuing to Legions, and they should be fitted with spare wheel complete and essential tools. Priority was given to this work and 70 Jeeps have been prepared ready for delivery between 10 and 15th of this month, and a further 15 have been promised during the next 10 days.

The War Ministry have agreed the issue of new vehicles, ex Italian Motor Industry, as under :-

At the end of April	120 load carriers
by the 15th of May	75 "
at the end of May	120 "

Delivery of new Motor Cycles will commence in JULY. There appears to be some doubt as to whether new vehicles will be complete with tyres and tubes. This matter is receiving considerable attention by this HQ. Further, the Ministry has agreed to increase allotment ex EVPs, and it is hoped by the end of MAY a large number of vehicles will have arrived from this source.

(b) Mobile Bns. The following vehicles were released ex EVPs, week-ending 7 April 46.

	<u>M/Cs</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>Jeeps</u>
Legions	-	10	-
LEGHORN	-	10	4
BLOGNA	1	-	-
CHQ	-	-	4
CANTANZARO	-	-	3
LAZZIO	-	-	3
ANCONA	-	-	4
TURIN	-	-	4
ALESSANDRIA	-	-	4
GENOA	-	-	4
NAPLES	1	20	4
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	<u>Jeeps</u>	
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LAZZIO	M/Cs	
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168 STAGHOUND Armoured Cars have been allotted to CC.RR. and are being collected from NAPLES, FERRARA, Bologna and ROMA. Mobile Bns should be in physical possession of these Vehicles by the end of APRIL. Ministry of War has been informed it is considered light tanks and obsolete armoured cars at present held by Mobile Bns should be handed in for disposal within 7 days of receipt of STAGHOUNDS. LOs are requested to assist by hastening as possible.

3. WAR ESTABLISHMENT. W.E. for Mobile Bns has been agreed and copies will be forwarded to LOs under separate cover.

Ministry of War has been requested to promulgate a varying number of vehicles held by each Legion HQ. In view of the that three types of War Establishment be implemented, to be known as types 4, B and C, based on total holdings. Implementation in the near future is unlikely.

4. AMMUNITION. It is understood that Legions are not in possession of .9mm ammunition for MITRA rifles which have been released recently. GHQ.CO.RR. states that this ammunition is in the possession of local Artillery Directorates, and Legions should be told to contact these, as necessary.

Ammunition for STAGHOUND Armoured Cars has been released by GHQ, distribution will take place in the near future.

WHW/ter
16 April 46.

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

Distribution:

List 'A' (Less 17, 18, 19)
List 'B'
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MMIA OFFICE INSTRUCTION NO 121

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13 April 1946EASTER HOLIDAYS (British Personnel)

1. Easter Monday (22 April) will be a holiday for all British personnel at this Headquarters. There will be no holiday on Good Friday, but time off will be allowed for attendance at Divine Service.

2. Any British Officer who wishes a major extension of the Easter holiday period will obtain the authority of the GOC MMIA. For this purpose application will be made in writing to MAG stating the exact period of leave desired. Each application must bear the signed recommendation of the Head of the Branch or Service. All such applications will reach MAG not later than 1200 hours on Monday, 15 April next.

W.H.C. Jones
Lt-Col.,
A.A.G., M.M.I.A.

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OC.RR. BULLETIN No. 1.

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It is the opinion of this Headquarters that a certain wastage of clothing has occurred in view of ex-FCW who are not to be absorbed within the authorised authorised strength. GHQ have been requested therefore, to give an assurance that further issues of clothing will not be made to such personnel unless they are to be actively employed within six weeks of issues being made. LGS are requested to give this matter their attention, and ensure as far as possible, that this instruction is effected.

It has now become the duty to make a detailed survey of all clothing placed at the disposal of OCRR from Ministry of War and other sources, and it is apparent that, bearing in mind the immediate requirements as stated by GMR. BRUNETTI at a conference held at this Headquarters 3 Jan 1946, sufficient clothing had been placed at their disposal in order to operate at an economical scale. Lack of transportation, mis-distribution, wastage, accountable and unaccountable, would therefore appear to be the root of the trouble. This matter is being further pursued with GHQ, and it is hoped that some conclusive facts will emerge, which will enable direction to be given so as to ensure availabilities are put to their proper use. LGS are asked to bear in mind, if cases occur whereby administrative difficulties are known to be specifically and immediately due to lack of transportation, assistance should be requested from Territorial Commands, by the Legion Commander concerned.

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An investigation of Legion methods of storekeeping and accounting has been made. The systems employed in all three Legions reviewed have been examined. The systems must be accepted as correct, but no common wastage is apparent. The systems are rigid, and so far as can be ascertained, the likelihood of illegality arising or otherwise illegally disposing of clothing, is being fully investigated.

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