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Subject: Public Relations

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 55575 (Genoa)
G 4

9. Oct 46

To: GOC 2 Territorial Command

Copy to: HQ Mantova Div
2 GAR

1. With reference to the recent discussion between your Excellency and Major Byrns on the subject of Public Relations and further to the visit to this HQ of Major Azzano Salvatore.

2. In view of the excellent organization which has been built up at the GAR at Cuneo it is considered that the general public would be extremely interested in details of the conditions under which the recruits live and receive their primary training.

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4. As a preliminary step it is suggested that consideration be given to the extension of an invitation to the directors of newspapers, radio and film companies to visit the GAR at Cuneo where facilities would be available for inspections of quarters, training, welfare and general conditions of the young recruits.

5. The good will gained from such a visit would, it is considered, be of inestimable value to the Army and its relations with the general public, to the recruits and their families and would assist in developing the interest of the press in an important aspect of the national life.

6. It is appreciated that the GAR being in Cuneo comes more within the orbit of the newspapers of Turin than of those of Genoa but it could be pointed out that the Turin journals are concerned more with the activities of 1 Territorial Command and that exclusive rights to any articles, photographs, etc, connected with the GAR at Cuneo can be reserved to Italian papers.

7. A list of the principal Genoese daily papers is given herewith:

Corriere del Popolo
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To this list can be added of course the local newspapers of Savona, Cuneo and other towns.

Genoa Radio - Director - Ing. Corradi
"Mitran" - Independent Press Photographer.

8. Your consideration of the foregoing proposals is requested and this Headquarters would be very willing to assist in the preparation of final details should you so desire.

AKB/cjs.

Quayle
Major
G. H.

20 R.L.U.

COMANDO IN TRUPPA DI GENOVA (II) 39
S.M. f. C. Ordine di Mobilitazione
Sezione I. C. e G.

nr. C1/2180 /Cp. di prov. Genova, li 27 giugno 1946

OGGETTO: Compiacimento.

A TUTTI GLI UFFICI DIPENDENTI - FORC. S.M.

In occasione delle recenti lezioni politiche, da parte delle unità dipendenti sono stati effettuati importanti movimenti di personale e materiale e svolte numerosi ed importanti servizi.

In particolare rammento:

- i **2590** uomini forniti dal 1° Centro Addestramento Reclute per la sorveglianza ai sei elettorali nelle Province di Cuneo, Savona, Aosta, Piacenza, La Spezia, Massa, Pisa e Livorno;
- i **300** uomini forniti dal **2°** Reggimento Fanteria, dalla **2°** Compagnia di Sanità e **2°** Compagnia I.T.A. per la sorveglianza dei seggi elettorali nella Provincia di Cremona;

- le migliaia di uomini in pieno assetto di guerra e con relativi servizi, approntati dalla Divisione "Mantova", buona parte dei quali ha effettuato anche una ben riuscita esercitazione;

- gli ingenti trasporti automobilistici di viveri, munizioni, cartucce e materiali vari conseguenti ai movimenti ed alle predispizioni di cui sopra.

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Tutta questa delicata e complessa attività si è svolta con ordine, regolarità e disciplina, e di ciò rendo merito ai 90 mandanti, ai Direttori, ai Capitani Ufficiali ed ai loro bravi collaboratori ed al sentimento del dovere ed allo spirito di sacrificio delle truppe.

Esprimo perciò il mio vivo e sentito compiacimento che desidero sia portato a conoscenza di tutti i dipendenti.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO DI ARMA

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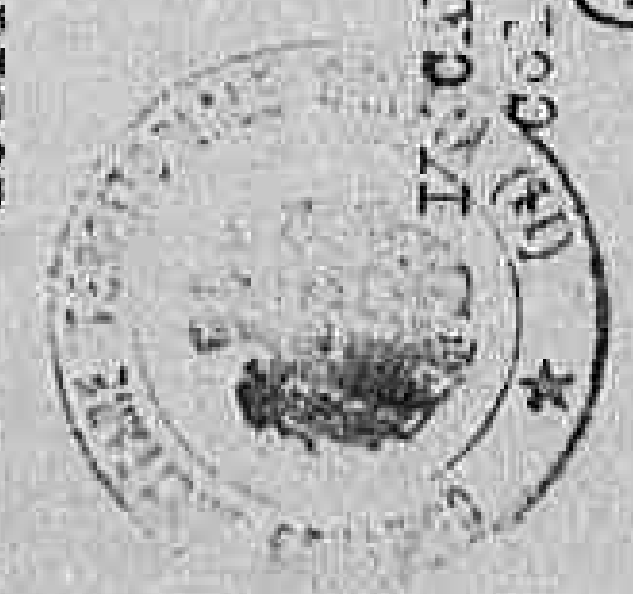
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UFFICIO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
C C M A N D A N T E
Arnaldo Forziaro

Dec 1.7.46

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Subject:- Travel Orders for Movement by Road and Rail.

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Genoa)
G 1
14 Apr 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission AC (NWIA)

Ref GRO 235/46.

1. Restrictions on travel have recently been portrayed both in 59 Area ROs and in the a/q GRO. Para 4 (a) of the a/q GRO states that duty travel occurring outside Monday to Friday must be endorsed by an officer not below the rank of Lt Col.
2. As this unit does not hold an officer above the rank of Major compliance with this order is not possible.
3. It is appreciated that this HQ is affiliated to 1 BLU but it is not feasible to approach the GSO I of that unit every time a journey of some distance must be undertaken.
4. May authy please be granted to 'B' Type BLUs to authorise journeys on duty at the discretion of the CO.

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[Signature]
Major.
G II.

GENOA.

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TO 2 BLU

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CANCELLATION OF RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT WITHIN 25 KILOMETER PROHIBITED FRONTIER ZONE NOTIFIED TO YOU BY A.C.L.O. REFERS TO U D I N E Z O N E ONLY AND ALSO TO MOVEMENT OF CIV

LIANS ONLY (.) RESTRICTIONS ON TROOP MOVEMENTS WITHIN 25 KILOMETERS OF FRENCH FRONTIER REMAIN IN FORCE

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SENT N 7583 RJR AT 2231 B6 KK

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Phoned 08:10
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Brigadier M.W. Hope, DSO,
Brigadier GS
LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC, (MMTA)

ROME

DO/5

Dear

Duffy

1. I have gone into all the points given to me during my visits to the various establishments at GENOA and am doing what I can about them. You will already have collected a few answers as a result of the meeting in ROME.

2. Before going into details I should like to stress that when you are dealing with Territorial Command and Division HQ you should make the two following points clear:-

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"B" Arising out of the above - The primary channel for ITALIAN units, formations and staffs to voice their grievances and make their suggestions is through their own normal military channels up to their own Ministry.

That does not mean that we will do nothing to help them. We are in fact all the time taking up matters with the Ministry which we consider to be deserving causes but we cannot put up requests from Regions etc which they have not also put up themselves through their own channels.

If they have done so we are quite prepared to push from our end too.

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4. RATIONS PAY AND GENERAL CONDITIONS. "A" above applies. We never miss a chance of urging the Ministry to improve the living conditions of the troops and will continue to do so. I see little chance of improvement until the ITALIAN Government can be prevailed upon to allot more money to the Army.

The increase to 15 lire per day for extra messing will help a little and I am glad that has been accepted.

5. REQUISITIONING AND DEREGISTRATION. This is a matter that we can try and help over as it is mainly a GHQ and BRITISH affair. We are taking it up strongly with GHQ, meanwhile you press on from your end via Area and District.

6. MOBILE CANTEENS. "A" above applies and I am afraid ALLIED sources can provide nothing. We have taken it up with the Ministry who say they have no funds or rations available for canteens and are not prepared to continue the 5% system in peace. They point out that with the advent of peace conditions and the troops being accommodated in fixed barracks the need for mobile canteens has ceased and that most mobile canteens have, in fact, been withdrawn.

In spite of that I realize that a Mobile Canteen to go round and visit units with a nice looking lady to serve out tea is good for morale. With the ALLIES and the Ministry both unable to provide it is difficult to know what to suggest; the possibility of raising money by local shows or displays, band concerts etc, etc, might be investigated but I do not think that much is to be expected in this line in view of the impoverished state of the country.

7. MANTOVA DIV SCHOOL. Further investigations have convinced me that the Ministry were finding great difficulty in getting suitable instructors for CARs and suitable candidates to attend courses (at one time the failure rate on courses was staggering). The reason was that Divisions were hoarding instructors and pupils for their own schools. MANTOVA was not by any means the worst offender in this respect, but the general situation was getting so bad that Ministry with MILAS agreement was forced to foreclose on Div Schools or CARs and CESANO would have gone by default. It is MILAS's firm policy to get Ministry to allow Div Schools to restart as soon as CARs and CESANO are firmly established. Div Schools instructors being all trained at CESANO first will ensure uniform training in Divs.

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11. CEM. We have just taken up again and on the highest possible plane the necessity of releasing all available ITALIAN weapons and ammunition to the ITALIAN Army. Once we get that agreed to, 2 District will have to cough up.

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12. MOVEMENT OF AMBULANCE DUES FROM GENOA. This is really a matter for your and 3 District to fight out. I gave them full details and asked them to help. You press from your end too.

We have written to 2 District also on this same subject.

13. ACCOMMODATION STORES. Ministry say that they have no great difficulties over accommodation stores generally. If territorial Command are still in trouble in this respect, get them to put up their case to Ministry and let me have full details so that we can press from our end too.

14. NEWSPAPER PROPAGANDA. This is a general complaint from all districts. We are urging the Ministry to appoint a fully qualified civilian with good contacts with the press as Public Relations Officer whose job will be to represent the ITALIAN Army's point of view in such papers as are prepared to accept it.

This should certainly be a great help. Under a democracy with a free press it is obviously impossible to prevent opposition papers from being scurrilous - it happens in ENGLAND too. If we can get enough pro army material into the more responsible organs it will go a long way to discounting the attacks of the opposition.

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I would suggest that you go into a huddle with No.1 BLU over this. If you can agree between you that there is a good case for the change we will then support it with the Ministry.

16. CCRR CLOTHING WEAPONS AND TRANSPORT. This is a slow business owing to lack of supplies, but our CCRR Section are starting to get things moving. As soon as we can get GEN to agree that all Captured ITALIAN weapons are to be handed back to the ITALIAN Army there will be quite a lot of weapons available for the CCRR. See para 11
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If the CCRR position gets too bad I can only suggest that you get your General to order MANNOVA to lend some to CCRR on operational grounds.

17. RAILWAY BRIDGE FOR MANNOVA GENIO. Our Sappers here are exploring ways and means and I hope for some to be available in time.

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18. This has been a long letter and I am afraid much of it is not very encouraging, but we are doing our best to try and help.

I very much enjoyed my visit to GENOA last month and hope it will not be too many months before I visit you again.

Yours Ever.

Maurice Hop.

12 Feb 46

To: Major W.P. Duffy, MC,
2 BLU, CPT.

WPH/ljb

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q/d *6* *28*
SUBJECT : Relations between Civil and Military Authorities.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

G/6

1 Feb 46

To : 2 BLU

Ref your G.I dated 25 Jan 46 subject as above.

1. MMIA letter G/92 dated 1 Feb 46 covers the relations between civil and military authorities, which is in the process of being sent to all BLUs.
2. For your information, Terr Comdrs will be informed through proper channels.

Lester R. Albert
Lester R Albert.
Lt Col Inf.
Asst G-3 MMIA.

LRA/ljb

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (51)
Uff. territoriale-affari vari

n. 09/ 986 di prot. ord.

Genova, 1 febbraio 1946

OGGETTO: assunzione comando;

AL SIG. MAGGIORE F.P. DUFFY M.C.
2° B.L.U.

GENOVA

Sotto la data di oggi assumo la carica di Comandante
del II° Comando Militare Territoriale.

Porgo alla S.V. il mio cordiale saluto.



IL GENERALE DI CORPO d'ARMATA
COMANDANTE
(Arnaldo Forgiaro)

Arnaldo Forgiaro

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SUBJECT : Relations with BRIT HQs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

G/3/1

24 Jan 46

To : 4 BLU

Ref your 4/G/13-19 of 17 Jan to MMIA only.

1. G (Ops), AFHQ, have been asked to issue a Directive to Districts, Areas etc defining the relations between ALLIED and ITALIAN HQs now that entire control of the ITALIAN Army has reverted to the ITALIANS.
2. It is to be hoped that this Directive will emphasize that ALLIED HQ no longer have any rights to order or forbid redeployment of ITALIAN troops or reallocation of ITALIAN accommodation.
3. Pending issue of that Directive Os G BLUs will at all times endeavour tactfully to convey the sense of para 2 above to ALLIED Comds and Staff.

A.P. Connelley
Lt Col
GS

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Copy to: List 'B' (Less Serial 4)

Internal : 'A'
'C'

ARCS/ljb

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Subject:- Relations between Civil and Military Authorities.

2 BLU,
GENOVA.
Tel: 56575
G 1
25 Jan 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), Rome.

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APP 'A'

PREFETTURA DI GENOVA

Divisione Gab. prot. n° 1075 P.S.

10 Jan 46

Subject:- Very urgent phonogram

To :- 2 Comando Militare Territoriale - GENOVA -

Ref this office phonogram of even reference dated 8 Jan. Please arrange that wef 2000 hrs today, until further orders, the number of men on gd duties at MARASSI prison be increased to 100 ORs and 1 offr.

(sd) ?
for Prefetto

PREFETTURA DI GENOVA

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Subject:- Very urgent phonogram

To :- 2 Comando Militare Territoriale - GENOVA -

Ref this office phonogram of even ref and yesterday's date. Please arrange that, until further orders, the number of men on gd duties at MARASSI prison be reduced to 50 ORs.

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for Prefetto

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App 'B'

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)
S.M. Uff. Op. Add. Ordinamento e Mobilitazione
- Sezione I^a Op. e Add.

n°01/158/op.di prot.

Subject: Request for tps for gd duties.

To : The Prefetto - GENOVA -

Ref your phonograms 1075 PS dated 10 and 11 Jan 46, both over signature "for the Prefetto".

1. In accordance with instrs received from War Ministry (....) this HQ may only comply with requests made by Prefetti for the allocation of It Army personnel for internal security requirements on its own decision and responsibility and only in cases of exceptional importance, that is, when the authys primarily responsible for internal security have exhausted all their reverses of civil police and CORR and the situation threatens to deteriorate beyond control.

2. In the case under review this HQ decided that the above conditions were prevailing and allocated tps as requested, leaving them on gd for a few days. This HQ will ~~now~~ review the situation and decide whether or not the tps may now be withdrawn.

3. The tone of the correspondence under discussion as well as the wording used appears to stress a measure of subordination of this HQ to your Prefettura.

Apart from the fact that Territ. Commands are ^{by} ~~in~~ subordinate to local civil authys it is assumed that the person responsible for drafting the a/m comms was unaware of the standing of Territ. Commands of which there only eleven in the whole of Italy and which have in every respect, taken over the duties of the erstwhile Corps district HQs, Defence HQs and Zone HQs. Each Territorial Commands' jurisdiction extends over several provinces.

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(Sd) Gen E. Frattini

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App' C'

10 Jan 46

Prefetto of GENOVA

N° 184 GAB.

Subject:- Masonry School for repatriates.

To :- Gen FRATTINI
GOC 2 Comando Militare Territoriale.

I asked the firm of ANSALDO-SIAC to place at my disposal a shed to be used as a school of masonry for repatriates and ex-partisans.

The school is due to commence work immediately and will fulfill an urgent need which is particularly felt amongst this class of people.

ANSALDO have informed me that the shed they could have released for the purpose is occupied by a small number of tps.

Will you please issue immediate instrs for the release of the shed for the a/m purpose, having regard to the social and political aspects of the matter.

Please inform me of your decision.

(Sd)

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PREPACITO

2989

COPY/TRANSLATION

App 'D'

16 Jan 46

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)
Uff. Territoriale - Affari Vari

N. 09/254 di prot. ord.

Subject:- Masonry School for repatriates.

To :- The PREFETTO - GENOVA - (ref your 184/Gab dated 10 Jan 46).

1. Further to what has often been verbally comm to the Chief of GABINETTO of your Prefettura.

a. It is not a small number of tps who are accomodated in the ANSALDO-SIAC buildings but, since Sept 45 and upon orders of the Allies, 3 GT Coy, which comprises some 250 men and 300 vehs.

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3. Leaving aside the contents of the above paras it is not possible to ignore the tone in which your letter under ref is written.

This, in effect, constitutes a direct and peremptory order. Since no instrs have been received by this HQ to the effect that it is in any way subordinate to you, it is not considered possible to accept your a/q letter which is herewith returned att.

(Sd) Gen E. FRATTINI

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ALPHABETIC FORM (Revised)

MESSAGE FORM

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RISERVATA PERSONALE

URGENTISSIMA

21
COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M.-- Ufficio Servizi

in
n. 03/243 di prot.

Varazze, li 23 gennaio 1946

OGGETTO : visita del Capo di S.M. della M.M.I.A.--

AL MAGGIORE DUFFY

- C.te 2 BIU -

GENOVA

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IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M.

( A. Gualano ) 2986

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Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Ufficio Servizi

Varazzen li 23 gennaio 1946

ARGOMENTI DA TRATTARE CON IL GENERALE HOPE, CAPO DI S.M.  
DELLA M.M.I.A.

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Sino ad oggi però, nulla è pervenuto a conferma di quanto sopra sia a questo Comando che ai vari proprietari, che si ritengono pertanto autorizzati a pensare ed a dichiarare che la nostra passata ed attuale occupazione è arbitraria ed illegale.

Parti

PARTI DI RICAMBIO E GOMME PER AUTO: Ci è pervenuta notizia che, sino a quando i Depositi Italiani non potranno iniziare un regolare funzionamento, i materiali di cui sopra continueranno a pervenire da fonte Alleata; ciò è in netto contrasto con quanto disposto dal COmando 2 BLU che ha respinto tutte le nostre richieste di parti di ricambio e gomme inoltrate dopo il 31/12/1945.

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Chiediamo immediati provvedimenti in merito, ed inoltrare l'autorizzazione a poter prelevare alcune parti presso qualche deposito ricuperi alleato (Salvage Dump).

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P. T. H. O.  
MERK / 0567 P. 0001



OUTGOING SIGNAL.

22.23

FROM : MMIA  
TO : 2 BLU GENOA ✓  
4 BLU BOLZANO  
5 BLU UDINE  
9 BLU BARI

DATE TIME  
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REF : O. 171

REF THIS H Q O 167 OF 10 (.) REQUEST  
YOU EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF POINTS FOR  
AGENDA OF CONFERENCE BLU REFS 28/29  
JAN

PRECEDENCE 191736A IMPORTANT

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LX AC

Internal G/33/3

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Subject:- Visits.

18  
2 BLU,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
G 1  
18 Jan 46.

2 Territorial Command.

Brigadier M.W. Hope, DSO Chief of Staff MIA  
will be visiting the area on Wednesday 23 January 46.

Please find attached appendice of programme  
compiled by this HQ.

Will you please ensure that units concerned  
are warned of the impending visit.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
G II.

FTD/go

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Major F.F. Duffy, MC,  
GSO II  
2 BLU  
GENOA

DO/L

Dear

In accordance with your DO/5 of 10 Jan 46, I have prepared a programme for your visit which I hope will meet with your satisfaction.

I have contacted 1 BLU Turin to liaise on your departure from Genoa on the 24th. I had hoped you would have been able to meet General Frattini, Territorial Commander, but I gather he will be in Rome on the 22nd. I will arrange accommodation at the Albergo Columbia, Officer Transit Hotel, Genoa, where I myself live and will wait for you in the vestibule from 1230 hrs on the 23 Jan 46. The hotel is near the Stazione Principe and also is well signed, it would be advisable for you to be met at the hotel as BLU HQ is not very easy to find.

In anticipation of your visit on 23rd I remain,

Yours, Sincerely,

Jan 46.

Brigadier M.W. Hope, D.S.O.,  
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Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,  
(M.E.I.A.)  
ROME

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ROME



| DATE           | TIME | ITINERARY                              | TRANSPORT | REMARKS                                                                |
|----------------|------|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 23rd | 1415 | Visit Territorial HQ.                  | BLU Car   | Gen Prettini may not be present. Chief of Staff will be in attendance. |
| "              | 1500 | Visit No. 2 Inf Regt                   | BLU Car   |                                                                        |
| "              | 1600 | Visit CCR Legion, Genoa                |           |                                                                        |
| Thursday 24th  | 0900 | Depart for Varazze to meet GOC Mantova | BLU Car   | Meet Gen Bologna, GOC Mantova 1015                                     |
| "              | 1000 | Arrive Varazze                         |           |                                                                        |
| "              | 1045 | Depart for Savona                      |           |                                                                        |
| "              | 1115 | Arrive 76 Inf Regt HQ Savona           |           | Col Salvi, OC 76 Inf Regt                                              |
| "              | ?    | Leave Savona for Genoa                 |           |                                                                        |
| "              | 1415 | Leave Genoa for Turin                  | MMIA Car  |                                                                        |
| "              | 1545 | Meet OC 1 BLU                          |           | Xrds J 8102                                                            |



Brigadier M.W. Hope, D.S.O.,  
Brigadier GS  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.,

(MIA)

ROME

Dear *Duffy*

1. I have recently taken up the new appointment of B.C.S., M.L.I.A., I am anxious to get round all Territorial Regions and get a first hand knowledge of the particular layouts, personalities and problems in each.
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I attach the proposed programme of my first tour to MILAN, GENOA and TURIN.

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5. Would you kindly send me your proposed programme for the visit to your Region in due course.

10 Jan 46

Yours *Sincerely*

*Maurice Hope.*

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TO : CC 1, 2 & 3 BLU.

Copy to: CC, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 BLU's for information.



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| Date             | Time | Itinerary          | Means of Transport |
|------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 21 Jan    | 1200 | Arrive Milan       | A.C. Air Lines     |
| Tuesday 22 Jan   |      | In Milan Region    |                    |
| Wednesday 23 Jan | am   | Milan to Genoa     | MMIA car           |
| Thursday 24 Jan  | pm   | Genoa to Turin     | MMIA car           |
| Friday 25 Jan    |      | In Turin Region    |                    |
| Saturday 26 Jan  | 0830 | Dep Turin for Rome | A.C. Air Line      |

Note (a) Unless O.C., BLU's make other arrangements vide paragraph 4. of my



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Appendix 'A' to BGS MMIA letter  
DC/5 dated 10 Jan 55

| Itinerary          | Means of Transport | Remarks                                           |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Arrive Milan       | A.C. Air Lines     |                                                   |
| In Milan Region    |                    | Would like to meet GOC<br>2 District if possible. |
| Milan to Genoa     | MMIA car           | Will arrive Genoa by<br>1230 hrs (a)              |
| Genoa to Turin     | MMIA car           | Will arrive Turin by<br>1900 hrs (a)              |
| In Turin Region    |                    |                                                   |
| Dep Turin for Rome | A.C. Air Line      |                                                   |

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DO/6

Lt Col A.R.C. Southby, O.B.E. - Rifle Bde.,  
GSO I (SD)  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.,

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

My dear *Dusky*.

There have been many enquiries lately in connection with the CCR. We went into the whole business as far as we could with our limited staff (we have not yet got out British Police officer "CCMR Sec" here, though these are coming soon) and the attached shows the situation. The General thinks you should be au fait with it, so I send these papers to you for information and so that your Territorial Commanders can give the maximum assistance to put the CCMR on their feet as soon as possible.

Copy of letter C/92 dated 14 Dec addressed to Ministry of War, referred to in copy C/92 dated 20 Dec 45 attached, was forwarded to BLUS under cover of this HQ letter C/92 dated 19 Dec 45.

Yours *sincerely*

*Lt Col A.R.C. Southby*

7 Jan 46

TO: All BLU Commanders

LB/jw

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REF V LROF NR 7881 ~~QVR 4~~ QVR 4  
IMPORTANT  
FROM MNIA 10 0905 A  
TO 1 BLU 5 BLU 9 BLU  
100000 2 BLU 6 BLU 10 BLU  
3 BLU 7 BLU 11 BLU  
4 BLU 8 BLU 12 BLU

GR -- BT  
REF 0167 UNCLASSIFIED  
REF NY 0160 DATED 04 . SUBMIT SOONEST TO THIS HQ UNDER  
HEADINGS G AND A/2 ANY POINTS YOU WISH TO RAISE FOR ~~SW-DISCUSS77~~  
DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE 28 AND 29  
BT  
SENT CACC AT 0945 B 1 "  
ASQVR 2 IS NOT OUR DELIVERY  
WE TAKE FOR 2 BLU QVR 4 PSE  
RECD NR 7881 0947 FOR QVR 4 HIRD AR

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Subject:- Chain of Command.

2 BLU,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
G 1  
8 Jan 46.

To:- 2 TERRITORIAL HQ

Further to this HQ letter G 1 dated 7 Jan 46.

Attached herewith copy of Land Forces Sub Comm  
AC(MVIA) letter G/1/1 of 4 Jan 46, forwarded for your  
information.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
G S.

FFD/lr

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Subject :- Chain of Command Inf Divs.

10 BLU  
Tel. 15744  
NAPLES  
1 G

2 BLU.

26 Dec 45

Reference our 1 G dated 6 Dec 45.

The attached letter SD/44 of 22 Dec 45 from MMIA is forwarded for information.

CME  
/ec

*[Signature]*

Lt-Col.  
GS.  
2973

*[Signature]*

Subject: Returns.

2 BLU,  
GENOVA.  
Tel: 56575  
G 1  
12 Dec 45

Inf Div Mantova.

Ref Para 2 your 03/5890 of 11 Nov 45.

1. The returns listed below are still required by this HQ to be forwarded to higher authorities:-

Monthly return of guard duties  
Monthly return of controlled signal stores  
Monthly Intelligence Summary

2. All other returns other than those stated in Para 1 are hereby cancelled.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
G.S.

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FPD/gc



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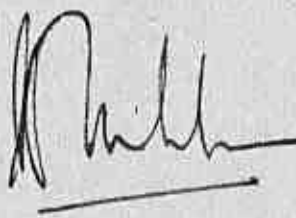
Subject :- Command - Inf Div MANTOVA.

0 41 3  
10 HLU  
Tel. 15744  
NAPLES  
1 G  
Dec 45

2 HLU.

The attached correspondence, copy of our 1 G of 23 Nov 45 and MMIA letter SD/44 of 1 Dec 45 relating to command of Inf Div MANTOVA, is forwarded for information.

CMF  
/ec

  
Lt Col  
29 CSI

COPY

Subject :- Command - Inf Div MANTOVA.

56 BLU  
1 G

23 Nov 45

MMIA,  
ROME.

1. Units of the Infantry Division MANTOVA are at present located within the boudaries of five separate territorial commands. Namely GENOA, MILAN, FLORENCE, BOLOGNA and TURIN.

2. This fact is leading to a great deal of confusion and extra correspondence as each Territorial HQ tries to command direct the units of the division which are situated within its own particular area. Thus conflicting orders arrive at a unit from Div HQ and from the Territorial HQ. Territorial HQ's demand copies of training programmes and numerous other returns from a unit about matters which should only be the concern of the Div HQ.

3. In short it appears that Territorial HQ's have no knowledge of the function and responsibilities of an "area" HQ with regard to units of a division which happens to be located within their area.

4. May action be taken to clarify this matter as the position of the GOC of Infantry Division MANTOVA, who has to cope with five Generals all of whom are trying to command units of his division, is obviously untenable.

CMF  
AG/ec

A.W. GADSDON Major  
for A.W. GIBBON Lt-Col.  
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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM  
(A) 2 BLU

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

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Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 104 Engineer Bn, Maneuver Inf Div.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Subject: Returns.-

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Tel:- 56575  
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2 TERRITORIAL COMMAND GENOA.

In accordance with instructions received from HQ. M.M.I.A. you are required to submit the under mentioned returns to this HQ. to arrive not later than 3rd of each calendar month:-

- a) Location Statement of all Italian Troops in Territorial Command down to bn or equivalent units.
- b) Intelligence Report in general terms to cover the previous month.

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