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Reference conversation Major FIELD - Major GADSDON on 17 Nov 45.

1. Please find above copy letter as requested by Major FIELD.

In The Field

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Lt Col 13

REF (FOLIO 229A FILE 5/6/9

27 ASubject:- Battlefield Clearance.Infantry Division, MANTOVA.
No 01/6288.

15 Nov 45.

NO 56 HLU.

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Reference your letter 14 Q of 13 th inst.

We are returning sample of pass issued by the Allied Commission:
W.M.D. for the recovery of battlefield scrap and submitted by you with the
above quoted letter.

by order.
Chief of Staff.
A.PIGA Major.

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14 Q

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SUBJECT :- Battlerfield Clearance.

HQ 59 Area

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16 Nov 45

16A
Reference your Q.211 of 3 Nov 45.

1. Herewith sample of pass issued by WID Sub Commission AG returned in accordance with instructions in the above letter.
2. *Please acknowledge receipt*

In The Field
AG/ajw

See 301A

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SUBJECT:- Battlefield Clearance.

HQ 59 Area
 Q 211

3 Nov 45

52 HLU
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(S&D) ?????????? MAJ for Lt Col AA & QMG

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SUBJECT :- Battlefield Clearance.

56 BLU
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EQ Inf Div MANTOVA.

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SUBJECT :- Battlefield Clearance.56 HLU
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HQ Inf Div MANTOVA

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In The Field
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Lt Col
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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C/o Signal Office
GENGA.

GEN/G/C

3 November 1945.

To :- 56 B.L.U.

The attached is forwarded as advance information.
Please return soonest after perusal.

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RV/lr

(Sgd) R. HESTON, Major,
R.A.C. (Recco)
M.M.I.A.L.O.
GENGA.

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M.M.I.A. N. Italy.
MILAN.

Phone : Milan 13989

Ref : SLOW/9/1.

1 November 1945.

TO : MILIA LO TIRIN

GENOVA

PARIZANO

BOLOGNA

MEMBERS 2/0 86 Area.

1. I have received a letter from Lt-Col Curless which gives some advanced information regarding an Admin. Instruction which will shortly be published. As he did not address it to all out-stations, I forward the salient points for your information.

2. In the immediate future, the Italian Government will be responsible for feeding all Italian soldiers other than those in the MR-ITI and BR-ITI categories. It has been agreed that the latter will be supplied from their respective Allied Depots, which means that certain British Supply Depots will have to supply the British portion of the ration direct to BR-ITI units. The Italian portion will be drawn as hitherto.

3. This may cause some controversy, but the alternative would be quite unworkable, as it would have meant the Italians responsible for feeding BR-ITIs with one Ration Scale, and all other Italian soldiers from another Ration Scale, from the same Depot. It would also have meant a complicated distribution scheme to get the British portion of the Ration to the Italian D.L.D., as sufficient food for BR-ITIs only will be available at the base for transfer to the Italian Army when this scheme comes into force.

4. As regards BR-ITI clothing and equipment, ample stocks exist to cover this commitment until the BR-ITIs disappear. The present distribution is not satisfactory. Some of the old Admin. Divs. stocks are larger than now required. The formation of Admin. Regts will result in the opening up of a larger number of Admin. Hqs, M.M.I.A., therefore propose as follows :-

A forward camp will be established at PLAZZANO, controlled by M.M.I.A. All requirements of Admin Divs/Regts in Northern Italy will be met from this camp. Each Admin. Div/Regt will have its own camp (holdings to be on an approved scale). Surplus stocks from Admin. Depots now closing down will be transferred to the new camp at PLAZZANO.

5. It is probable that as soon as this organisation is working, M.M.I.A. will be required to recommend a further reduction.

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(sgd) ? ? ? ? ? Lt-Gen. Col,
Senior MHA 10, M. Italy.

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HQ 59 Area.
Q 211.

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3. 52 BLU are requested to circulate this letter quickly to those interested and then pass to 56 BLU who are requested to return the pass to this HQ after perusal.

AAE/AL

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[Signature]
Lt Col.
AA & QMC.

5 NOV 1945

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Subject :- Unauthorized Modifications.

56 BLU
6 REME

6 Oct 45

HQ. Combat Group MANTOVA.

Copy to :- A. ✓

1. Now that the cold weather is approaching it would seem that various units are attempting to convert their jeeps into saloon cars.
2. The usual method of carrying out this conversion is to build a wooden body on the top of the existing body.
3. It is pointed out that this practice is exceedingly dangerous as in most cases the drivers vision is restricted, in addition the vehicle becomes top heavy.
4. An extremely bad example of this conversion was seen on the road on 5 Oct 45. A jeep WD No. M 5663754 of the 104 S&T Coy.
5. Instructions will be issued to all workshops and LAD's of the Group that such modifications are entirely unauthorised and will NOT be carried out under any circumstances whatsoever.
6. Further all jeeps already converted to saloon models will be reconverted to standard jeeps forthwith.

CMT
CJ/cc

B. Jones Capt
56 REME
56 BLU.

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REF FOLIO 202A FILE 50/4

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Subject:- Supply of stores to 114 Inf Regt.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
03/4232
P.M. 104 - 30 Sep 45.

56 BLU

Copy to:- HQ 114 Inf Regt.

1. 114 Inf Regt, as known, depends from Combat Group LEGNANO for administration.

2. The experience has proved that this organisation does not answer completely to the needs of the Regt, that gets only a very small quantity of what it requires from LEGNANO, and therefore apply to this HQ for what is more urgently needed. That means loss of time, move of vehicles and frequent doubts. Often the doubt arises that the Regt will either get nothing or get from two sides. The following are the greater inconveniences until now:-

(a) Supply of Winter clothing.

This HQ asked some time ago to all units their requirements, and the Regt answered that they had already put their indent through "LEGNANO". It appears now that LEGNANO will be able to issue the Regt with only a small quantity of clothing, (therefore dangerous doubts).

(b) Supply of Summer clothing.

Many reinforcements of the Regt (officers and OR's) are still wearing Italian or Green uniforms as "LEGNANO" only issues a very small quantity of clothing. Socks, Boots and boot repair material are also particularly required. (Here also confusion).

(c) Washing of Winter clothing.

This HQ gave instructions to the Regt to send their battle dress to be washed to MILAN and the Regt answered that they had the same order from "LEGNANO" (loss of time, useless correspondence).

(d) Supply of Toilet Items.

This HQ was still issuing these items to 114 Inf Regt that said they would receive them from LEGNANO (necessary to clarify).

(e) Clothing on repayment for officers.

"LEGNANO" did not issue them to the Regt and they are now asking this HQ, that had only a very small allotment (Doubts, discontent).

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114 Inf Regt is the unit that has the higher % of VOR, the cause is that "LEGNANO" repairs their own vehicles first. This also depends on spare parts supply. LEGNANO asked for a section of MANTOVA OFF to be moved to CCMO, and this HQ thought it was not possible for this constitution of the OFF, for deficiencies of personnel and spare parts. Practically now, the Regt applies often in vain to "LEGNANO" OFF and this HQ helps the Regt as far as possible subtracting the items from the already small allotments of the other units (also here doubts, preoccupations, discussions).

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To avoid the a/m inconveniences I think it is necessary and urgent to fix unmistakably how the administration re dependence of 114 Inf Regt from "LEGNANO" must be understood and practically put into effect. Completely from "LEGNANO" or completely from "MARTOVA" if it is wanted to avoid this confusion that is harmful on all sides, materially, disciplinary, and morally. The only exception that can be made, if necessary, to the system of supply, that must be uniform, is for WO controlled stores and rations. It is on this basis that I ask the urgent intervention of your office. If the question could not be quickly and clearly settled, I want to point out that this HQ has no difficulties, on the contrary would be very glad to be again responsible for all the supplies of one of its Regiments, on the welfare of which it is very keen. The eventual bigger burdens would be largely repaid and justified by many advantages, first of all the moral one.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

leave and duties.

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