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Ref: HAV/31

16 Dec. 1946

Subject: Conference at MEIA - ROME

To : 7 Terr. Comd.

1. A conference will be held during January at HQ. MEIA Rome at which will be present Commanding Officers of all B.L.U.s in ITALY.
2. This HQ. has made a list of points for discussion at the conference. Will you please forward any points you wish raised at the conference under the following headings "C", "A" and "Q".
3. Your reply should reach this HQ. not later than 10 Jan 1947.

Att for info
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H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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Ref: BLU/38

2 Sept. 1946

Subject : Training of Instructors Inf. Regts.

To : 7 Territorial Command

The attached copy of letter received from Hq. MMIA is forwarded for your information.

N
H.W. HAMILTON
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Encl: MMIA letter TRG/28/1 dated 25 August 1946.

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CONFERENCE 9th August 1946

GENERAL A/Q

1. (a) CC.P.R. will consist of only 2 officers one at HQ. and one permanently on tour. Policy awaited from W.O.

(b) I.P.W. Section to continue for present.

At present 101,000 It. prisoners still abroad, all will be back by Xmas.

(c) Directives 1 & 2 still hold good. No. 3 out of date and being rewritten.

(d) U.C.E.P. Public relations - Is HANDELLI Good? Report to MIA.

(e) Visits NOT inspections.

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(c) Do 7 GAR fire on range with or without bayonets? — *yes/no*

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Understood no changes for CRs, but proposed increases for officers.

3. AG Points

Sketch US 111 4430. MIA 767

(a) 1st July. US 111 44 30. ~~US 111~~ 757.

(b) Man power is being discussed with W.M.

(c) Directive published by which officers can be compulsorily retained -

V. Generous terms.

(d) Legal reform - Being discussed - Local CRs but right of appeal may spoil.

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(e) Italian officers did course in Personnel Selection at BENEVENTO, some probably going to W.O.

(f) Have C.A.R.s and Regts notice boards in barracks on Br. lines?

4. ARMY Points

(a) 4 Armies - Fascist - Co-belligerent - Interim Republican.

(b) Br Ord closes end Sept. then all maintenance thro APAR.

557 BOD turned over to Min. of Supply, who supply lists to UERRA with copies to APAR, who are really only a selling agency and who give no preferential treatment to W.M.

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- (a) Try Area for Br personnel.
 - (b) BLU Transport very difficult if not impossible none coming in -
Conserve present transport with utmost care.
 - (c) See GSO re travelling expenses
 - (d) When no paymaster, arrangements can be made thro 'Bank of NAPLES or thro' imprest, latter being investigated.

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Major
DAA & QIT

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/38

To: 293648/23

26 July 1946

Subject : Conference.

To : M.M.I.A.

SEE 5

1. Ref. your Signal 0232 dated 12 July 1946.
2. Herewith points which it is desired to discuss at conference on 8/9 Aug. 46.

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- a) Formation of pool of instructors for C.A.R.
- b) Alteration of CAR trg programme to cut down periods allotted to foot drill and increase range firing periods.
- c) Possibilities of monthly staggered intakes (1000) to CARs.

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- a) Replacement of personnel B.L.U.
- b) Position regarding maintenance of British vehicles and small arms due to lack of spares.
- c) British awards to Italian Army: (recommendations already 7100 sent).

CC
Mr M Alden
return

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H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
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