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mmIA "A" matters

Dec. 12, 1944 - Oct. 2, 1945

(1/30)

Subject : Postings
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Ref 13 /7a

To .33 Military Mission.

From .O.C. 385 Company RASC (GT).

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JMM
2 NOV 1945

T/4016925 Dvr Rawlings O.P.

The a/n is posted from this unit under 54 Area Posting letter,
No. ST/8 dated 30th October 1945.

In the Field

2/11/45

M. J. G. G. G.

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Capt RASC

Commanding 385 Company RASC (GT).

Tel : BARI 1383.

Subject:- Movement Order.

Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) c/o 54 Area

Ref : LO/7/2/AQ

31 October 45.

S/3778921. Pte DOYLE. J. R.A.S.C.
will report for duty to O.C. 20 PETROL DEPOT, on THURSDAY 1st Nov, 45.
Authority 54 Area ST/8 dated 30 October 45, Ready to move with kit at
09-00 hrs from 161 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, BARI.

No Rifle Held, as this is stated to have been handed in to
R.A.S.C.T.D. at NOLA in MARCH, 1944, Documents relating to this soldier
are held by HQ MMIA, and will be forwarded in due course.

ELMM
for Senior IO
Eastern Italy

Capt RASC ²⁹

ELMM/jd

Tel: BARI 13869

Subject:- Cross-Posting.

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
C/o 54 Area C.M.F.

LO/7/2/AQ

31 October 1945.

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(MMIA)

Attention CAMP Comdt.

Confirming telephone conversation of 28 Oct, 45 (CAPTS.
HUGHES-MONCKE-MASON: Speaking), and further to my LO/7/2/AQ
dated 29 October, (copy to you),

1. Attached is copy of Posting orders, in regard to
S/3778921 Pte. DOYLE, J. to 20 Petrol Depot, RASC, and
T/6018925 Dvr. RAWLINGS, O.P., RASC, from 385 Coy. RASC to 33
Mil. Mission.

2. Please may the necessary documents held by you, relating
to Pte. DOYLE, be forwarded to his new unit, and A.F.W. 3011A
rendered to GHQ. 2 Echelon by you.

3. This cross-posting was arranged in view of the
circumstances as set out in my statement attached.
In view of the facts as stated in my supplementary
statement, it was agreed that no charges would be preferred
by the AFM, 54 Area.

ELMM/ok

James.
for Senior LO
Eastern Italy
Capt. R.A.S.O.

COPY

Subject:- Postings - ORs

ST/8.

To:- CRASC. 12 G.T2 Coln (2)
CRASC. 11 Pet Installations (2)
S.L.O. 33 Military Mission.

1. The following postings are authorised and will be effected forthwith:-

T/6018925
Dvr RAWLINGS O.P.

From:-

To:-

385 Coy RASC (GT) 33 Military
Mission (Land
Forces Sub-
Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/3778921
Pte Doyle J.

33 Military
Mission (Land 20 Petrol Depot
Forces Sub-
Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

2. AFS W3011A will be rendered to GHQ 2nd Echelon by units concerned, quoting this letter as authority.

C.M.F.
30 Oct 45

(Signed) K. S. GAIN. CAPT.
for Major RASC
A/ADST 54 Area

Tel.- 13869.

Subject:- Cross-Posting.

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Liaison Office,
Land Forces Sub-Com., A.C.
M.M.I.A. 54 AREA.

10/7/2/ AQ.

S & T, 54 AREA.

(Attention-S/Capt. Personnel).

29 October, '45.

1. Confirming conversation of yesterday's date, (CAPTS. GAIN-MONCK-MASON speaking,) it would be appreciated if you could arrange for the under-mentioned soldier to be cross-posted with another soldier within this Area.
2. Details of this soldier are as follows:
S/3778921 PTE. DOYLE, J., R.A.S.C. has been employed in this Liaison Office as a Group 'C', Class III RASC Clerk, and is held against the W/E of 33 MILITARY MISSION, otherwise known as LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., (M.M.I.A.) Med. Cat. A.
3. I have contacted my HQ in ROME, and have been authorised by the Camp Command there to arrange this matter with you if possible. It is considered advisable and in the above-named soldier's best interests, that he should be posted to a Unit, where he will be among men of his own age (23), and where there is more supervision and discipline than can be obtained in a Liaison office.

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ELM/elr.

ELM
.....Capt., R.A.S.C.,
for Senior Liaison Officer,
Eastern Italy.

Copy to:- HQ, Land Forces Sub-Com., A.C., M.M.I.A.-Rome.
(Attention CAMP COMMAND.- telephone conversation of 28
Oct., refers.)

STATEMENT BY 210140, CAPT. E. L. MONCK-MASON, R.A.S.C.,
Liaison Officer, LAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.C.,
M.M.I.A. o/o 54 AREA.

At approx. 12.30 hrs, on SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1945, I rang the bell in my Mess at 160, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, BARI, in order to obtain the key of my Office from S/3778921 PTE. J. DOYLE, R.A.S.C., who is my Clerk.

My Italian cook, FRANCESCO RIZZI, answered the bell, and eventually brought me the key himself. I informed him that I wished to speak to Pte. DOYLE, and he replied that it was not possible, as he (Pte. DOYLE) was 'molto zig-zag'. I immediately went into the kitchen, where I found Pte. DOYLE, who had obviously been drinking. I spoke to him, and told him he had better go to his room, and that I would see him in the morning, but he remained and became truculent and abusive, repeating the remark, "I'm browned-off", many times. I again warned him to go to his room, and he refused, saying, "You can do what you like". I then went to the floor below, where I telephoned for the Military Police to come and take him into protective custody, as I feared he might cause trouble in my kitchen amongst my Italian cook and an Italian woman washer-up.

After a few minutes, 2 CMPs arrived with a vehicle. The senior CMP three times ordered Pte. DOYLE to stand to attention, but he failed to obey these orders. Pte DOYLE was then removed forcibly down the stairs to the vehicle below.

28 OCT., 1945.

E. L. Monck-Mason
.....
Capt., R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A. 54 AREA.

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TEL. No 13 869

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT BY CAPT. E.B. MONCK-MASON, R.A.S.C..

If possible, I wish to request that the charge or charges against S/3778921 PTE. DOYLE, J., R.A.S.C., of Land Forces Sub Comm., AC M.M.I.A. 54 Area, be dropped, for reasons as follows.

Pte. DOYLE is being posted to another Unit in this Area where he will be under more strict supervision and discipline than can be afforded by a Liaison Office of this nature.

He is normally industrious, willing, and honest. Since his return from LIAP over a month ago, he had been worried on account of his mother, who, I understand is ill. Also, up to the time of the offence in question, he had not received any mail, either from his relatives or from his girl, who has apparently found someone else. It is thought that these factors contributed largely to the unfortunate incidents on SUNDAY, 28 October, last.

In view of the fact that Pte. DOYLE is being posted to another Unit, any charges against him would have to be forwarded on, and preferred against him there. It is considered that this might unduly prejudice his chances there. I therefore ask that these charges against him be dropped, as he appears to have been suitably frightened and punished already by his night in the Military Prison.

30 October 1945

E.B. Monck-Mason
Capt., R.A.S.C.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC,
M.M.I.A. 54 AREA.

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 NOMINAL ROLL--BRITISH PERSONNEL, LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.A.C., (M.M.I.A.) 54 AREA.
 as at 24 AUGUST, 1945.

File Ref: LO/7/2/AQ.

Number.	Rank.	Name & Initials.	Corps or Regt.	Married or Single	Med. Cat.	Date of Birth.	Date of Enlist-ment.	Date of Embark-ation.	Age/Gr.	Release
210140	T/Capt.	MONCK-MASON, E.L.	R.A.S.C.	S.	A.	26/1/11.	8/4/40.	13/3/43.	21.	
7632759	Sgt.	CHESTERFIELD, H.S.	R.A.O.C.	M.	B.2.	12/4/12.	4/6/40.	22/2/43.	23.	
227207	Cpl.	CANNELL, B.	R.A.S.C.	M.	A.	23/2/14.	19/10/40	15/5/43.	27	
2088463	Cpl.	BROWN, J.	R.A.O.C.	M.	A.	14/4/14.	3/5/38.	8/11/42.	21.	on UAP (19)
3778921	Pte.	DOYLE, J.	R.A.S.C.	S.	A.	30/1/22.	1/7/40.	21/1/43.	34.	on UAP (19)

The following Personnel are attached temporarily to this Detachment:

205074	T/Maj.	TRUSCOTT, T.	R.E.M.E.	M.	A.	22/2/04.	24/10/38.	13/10/42	11.	deferred	on UAP (18)
7626916	Dvr.	WILSON, R.	R.E.M.E.	M.	A.	31/3/14.	15/6/40.	10/11/42	24.		on UAP (18)

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Subject:- Nominal Roll & Details
of Personnel (BRITISH).

Liaison Office,
LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.,
A.C., M.M.I.A. 54 Area.

To:- HQ, Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C., (M.M.I.A.) ROME.
(For attention of CAMP COMINT.)

LC/7/2/AQ. ←

11 August, 1945.

1. Herewith is forwarded Nominal Roll of BRITISH Personnel of this Detachment, together with relevant details of Age, Service, etc., for your information and amendment of your records.
2. Also appended are details of service of personnel for inclusion in Part II Orders, in relation to entitlement of Medal and Campaign Ribbon Awards.
3. Please may the relevant copies of casualties be forwarded to this office, when published, so that the necessary entries may be made in the appropriate documents (A.B.439 or A.B.64.).

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J. L. M. M.

Capt., R.A.E.C.

for Senior Liaison Officer,
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.,
M.M.I.A. c/o 54 AREA.

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NOMINAL ROLL BRITISH PERSONNEL OF LAND FORCES SUB-COMM. HQ.
M.M.I.A. c/o 54 AREA, at 11 AUGUST, 1945.

Appendix 'A'

to 10/7/45

dated 11 Aug. '45

Number.	Rank.	Name & Initials.	Grade	Religion.	Med. Cat.	Date of Birth.	Date of Enlistment	Date of Release.
210146.	T/Capt.	MONCK-MASCH, E.J.	R.A.S.C.	C of E.	A.	25/ 1/11.	8/4/40.	13/3/43. 21.
2088463.	Cpl.	BROWN, J.	R.A.S.C.	S.C.	A.	14/ 4/24.	9/3/38.	5/11/42. 21.
1/51 2921.	Pte.	DOYLE, J.	R.A.S.C.	R.O.	A.	30/ 1/22.	1/7/40.	21/1/43. 34.

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7626916.	Dvr.	* WILSON, R.	R.E.M.E.	C of E.	A.	21/ 3/14.	15/4/40.	10/11/44. 24.

* Departed for U.K. on LIAP(18)-11/8/45. Authy. 54 area letter 4180A dated 6/8/45.

* Under orders to report to Unit for LIAP vacancy, -14/8/45.

The following personnel are no longer on the strength of this Detachment, for reasons stated, and are therefore S.O.S:

117098.	T/Maj.	HOLT, C.P.	R.W.V.	Posted as MMIA L.O. 3 DISTRICT (HABLES).
2/4533423.	C.E.M.	FURCA, W.J.	P.A.S.C.	Posted to MMIA HOME, for onward transmission to MEMO.
6348370.	Pte.	NICHOLS, A.	R.A.S.C.	Posted to MMIA L.O. 3 DISTRICT, as clerk.
6146352.	R.F.H.	HOLD, N.	K.R.R.C.	Posted to MMIA L.O. 3 DISTRICT, as Dvr/Teamman tol.
	Ger.	MCDONALD, H.J.	R.A.	Posted to U.K., under 'MYTHON' authy. 023/25c/.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, I.C.C. M.A.I.A. o/o 54 AREA,
at 11 AUGUST, 1941.

Appendix 'B'
to letter 50/7/41/10 dated 11/8/41.

Number.	Rank.	Name.	Grade of Regt.	Record of Service.	Entitled to	Authority.
205074.	T/MAJOR.	TRUSCOTT, T.	E.F.M.E.	U.K. - Sept. '39-Oct. '42. E.F.M.E. - Nov. '42-Nov. '43. Italy - Nov. '43 to date.	Defence Star & 39-45 Star Africa Star & 1st Army clasp. Italy Star	Requested Already granted Requested
208463.	T/CAPT.	HONOK-MASON, E.J.	R.A.S.C.	U.K. - 8/4/40-13/3/43. Africa: 13/3/43-4/10/43. Italy: 4/10/43 to date.	'39-45 Star & Defence Star? Africa Star & 1st Army clasp Italy Star	Requested granted under O.E. Pt II. 257.42 Requested
208463.	CPL.	BROWN, J.	R.A.S.C.	U.K. - 1-8 Sept. '39-8/12/42. Africa: 8/12/42-July '44. Italy: July '44 to date.	'39-45 Star Africa Star & clasp. Italy Star	Requested Already granted Requested
259916.	DVR.	WILSON, R.	E.F.M.E.	U.K. - 15/4/40-10/11/42 Africa: 10/11/42-10/11/43. Italy: 10/11/43 to date.	'39-45 Star Africa Star & 1st Army clasp Italy Star	Requested Already granted Requested
8/5773921.	PTE.	DOYLE, J.	E.A.S.C.	U.K. - 1/7/40-11/1/43. Africa: 11/1/43-23/11/44. Italy: 23/11/44 to date.	'39-45 Star Africa Star & 1st Army clasp Italy Star	Requested Requested Requested

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M.M.I.A. TRANSPORT.

To:- Transport Officer, H.Q.M.M.I.A.

From:- M.M.I.A., 54 AREA.

Date:- 25 MAY.1945.

WD Number.	MAKE.	TYPE	(a) ODOMETER READING.	(b) CLASSIFIC- TATION. (as per A.B.406)	DATES of LAST 406 INSPECTION W/shops. Section
Z.4930408.	Ford.	15-cwt.	30,239	Class I	14/5/45 28/4
M.5244295	Standard.	Utility.	V.O.R.	awaiting new engine.	Documents held by W/shops.
C.888619.	M/C Triumph.	350.c.c.	4,600	Class I	28/5/45 20/5 (due)
C.5425693.	" "	" "	2,260.	" "	24/5/45 5/5

(a) If Speedometer is out of order, given estimated mileage since new
 (b) Only RASC or REME W/shops Officers authorised to classify vehs.

26 May, '45.

W. H. H. H.
 Major.
 Senior MMIA LO 54 Area.

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L0/2/1/aa

Subject: Italian Army Transport.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Q/5
23 May 1945

To: MMIA LO, 54 Area

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Reference your AQ/287 dated 21.5.45 and
conversation HOLT-CURTIES, herewith copy of Office
Instruction No. 86. L0/2/1/aa

Captain Truscott is primarily responsible
for the supervision of the Italian Army Repairs
Organisation at Bari and for ensuring the maximum
output of reconditioned vehicles.

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R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.
for Major General
MMIA

Curties
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RAC/slb

ARMY FORM 210 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

S/L No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

MMIA LO 54 AREA

21 11 21 B

For Action

MMIA ROSE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

AC/200 RESTRICTED(.) Confirming conversation BOLT-TAYLOR (.)
 Capt TRUSCOTT reported here 19 May 45 (.) understand he is to
 concern himself with Italian tpt repairs only and is solely
 responsible for this subject direct to H. MMIA ROSE while
 being attached to this office for adm

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Time	System	Op.
THU 21 11 21	OR	
Time cleared		

SIGNED

SIGNED

(CY45) Wt. 4000 Pads. 1/44 B.S.S. Ltd. 40241

Proximal

Army Form B122
Sheet No.

Date of Enrollment

Long Service }
and G.C. Pay }

No. and date }
of last drink }

Case of
Drunk-
enness

Offence

and G.C. Pay,

Names of Witnesses

Punishment Awarded

Date of award or
of order dispensing
with trial

By whom awarded

Remarks

Liberty

14 Plan Mayor G.P. 1862

7 days CB

Dr. McKee-

Awol 22 hrs

12 May 95 Pte

Baker

Serial Number in case of enemy prisoner of war.

[P.T.O.]

(41317) WL49123 409 600m. 342 H.T.C. 51-4509.

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RECEIPT FOR SOLDIER'S DOCUMENTS

(a) RECEIPT for Original Attestation and Soldier's Documents (for insertion in portfolio)
 No 6846352 RANK Pte NAME Hold, W. CORPS K.R.R.

Received from the Military Mission Italian Army.

The Attestation of the above-named man, which is required in consequence of

NOTE. — Part (a) and Part (b) are to be completed when the form is used in respect of one soldier only, and the form when signed as a receipt will be placed in the portfolio of the soldier in respect of whom the form is used. When the form is used as a nominal roll in respect of more than one soldier Part (a) will be struck out. See notes to Part (b).

(b) DETAIL OF DOCUMENTS.

(See Instructions overleaf.)

Note. — Blank Columns to be used when not sent should be struck out.

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Officer	Liaison Officer	M.M.I.A.	Bari.
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Please receive ti

Signature
of
Officer
forwarding
documents

Rank

Station

C.M.F.

Capt Camp Commandant;
Mission Italian Army?

Date 16/5/45

Signature
of Officer
who
receives the
documents

Rank

Station

NOTE † When Original Attestations withdrawn from portfolios are forwarded accompanied by other documents, one form
When documents are forwarded otherwise Part (b) of the form may be adopted as a Nominal Roll and additional

(See Instructions overleaf.) *Note. — Blank Columns to be used for other documents as necessary, and particulars of Forms shown hereon not sent should be struck out.*

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er Liaison Officer M.M.I.A. Bari.

Please receive the documents as indicated above

Rank

Capt Camp Commandant;
Mission Italian Army?

Station

C.M.F.

Date _____

16/5/45

Signature
of Officer
who
receives the
documents

Rank

Station

Date _____

NOTE † When Original Attestations withdrawn from portfolios are forwarded accompanied by other documents, one form will be used for each man.

When documents are forwarded otherwise Part (b) of the form may be adopted as a Nominal Roll and additional forms attached as required

- (a) On transfer to another Corps.
 (b) On posting to another Battalion (or other portion) of his Corps.
 (c) On being detached for duty with another Corps.
 (d) On transfer to the Army Reserve.
 (e) On discharge.

2. Officers receiving documents should at once check them by the entries on this form. If correct they should sign and return this form to the officer who sent it.

3. If any document is missing they must at once apply for it, as they will be held responsible for any deficiency which may afterwards be found to exist.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICES

The Officer Camp Commandant

Military Mission Italian Army.

C.M.F.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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 - (a) On transfer to another Corps.
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HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICES

ap Commandant

itary Mission Italian Army.

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SUBJECT:-

Part II Orders - Officers.

To:-

(117098)

T/MAJOR G.P. HOLT

Military Mission Italian Army,
Central Mediterranean Force.

Ref No Camp/ /110

Date:- 30th April 1945

The following extract(s) from G.M.O. 2nd Echelon
..... (X List) Part II Order is/are forwarded for information.
..... SERIAL 785

Personal No.

117098

Rank & Name

T/MAJOR G.P. HOLT

Unit

P.W.F.

Part II Order No 785

Dated:- 26th April 1945

Particulars of Casualty:

To be G.S.O.2(1)

W.E.F. 28 Mar 1945

Field.

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Captain, Camp Comdt.,
Mil. Miss. Italian Army.

Subject: Change of Address.

SECRET

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LO/7/2/AQ

Maison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
TPD/6

To : Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MMIA) R C M E

9 APR 45

Confirming signal ST/393 dated 8 APR 45.
(not to all addressees)

1. W.a.f. 0830 hrs, 9 APRIL 1945, MMIA LO
52 AREA, will be located at

97 Corso Umberto, TARANTO
(opposite Officers Transit House)

2. Telephone No. remains unchanged 2539

E.L. Mmmmmmmmm

Capt. R.A.S.O.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MMIA) 52 Area

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MMIA 54 AREA (2) — 607

Subject. Additional Personnel.

(36)
Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).
(MMIA) c/o Hq 54 Area.
LO/7/2/AQ
10 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

1. this office:-

Att at Appx'A' to this letter is a table showing for

- a) Present establishment and employment.
- b) Additional requirements of personnel.

2. The request for additional personnel is based upon the following considerations:-

a) HQ 3 District consider HQ 230 Div. as one of their subordinate formations, and send orders direct to them on all questions incl movements affecting BRIT units. This works very well, but it calls for guidance and supervision by this office. An additional officer Italian speaking is much required to assist and guide HQ 230 Div. He would also be most useful for contacts with Senior Italian Comds, where it is not polite to use a junior Italian Officer interpreter. Additional tasks to make it a full time job can very readily be found.

b) On the ST side, we have lost one man from the Port Det, who was returned to RASC TD. The American S.Sgt, also of the Port Det, has been ill for six weeks with jaundice, but it is hoped he will be back soon. So no personnel of the Port Det. have been available for fresh allocation. And it was found necessary after Ray had gone to borrow the Boyle from TARANTO for a week to supervise transfers from 22 CRASC to BARI Food Depot. Pte Doyle has now returned to TARANTO, and Cpl Robinson has been loaned from the "central" office, for this purpose.

Slackness at the Port, has given the opportunity to extend the Port Det, into a Port and Railway Det. This fills an urgent need as railway movement of personnel, sups, clothing stores, ammunition etc from and to BARI is continuous and growing. Under Capt Gutarie, the Port and Railway Det. will look after all loading, despatching, unloading, and form a liaison between the consignor and movements. They will be responsible also for informing consignees of date of despatch and full particulars of contents of wagons. It is considered therefore that when the American S/Sgt returns from hospital, he will have his hands full. An additional man is therefore requested as part time clerk for the Port and Railway Det, and part time checker in the BARI Food Depot.

With the increase of checking now required on POL and vels, it is also requested that a senior WCO Depot Supervisor be posted. His main task would be to follow up inspections by Capt. FREELAND, and when necessary to make competent inspections himself, when Capt. FREELAND is unable to do so, owing to pressure of local and routine matters.

c) On the ORD side, additional warehouse space has been taken over for the sorting and repair of clothing. GIORDANO has been BRIT sorting and repair depot, and a BRIT issue Depot. Cpl. Brown is fully occupied on the sorting and repair side. A British WCO or man is urgently required in the BRIT Issue Depot. Repair Depot No.2 has now been moved into the warehouse which previously held jute sacks in via PASUBIO. An American WCO or man is therefore required to supervise transactions in this depot.

subordinate formations, and send orders direct to them on all questions incl movements affecting BRIT units. This works very well, but it calls for guidance and supervision by this office. An additional officer Italian speaking is much required to assist and guide HQ 230 Div. He would also be most useful for contacts with Senior Italian Comds, where it is not polite to use a junior Italian Officer interpreter. Additional tasks to make it a full time job can very readily be found.

b) On the ST side, we have lost one man from the Port Det, Pte Ray, who was returned to RASC TD. The American S.Sgt, also of the Port Det, has been ill for six weeks with jaundice, but it is hoped he will be back soon. So no personnel of the Port Det. have been available for fresh allocation. And it was found necessary after Ray had gone to borrow Pte Doyle from TARANTO for a week to supervise transfers from 22 CRASC to BARI Food Depot. Pte Doyle has now returned to TARANTO, and Cpl Robinson has been loaned from the "central" office, for this purpose.

Slackness at the Port, has given the opportunity to extend the Port Det, into a Port and Railway Det. This fills an urgent need as railway movement of personnel, sups, clothing stores, ammunition etc from and to BARI is continuous and growing. Under Capt Guthrie, the Port and Railway Det. will look after all loading, despatching, unloading, and form a liaison between the consignor and movements. They will be responsible also for informing consignees of date of despatch and full particulars of contents of wagons. It is considered therefore that when the American S/Sgt returns from hospital, he will have his hands full. An additional man is therefore requested as part time clerk for the Port and Railway Det, and part time checker in the BARI Food Depot.

With the increase of checking now required on POL and vehs, it is also requested that a senior NCO Depot Supervisor be posted. His main task would be to follow up inspections by Capt. FREELAND, and when necessary to make competent inspections himself, when Capt. FREELAND is unable to go out owing to pressure of local and routine matters.

c) On the ORD side, additional warehouse space has been taken over for the sorting and repair of clothing. GIORDANO has been BRIT sorting and repair depot, and a BRIT issue Depot. Cpl. Brown is fully occupied on the sorting and repair side. A British NCO or man is urgently required in the BRIT issue Depot. Repair Depot No.2 has now been moved into the warehouse which previously held jute sacks in Via PASUBIO. An American NCO or man is therefore required to supervise transactions in this depot.

d) In the central office, we have Chief Clerk, S/Sgt DUGGAN. Apart from his duties of Chief Clerk, he is extremely well in the picture, and invaluable in preventing numerous daily callers, both Allied and Italian from disturbing Officers with minor questions.

He is always busy. Cpl. Robinson's duties embrace typing for me collecting and delivering mail, general duties in every office, and domestic questions, such as NAAFI. He also is fully occupied. It is further submitted that as a category man he is employed correctly and valuably. We have also a civilian secretary employed, who works chiefly with me, translating letters, answering Italian phone calls, and interpreting for all departments. I have found by experience that she interprets better than Italian Officers, as not being in the Italian Army, the "humility" of a junior Italian Officer to his senior is absent, and she says directly what I want her to say. This is also preferred by the Senior Italian Officers, who invariably ask for her when they call.

3. The above is intended to give a fairly full picture of both the employment of our present personnel and our most pressing needs, and I respectfully submit that the additional personnel requested are fully necessary for us to carry out in an efficient manner the work that is required in this area.

JGB/jmr

JGB
J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MNIA LO.
C/o HQ 64 Area.

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MIA BARIa) PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT

Appt	Offrs	S.Sjts	Sjts.	Cpls	Ptes	REMARKS
Senior MIA LO Chief Clerk. Clerks Drivers	1(B)	1(B)				1(B) Plus one secretary 1(B) interpreter (civilian)
<u>S & T</u>						
Sector LO BARI Area, Port and Ry LO Clerks	1(B)					
Port and Ry Det.		1(A)*		1(A)		
Depot Personnel			1(A)*			* In hospital with Jaundice. * At BARLETTA Food Depot.
Drivers					1(B)	
<u>ORD.</u>						
Issue Control and Accounts.	1(A)					
Repair Supervision Clerks	1(A)					
Depot Personnel				1(B)	1(A)	1(A) In GIORDANO Repair Depot and LA ROCCA
Drivers			2(A)			
TOTAL	5	2	1	5	4	

b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Appt	Offrs	S.Sjts	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes	REMARKS
Liaison Officer	1					For 230 Div, and various.
<u>S & T</u>						
Senior NCO Depot Supervision Port & Ry Det. Clerk		1*(B)				* Can be a Sjt? * Also Checker in BARI Food Depot.
<u>ORD.</u>						

	5	3	1	5	4
TOTAL					

APPT	Offrs	S. Sjts	Sjts	Cpls	Ptes	Remarks
Liaison Officer 1						For 230 Div, and various.
S & T						

Senior NCO Depot Supervision Port & Ry Det. Clerk Clerk *	1*(2)	*	
		1(B)	*Can beea Sjt? *Also Checker in SARI Food Depot.
ORD.			
Depot Personnel		1(A) 1(B)	In Repair Depot No 2(via Pasubio) In GIORDANO BRITI Issue Depot.
TOTAL	1	1	3

Subject. Pay - ORs

(34)
Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LO/7/2/AQ
10 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

3775964 Fus. WIGGINS J.

Ref your Camp/Q/2 dated 4 Jan 45.

1. It is my opinion that the work of the a/m soldier warrants his being upgraded to Class 1a.

2. Herewith particulars as far as is known :-

Date of enlistment.	15 March 1940
Date joined MMIA.	Jan 44
Unit in which soldier was serving on 15 March 1943.	6 Innskill. Fus.
Name of C.O. not known	Major Whittle.
Name of Coy Comd.	

Fus. Wiggins has served in no other units except MMIA since leaving his parent unit.

3. Applications has previously been made and it is understood from CQMS Robertson that the matter had been taken up with O2E. The result is not known.

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J.G.Bird
J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
54 Area.

SUBJECT:PAY

To:-

MMIA Liaison Officer,
c/o HQ., 54 Area,
CME.

Land Force, Su't Comm., A.C.,
(Military Mission Italian Army)
CME.
Ref. Camp/Q/2
4th January, 1945.

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3775964. Fus. Wiggins, J. Innisk. Fus.

According to our records, the a/m OR became due for Class 1a rates of pay on the 15th March, 1943. Will you please state whether, in your opinion, his work warrants his being up-graded to this class. If your reply is favourable will you please let us have the following information about this man:-

Date of enlistment. 15.2.40

Date joined MMIA JAN 44

Unit in which soldier was serving on 15th March, 1943 and present location of unit (where known) 6 INNS. NORTH AFRICA.

Name of C.O. and/or any other Officers under whom serving at that time with present address where known. O.C. May, 44. Location not known

Names of any other units in which soldier has served since that time and prior to joining present unit.

Names of C.O.s and/or any other Officers under whom serving at those times with addresses where known. NOT KNOWN.

Whether any action has previously been taken to secure Class 1a rates of pay and with what result. APPLICATION IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY CORP ROBERTSON PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING IN A.M.I.A.

RESULT NOT KNOWN

Field,
CCA.

P. J. H. H.
Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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SUBJECT: PAY

To:

MIA Mission Officer,
c/o HQ, 24 Area,
COM.

312596, The Virginia J. Jones, Inc.

According to our records, the MIA OR became due for Class 1a rates of pay on the 15th March, 1943. Will you please state whether, in your opinion, his work warrants his being up-graded to this class. If your reply is favourable will you please let us have the following information about this man:-

Date of enlistment.

Date joined MIA.

Unit in which soldier was serving on 15th March, 1943 and present location of unit (where known).

Name of C.O. and/or any other Officer under whom serving at that time with present address where known.

Name of any other units in which soldier has served since that time and prior to joining present unit.

Name of C.O. and/or any other Officers under whom serving at those times with addresses where known.

Whether any action has previously been taken to see if Class 1a rates of pay and with what result.

Filed.
COA.Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

Land Force 3rd Group, A.G.
(Military Mission Italian Army)
MIA
Ref. Camp 1/2
4th January, 1943.

Subject. Telephone activities.

Liaison Office. **29**
Land Forces Sub Command C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LO/7/2/AQ.
4 Jan 45.

H.Q.3 District (East Det.)

1. MMIA BARI have recently increased both its officer and clerk personnel, and subsequently taken over further office space, vacated by Italian A/A H.Q. in 161 via Vittorio Emanuele.

2. There are three distinct branches in MMIA, BARI who are in separate offices and have communication with different branches of other HQ both Allied and Italian.

3. These three have each at present a telephone as follows:-

<u>Appt</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tele No.</u>
a) Senior MMIA LO	Major J.G.BIRD	11458
b) ORD.	(Capt I.V.FORDYCE Capt J.N.CASTNER Italian Liaison Offr	13869
c) ST.	(Capt. G.C.GUTHRIE Capt K.FREELAND Italian Liaison Offr	13484

4. The two telephones a) and b) above have been authorised, and it is requested that c) above, which was taken over with the new office space may also be authorised. There is a further telephone No. unknown which is connected to the wires of the old Italian A/A exchange, which is not required and will be surrendered.

J.G.Bird
J.G.BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

ARMY FORM C2130 (Signal)

MESSA

FORM

Call

Sel. No.

Priority

Register No.

Transmitting Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

RMIALO 64 AREA

01 1230 A

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

AQ/40 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Subject posting ORs (.) Dvr ROYDS departs BARI
by train 1620 hrs today arriving NOAB 1300 hrs 3 Jan (.) Dvr RAY departs
same train for RASC TD

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { ENCRYPT {

WHILE

IF LIABLY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY
IMPORTANT

Time System 6

THI or TOR

Time cleared

Signed

Signed

Subject. Posti ORs

Liaison Office. (21)
Land Forces Sub Command C.
(MIA) c/o HQ 54 Area
10/7/2 AQ
31 Dec 44.

RASC Training Depot
C.N.F.

T/1465041 Dvr. Ray, J. RASC.

The above mentioned soldier is posted
to you in accordance with instructions received from GHQ 2nd
Echelon.

Authy. C2E/MP/ATT/2561 dated 15 Dec 44.

J.G. Bird
J.G. BIRD Major
Senior MIA LO
54 Area C.N.F.

Copy to: Camp Commandant, HQ MIA (your Camp/Q/9 dated 23 Dec 44
refers

note for Camp

Depart BARI 1 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: POSTI

To:-

MMIA Liason Officer,
c/o H.Q.
54 Area,
CMF.

Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,
(Military Mission Italian Army)
CMF.
Ref. Camp/Q/9
23rd Decr. 1944.

T/146504.1 Dvr. Ray, J. RASC.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from O2E to-day. In accordance with the instructions contained therein will you please despatch the a/m OR direct to the RASC Training Depot and advise this Office immediately this is done in order that the appropriate casualty may be published.

Field.
CCA.

27/12 9/8

P. J. H.
Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

From manpower section,
GHQ 2nd Echelon CMF.

Secret.
021 P/ATT/2561
Date 15 Dec. 44

To: ACC Main HQ MMIA

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of RASC Personnel.

T/14654041 Dvr. Ray. Dvr. B2

1. The present reinforcement situation is such that it has become necessary to recall RASC personnel held surplus to W/E for posting to existing vacancies within War Establishment of RASC units.
2. The above named ORs are recorded by this HQ as attached to your unit surplus to W/E. They will be returned immediately to RASC Training Depot for use as normal reinforcements.
3. Please notify to this HQ date of despatch and publish appropriate casualty, quoting this letter as authority.

(Signed)

Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ.2nd Echelon.

144/26 LO
 HARD V. NEDY 15 753

FROM DIA 261541 1

TO 34 AREA

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AO 2464 . RESTRICTED : FOR DIA LO .

IT IS CONFIRMED THAT POST

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BUT MUST BE HELD AVAILABLE FOR ANY INCOMING

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Subject: Office Hours.

Station Officer
1st Force Sub (mm)
A.C. MMIAO 54 Area
LO/7/2/AQ
12 Dec 44

1. Office hours for Bari office, MMIA, will be as follows:-

Weekdays.

0845 - 1230 hrs
1400 - 1800 hrs

Sundays.

0915 - 1230 hrs
1400 - 1800 hrs

2. No office will be left unattended during office hours. When an officer goes out, he will arrange for a clerk to answer his telephone. The clerk will note down all calls received during the officer's absence.

3. The chief Clerk will arrange for a duty clerk to have the offices opened and prepared for work in the morning before office hours.

J.G. Bird

J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
54 Area

JGB/vtg

Distribution:- All Officers
All Clerks

1400