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Reorganisation of Italian
Army + mmA - BLU's(3823
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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: MANTOVA.Divisional School.

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Lt Col A.W. GIBSON
C/o No.2 RHJ

CINOA

27 Nov 45

M.M.I.A. ("P" Branch).

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4. The Ministry appear to have closed the School without reference to MMIA. This means that they have rejected my advice without your concurrence, and have thereby weakened the position of the BHU with the Italians. In the past General Bologna has never had reason to regard the advice of the BHU as suspect. With

With the redeployment of the BIU's I feel that it is now more than ever important that he and other senior Italian officers should not have their faith in British advice weakened. I therefore recommend:-

- a. That the question of whether or not the MANTOVA Divisional School should reopen may be considered by MMIA, and that if it is agreed that the School should be reopened, the necessary orders may be issued.
- b. That an arrangement may be made with the Ministry which will protect the BIU's from similar "loss of face" in the future.

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Lt Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Command - Inf Div MANTOVA.

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23 Nov 45

MILAN,
ROME.

1. Units of Infantry Division MANTOVA are at present located within the boundaries 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 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. Any 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/co

[Signature]
Lt-Col,
for. GS.

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MEPK V MEAV NR150403 QVR7

FROM DISTWO 151800A

TO (1) 7 AGRA (2) 217 AREA (3) 50 SUB AREA

INFO (4) 50 BLU (5) 51 BLU (6) 53 BLU (7) 56 BLU

(8) MMIA (9) MMIALO NW ITALY

QQY GR24 BT

GO/4154 . CONFIDENTIAL . REF THIS HQ SIGNAL GO/4137 OF 13
TO ALL . MMIA HAVE AGREED TO THIS READING OF FUTURE POSN OF
ICG'S AND BLU'S

BT TAI 1845

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ROUTINE

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Subject: ISSUES TO ALLIED ARMED FORCES.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 56 B.L.U.
ORD 11/2
15 NOV 45.

G.2.
56 B.L.U.

B.O.W.O. 56 B.L.U. (for information)

(27A)

1. Herewith copies of letters ORD/5048 dated 14 NOV 45 and DCS/7209 dated 8 NOV 45 received from D.D.O.3. 2 DISTRICT for your information.
2. Please acknowledge receipt.

RMIS/IR.

18 NOV 1945

B.E.H. Sewell
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 56 B.L.U.
B.E.H. SEWELL

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COPY.

Subject:- ISSUES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

00 50 ELU
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00 56 ELU

HQ 2 DISTRICT CMF

Tel Ext: 313

ORD/5048

14 NOV 45

1. The attached copy of DOS letter DOS/7209 dated 8 NOV 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. With regard to para 2 of the a/q letter, it is appreciated that this presents insurmountable difficulties and an alternative procedure has been suggested to GRJ. If the alternative procedure is agreed it will be made known to you in due course.

/ALS

(signed) ?????????? Lt. 3858
(PW BUTLIN)
for Col. DOS

COPY

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
CHQ. CMTSubject:- ISSUES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Ref: DOS/7209

Tel: FREEDOM 4557

DDOS 2 DISTRICT.8 NOV 45

1. Consequently upon the publication of AMC 31,711 S(3D)-O dated 2 NOV 45 waf 2400 hrs 14 November the Five Bri-Iti Combat Groups and their support units will be transferred to the control of the Italian Army.
2. Action will be taken to implement DOS Circular No. 224, para 5(b) (i)(ii) and (iii) in respect of all equipment (including lease lend) in possession of Italian Units administered by HQ 50-51-52-53 and 56 HLU as at 2400 hrs 14 NOV 45.
3. The necessary consolidated lists of all equipments issued to the combat groups and their support units, together with the supporting documents, will be forwarded to Land Forces Sub-Commission, MILA, AG, CMT, as soon as possible after that date, in accordance with the a/m DOS Circular.
4. The maintenance of these forces is the responsibility of the Italian Government and after 14 November 1945 no further issues of stores will be made from ORD sources, with the following exception:-
 - (a) Certain equipment may be issued on loan as a temporary expedient up to the 1 January 1946. In no circumstances will any equipment be issued after 14 November 1945 without the authority of the Staff at this HQ.
 - (b) Up to one year's maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles, and other equipment, so provided, as may be surplus to British requirements.
5. In order that a sealing for equipments referred to in para 4(b) above may be prepared, DDOS HLU's will be instructed to comply with DOS Circular No. 161, para 4 (1) A & B without delay.
6. When the sealing of equipments is complete (except in the case of lethal war-like equipment) it will be declared as surplus to British requirements to Chief Disposal Officer (Italy), Ministry of Supply, in accordance with established procedure, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. Subject to the DSO (Italy) agreeing to these priorities, the responsibility for subsequent allocation and issue of these stores is that of the Italian Government. In the case of lethal war-like equipment, transfers will be arranged, by this HQ with MILA.
7. Issues to Bri-Iti units (less the five combat groups) who continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements, will follow the procedure laid down in DOS Circular No. 224, para 5(a) and 8(a) and (b).

Signed: AL NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS
For Maj-Gen. DOS

Copy to: (45)

MIL, AG, CMT.

DDO (ITALY) British Embassy, Rome.

SUBJECT : Combat Groups

SECRET

HQ 2 District CMF
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13 Nov 45

7 AGRA
59 Area
217 Area
60 Sub Area

COPY : CHQ CMF

ITALIA
MILANO NW ITALY
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51 BLU
52 BLU
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Further to this HQ signal CC/4116 of 8 Nov 45.

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TURIN
MILAN
BOLZANO
UDINE
NAPLES

BLU

51
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53
52
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B Type Territorial HQs

GENOA
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE
BARI
FALERMO

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3. (a) The Combat Groups, while in AIC territory, will remain under operational command of HQ 2 District through HQ Areas/Sub Area.

- (b) This means that the only change in procedure will be that, whereas now an Area Comd gives orders to a Combat Group through the BLU attached to it, in future he will pass orders through the BLU attached to the Territorial Comd in which the Combat Gp is.

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 15 NOV 1945

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4. The S-C, Med Theatre reserves the right to assume command at any time of the whole or any part of the Italian Army located in the theatre and to delegate his authority to command firms and units of the Italian Army to any Allied Command whom he may direct.
5. The attached map showing the distribution of Territorial Commands is forwarded to action addressees of this letter.

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CCFB Deane H. Lee
 for Major General
 Commanding 2 District

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

D.A. & G.H.G.
 A
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FROM MMIA 131515A
TO 50 BLU : 51 BLU : 52 BLU : 53 BLU : 56 BLU
INFO DISTWO : DISTHREE
GR -- BT

O-150 RESTRICTED
REF AFHQ FX 52408 DATED 08 NOT TO BLUS AND MMIA SD 3050
DATED 11 NOT TO DISTS (.) WEF 14 2400 BLUS WILL NOW
REDEPLOY AS DETAILED IN MY A 010/2 DATED 30 OCTOBER (.)
MOVEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 21 2400 AND CHANGE OF LOCN
REPORTED TO THIS HQ COPY TO DISTS (.) WHILE ITALIAN
TPS REMAIN UNDER ALLIED OPERATIONAL COMD BLUS WILL
CONTINUE TO PERFORM LIAISON DUTIES WITH ALLIED AREAS AND
DISTS ON BEHALF OF INF DIVS FROM ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ
IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER DUTIES (.) (.) FULL DIRECTIVE WILL BE
ISSUED AT CONFERENCE ON 18

BT 131515A
SENT NR 1624
RECD WHM B K

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REB BBB

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ARMY FORM 5-1 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.
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FROM (A) DISTWO			Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
			132000A	D471 14001
MMIA				
TO	(B) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions	GR
GHQ CMF	50 BLU 51 BLU 52 BLU			
53 BLU	56 BLU MMIALO NW ITALY 7AQR1			
59 AREA	217 AREA 608A			
Originator's No.				
CONFIDENTIAL 90/41370				

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 under ITALIAN operational command on 15 Nov
 @ This contradicts Para 5(c) of AFHQ
 letter AG/091/711/952/0 of 2 Nov which clearly
 states that this does NOT apply to AMG
 controlled territory @ all groups are in
 AMG territory and therefore remain under
 OP Command. HQ @ have stressed this
 point already in Signal 90/4116 of 8 Nov
 and 90/4121 of 9 Nov both to you former

GHQ CMF 50BLU 51BLU 52BLU
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point already in Signals GO/4116 of 8 NOV
and GO/4121 of 9 NOV both to you formal
/ & all @ request you contact letter if you agree
as this matter causing considerable
confusion

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by my means
except
.....
WIRELESS.

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into
enemy hands this message must be sent IN
CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's Instructions:
Degree of Priority.

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Time Cleared		

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Net No.

Priority

Ltr. Johnson Instructions

17A

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

56 BLU

14 14 30 A

For Action

TO

MMIA (ROME)

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

Originator's No.

Get 8 Unclassified & Reference redeployment
 56 BLU 17 Strongly recommend that Capt SEWELL
 O O 56 BLU remain attached No 2 B Co BDU
 for Red Division MANTEGA Div. who will
 otherwise have to depend for Red Division
 on 1st BDU & SEWELL has BYRON, JAN. 41

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

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Time cleared

SIGNED

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14 NOV 1945

Important

FROM: - MEMA.

IMPORTANT.

12 - 10 - 31.

FOR ACTION:- 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU.
MEMA IO MILAN.

Reference SD 3051 unclassified.

Reference my SD 3050 11 Nov 45 Col PIDSLEY will hold a conference at MEMA office MILAN 0900hrs Sunday 18 Nov 45 to issue directives to new BLU's and explain future organization and administration of BLU's with Italian Army in light of latest available information.

ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH BLU TO ATTEND. all arrangement to be made by Lt-Col EGERTON who will inform G.O.C. 2 District and invite representatives if so desired by 2 District

AOK.

GAB

Chief Clerk to ACK.
H. B/U

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IMPORTANT

MEPK V LROF NR 1114

PRIORITY

QVH 5

FRC

TO

MMIA

111045A

50 BLU

51 BLU

52 BLU

53 BLU

56 BLU

MMIA LO MILAN

BT

REF SD/3050 CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR REQUESTS AT GSO 1 CONFERENCE OF 3 NOV (.)

FIRST. DIRECTIVE ON RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF BLUS AFTER REORGANISATION AND ALLOCATION TO ~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMDS IS BEING PREPARED (.) IN CASE OF DELAY IN HANDING BACK TERRITORY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER 15 NOV TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED (.)

SECOND. AFTER REORGANISATION BLU'S WILL BE UNDER MMIA FOR OPERATION MS MATTERS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUT DEPENDANT ON LOCAL AREAS FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (.) TILL THEN BLU'S REMAIN UNDER DISTRICT (.)

THIRD,. ITALIAN INCREMENT AND ITALIAN INTERPRETERS WILL BE ALLOTTED TO EACH BLU (.)

FOURTH. AS SOON AS THE SITUATION IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE IS BEING ARRANGED POSSIBLY AT MILAN ABOUT 17 NOV (.) NO MOVES OF MAIN BODIES OF BLU'S TO TAKE PLACE TILL ORDERED

THI 111115A

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SENT NR 1114 /B AT 111700A

JWM

RECD NR 1114 AT

111700A DTWM AR K

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SECRET and IMMEDIATEALLIED COMMISSION

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MILA)

c / 7

8 Nov 45

DIRECTIVE No. 1HANDOVER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENTGENERALI.

1. Approval has now been given by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the interim policy to be adopted towards the Italian Armed Forces pending a final settlement by peace treaty. The Supreme Allied Commander therefore directs that the following arrangements be made for the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government and for its future organization, training and administration.

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(a) US-ITI and BR-ITI units less the five BR-ITI combat groups referred to above will continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements as long as they are needed by the Allied military authorities. Such units will remain under the operational command of Allied Force Headquarters. The numbers employed will gradually be reduced to MIL. It is anticipated that in the case of US-ITI personnel, this state will be reached in approximately February 1946 and in the case of BR-ITI personnel in approximately June, 1946. When no longer needed by the Allied military authorities, US-ITI and BR-ITI personnel of units will be offered to the Italian Government.

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5. Reservations

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(b) The Italian Government will furnish to the Supreme Allied Commander such information regarding the strength, organization, training, movements, administration, real estate, stocks of material and equipment, and other matters concerning the Italian Army as may be required from time to time.

(c) Italian troops in territory not handed back to the Italian Government, and 808 CS Battalion although included in the ceiling set out in paragraph 7 below, will remain under operational command of Allied Force Headquarters for the time being.

6. Military Mission.

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7. Organisation. During the interim period until the peace treaty becomes operative the Italian Army under control of the Italian Government will consist of not more than 140,000 personnel and will be organized on the following lines:

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Ministry of War and Territorial Region

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(c) Command.

Ministry of War and Territorial Region Headquarters

Total.....	9,000
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(d) Administration.

Total.....	31,000
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(e) Training and Reinforcements.

Total.....	10,000
	<u>140,000</u>

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8. No alteration to the general lay-out shown above will be made by the Italian Government without the consent of Allied Force Headquarters. Detailed requirements within the above framework will, however, be worked out as a matter of urgency by the Italian Government, as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (AMIA) and reported to Allied Force Headquarters.

9. Training. The training of the Italian Army will be the responsibility of the Italian Government as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (AMIA).

10. Administration.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the administration of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri. Administrative units required will be formed from within the authorized ceiling so that the Italian Army is self-administering and no longer dependent on Allied base and lines of communication units.

(b) Italian Navy and Italian Air Force personnel will continue to be administered and maintained as at present, through Italian service channels.

(c) BR-ITI personnel in diluted British units will continue to be administered and maintained as at present. BR-ITI Army Service units will continue to be administered and maintained through Italian service channels, except in respect of the provision of rations. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, responsibility for provision and issue of rations will be as follows:

- (1) The British portion of the ration only will be issued to such units through British service channels.
- (2) The Italian portion of the ration will be issued direct to units through Italian administrative channels.

(d) US-ITI Service units will be administered and maintained through US service channels.

11. Maintenance and Provisioning.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri.

(b) Procurement in respect of food, clothing, medical stores, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be effected from the following sources and in the following priorities subject to any subsequent instructions which may be issued regarding the standardisation of equipment of the Italian Army and of the Carabinieri.

- (1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured materiel (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorized by Allied Force Headquarters.

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10. Administration.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the administration of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri. Administrative units required will be formed from within the authorized ceiling so that the Italian Army is self-administering and no longer dependent on Allied base and lines of communication units.

(b) Italian Navy and Italian Air Force personnel will continue to be administered and maintained as at present, through Italian service channels.

(c) BR-ITI personnel in diluted British units will continue to be administered and maintained as at present. BR-ITI Army Service units will continue to be administered and maintained through Italian service channels, except in respect of the provision of rations. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, responsibility for provision and issue of rations will be as follows:

(1) The British portion of the ration only will be issued to such units through British service channels.

(2) The Italian portion of the ration will be issued direct to units through Italian administrative channels.

(d) US-ITI Service units will be administered and maintained through US service channels.

11. Maintenance and Provisioning.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri.

(b) Procurement in respect of food, clothing, medical stores, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be effected from the following sources and in the following priorities subject to any subsequent instructions which may be issued regarding the standardisation of equipment of the Italian Army and of the Carabinieri.

(1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorised by Allied Force Headquarters.

(2) By purchases from appropriate US and UK surplus disposal agencies in ITALY of stocks which are available to those disposal agencies.

(3) Through the Italian Government import programme.

(c) As the procurement procedure outlined in paragraph 11(b) above will take time before it becomes fully operative, particularly in respect of requirements included in the Italian Government import programme, the following procedure will apply to those requirements which cannot be met from the sources set out in paragraph 11(b) above:

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- (1) Such requirements may be loaned from US and British military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 January 1946. In addition, certain food may be sold or loaned to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 13(c) below.
- (2) Thereafter, these items will be returnable to the US and British on demand or they may be transferred to the Italian Government through US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedure.

(d) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will continue to be responsible for meeting the POL and coal requirements of the Italian Army and Carabinieri from civil stocks and by means of the Italian Government import programme.

12. Warlike Equipment and Spares. All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of US and British origin (including lend-lease) in possession of those units being used to make up the Italian Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri as may be surplus to US and British requirements together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment so provided as may be surplus to US and British requirements will be disposed of to the Italian Government. Appropriate scales of ammunition of various natures will also be transferred and authorised expenditure replenished from Allied sources. In the case of vehicles and warlike equipment available to US and British disposal organisations, disposal to the Italian Government will be effected through the respective US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedures, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. In the case of lethal British warlike equipment, transfer will be made direct by the military.

13. Food Supply.

(a) Subsistence will continue to be furnished by the US and British Army based on actual strengths of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7, above, and of the Carabinieri until 30 November 1945. US responsibility will not exceed 124,000 and British responsibility will not exceed 81,000.

(b) Subsistence for the Italian Army, including the Carabinieri, will be the responsibility of the Italian Government with effect from 1 December 1945. Its sources for provisioning are as set out in paragraph 11, above.

(c) The US and British surplus disposal agencies will be requested to give the Italian Government priority in providing subsistence for the Italian Army from such supplies as may be declared surplus by the US and British military authorities. This priority is limited to items now being furnished in the ITI-ITI ration or equivalent British scale and in quantities not in excess of that required for the actual strength and in no event in excess of 205,000, beginning with the date of the request and ending 1 May 1946.

14. Clothing and Individual/Personal Equipment.

(a) All previous directives pertaining to transfer of clothing, individual/personal equipment and salvage to the Italian Army through IMIA

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(b) Purchase of any surpluses of non-warlike stores is as authorised in paragraph 11(b)(2) above.

15. Medical Stores. Medical Stores of Allied origin which are held in Italian depots or by Italian units at the date of this letter will remain in Italian possession.

16. Accounting.

(a) Financial arrangements consequent upon the above policy regarding supply remain to be settled. In the meantime, records will be maintained of all transfers made to the Italian Government from military stocks and accounting procedures in subparagraphs (b) and (c) below will apply.

(b) Accounting for Allied Military supplies issued to the Italian Government in bulk for the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and for the Carabinieri, Italian Navy and Air Force will follow present established procedures for the ITI-ITI category.

(c) Accounting for Allied military supplies issued from British and US depots direct to BR, JMI and US JMI units will follow established procedures of the British and US Forces. Issues from US military stocks, other than disposals through ANLC, will be through MIA (US Contingent) who will maintain adequate records.

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Subject: Re-org. of Italian Army-Transfer
of Units to the Interim Army.

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

SD/92/3

8 Nov 45

To : Ministry of War

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(c) US-ITI and ER-ITI units will be shown in this ORBAT but will still remain under the Op. control of the US and ER authorities.

4. War Establishments

(a) It is considered that, in order to ensure the most economical use of manpower, a War Establishments Committee should be instituted forthwith by the Ministry of War.

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(c) This committee would have the duty of approving new War Establishments or amendments to existing war establishments of the Interim Army. In this way standardisation of units, the correct allocation of staffs and specialists to units and control of manpower, will be achieved.

(d) The committee should be constituted with at least one member from the Italian equivalent of the British and American staff branches, i.e. G(G5) A(G4) and Q(G4).

(e) If you so desire a member of this Mission would attend all meetings, with due notice beforehand, so that he can advise, if called upon to do so, on matters of procedure and staff policy.

(f) It is suggested that any proposals for major re-organisation of formations and units should be discussed with the appropriate branches of this HQ before being submitted to the committee.

(g) The committee should issue minutes and war establishments on a wide distribution in the same way as is already done for ER-ITI units by this HQ.

(h) Will you please therefore consider this matter so that details may be discussed with G (SD) branch this HQ not later than 12 Nov 45.

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Serial (a)	Type of Unit (b)	Ref to ORBAT 2/14 (c)	WE Str offrs (d)	gth of Unit ORs (e)	Total (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	Five Combat Gps. (Inf Divs) (426 offrs & 8483 ORs each)	pages 15 - 20 incl	2130	42415	44545	Less non-div units comd of Gps in ORBAT
2.	L of C Units for Italian Combat Force (Inf Divs)	see App. 'B' att.	184	1999	2183	Includes L of C units and 319 Fd Bakery
3.	IRFC (Permanent staff only)	pages 26 & 27	402	2904	3306	319 Fd Bakery w/c RTF
4.	Rft ceiling & AFHQ reserve	page 32	-	12500	12500	Rfts under trg at this ceiling.
5.	802 Italian Reorg Centre (ORVIETO) (Perm staff only)	page 23	77	293	370	Disbanding units i count against rfts
6.	807 Italian Transit Camp (RAVISCANINA) (perm staff only)	page 12	6	102	108	ditto
7.	502, 526, 527 Gd Bns (28 offrs & 772 ORs each)	page 12	84	2316	2400	
8.	266, 267, 268 Pack 1st Coys (10 offrs & 485 ORs each)	page 13	30	1455	1485	
9.	Complete ITI-ITI Category (incl Military & Terr CCRR)	pages 33 - 71	9147	114853	124000	This figure includes ceiling in this category
10.	Florence Bde CCRR	pages 30 - 31	234	9766	10000	
TOTAL			12294	188603	200897	

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Appendix 'A' to S 92/3
dated 8 Nov 45.

Ref to ORBAT 2/14 (a)	WE Str offrs (d)	gth of Unit ORs (e)	Unit Total (f)	Remarks (g)
Divs) pages each) 15 - 20 incl	2130	42415	44545	Less non-div units. Non-div units shown under comd of Gps in ORBAT 2/14 are incl in ser. 2 below
lan see App. 'B' Divs) att.	184	1999	2183	Includes L of G units under comd Groups (Divs) and 319 Pd Bakery under comd RFC ICF
only) pages 26 & 27	402	2904	3306	319 Pd Bakery w/c RFC ICF incl in ser. 2 above.
erve page 32	-	12500	12500	Rfts under trg at CESANO to count against this ceiling.
re only) page 23	77	293	370	Disbanding units in Centre not incl. as these count against rfts in BR-ITI ceiling.
mp ff only) page 12	6	102	108	ditto.
ch) page 12	84	2316	2400	
ys ch) page 13	30	1455	1485	
ary CCRR) pages 33 - 71	9147	114853	124000	This figure includes unallotted ceiling in this category.
pages 30 - 31	234	2766	10000	
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Appx 'B' to SD/92/3
dated 8 Nov 45

L of C ITALIAN INF DIV UNITS

<u>VE</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>WE Str</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Location</u>
		<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OR</u>		
<u>INFGRS</u>	1 Pk Pk Coy	5	129	134	FOLGORE
	2 Pk Pk Coy	5	129	134	CREMONA
	3 Pk Pk Coy	5	129	134	LEGNAVO
<u>S & T</u>	1 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	LEGNAVO
	2 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	FOLGORE
	316 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	FRIULI
<u>CM/597/1</u>	317 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	CREMONA
	318 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	MANTOVA
	319 Pk Bakery	1	32	33	RAAC
<u>CM/531,532,533,539/1</u>	3 G.T. Coy (Combat)	9	348	357	MANTOVA
	1 Motor Amb Conv.	7	274	281	CREMONA
<u>SIGS</u>	181 Tech Maint Sec	1	30	31	FRIULI
	183 Tech Maint Sec	1	30	31	LEGNAVO
<u>INTD</u>	331 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	13 CORPS
	429 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	13 CORPS
	470 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	2 DIST
<u>CM/574/1</u>	519 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	2 DIST
	520 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	MANTOVA
	522 Evac Hosp	19	71	90	2 DIST
<u>CM/575/1</u>	34 Pk Surg Unit	3	23	26	LEGNAVO
	130 Pk Surg Unit	3	23	26	FRIULI
	131 Pk Surg Unit	3	23	26	FOLGORE
<u>CM/575/1</u>	216 Pk Surg Unit	3	23	26	MANTOVA
	29 Mob X-Ray Unit	1	6	7	FRIULI
	133 Mob X-Ray Unit	1	6	7	2 DIST
<u>CM/577/1</u>	113 Mob Dental Unit	1	3	4	FRIULI
	114 Mob Dental Unit	1	3	4	FOLGORE
	26 Mob Bath Unit	-	14	14	FRIULI
<u>CM/689/1</u>	54 Mob Bath Unit	-	14	14	CREMONA
	51 Mob Bath Unit	-	14	14	LEGNAVO
	184 Mob Bath Unit	-	14	14	FOLGORE
<u>CM/689/1</u>	104 Mob Bath Unit	-	14	14	MANTOVA

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UNIT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	DATE	LOCATION
CM/596/1	1 Pd Pk Coy	5	129	FOLGORE
CM/596/1	2 Pd Pk Coy	5	129	CREMONA
CM/596/1	3 Pd Pk Coy	5	129	LEGHANO
S & T				
CM/597/1	1 Pd Bakery	1	32	LEGHANO
CM/597/1	2 Pd Bakery	1	32	FOLGORE
CM/597/1	316 Pd Bakery	1	32	FRIULI
CM/597/1	317 Pd Bakery	1	32	CREMONA
CM/597/1	318 Pd Bakery	1	32	MANTOVA
CM/597/1	319 Pd Bakery	1	32	BALLO
CM/531,532,533,539/1	3 G.T. Coy (Combat)	9	348	MANTOVA
CM/532/1	1 Motor Amb Conv.	7	274	CREMONA
VI/119/1				
BIGS				
CM/829/1	181 Tech Maint Sec	1	30	FRIULI
CM/829/1	183 Tech Maint Sec	1	30	LEGHANO
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CM/574/1	331 Evac Hosp	19	71	13 CORPS
CM/574/1	429 Evac Hosp	19	71	13 CORPS
CM/574/1	470 Evac Hosp	19	71	2 DIST
CM/574/1	519 Evac Hosp	19	71	2 DIST
CM/574/1	520 Evac Hosp	19	71	MANTOVA
CM/574/1	522 Evac Hosp	19	71	2 DIST
CM/574/1	34 Pd Surg Unit	19	71	LEGHANO
CM/575/1	130 Pd Surg Unit	3	23	FRIULI
CM/575/1	131 Pd Surg Unit	3	23	FOLGORE
CM/575/1	216 Pd Surg Unit	3	23	MANTOVA
CM/576/1	29 Mob X-Ray Unit	3	23	FRIULI
CM/576/1	133 Mob X-Ray Unit	1	6	2 DIST
CM/577/1	113 Mob Dental Unit	1	6	FRIULI
CM/577/1	114 Mob Dental Unit	1	6	FOLGORE
CM/689/1	26 Mob Bath Unit	1	14	FRIULI
CM/689/1	54 Mob Bath Unit	1	14	CREMONA
CM/689/1	51 Mob Bath Unit	1	14	LEGHANO
CM/689/1	184 Mob Bath Unit	1	14	FOLGORE
CM/689/1	104 Mob Bath Unit	1	14	MANTOVA
MISC				
CM/499/1	58 Combat Co Transport Camp	6	102	2 DIST
CM/954/1	1 Cinema Unit	1	3	CREMONA
CM/954/1	2 Cinema Unit	1	3	FRIULI
CM/876/1	14.21 Lt Office Shop (static)	1	4	2 DIST
CM/876/1	14.22 Lt Office Shop (static)	1	4	13 CORPS
IND				
CM/798/1	803 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MONZA
CM/799/1	804 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
CM/799/1	805 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
CM/799/1	806 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
CM/799/1	807 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
CM/799/1	808 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
CM/799/1	809 Lt Unit Maint	1	3	MILAN
TOTAL				
		102	102	348

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App. 'C' to SD/92/3
dated 8 Nov 45

BREAKDOWN OF CEILINGS FOR ORBAT 2/45 AS AT 15 NOV ON
HAND-OVER OF TPI-TTI CATEGORY TO ITALIAN OP COMMAND.

Part I - US - TTI

- (a) P B S
- (b) USAAF/MIO
- (c) France
- (d) Replacements
- (e) Unallotted

52000
5500
5000
4000
17000
83500

83500

Part II - BR - TTI

- (a) BR-TTI Service Units
- (b) Unallotted incl rfts

20000
87000
107000

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Part III - TTI-TTI ITALIAN OP COMMAND

- (a) Five Combat Groups (Inf Divs)
- (b) L of C units for ICF (Inf Divs)
- (c) ITC ICF Staff & Rfts.
- (d) 802 Recorg. Centre & 807 Transit Camp
- (e) Three Guard Bns.
- (f) Three Pack Tpt Coys
- (g) Italian Adm Units (late TPI-TTI category less CORR)
- (h) CORR incl Flammable Bde.
- (j) Unallotted

44545
2133
15806
478
2400
1485

69000
65000
4103
205000

205000

Total

335500

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App. 'D' to SD/92/3
dated 8 Nov 45

APPROX CEILINGS FOR ORBAT TO BE ISSUED
ON ORGANISATION OF INTERIM ARMY

Part I US-ITI

Ceiling dependent on T/O strengths of
authorised units at date of ORBAT -
likely to be approx 5000 at 1 Dec.

Part II BR-ITI

Ceiling dependent on WE strength of
authorised units at date of ORBAT -
likely to be approx 10000 - 20000 at 1 Dec.

Part III INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY

Ceiling 140,000. Final breakdown to be
detailed later. See para 7 of Land Forces
S/C Directive No 1 dated 8 Nov 45.
Ceiling 65000

Part IV

CCRR

(a) Territorial CCRR
(incl Florence Bde)

(b) Military CCRR

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SUBJECT: Military Mission to the Italian Army
Reorganization.

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

SD/101

8 Nov 45

TO : GHQ., CMF for (Two)
GSD (2)
A 1
G (AE)
G (SD) (3)
GHQ 2nd Ech (Stats)

1. Reference Appx 'B' to JFHQ letter 210/ORG - 3 of 6 Dec 1944, AFHQ WEC Minutes Meeting 237 dated 24 Sept 45 Serials 2635/6/7/8 and telephone conversation Stainton - Huckle 8 Nov 45. Formal application is made to form the units specified in Appendix 1 (a) and convert the units specified in Appendix 1 (b) with effect from 15 Nov 45.

(a) See Appx 1 attached
(b) " " "
(c) " " "
(d) " " "
(e) " " "

2. Increase of 3 - EGS: MOS: ADME: on 13 Oct/24/5.

3. Nil

4. Vide this HQ letters SD/101 of 31 Aug para III and SD/101 of 18 Sept para III: on the instructions of AFHQ.

5. Vide this HQ letters SD/101 of 31 Aug and 18 Sept para III in each case. 3838

6. GHQ CMF/RAAC for units at Appx 1 (a) serial 1 and 2
MIL/13 Corps " " " " serial 7
MIL/2 Dist " " " " 3.4.5.6.8.
MIL/3 Dist " " " " 9.10.11.12.13.

7. Not available.

8. 15 Nov 45.

TO : $\frac{GQ, CMF}{GSD (2)}$ for
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GQ 2nd Ech (Stats)
 (Two)

1. Reference Appx 'B' to AFHQ letter 210/ORG - 3 of 6 Dec 1944, AFHQ WEG Minutes Meeting 237 dated 24 Sept 45 Serials 265/6/7/8 and telephone conversation Stainton - Huckle 8 Nov 45. Formal application is made to form the units specified in Appendix 1 (a) and convert the units specified in Appendix 1 (b) with effect from 15 Nov 45.

(a)	See Appx 1 attached
(b)	" " "
(c)	" " "
(d)	" " "
(e)	" " "
2. Increase of 5 - DGS: MOS: ADE: on 10/244/5.
3. Nil
4. Vide this HQ letters SD/101 of 31 Aug para III and SD/101 of 18 Sept para III; on the instructions of AFHQ.
5. Vide this HQ Letters SD/401 of 31 Aug and 18 Sept para III in each case.
6.

GEO C.E./1440	For units at Appx 1 (a)	serial 1 and 2
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7. Not available.
8. 15 Nov 45.
9. As stated in para 1 (a) above.
10. Inprint a/o's will be necessary.

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Copy to: 13 Corps. 2 Dist. 3 Dist. R.A.C.
AC for Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Establishments Sec
All M.I. LO's & ELU's

Internal: 4 (Two)
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War Diary (Two)
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Appendix

(a)	Units to be formed and new establishments to which units are to be converted						VR	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs
1.	Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA) ROME						CM/241/5	27	94	26	2
2.	Increment to " " " " " "						CM/1111/2	14	15	-	
3.	1 BLU (Type A) to Italian Territorial Headquarters TURIN Command						CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
4.	2 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " GENOA Command						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
5.	3 BLU (Type A) " " " " " " MILAN Command						CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
6.	4 BLU (Type A) " " " " " " BOLZANO Command						CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
7.	5 BLU (Type A) " " " " " " UDINE Command						CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
8.	6 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " BOLOGNA Command						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
9.	7 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " FLORENCE Command						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
10.	8 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " ROME Command						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
11.	9 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " BARI Command						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
12.	10 BLU (Type A) " " " " " " NAPLES Command						CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
13.	11 BLU (Type B) " " " " " " SICILY Command (Palermo)						CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
Total								78	193	58	18

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8 Nov 45.

New establishments to converted		WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs	Remarks
Italian Army (MMIA)	ROME	CM/241/5	27	94	26	2	
"	"	CM/1111/2	14	15	-		
in Territorial Headquarters	TURIN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 51 BLU
"	GENOA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
"	MILAN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 50 BLU
"	BOLZANO Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 53 BLU
"	UDINE Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 52 BLU
"	BOLOGNA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
"	FLORENCE Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
"	ROME Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
"	BARI Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
"	NAPLES Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 56 BLU
"	SICILY Command (Palermo)	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
Total			78	193	58	18	

(b) Old establishments from which
units are to be converted

			WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs.
1.	33 Military Mission		CM/241/3	67	174	52	8
2.	50 BLU to Italian Combat Group	FRIULI	CM/508/2	9	21	7	2
3.	51 BLU " " " "	CREMONA	"	9	21	7	2
4.	52 BLU " " " "	LEGHANO	"	9	21	7	2
5.	53 BLU " " " "	FOLGORE	"	9	21	7	
6.	56 BLU " " " "	MANTOVA	"	9	21	7	2
				112	279	37	18

(c) NIL

(d) Net increase --- NIL

(e) Net decrease

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On Combat Group	FRIULI	9	21	7	2	to become 3 BLU MILAN
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"	LEGHANO	9	21	7	2	" " 5 " UDINE
"	FOLGORE	9	21	7		" " 4 " BOLZANO
"	MANTOVA	9	21	7	2	" " 10 " NAPLES
		112	279	37	18	
--- NIL		34	86	29		

SUBJECT: Reorganisation - 56 B.L.U.CONFIDENTIAL.

56 B.L.U.

1.8.

12 Nov 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C. (MMIA), ROME.
 HQ No. 2 District.
 HQ No. 3 District.
 HQ 59 Area.
 HQ 56 Area.
 HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.
 51 B.L.U.
 52 B.L.U.
 Town Major, GENOA.
 Town Major, NAPLES.
 Town Major, ALASSIO.
 Major H.E.P.F. Thrupp, S.Staffs,
 c/o Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C., (MMIA), ROME.
 Major P.L.C.H. Rance, Duffs,
 MMIA L.O., GENOA/NORTH ITALY.
 Capt R.F. Hector, M.V.O., M.C., R.A.
 56 B.L.U. (1 per Officer.)

Reference MMIA A 010/2, dated 30 Oct 45, and signal A 425, dated 31 Oct 45 (not to all addressees).

1. 56 B.L.U. has been ordered to take over M.M.I.A. liaison duties at NAPLES for South Italy by 5 November, and to hand over duty with MANTOVA Inf Div in LIGURIA by 15 November approx. A Type "B" B.L.U., with Major F.P. Duffy, M.C., D.L.I. as G.S.O.II is to be set up in GENOA, affiliated to ex-51 B.L.U. at TURIN. Another Type "B" B.L.U., with Capt R.F. Hector, M.V.O., M.C., R.A. as G.S.O.II, is to be set up in PALERMO, affiliated to ex-56 B.L.U. at NAPLES.

2. 56 B.L.U. is closing at VARAZZE on 12 Nov 45. Until the Type "B" B.L.U. is established at GENOA, it will operate in LIGURIA from temporary accommodation in GENOA. (Postal Address and telephone from 12 Nov 45 : C/o Town Major, GENOA.)

3. A detachment of 56 B.L.U. has moved to NAPLES, and is taking over from the U.S. MMIA Liaison Detachment there. (Temporary Postal Address and telephone : C/o Town Major, NAPLES.) 3836

AWG/wjs.

W. J. Jackson
 Lt-Col,
 GS.

MEPK V MEAV (082547) CVR12

FROM DISTNO 081953A

TO 7 AGRA

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60 SUB AREA

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By ELS

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UNTIL 14 NOV ALTHOUGH MANY OFFERS AND PERSONNEL WILL MOVE BEFORE THEN TO

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.				
For Action				
MMIA				
TO G4Q CMF FOR OPS 51 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU 56 BLU MMIA LO NWITAY 50 BLU				
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 26 NOV 1945

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means

except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into
 enemy hands this message must be sent IN
 CIPHER.

Signed.

27 NOV 1945

Originator's Instructions.
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MEPR V LROF NR 7515 QVR 1
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TO 56 BLU DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
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56 BLU WILL BE TAKING OVER MMIA LIAISON DUTIES AT
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 Address by Major General L. B. HARRIS, G.D., G.I.B., W.C.,
 Commander, M.I.A., to the Conference of Senior
 Italian Generals at the Ministry of War at Rome
 on 29 October, 1945.

Gentlemen,

The Minister has kindly allowed me to come and address you today on this matter of the future organization and training of the Italian Army.

I apologize for reading my remarks, but my Italian is not good and I hope you will forgive errors in pronunciation.

You have all read my address stating the Allied views on this question. There are not only my own views, but also those of higher authority, with whom, of course I discussed the matter fully.

Since my address of 14 September, M.I.A. and the War Minister have had full, frank and cordial discussions on the subject, the subject of which has crystallized out considerably in our minds.

If I may say so, I think it is an excellent thing for all your nation experienced officers to be here to give your views. In fact, tomorrow, the Territorial Regional Commanders will have a large share in the responsibility for carrying out the project.

I think I may fairly claim that I and my staff in M.I.A. have been good friends of the Italian Army. We look upon the new victorious Italian Army as our baby as much as yours. The title "Vincenzo" is not meant! I have always considered (and stated publicly) that "Vincenzo" never is standing in the same direction as the Allied forces. That has simplified our joint task, which is to produce the best new Italian Army possible within the limits of the Peace Treaty. Believe me when I say that my project for the future of your Army is dictated by a sincere desire to do my best for Italy in Italy's own interest, in addition to that of the Allies.

I therefore feel that I am entitled to expect certain aspects to you, which I think are important.

Firstly, our project represents in many respects a considerable break with the past. I think that is all to the good. No progress is ever achieved without a break with the past - and we must progress. Tradition, of course, must be given its proper weight. But you will agree that tradition must not be given even weight at the expense of progress and efficiency. We all soldiers tend, by our upbringing, to be conservative, I think. So we must, I say out, be on our guard not to say "I have always done it that way and so I shall continue to do it that way".

This is a new world, new conditions, a new outlook. Instead of a very large army, you are now thinking in terms of a small army. So the Italian must be adjusted to be able to do the maximum possible. The whole viewpoint is changed since 1943.

A friend of mine (an Italian General) said to me the other day "If an a military revolution!" I said to him "What is so terrible? This is the attitude to have when reading the problems that confront the new Italian Army today!" Even my talk with most of you personally, I know you feel as I do as regards this subject.

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Another Italian General (a Territorial Commander) told me that he knew that certain Communist groups elsewhere thought they should train their own recruits as Italian. It did not surprise him. It is not efficient. It is not what has been proved to be the proper solution in modern, specialized war. It is not progress.

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Certain Combat Group Commanders do not like sending their best instructors to URSINO, which is the cradle out of which the efficiency of your new Italian Army will be born initially. That is parochial thinking. The Combat Groups rightly were the spearhead in the past war and took the Centre of the stage. But now it is the whole Italian Army that matters; and it is you senior officers who should dictate and control - for Combat Groups, despite their proud record.

The second point I want to make is that no project can really succeed unless there is the will to make it succeed. So, when we have got our agreed plan, I am sure you will all accept that and make it work, even though you may differ as regards certain aspects. I am sure also that you will insist on all your juniors doing the same.

Field Marshal SMITH has an admirable phrase which he uses constantly. He says "once the plan is made, there must be no belly-aching!"

Thirdly, the matter of speed. We want to get the project working as soon as possible. No project can be 100% right straight off. By experience and trial and error we will find out the weaknesses and adjust these. The sooner we get the project working, the sooner we will get the right answer; the sooner we will get a really high class army capable of fulfilling its very necessary functions, both from the point of view of Italy and of the world at large. Therefore I urge energetic handling of this matter.

The fourth point I would like to mention is standardization. It seems to me that you can't have a little to a long way" (to use an English proverb) without standardization, which means ease of working and SIMPLICITY, which I look on as a principle of war - and of peace. Modern armies inevitably are specialized enough in all conscience. We do not want to accentuate the difficulties. Therefore, standardization is far as possible, consistent with the object before your army.

My fifth point is the officer question. I need hardly say that an army stands or falls by its officers. One cannot define in a few words what an officer should be. But there are perhaps two main aspects - knowledge and leadership. These must be balanced. Frankly, we think that there has been too much emphasis in the past on knowledge and too little on leadership and all that that involves. So I do urge that you consider the problem in that spirit. We have had great experience in officer production this war and our system has proved itself successful. The Adjutant General at the British War Office told me that he had had only 2% of failures under the system he instituted during this war, which was a complete break with the past. So, on that basis, I feel justified in asking you to examine our system very carefully.

Another aspect that I think requires examination is the matter of selection and incentive. Without an incentive, human nature being what it is, people are inclined to do just enough to maintain their position and no more. They await normal promotion. But if one introduces an incentive in the shape of a reward for specially good work, that rewards the good and penalises the indifferent - which is justice. In addition, selection brings the best man to the front. We have a system of Brevets and accelerated promotion in the British Army, and we count it a bad mark against a senior officer if he recommends a junior officer for this unjustifiably. Despite the difficulties and dangers of this system of ours, it has produced great results. I recommend it for your careful consideration.

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My last point is morale. Morale, you will agree, is partly innate and partly a matter of what one does to foster it. A century ago not very much was done to foster morale. Often the soldiers were the dregs of the country and considered merely so much "dependable stores"! But nowadays soldiers are more educated. They read and hear more; they think more; they expect more. Therefore, one of the main elements is contentment, a feeling on the part of the soldier that he is "getting a square deal". This implies propaganda, i.e., telling the soldier what is being done for him and why certain things cannot be done.

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It implies all that is meant by our word "welfare", i.e., good housing, good feeding, games, entertainment, canteens, etc. - in fact making the soldier feel that his interests are being looked after as a human being. That is all part of democracy. We do NOT feel that it is hampering the soldier. We feel that it is merely part of the necessary procedure in the democratic world of today. It need not cost much. By true camaraderie between officer and man, and by initiative on the part of commanders, much can be achieved.

A further more general aspect is the matter of pride in your own army. You know that Field Marshal ALMA DER thought of your new army. He praised it publicly. I have also, in a humble sphere. Moral is rising and I think will continue to rise. The prestige of your army is growing in ITALY - and rightly. We must do everything in our power to raise its morale and prestige. And I think that if you would all stress throughout your troops that this is the new, victorious, Italian army, that will help. The deeds of your army in the last 18 months justify you in saying this.

Let us hope that with our united efforts (yours and mine) we will produce a new model Italian army, worthy of Italy and her great traditions.

Thank you for listening to me so patiently. It is a privilege to have been permitted to address you. I repeat that both I and my staff are animated by one desire - which is, in cooperation with you to set the new, victorious Italian army properly on to its feet again, for the benefit both of your country and of the Allies.

(sgd.) L. BROWNING,
Major General,
G.O.C., A.I.I.

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CONFIDENTIALSubject: Reorganisation: MMIA and the BLUs.Colonel W. PIDSLEY, DSO, MC.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A CIO/2

30 Oct, '45,

To : All BLUs.
All MMIA LOs.

Dear

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2. INTENTION: (a) To provide Allied liaison with the War Ministry, through MMIA HQ, modified to advise on the situation of a new National Army.

(b) To provide liaison with each Territorial HQ through a liaison unit.

(c) To withdraw liaison units from Combat Groups HQs as Combat Groups will come under command of Territorial HQs for all purposes.

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(c) To withdraw liaison units from Combat Groups HQs as Combat Groups will come under command of Territorial HQs for all purposes.

(d) It is intended to classify each Territorial HQ as an 'A' and 'B' type, depending on the magnitude of their responsibilities.

3. METHOD: (a) All personnel of MMIA HQ, MMIA Liaison Detachments and of existing BLUs or Training Increments will be pooled and available (under MMIA arrangements) for posting and transfer within the new W.E. for MMIA HQ (including temporary increments for the duration of certain responsibilities) or with the new Liaison Units at Territorial HQs.

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(b) HQ, MMIA is being reduced in numbers. The 'A' type Liaison Unit will have a Lt. Colonel, a GSO II, a DAA & QMG, and a Captain for each of S.T. and R.E.M.E., whereas the 'B' type will have only a GSO II and DAA & QMG with no Services. It may be necessary, therefore, from the Services' point of view, to affiliate 'B' type HQ with either 'A' type or with Rome.

(c) The general principles on which postings will be made will be as follows :-

- i. To keep together as far as possible, existing ELUs in forming 'A' type units, using any surplus as far as they fit for the affiliated 'B' type.
- ii. To ensure that as many of the new Liaison Units as possible contain officers with MMIA experience as well as from the old ELUs.
- iii. In cases where officers may become surplus to the final Establishment, these would normally be (within limitations of rank and efficiency) those with the shortest period before release.

(d) Territorial HQ Liaison Units will probably be formed and affiliated as follows :-

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MILAN	(50 B.L.U.)	BOLOGNA	
BOLZANO	(53 B.L.U.)	FLORENCE	
UDINE	(52 B.L.U.)	BARI	
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4. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Accommodation: Office and living accommodation at present occupied by MILIA (British or American) or by ELUs, convenient to Territorial HQs will, in all cases, be retained until it is known whether it will be needed for the new set-up. Applications for additional accommodation should be studied and made as soon as possible to Local Authorities by officers designated when known, or by officers at present on the spot, so far as they are able and consider it necessary.

(b) Transport: Transport for all Territorial HQ ELUs

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will have to be found from existing ELUs. MIA transport may remain temporarily but will probably have to be withdrawn to Rome, as the Rome vehicle V.I. is being severely cut down. Transport for 'B' type HQs will be provided on mutual agreement with the 'A' type HQs concerned.

(c) Equipment: Office equipment, messing and house-keeping stores in possession of ELUs will similarly be mutually divided between the 'A' type and 'B' type HQs concerned. All equipment now held will be retained and not disposed of until a Revised Equipment Table has been received.

5. WAR ESTABLISHMENT: A table showing such details of the proposed W.E. as are available, and the main senior proposed appointments of officers, up to the time of going to press, is attached to this letter.

6. TIMING: It is hoped to have the reorganisation in working order by 1 November, 1945.

7. POSTAL ADDRESSES: Not yet known but will be notified by signal.

8. REPORTS: Progress report on any information which would be of assistance to MIA in implementing this reorganisation smoothly and efficiently, will be appreciated.

Yours ever,

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Yours truly,

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