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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Director: Major General E.H. GOULBURN DSO.

ILFB Report No. 2. - Activities during the month of April 47.

1.

ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH

Main HQ - ROME

(22 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit
Type 'B' Liaison Unit
No. 12 Liaison Unit

{ 8 Offrs } at UDINE
+ { 6 Offrs } at BOLOGNA
{ 5 Offrs } at ROME

41 Offrs

+ incl. three attached

2.

STRENGTH STATE

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- 19 tons of part worn B.D.
- 19½ tons Miscellaneous, and Clothing, etc.

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5. CARABINIERI

(a) Reconnaissance

Transport is being transferred to Padova Legion from other legions to cope with the heavy additional commitments of this Legion when it will have to undertake frontier guard duties on the new frontier.

(b) General

The following is a summary of Carabinieri activity for the year 1946.

Offences reported	Total	persons arrested or reported	Total
Crimes	Lesser	Arrested	Reported
306,431	80,074	108,443	232,508
			340,951

Crimes included 2159 murders, 1849 manslaughters, 19,822 woundings and 9238 armed robberies.

At the request of the Magistrature, Carabinieri have taken action in 439,477 cases. These include interrogations, identifications, searches, seizures of goods, etc.

23,242 arrest warrants have been executed as a result of which 23,822 were arrested. Over 17,000,000 lire has been collected by CC. for payment of fines in 37,000 cases.

The escort of prisoners, always a duty of the Carabinieri, was carried out 276,361 times during the year.

Action was taken in 58,561 cases serious infraction of the law regarding fishing, hunting, social behaviour, etc.

9,918 deserters or those failing to respond to the call-up were arrested.

The results obtained by the Carabinieri in the suppression of the black market are impressive, particularly as it is not their normal duty:-

Persons	Goods seized			
Arrested	Reported	Corn, etc quintals	Fats qtls	Sugar qtls
				P.O.L. Monopoly qtls
				Various other goods qtls
7,249	39,866	1,218,730	24,474	972
			3,014	1,951
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Mortars	81
Heavy MGs	416
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Carbines	3,980
Grenades	22,139
Explosives (quintals)	679
Ammunition (various rounds)	2,429,060

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(++) Call is varying from 20 mm. to 88 mm.

One of the most important sides of police work is the supply of information and reports on various subjects to such bodies as Ministries, military HQs, Prefects, Magistrature, etc. 13,267,603 reports were supplied during the year. Enquiries were made more difficult owing to the destruction of archives.

Movement of Carabinieri: as reinforcements in the preservation of public order has employed 144,715 men for a total of 885,005 days. The Mobile Battalions have been of great service in this direction. Finally, 56 Carabinieri were killed and 160 wounded in armed conflict with criminals; 45 died and 438 wounded as a result of operations other than armed conflict.

6. IPOW

(a) During April the Italian Section of the PW Accounts Office CME was reorganised, and all files and records were taken over by the Italian Section. Direct communication is now maintained with all British PWs abroad and in the UK; it is hoped that this will result in about a speedier conclusion to the settlement of PW accounts.

(b) The Italian Government was notified of credits in respect of Italian Prisoners of War in British Custody for the total amount one thousand four hundred and thirty seven pounds (£ 1437). These credits represent final Credit Balances due to Italian PW repatriated from British Custody, or remittances made by the PWs to their families or Banks in Italy.

(c) A big increase took place in the number of claims for unaccounted properties or certificates of Credit Balances dealt with by this office during April. Seven hundred and sixteen claims were processed and settled or passed to the appropriate agencies for action, against an average of three hundred claims per month during last year. This is probably due to the end of repatriation and the fear of disbandment of the Allied organisation for POWs.

6 May 47

Approved
for Major General. C. S.
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Attilio Monti
for Major General, C3
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Italian Land Forces Branch

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29 March 47.

ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH, A.P.H.Q.

Subject:- Monthly Reports.

G-3 have returned to this Branch copies of your Monthly Activities Report for February 1947 which are returned to you herewith.

G-3 in future require only two copies of this report.

ARCS/if

A. G. Smith
Lt. Col.
G.B.

Reg. Out
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ITALIAN AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.B.

Subject;- Monthly Reports.

G-5 have instructed me to ask you to submit
to them in future only two copies of your Monthly
Activities Report.

ARCS/if

Handwritten signature
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Director: Major General, E.H. COULSTON, DSO.

ILTB Report No. 1. Activities during the month of March 4/.

1. ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH

Main HQ - ROME

(21 Officers)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit
Type 'B' Liaison Unit
No. 12, Liaison Unit

(3 Officers) at BOLA
(5 Officers) at BOLOGNA
(5 Officers) at ROMA

41 Officers

+ incl. three attached

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st March 47
is as follows:

Actual Strength

Interior Army

175,107

SAI - ITI

71

US - ITI

2,915

Carabinieri

65,676
228,779

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3. ORG

There has been no change to RAI. ITI establishments.

4. SIGS

(a) Italian Signal School have been instructed on the use of the SDS System.

(b) Visual Training has been included in the curriculum of the Signal School and a programme has been prepared for this by the SO ITI Sigs of this HQ.

(c) A 200 line switchboard and 100 miles of D ITI cable

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Inf - IPI

74

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Carabinieri

65,836
224,119

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was released and handed over to the ITALIAN Army.

(d) A considerable amount of cable wire and stores have
been made available for use by the ITALIAN Army in
UDINE - LAXVIDO area for hand over after 'R' Day.

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5. CARABINIERI(a) Organisation

Preparations are being made for the occupation of the CORNILLI area. In addition to a complete Mobile Bn to be sent to CORNILLI, CARABINIERI are preparing an Armored Car Section and one Lorry Borne Company for duty in MONTALBONE which is regarded as a trouble centre. Every Carabiniere station along the whole frontier will have a minimum strength of 10 men and all personnel will be equipped with SMGs.

(b) Communications

Rapid progress is being made with the installations of X/P equipment. Only 5 Legions out of 20 have not yet received them. The three Group Hqs in CORNILLI have been equipped and W/P is at present installed at BHL Group Hq. The main station at GHQ is now in use and functioning satisfactorily.

(c) Arms

Carabiniere have received a consignment of 3,000 pistols cal. 9 mm.

(d) Transport

A summary of the position is given below as at 28 Feb 47.

Vehicles	No. held	No. in running order
M/Cs	1940	1556
M/C Combinations	9	74
P/Vs	613	484
L/Cs	1060	918
Jeeps	260	226
L/Cs	155	102

The pressing need is tyres and tubes.

(e) General

Gen. ARMBRIST, Commandant of Carabiniere died on 5 April. His funeral was attended by the Director, Land Forces Branch and GSO II of Carabiniere Section.

Several names have been mentioned as possible successors but no decision has yet been made.

6. I POW(a) Repatriation

Repatriation of I POW is officially completed. There is a number of I POWs in the hands of the Germans, 54, 510, and 1, 510, 109, 106 and

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(b) Finance.

Remittances Final Credit Balance dealt with 23,107 (pounds). Valuables, impounded properties Lire 138,000.

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- (a) Negotiations are in progress for transfer to the ITALIAN Army of surplus military equipment from B I A.
- (b) Movement was completed from FORLI to BOLOGNA of 11 vehs to be held for safe custody pending War Office decision on the terms of their transfer to the Post Treaty ITALIAN Army.

11 April 47.

Major General
for Major General. *65*
 Director.

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STRENGTH STATE.

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec. 46 is as follows:-

	<u>CEILING OFFRS.</u>	<u>W.E. ORS.</u>	<u>PRESENT ESTAB. TOTAL.</u>
Italian Army	12.857	106.510	119.367
BR-ITI	8	67	75
US-ITI	178	3.836	4.014
O.C.	1.395	64.099	65.494
	<u>14.438</u>	<u>174.512</u>	<u>188.950</u>
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M. H. Renshaw
Major,
D.A.A.G. (It).

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Director : Major-General E.H. GOULBURN, DSO

MMIA Report No 38 - Activities during the Month of Jan 47

1. LAND FORCES SUB SECTION

Main HQ - ROME (34 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (6 Offrs) at UDINE
Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 Offrs) at BOLOGNA
No 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at ROME
51 Offrs in est.

2. STR STATE

Str state of the ITALIAN Army as at 1st Jan 47 is as follows :-

	<u>Actual Str</u>
INTERIN ARMY	115,213
ER-ITI	67
US-ITI	3,695
CARABINIERI	66,115
Total	185,110

3. ORG

(a) Completed requirement tables for vehs, arms and amm were 305°
ATHQ, GHQ, BTA and WAR OFFICE.

(b) There have been no alteration to ITALIAN WBS.

4. RE

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(b) Arrangements were made through the War Ministry for giving instruction in the erection and dismantling of Bailey bridges to the Genie Civile in the UDINE area.

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5. SIGS

- (a) Re-building and repair at the ITALIAN Signal School at CECCHINOLA is progressing satisfactorily.
- (b) Courses were completed and new courses commenced during the month. Refresher courses for Army and Inf Officers and NCOs are well attended and should prove beneficial.
- (c) The Ministry of War cannot yet obtain authority for the release from ADAR of stores urgently required for maintenance in units and at the School of Signals.
- (d) The proper safeguarding of Signal Stores was discussed at the War Ministry with Col LAMARINO. He has promised to give the matter priority.

6. MED

- (a) The ITALIAN Medical Stores at FLORENCE received twenty tons of captured Medical Equipment from ALLIED sources during the month.

(b) Health

There was nothing of special interest to note during the month in connection with the health of the ITALIAN Army. Of 9,899 hospital beds equipped 3,991 were occupied on 31st Dec 4.

7. CC.RR(a) Org

The incorporation of the GORIZIA - TRIESTE portion of Zone 'A' in ITALIAN Territory has necessitated the formation of a new Gp in PADOVA Legion. This Gp will have its HQ at GORIZIA where two companies and one tenenza will be sent. There will also be one coy and one tenenza at CORONA in UDINE. In view of the greatly increased responsibilities of the PADOVA Legion, HQ at PADOVA considering a plan whereby the PADOVA Legion will be moved to UDINE and PADOVA province will come under the jurisdiction of VERONA Legion.

(b) Enlistment

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7. CC.RR

(a) CRT

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4,450 recruits are under try at the various schools, of which 800 have only recently been called up, and the schools now have 580 recruits over their WE of 4,400. There is now no shortage of recruits, and a further 1,000 will be called up in Apr to begin try. The in the ROTI adult Legion is badly hampered by insufficient space, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of sufficient barracks space being made available to house all four Training Schools.

The present str is 65,115 (31st Jan 47). CHQ hope to persuade the Ministry of Defence to allow them to reach the total of 75,000 which of course will have to be at the expense of the Army.

7. (Continued)

(c) Epuration

The two Epuration Committees have worked hard to break the back of the large number of cases to be dealt with, and it is estimated that the matter should be finished by the end of Apr. This however, does not apply to a number of Officers and NCOs against whom allegations of a serious nature have been made. These will be tried by Military Tribunals. The poem at 4th Feb 47 was :-

Officers

Total number denounced	515
Total cases decided	428
Total cases under estimation	72
Total cases awaiting trial	15

NCOs

Total number denounced	6,067
Total cases decided	4,702
Total cases under estimation	505
Total cases awaiting trial	360

Less than 5% of those examined have been found guilty. **30%** found guilty are either denounced to the Military Tribunals, discharged or receive lesser punishments, according to the gravity of the accusations against them.

(d) Comms

CACLIANI and PATERNO are the two most recent additions to the list of Legions now in WT contact with ROME. The total is nine. Further installation of WT is suspended for lack of funds and it is estimated that ten million lire are required to complete the work, that is, the installation of the sets at the remaining Legions and at Gp HQs. Application has been made by GHI to the Ministry of War and the Interior for a grant to enable the work to be finished.

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(e) Tpt

During the period 25th Dec 46 to 25th Jan 47, CG received twenty five load carriers (new) and one hundred and eighty five motor-cycles. The tyre situation is still serious and many of the older vehs are off the road for this reason. Although the Twenty Five Stagboud Arm'd Co are now inefficient. Majority have been sent to BOLOGNA for repair, it is regretted that SUE has not fulfilled its promise to replace them, except in the single instance of BOLOGNA Mob Bn. Only two bns (BOLOGNA and CACILIARI) have all their Stagbouds on the road.

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7. (Continued)

(f) Arms and Amn

The 3,300 Beretta pistols referred to in the last report have for the most part been received by the Legions to which they were allotted.

(g) General

GHQ CC have received instructions from the War Ministry that a bn of Carabinieri will be sent to GORIZIA on the withdrawal of ALLIED Tps. The duties of this bn have not been specified. GHQ CC has requested permission from the Ministry of the Interior for this move and has also instructed TURIN Ibb Bn to prepare for an immediate transfer to GORIZIA. GHQ CC considers the move as an unwelcome weakening of the Forces of public order at a critical period. GENOVA Ibb Bn has been ordered to undertake duties in the TURIN area in case of emergency.

8. I.POW(a) Numerical State of Repatriation

Country Holding	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation (h)	No. repatriated During Jan (c)	No. still to be repatriated (d)
BRITISH	399,076	17,495	8,752
OTHERS	827,500	51	7,817
Grand Total	1,350,127 +	17,546	16,569

Note + Includes 123,751 US held - no. repatriated.

(b) Policy and Planning

The repatriation of all BRITISH - Empire-Held ITALIAN PW will be virtually completed by the end of Feb 47. The last shipload of IPW left S.AFRICA on 31st Jan 47, leaving only 106 "escapees" in the Union.

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8. I.P.O.W.

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(c) Finance

Remittances/Final Credit Balance dealt with £ 21,758
 Valuables & Impounded Properties 514
 Principal Claims dealt with 239

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Major-General
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 Director

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M. N. I. A.)

Commander: Major General E.H. COULSON, DSO

Report No 37 - activities during the month of December

1. POST LOCATIONS

Main HQ - Rome

(34 other)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit

(6 OFFICERS) at MILAN, MILAN, BOLZANO
VERONA, NAPLES, GENOA

Type 'B' Liaison Unit

(3 OFFICERS) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROMA,
RAV, RIMINI.

No 12 Liaison Unit

(11 OFFICERS) at ROMA
22 OFFICERS on replacement2. STRENGTH

Strength state of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 46 is as follows:

Actual Strength

US-1st	4,041
IR-1st	75
INTERNA ARMY	142,367
CARABINIERI	25,154

3. ORG

There have been no alterations to Italian War Establishments.

4. RE

- (a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVILAVECHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the tank held stores at CANO 300
- (b) The set of RAILWAY Posters Equipment released from RAIL MUSEUM for the Engineer School is now being collected.
- (c) There is no question now of moving the Specialist No. of the Engineer School to ROMA.

5. SIGS

1. ITALIAN LOCAL ORG

Main Org - Rome

(31 Office)

Outstations

TV - 1st Liaison Unit

(6 Office) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, MODENA, VERONA, BELLUNO, UDINE

Type 2nd Liaison Unit

(5 Office) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROMA, Bari, Foggia.

No 1st Liaison Unit

(11 Office) at ROMA
22 Office on control command

2. STRENGTH

Strength state of the Italian army as of 1st Dec 46 is as follows:

Actual Strength

US-IMI	4,011
IR-IMI	75
IN-IMI	119,367
CARABINIERI	65,134

3. ORG

There have been no alterations to Italian War establishments.

4. RE

- (a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVILIAVECHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the last held stores at CANE 300
- (b) The set of RATTIER Pontoon Equipment released from RICH MESTRE for the Engineer School is now being collected.
- (c) There is no question now of moving the Specialist Bn. of the Engineer School to ROMA.

5. SIGS

- (a) Training of Signal tradesmen at Italian School of Signal is progressing satisfactorily, as is also, the re-building and re-conditioning of class rooms and mess room.
- (b) Visits to Signal School by War Ministry have been successful and suggestions for improvement of training were made.

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6. CC.PB.(a) Organisation.

The strength of CC.PB. on 30 November 46 was 62,437, this increase being mainly due to a large intake of recruits. During November 1,120 recruits were enlisted and a further 1,300 are being enlisted. It is gratifying to note that recruiting is progressing more satisfactorily and it may be taken as an indication of the markedly improved prestige of the CC.PB. in the public eye.

(b) Evolution.

The Evaporation Committees are working hard to complete their task and despite the difficulties of obtaining evidence, a considerable number of cases are dealt with. During October and November the following cases were dealt with:-

38 Officers: 36 recruited, 1 discharged, 1 referred to higher authority.
607 NCOs : 24 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committees' decisions appear sound. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at FLORENCE on 15 Nov. 46 and is being attended by 700 CC.NC. 2,400 recruits are undergoing training at ROSE, RUTH, BAPI, and CGLIANI.

(a) Transport.

During the month ending 25 Dec 46, 30 I/Cs, 3 W/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.PB. The improvement in CC.PB. transport situation due to action taken by HQIA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	W/C	P/V	I/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1596	746	493	28	23
30 November 1946	1525	910	1050	166	22
	2731	1006	2239	163	299

The figures do not give a true picture of the improvement because a number of the vehicles held on 31 March have since become EIR or have been re-requisitioned. It is also pointed out that on 31 March, only 64.3% of the total vehicles were efficient. On 30 Nov 46, 80.8% were efficient. This is due not only to increased Territorial Command workshops but also

(b) Evacuation.

The Evacuation Committees are working hard to complete their task and despite the difficulties of obtaining evidence, a considerable number of cases are dealt with. During October and November the following cases were dealt with:-

58 prisoners: 30 admitted, 1 discharged, 1 referred to higher authority.
667 MGO : 21 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committee's decisions appear sound. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at FIORENZUOLA on 15 Nov. 46 and it being attended by 700 CC.RR.
2,400 recruits are undergoing training at RO.E, TURIN, DAPL, and CAGLIARI.

(d) Transport.

During the month ending 25 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 314/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by IRLI with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	4/C	P/V	L/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1596	746	493	28	23
30 November 1946	1925	916	1050	166	22
T.T.	2731	1006	2239	168	299 ⁵⁶

The figures do not give a true picture of the improvement because a number of the vehicles held on 31 March have since become BIR or have been re-requisitioned. It is also pointed out that on 31 March, only 61.3% of the total vehicles were efficient. On 30 Nov 46, 89.9% were efficient. This is due not only to increased service being provided by Territorial Command workshops but also by the training of CC.RR. as mechanics and the installation of workshops in the Legions themselves.
Although it will be seen that the WEs have not nearly been reached, at least CC.RR. have been enabled to break out of the impasse in which they were before IRLI took control and their almost dependence on civil transport has been greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated. CC.RR. greatly appreciate the improved situation which has strengthened their morale and added to their prestige.

(c) Communications

CMQ ROME is now connected by wireless to the following Legion HQs:-

Paris
Milan
Bologna
Florence
Naples
Catania
Messina

W/S equipment is now being installed at PALERMO. The high power transmitter and generator have now been brought from the ex Polish Depot at DESI and are being installed at CMQ.

(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 3,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.RR have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRISOLA. A further assignment of 3,300 pistols has been made to CC.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the REPLY factory to the Ministry of War.

(g) Public Safety.

The public safety situation in ITALIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobile Pns. under the command of Col. DOMINI (CC.RR. BOLCOPAL Legion).

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The ITALIA Medical Store at FLORENCE continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

(b) HEALTH

3 cases of Typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at PALERMO during November.
Of 10,047 hospital beds equipped, 5,000 were occupied on 30 NOV.46.

8. I.F.O.T.

Numerical state of restriction			298
Country Holding	No. of I.F.O.T. at beginning of repatriation	No. repatriated during December	No. still to be repatriated
(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)
BRITISH	399,085	21,222	19,418
AMERICAN	807,300	2,747	7,568

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W/S equipment is now being installed at PALERMO. The high power transmitter and generator have now been brought from the ex Polish Depot at LISI and are being installed at GIN.

(1) Arms and Ammunition.

The 3,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.25 have been allocated to various legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRISOLA. A further assignment of 3,300 pistols has been made to CC.24. The latter have already been despatched from the FURINI factory to the Ministry of War.

(2) Public Safety.

The public safety situation in LILIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the efficient employment of the Mobile Div. under the command of Col. BELLINI (C.M. 200001 Legion).

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The ITALIAN Medical Store at FERRARA continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

(b) HEALTH.

3 cases of typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at FERRARA during November. Of 10,047 hospital beds acquired, 5,244 were occupied on 30 NOV. 45.

8. LEFOW.

(a) Numerical state of repatriation			298
Country Holding	No. of LEW at beginning of repatriation	No. repatriated during December	No. still to be repatriated
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
BRITISH	599,085	21,223	19,410
OTHERS	627,309	2,747	7,858
GRAND TOTAL	1,226,394	23,970	27,268
+ Includes 123,751 US held - now repatriated.			

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Agreement was reached with GHS, Ltd. for the return of 2,560 IPGW who were voluntarily deferred for six months; these IPGW will be available at PORT SAID in early January and will be stored up by WILLIAM shipping in two lifts, probably 10 and 20 January. Nearly 24,000 IPGW were repatriated during the month of December; most of these were from various parts of the BRITISH EMPIRE. It is estimated that only 20,000 IPGW are now in BRITISH hands and that they will be returned to ITALY by late February or early March. A further 3,000 IPGW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA during December; it is reported that these men arrived in fairly good condition.

(c) Finance.

During the month of December 1946 the red crosses passed through this office by IPGW held in BRITISH custody, to their families, totalled £1,266. Statements of Account in respect of ITALIAN IWS repatriated from BRITISH custody, amounting to £2,268, were forwarded to the ITALIAN Government for payment. Following Army orders since December 1st 46, no more matters concerning IPGW or US custody will be dealt with by this office.

10 Jan 47
for

Major General.
COO. MILA.

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LANDS FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

Commander: Major General E.H. GOULBURN, DSO

Report No. 36.~ Activities during month of November

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME (31 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (6 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO
FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE.

Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 Offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME
BARI, PALERMO.

No. 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at ROME.

92 Offrs on establishment.

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Nov is as follows:-

Actual Strength

US - ITI	4,486
BR - ITI	102
INTERIM ARMY	139,292
CARABINIERI	62,828

3. ORG

- (a) On 27 Nov., all MMIA War Establishments were reviewed at CHQ. The increment to MMIA was deleted in toto, and a few minor adjustments were, in consequence, made to the HQ Establishment. It was recommended to the War Office that establishments should otherwise remain unchanged.

- (b) The following Italian War Establishments were approved: 296

Inspectorate of Infantry
Increase to School of Administration
Increase to Medical School.

4. RE.

() The following establishments were attached with list of stores to be released

1. MILIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME

(51 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units

(6 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO
FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE.

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4. RE.

(a) War Ministry were approached with list of stores to be released from PAVIA and obtained from ARAP's holding at CANCELLO. War Ministry have asked ARAP to quote prices for equipment, etc., required from CANCELLO. Action was taken to release stores at PAVIA.

(b) GHQ have now notified release of one set of Bailey Pontoon equipment for Italian Engineers. Arrangements for collecting and railing from NESTRE are now in hand.

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5. SIGS

- (a) Works continue to make good progress at the Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGNOLA.
- (b) The disposal of all communications from HQ MIA to its BLUs and vice versa, of security classification CONFIDENTIAL and below, through Italian channels, is working satisfactorily.
- (c) The Italian working party at POMECAGNO has been engaged throughout November and is still engaged in identifying and concentrating material.

6. CC, RR.(a) Organisation.

The strength of the Carabinieri at 31 Oct. 46 was 65,828, a small increase on the September figure.

Carabinieri have under consideration a plan for reorganisation of the Mobile Bns. When and if normal conditions return to Italy the existence of the Battalions will be of doubtful value in their present form. 6,000 men are now wholly employed in the Battalions where they have little to do except in the rare cases of large scale disorders. The Carabinieri plb. is to have a small Mobile Company with each Legion, thereby abolishing the Battalions and effecting a considerable saving in manpower. Under present circumstances no change is contemplated.

(b) Communications

W/T connection between GHQ and other HQs continues to make progress. The latest HQs to be brought within the network are BOLOGNA, MILAN, MESSINA and CATANZARO, although the latter two stations are still in the experimental stage.

Due to local disturbance, the TURIN station is being moved to another locality near the city. The keenness and energy displayed by Carabinieri in putting the W/T scheme into effect is highly encouraging. Courses of instruction for W/T operators are in full swing at GHQ.

(c) Transport.

Transport released to Carabinieri from 4 November to 1 December inclusive is as follows:

	M/Cs.	P/V	L/C.	Jeeps.
Legions	72	2	24	1
Mobile Bns.	70	-	3	1
	142	2	24	2
				295

Due to action taken by MIA with the War Ministry, the total releases of vehicles to Carabinieri since the formation of Carabinieri Section are:

M/C.	P/V	L/C	Jeeps	A/C	Other Vans.
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566	25	655	267	163	6

Carabinieri have received the tyres and tubes they ordered from PIRELLI firm and the greater part has now been distributed to the Legions.

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(d) Armoured Cars.

The position has improved since the last report, owing to the arrival at OARE BOLOGNA, of a quantity of spare motors, etc., from the Polish Depot at IESI. Legion Commanders have been ordered to despatch all inefficient A/Cs to BOLOGNA without delay. Further good news is that 24 A/Cs are being prepared and checked at BOLOGNA by the Army for exchange with 20 inefficient Carabinieri vehicles. It is expected that three of these A/Cs will be handed over to ROME Mobile Battalion during the week.

(e) Arms and Ammunition.

3,500 BERETTA 9 mm pistols have now been assigned to CC, RR and they will be released as soon as GHQ have decided on the distribution. This allocation is particularly satisfactory in view of the pressing needs of the Carabinieri for this weapon.

(f) Pay.

Carabinieri pay has been increased but owing to the rapidly rising cost of living, little or no benefit is felt.

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The Italian Medical Stores in FLORENCE are still receiving quantities of captured stores from Allied sources. About 50 tons were received during the month and are now being priced and handed over to the Italian Army. No report has yet come to hand as to whether MERANO captured stores Depot has completed move to FLORENCE.

(b) Health.

There was nothing of special interest to note during the month in connection with the health of the Italian Army. Of 10,578 beds available, 6,206 were occupied on 31st Oct 46.

8. I. POW

(a) Numerical state of repatriation			
Country Holding (a)	No of IPW at beginning of repatriation (b)	No repatriated during November (c)	No still to be repatriated 284
BRITISH	599,005	12,140	37,351
OTHERS	827,300	6,297	10,852
TOTAL	1,359,136 +	18,437	48,203

+ Includes 123,751 US held - now repatriated.

(1) followed by 11 months

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Plans were received during month to repatriate the remaining 48,000 Italian POW held in various parts of the BRITISH Empire. Less than 38,000 await repatriation as at 1st Dec 46 and it is estimated that the last Italian PW will have left BRITISH custody by 31st Jan 46. This means that the target date for the return of these POW to ITALY will be March 1st 1947. Over 6,000 ITALIAN POW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA last week; they arrived at ANCONA and verbal reports indicate that they were in fairly good condition.

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(c) Finance.

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in BRITISH hands through this Division totalled 22,758 pounds.

In view of the proposal to hand over all work in connection with US held POW to PBS., it is interesting to note that during November, 40% of work related to US held POW, and 60% to BRITISH held POW (Finance only).

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

Commander: Major General, E.H. GOULBURN, D.S.O.

REPORT No 35 - Activities during month of October

1. MAIN LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME (39 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (6 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE

Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 Offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO

No 12 Liaison Unit (16 Offrs) at ROME

106 Offrs on Establishment

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Oct is as follows:-

	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
US-III	83,000	4,654	4,433
BR-III	107,000	160	118
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	125,712	136,474
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	65,654

3. DISBANDEMENT (BR-III)

(a) 474 Mobile Workshops have now been disbanded. This leaves three BR-III Units. Numbers of personnel have not altered, as those disbanded have been sent to 832 and 833 S/L detachments. 292
864 Pool of Liaison officers remains at a strength of 30.

(b) With effect from Nov 5, HQ Central Military Schools will cease to exist. The Administrative functions concerned will be taken over by No 8 Territorial Command HQ, while the training side will be the responsibility of the various Inspectorates. The School of Cooperation will come directly under S.M.E.

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(39 Offrs)

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(c) W/Es
An Infantry Inspectorate has been formed - the Establishment has been decided on and passed, and will be issued when printed.

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G Branch

4. Developments and activities of this section during the month are as follows:

- (a) All Engra Stores in the I. R. D. at Cancelli were handed over by G.H. to A.R.A.R.
- (b) An Italian Engra Officer visited the Depot at Cancelli and noted Engra equipment available. The War Ministry were given first list of Engra etc. for which they should bid before disposal by A.R.A.R. began.
- (c) The consignment of signal stores received from EMILIO GIANNO during July is in process of being distributed. 557 B.O.D. Sub-Depots at BULLEGGI and L. NICOLA were visited on 23 and 25 Oct and 1st and 2nd Nov with a rep of the "Direzione Generale del Genio" in order to earmark the signal equipment which the Italian Army will take before A.R.A.R. begins to sell in the civilian market. A working party under an Italian officer is now engaged in concentrating this material so that it can quickly be moved to Rome when the release is received.

- (b) Permission has been received from G.H. to dispose of all messages and letters of all institutions CONFIDENTIAL and below to the DLU via the Italian Ministry of War Signal Office. The Ministry has already agreed to grant the necessary facilities. A R Signal RCO will be on duty at the Ministry of War Signal Office from 0800 to 1800 hrs daily in order to maintain a separate Signal Register and to facilitate the rectification of errors in routing etc.

CC. RR.

Organization

- (a) The strength of CC. at 30 Sep 46 was 63,654, a decrease of nearly 400 on the previous month's figure. The hope of reaching anything in the neighbourhood of the W/T is very faint, and it becomes more and more obvious that under the present circumstances the maximum figure likely to be achieved is 65,000, the old W/T. Despite unemployment and poverty, this service which offers free food and clothing still only attracts the poor peasant class of Southern Italy, whose standard of living is very low. Unless the pay is substantially increased, it seems probable that the loss due to releases etc., will soon exceed the intake of new recruits.

Communications

- (b) The training of personnel in W/T and the installation of equipment continues to take great strides under the direction of Col Gelli, himself a wireless enthusiast. G.H. is now in communication with Genoa and Turin, and it is hoped that Milan will soon be brought onto the net. Difficulties due to the lack of power of the transmitter at Rome will be overcome by the installation of a high power transmitter at the CC. at the Polish Ordnance Depot, Iosi.

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6. CC.RR.

Organization

(a) The strength of CC. at 30 Nov 46 was 63,654, a decrease of nearly 400 on the previous month's figure. The hope of reaching anything in the neighborhood of the W/E is very faint, and it becomes more and more obvious that under the present circumstances the minimum figure likely to be achieved is 65,000, the old 1/1. Despite unemployment and poverty, this service which often has food and clothing still only attracts the poor present class of Southern Italy, whose standard of living is very low. Unless the pay is substantially increased, it seems probable that the loss due to releases etc., will soon exceed the intake of new recruits.

Communications

(b) The training of personnel in V/2 and the installation of equipment continues to take great importance under the direction of Col Gelli, himself a wireless enthusiast. G.H.Q. is now in communication with Genoa and Livorno, and it is hoped that Milan will soon be brought onto the net. Difficulties due to the lack of power of the transmitter at Rome will be overcome by the installation of a high power transmitter assigned to CC. from the Polish Ordnance Depot, Iesi. Very little progress is reported in the extension of telephone facilities between stations and HQs, the main difficulty being lack of funds.

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6 (Contd)

(c) Of all transport held by CC, 80.25% are efficient. Of those inefficient, the chief cause is lack of tyres and tubes. CC are now purchasing tyres direct from Pirelli. An order has been placed for 900 tyres and tubes and it is expected that they will be received shortly.

Armoured Cars

(a) The 20 Maghounds in workshops are still off the road.

Arm and Ammunition

(c) 1100 Boretti pistols have been assigned to CC. by the War Ministry. This will leave a deficiency of 50,328 against entitlement.

Ammunition generally is in short supply.

CC. has now received its full quota of 38 SMGs in the proportion of one to every four men, excluding the Mobile Battalions which have one per man.

Morale

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8. PCW

(a) Numerical State of Repatriation

Country holding	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	No. of I. W. CC	No. repatriated during	No. repatriated during	No. still in captivity
		beginning of	October	
		reparation		

BRITISH

England & Scotland	158,029	-	-	35
North Africa	43,152	-	-	-
East Africa	42,857	4,946	-	13,031

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Arms and Ammunition

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
BRITISH					
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North Africa	43,152	-	-	13,031	-
East Africa	42,897	4,946	-	14,741	-
West Africa	1,000	-	-	-	-
South Africa	40,285	681	-	5,924	-
Middle East	58,520	499	-	13,728	-
India	33,302	2,796	-	15	-
Australia	17,657	-	-	-	-
Gibraltar	541	-	-	-	-
Persia	2,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	397,563	8,922	-	47,474	-

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(Contd)	TOTAL	8,922	47,474
<u>OTHERS</u>			
French N. Africa	37,300	-	-
Russia	20,000	8	7,487
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	-	-
France	35,000	-	-
Balkans	100,000	35	9,560
TOTAL	827,300	43	17,047
GRAND TOTAL	1,348,394 +	8,965	64,521

+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held - now repatriated.

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No official information has yet been received from the British War Office. The report received states that it is planned to complete repatriation from India by mid-December and to repatriate 70% of the remainder by the end of February 1947.

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(M.M.I.A.)

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REPORT No 34 - Activities during month of September1. IMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME

(39 offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units

(6 offrs) at PURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO,
FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE

Type 'B' Liaison Units

(3 offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI,
PALERMO

No 12 Liaison Unit

(16 offrs) at ROME

106 offrs on Establishment

2. ITALIAN ARMY DISBANMENTS

US-IMI

Def. OrgWEActual
Strength

83,000

4,651

4,495

BR-IMI

107,000

160

119

INTERIM ARMY

140,000

125,712

136,735

Carabinieri

75,000

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64,059

3. ORG

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CC.RR. Coy for War Ministry
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General

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steadily diminishing, the designation "IMI-IMI" is to be
discontinued.ITALIAN troops other than BR-IMI or US-IMI will be referred to
plainly as "ITALIAN Army".

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TRGVisits and Inspections

G.O.C. visited BARI Area and watched a Bn exercise at the Cadet Academy POTENZA and training in progress at the CAR.

GSC I Trg together with Wing Commander GRECE of the Air Force Sub Commission, inspected the Air Force recruits undergoing basic instruction at the CAR Bari.

G 1 Training flew to SICILY, accompanied by the American Military Attache Col PELLEGRINI, and inspected Regimental Training at CATANIA and MESSINA, and recruit training at the CAR PALERMO. A visit was also made to the Territorial Command HQ at PALERMO.

5.

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L/C	64
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Arms and Ammunition

(c) During the month, 1170 Beretta SIG have been received and distributed to units. Of 1,000 pistols produced by the Beretta factory for CC.NR., 500 are defective, the remainder have been handed over to Venezia Giulia Police.

Armoured Cars

(e) The position is deteriorating. Over 20 Staghoums are in Army Workshops and there is no prospect of their return unless, and until, spares are forthcoming. The Ministry of War has been requested to replace these Arm'd Cs under repair, but have not done so.

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The following figures received from one CAR, give an indication as to the previous service and Educational Standard of the recruits:

<u>Service</u>		<u>Education</u>	
Partisan Units	7%	University	1%
Allied Units	5%	Certificate High School	8%
German Units	2%	Certificate	6%
Fascist Units	1%	Secondary School	75%
		Certificate	10%
		Elementary School	
		Illiterates	

9. 2

The three Sub Depots comprising 557 Base Ordnance Depot at Naples were, on 1 Oct 46, completely handed over, through the Chief Disposals Officer (Italy) Ministry of Supply, to the Italian Government agency AZIENDA RICERCA ALIMENTAZIONE BELLEGGIA. The War Ministry and this HQ have representatives on the site and no difficulty should be experienced in obtaining available stores and essential items needed for the maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

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India	33,502	52	6,423
Australia	17,657	500	16,524
Gibraltar	541	--	15
Persia	2,000	--	--
TOTAL	397,343	8,901	56,479

OTHERS

French N. Africa	37,300	--	--
Russia	20,000	--	7,495
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	97	--
France	35,000	35	--
Belgians	100,000	55	9,614
TOTAL	827,300	187	17,109
GRAND TOTAL	1,348,394 +	9,088	73,588

+ Includes 123,731 U.S. held, -- now repatriated.

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(i) Plans have been made to return nearly 5,000 IPW during October; this will almost complete repatriation from India.

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TO : GSO II (SD) Land Forces Sub-Commission
(attn: Major Charrington)

1. Reference telephone conversation (Major Charrington/J. Comd. McMaster) of 10 September 46.
2. It is confirmed that it is no longer necessary for you to submit an abridged monthly report to this Headquarters, the full report being all that is required.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

J. McMaster
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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REPORT NO 33 - Activities during month of August

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

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Carabinieri	75,000	75,000	64,120

3. ORG

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Survey Unit
HQ M.T. Units - SME

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This now leaves four Br-Iti Units in existence.

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(c) General

A new Orbat has now been completed, and is expected to be issued in the very near future.
On Aug 8 and 9 the "six monthly" BLU conference was held - full minutes were published and sent to all concerned.

4. TRG(a) General

An Italian Mobile TRG Team has been formed to carry out inspection of TRG methods employed at CARs, Schools and Centres with the object of improving and standardizing instruction and employment of time. This team was trained by 13 Corps, on the lines of British Mobile Teams.

(b) CARs

The TRG of the second intake of recruits is now in progress. The "call-up" was satisfactory.
GSO I TRG visited the CAR at COMO and reported that the TRG and administration were satisfactory.

(c) Schools

Progress continues to be made at all Schools.
Recent releases of TRG eqpt and technical stores have added considerably to the standard of instruction.

(d) Div TRG

GSO TRG inspected the TRG being carried out by the 6th and 8th Alpini Regts in Nos 4 and 5 Terr Coad.
Units were seen on pl exercises and an individual TRG in rock climbing and specialised Alpini TRG. The standard of morale was exceedingly high, and reflected on the extreme keenness shown by all ranks at work under most arduous mountain conditions. British Arms were in process of being distributed down to Bn level, and all ranks evinced an enthusiastic interest in their new weapons.

5. Carabinieri(a) Activities

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(b) Organisation

CC wish to increase the number of Legions on the grounds that ²⁸¹ of the existing Legions are unwieldy, e.g. Naples city would consist of one Legion, and a new Legion would be formed to supervise the four provinces previously controlled from Naples. The scheme does not have much to recommend it in that it merely entails superimposing a new "Comandi Legione" over already existing groups, companies etc. It is thought that this scheme will succeed owing to the addition-

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- (c) Comm
196 No 19 IP Sets with accumulators etc have now arrived and the W/I eqpt is at last complete. Courses have been started and 48 men are under instruction.

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(a) Tpt

Since the last monthly report a considerable improvement of releases of tpt has been made. 112 vehicles of all classes were released in July, and up to 25 Aug 46, 62 have been released. Some Legions, notably Milan, has MT in excess of W/E. These Legions will have to surrender their surplus to other Legions with little MT, and arrangements are being made to this end.

(e) Arms and Amn

No Beretta pistols Mod. 34 have been received but 5,000 have been delivered to the Ministry of War and assigned to CC. 1,800 Beretta Mitra have been received and are being distributed. There is still a shortage of nearly 7,000. Ministry of War have been asked to make available 28 Staghound AOs as a reserve for CC.

(f) Morale

No change since last report.

(g) Tr

A course has been started at Rome for training a number of men in the use of the mine detector, a consignment of which has been received.

(h) General

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(f) Morale

No change since last report.

(g) Training

A course has been started at Rome for training a number of men in the use of the mine detector, a consignment of which has been received.

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7. SIGNALS

Good progress continues to be made at the Italian School of Signals, Cecchignola.

The Signal Controlled Stores situation is still in process of being sorted out. Full details will be given when a complete census is available of the stores received from BOD and subsequently issued to the various subordinate formations. It can be stated now, however, that no serious shortages are anticipated,

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7. SIGNALS (cont'd)

The question of nomenclature of signal trades has been discussed with the Ispettorato del Genio and full agreement has been reached.

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From other sources.....	499
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- (b) India
Nearly 8,000 prisoners were returned during the month. Only 19% of the original number held in India now await repatriation.
- (c) UK
1,445 PW out of 158,029 are left in the UK. This virtually completes the UK repatriation programme, since some hundreds of PW have voluntarily deferred their repatriation to assist in agriculture.
- (d) Australia
The "MORETON BAY" arrived at the end of Aug in Naples with 500 PW (sick and compassionate cases). The "KATOOMBA" is expected shortly with 600. No further information has been received regarding repatriation in large numbers.
- (e) Middle East
All co-operators have now been returned; repatriation of non-co-operators is progressing and should be completed by mid-Sept.
- (f) Others
The position in S. Africa and E. Africa is unchanged. PW continue to return at the rate of 2,000 a month from each country, but no plans for mass repatriation exist. With the completion of Middle East repatriation it is hoped to speed up this comparatively slow rate. A few PW have been sent through Vienna from Russia.
- (g) Compassionate & Welfare
Correspondence involving 150 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 65 cases. 542 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re PW from their families and vice versa.
- (h) Specialists & Neo Fascists
445 letters, dealing with release of Fascists and Germans in Italy and repatriation of Specialists, were received, and issued. 821 S. Tyroleans were released from LATIMER Camp during Aug.
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SUBJECT : Monthly Activities Report

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

(489081 Ext 359)

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10 Sept 46

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Chief Clerk's Office)
Allied Commission.

Reference your 825/323/EC dated 6 Sep 46.

Herewith as requested ~~four~~ copies, all that are
available, of this Headquarter's Monthly Activities Report No 31
for June 1946.

for *John T. Murphy*
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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6 September 1946

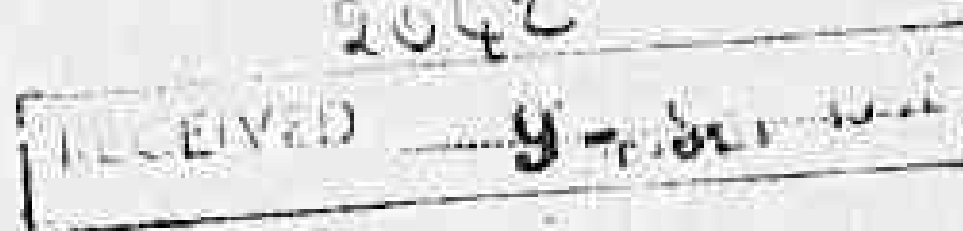
SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

1. It would be appreciated if you could forward to this office as many copies of your monthly report for June as are available or spare.
2. These reports are required for onward transmission to G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

G. M. Master
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.



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22 Aug 46

TO : M.I.4.14, War Office,
LONDON.

Herewith for your information, (by permission of
G-5 A.F.H.Q.) one "direct" copy of this H.Q. Monthly Activities
Report for July 46.

for
Major General
M. M. E. A.

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SUBJECT: First Monthly Report - JUNE 46

LAND FORCES BUREAU, AG (MGA)

(Tel No: 570)

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12 Aug 46

TO : Executive Commissioner
Re Allied Commission (2)1. MGA LONGTERM

Main No - 1015 7567

Composition

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FLORIN, FERRARA, UDINE
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ANTI, PAVIA
No 12 Liaison Unit (16 offices) at ARE.

2. ITALIAN ARMY COMPOSITION

	<u>Ordering</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>Actual strength</u>
US-IMI	83,000	4,425	4,350
IM-IMI	107,000	679	757
INTEGRA ARMI	140,000	123,551	145,577
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	64,120

3. RE

(a) RE for whole Italian Army have now been passed by Italian HQ with the exception of the Ministry of War itself, and of Territorial Region and Military District HQ.

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4. TRAINING(a) Cadre

pending the arrival of a second intake of recruits a series of courses is in progress to improve the standard of the instructors.

5. GC(a) Activities

The Carabinieri's present situation has been gone into very thoroughly and a comprehensive report submitted.

(b) Organisation

GC Carabinieri are preparing a report making recommendations for the reorganisation of the Corps, a copy of which will be forwarded to MIIA. It is understood that in several ways the views of GC Carabinieri coincide with the views of MIIA, e.g. abolition of divisional commands.

(c) MR

Release of MR by the War Ministry continues to be unsatisfactory. Figures based on the new and reduced MR show that Carabinieri possess 65% of their MR.

It is hoped that the strong recommendations made to GC by MIIA will result in the release of vital spaces for the CARABINIERI Armal Co.

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Carabinieri morale is probably higher now than at any period since the Armistice, but there remains one disturbing factor. Reports from all areas indicate that there is a strong and growing apprehension in all quarters and among all ranks as to the future of the Corps. Benito, when Minister of the Interior, promised that the Corps would not be touched, but, under the same Minister, they have observed the Public Mowmen develop from 30,000 apert, nearly plain clothes men, into a powerfully armed semi-military force, equipped with anti cars, jeeps, sub-machine guns etc and numbering over 30,000.

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6. ARM(a) Local Policy

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(b) Public Relations

PR is generally functioning well throughout the Army.

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H.P.M. Generally speaking, appears to be unaffected by result of referendum.

7. Medical(a) Medical Stores

The Medical Stores at FLEETON continue to receive stores from GAF, RAAF and East Africa Command. Vessels for approximately 60 tons are in possession of this M and stores omitted. Medical Stores and machinery continue to arrive at FLEETON from MEDAN.

8. POW(a) Italian POW as under were repatriated during the month of July:-

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From other sources	783
	<u>31,026</u>

(b) Australia

As a result of the action taken by the Chief Commissioner (vide para 11(c), Report No 31, Activities during the month of June), two ships have been allotted to repatriate 1,100 sick PW and IV whose early return had been requested on compassionate and hardship grounds. These ships leave FLEETON 3 August. Further efforts are being made to obtain ships in order that mass repatriation can begin.

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H. P. M. C.
for Major-General,
MIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.S.

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Commander: Major General E.M. GOULBURN, D.S.O.

REPORT NO 32 - Activities during month of July

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27 - 28.

1. ITALIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7457

Outstations

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(b) Disbandments

Disbandment of BR-ITI units has been proceeding satisfactorily. The following have been disbanded during the month:-

1051 Maintenance Pl	(w.e.f. 15 July)
60 Inco to 60 Forestry Gp	(w.e.f. 15 July)
85 E & M Pl	(w.e.f. 15 July)
816 Inco to 182 Pro Coy	(w.e.f. 15 July)

Only six BR-ITI units now remain. Application for disbandment of three of these has already been made. The remainder are employed on guarding PW at RI III.

Disbandment of US-ITI units is slow and is behind programme.

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(c)

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With the exception of 145 LP Sets, and electrolyte, CC. have their full wireless equipment. CC. are purchasing electrolyte direct from Montecatini as none is available from allied sources.

Instructor courses are shortly being started for selected men from mobile bns. Experiments have been made with No 52 Sets all over Italy with varying results, reception being poor in mountainous districts. 49 petrol driven charging sets have been received and a further 36 are being made available.

Owing to lack of personnel with any knowledge of wireless, it will be a considerable time before the scheme is in full operation.

Progress is being made with the installation of telephone systems in the north, but lack of funds is hampering proceedings.

(d)

Tpt

Release of tpt by the War Ministry continues to be unsatisfactory.

Figures based on the new and reduced WS show that CC. possess 654 of their WE.

It is hoped that the strong recommendations made to GHQ by I-L will result in the release of vital spares for the ST/CHOUND Armcd Cs.

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During July, 618 recruits finished their trg and were posted to various Comds.

6. AD

(e) Legal Policy
The draft decrees on regtl Courts Martial and a letter explaining the plan and purpose of the decree to the Council of Ministers, has been received and examined by this HQ.
It is felt that, although the proposed decree goes a very long way towards implementing the plan originally put forward by the Mission in 1945, certain provisions, particularly those relating to appeals, might jeopardise the functioning of the system.
A further meeting is to be held to discuss those points.

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(b) Public Relations
 Opinion in Terr Comds on the question of whether a whole time or only a part time P R Officer should be appointed is divided, a small majority being in favour of a whole time Public Relations Officer.
 PRO is generally functioning well throughout the Army.

(c) Morale
N.T.R. Generally speaking appears to be unaffected by result of referendum.

7. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores
 The Medical Stores at FLORNOE continue to receive stores from C.M.F., I.E.F. and East Africa Comd.
 During the month approximately 30 tons of stores were received and are in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italian Army.
 Vouchers for approximately 60 tons are in possession of this HQ and stores awaited.
 Medical Stores and Machinery continue to arrive at FLORENCE from MEBRANO.

(b) Health Notes
 There has been nothing of note in the Health picture of the Italian Army during the past month.
 Of 11,796 beds available, 6,471 were occupied on 30 June 46.

(c) Welfare
 The question of increased Welfare facilities for patients was taken up with the Medical Directorate - results of proposals made are not yet available.

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(b) India
 Owing to continuous pressure, three large ships have been obtained for IPW repatriation. These vessels will all have arrived in NAPLES by mid August and will have repatriated some 7,200. This represents 50% of the total IPW now held in India.

(c) UK
 There are no difficulties in respect of repatriation from the UK.

N.T.R. Generally speaking appears to be a memorandum.

7. MEDICAL

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The Medical Stores at FLOR. NCE continue to receive stores from C.M.F., M.E.F. and East Africa Comd. During the month approximately 30 tons of stores were received and are in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italian Army.
Vouchers for approximately 30 tons are in possession of this HQ and stores awaited.
Medical Stores and Machinery continue to arrive at FLORENCE from MERANO.
- (b) Health Notes
There has been nothing of note in the Health picture of the Italian Army during the past month.
Of 11,796 beds available, 6,471 were occupied on 30 June 46.
- (c) Welfare
The question of increased Welfare facilities for patients was taken up with the Medical Directorate - results of proposals made are not yet available.

8. POW

- (a) Italian POW as under were repatriated during the month of July:-

From BRIT hands.....	30,243
From other sources.....	793
	<u>31,036</u>

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(b) India

Owing to continuous pressure, three large ships have been obtained for IFF repatriation. These vessels will all have arrived in NAPLES by mid August and will have repatriated some 7,200. This represents 50% of the total IFF now held in India.

(c) UK

There are no difficulties in respect of repatriation from the UK. Progress was maintained during July, and with the arrival of two ships early in August and the continued railway service CALAIS-VERONA, it is anticipated that all prisoners will be repatriated by 21 Aug 46.

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Australia

As a result of the action taken by the Chief Commissioner, (vide para 41(c)), Report No 31, activities during month of June) two ships have been allotted to repatriate 1,100 sick PW and PW whose early return had been requested on compassionate and hardship grounds. These ships leave FREMANTLE 3 August. Further efforts are being made to obtain ships in order that mass repatriation can begin.

Middle East

Six Italian ships are still running between PORT SAID and MURLES/TARANTO. Other ships make occasional lifts at PORT SAID, which ensure the maintenance of the monthly repatriation rate.

Others

SOUTH AMERICAN held IPW continue to arrive spasmodically The 2,000 IPW shown previously as being in PERSIA, reached MASSARA, and have now arrived in ITALY The BLINKS continue to yield small parties of prisoners 25 IPW have been discovered in JAMAICA! Application has been made for their return to ITALY.

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15 July 46TO : Executive Commission
Applied Commission (2)1. ITALY LOCATIONS

Main HQ - Rome 7467

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NAPLES, UDINE.Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 offices) at GENOA, ROMA, RAVENNA, PALERMO,
BOLOGNA.

No 12 Liaison Unit (16 offices) at ROMA.

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Strengths as at 1 June 46:

	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>VA</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
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BR-IT	107,000	2,036	1,229
INTERM ARMY	140,000	129,320	148,350
CC.MI	75,000	64,524	63,464

* For reasons for surplus to authorized ceiling see para 2 of
Report No 29 & 30, activities during months of April & May.

3. SCHEDULE

For the first fortnight of the month, training at the various
units and permanent staff

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TO : Executive Committee
Allied Commission (2)

1. ITALIA LIAISON

Radio III - Rome 7467

Outstations

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GERMAN ARMY	140,000	129,320	148,350
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3. SCHOOL

For the first fortnight of the month, training at the various schools was interrupted by the absence of recruits and permanent staff on security measures required for the election and referendum period. The outcome of the referendum was greeted with great disappointment by many of the officers, whose initial thoughts favoured resignation of their commissions. Training, however, has recommenced and is progressing favourably.

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Arms and Amn

- (b) The position appears to be satisfactory. By now every OC.RR station should have its quota of 2 Beretta carbines, and visits made to stations show that this distribution has been carried out promptly.

5. SIGNALSBrit Signal Facilities

The system of Brit military communications in Italy continued to degenerate throughout the month, and communications to Sicily have ceased to exist. In consequence this HQ has to rely on the Ministry of War for the despatch of official mail to Sicily. The whole question of external communications for this Mission will be reviewed as soon as possible.

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The draft decree with explanatory notes introducing Courts Martial is about to be presented to the Council of Ministers. Meanwhile the Amnesty appears to have made little difference to the vast numbers of military personnel awaiting trial.

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The Public Relations Office is now established and functioning. Good use is being made of the press, and a full explanation of the purpose of this office and its set up was recently published as a front page article.

7. EMPLACEMENT, ARM & AMN

On the administrative side the work is chiefly concerned round the issue of equipment and maintenance stores for the Italian Army from Allied surpluses. Releases of suitable vehicles, armaments, tyres and spare parts having been provided in principle, are taking a long time in practice and a certain lack of efficiency is to be expected in the meantime. The sorting out of accas between the Italian Army, the Allied Army and life and refugees is proceeding slowly and exchanges have taken place during the month in accordance with the main plan. The issues of Allied am for Allied weapons in the hands of the Italian Army and req'd for its purposes, have been approved by HQ & are now being made.

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REPORT NO 31 - Activities during month of JUNE

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

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CC.R. Coy for Inf Div	
Survey Bty for Inf Div	

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(b) Disbandments

Disbandments of BR-ITI units continue satisfactorily but there have been no further US-ITI disbandments during the month. It is anticipated that there will be only 6 or 7 BR-ITI units in existence by the end of July. These units will probably be required indefinitely.

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Conversions

- (i) Instructions have been issued by the Italian Ministry of War for the conversion of the Infantry in Independent Regt to the same WE as that of the Infantry in Inf Divs.
Conversion is expected to be completed by 1 Aug 46.
- (ii) 3 Inf Regt has been re-designated 3 Bersaglieri Regt.

4. C.A.R.s

- (a) A consolidated report on the inspections carried out by Staff Offrs of this HQ has been forwarded to the Ministry of War for their comments and action.
- (b) Suggested amendments to the WE of a CAR will be considered by the Italian WE Committee during the early part of July. These amendments are based on the experience of handling the first intake of 40,000 recruits.

5. SCHOOLS

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The release of tpt to CC.RR by the War Ministry is most unsatisfactory. During the past month no load carrying vehicles have been released. The latter is being investigated.

A WE for Mobile Bn Workshops has been produced and forwarded to BLUs. As CC.RR possess very few mechanics, all Legions have been asked to make a return of suitable personnel. ROME Legion has sent 10 men for training at the Italian Workshops at Cecchignola, and ARRUZZI Legion has 22 men undergoing practical training with private firms. The initiative displayed by these two Legions is encouraging.

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Morale

The fall of the Monarchy, although unwelcome to CC.RR has had no appreciable effect on morale and it can be said that all personnel remain loyal to their Corps.

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DETAILS(a) Stores

The Signal controlled stores for the Italian Interim Army have now been received and are in the hands of the Ministry of War who are accepting this HQs advice regarding distribution. Up to now it has not been possible to commence distribution owing to the slowness of some of the Divs in rendering returns of stores held, but these have now all been received and issues will begin in the very near future.

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(d) Personnel Selection

Authority has been received to pass full information on British Methods to the Ministry of War and a visit to the W.O. by selected Italian Army Officers may be arranged later. Meanwhile we await info from the Min of War as to details they require from us.

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From other sources.....	22,736
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- (iii) Remittances forwarded by IPW held in Brit hands through this Div totalled £49,973. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from Brit and US custody, totalling 49,710 were forwarded to the Italian Gov't for payment.

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SUBJECT: ITALY: Reports for May 1945

LAND FORCES HQ C.M., AS (MILIA)

(Ref No: 570)

17/2/57

11 June 46

TO: Executive Commission,
Allied Commission (2)

1. ITALY LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7/67

Citations

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NAPLES, VENICE.

Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 units) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, NORTHERN,
PARMA.

No. 12 Liaison Units (16 units) at ROME.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

Strength as at 1 May 1945:

	<u> ceilings</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>Actual strength</u>
VI-MI	35,000	4,350	4,648
ES-MI	107,000	2,182	1,398
DEFENSE ARMY	140,000	129,239	142,362
C.M.	75,000	64,534	61,782

* For reasons for surplus to authorized ceiling see para

2 Report No 23, "Activities during month of April". 260

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been as high as usual.

3. ORG OF MILIA

N.O.S. 1 Apr the C.M. Section of MILIA is redesignated "Police
Movement to Military Mission to the Italian Army (for Carabinieri)"
and has a separate in CM/1273/4 as a para military organization.

Continuation

Typo 7A Italian Units (6 units) at PAVIA, MILAN, BOLZANO, ELSENBERG, PAVIA, UFFIC.

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Strengths as at 1 May 66:

	<u>Colours</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
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INVESTIG ARMY	140,000	129,230	143,362
CC-SC	75,000	64,574	64,782

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3. CHIEF OF MILITARY

3.0.1. 1 Apr the CC-SC Section of MILA is redesignated "Police Movement to Military Mission to the Italian Army (for Carabinieri)" and has a separate NO ON/4279/1 as a pure military organization.

4. REPE

CHIEF have now authorized the release of all outstanding appeals demands for the Italian Italian Army.

5. TRAINING

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During the latter part of the month try was stopped on account of the elections as it was found necessary to use the recruits for security duties.

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6. COMO

The following changes of COMI have been made, wef 3 May:-

MANCORA Inf Div
Brig CONVINC DI MANCORA replaces Brig BOLOGNA as COO

ORZOGRA Inf Div
Brig PINOCCHIO replaces Brig PRINCE as COO

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LORENZO Inf Div
Brig RICHARDI replaces Maj Gen ULI as COO

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(b) Arm and Amn

The first 10,000 Beretta automatic carbines have now actually been distributed to Legions. The remaining 10,000 are expected from the factory during June - July according to War Ministry statement. When this second consignment is received, Legions and Mob Bns will be armed up to scale.

The MACROBOLD Arm'd Co of the Mob Bns have received 100,000 rounds. 300 Browning Amn per Mob Bn. It is anticipated that loading of 37 mm Amn for the MACROBOLD will be commenced at RAI on 4 June 45. During May over 1,500,000 rounds of 9mm Amn for Beretta carbines and 250,000 rounds of 9mm for Beretta pistols have been delivered to Legions.

8. POW

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From other sources..... 9,011

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From other sources.....	2,011
	<u>45,046</u>

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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Commander: Major General L. BROWNING, C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

REPORT NO. 30 - Activities during month of MAY.

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.
Ref Maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27 - 28.

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

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4. ORG

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Inf Regt	HQ
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Engineer	Bn
Signals	Bn
	Applicable to Inf Divs only.
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- (b) Disbandments
Disbandments of US-ITI and RR-ITI units continue satisfactorily.

5. EQPT

CHQ CMF have now authorized the release of all outstanding eqpt demands for the Interim Italian Army.

6. TRAINING

- (a) CARs (Territorial Trg Centres)
During the month Nos 1,2,9 and 10 CARs were visited by Staff Offrs of this HQ and were found to be generally satisfactory.

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(c) Schools

During the latter part of the month trg was stopped on account of the elections as it was found necessary to use the recruits for security duties.

7. COMD

The following changes of Comd have been made, wef 5 May:-

MANTOVA Inf Div

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CREMONA Inf Div

Brig PIZZORNO replaces Brig PRADIERE as GOC.

PERIOLI Inf Div

Brig BERNARDI replaces Maj Gen SCATTINI as GOC.

LEGNANO Inf Div

Brig RICHIERTI replaces Maj Gen UTILI as GOC.

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The actual increase of strength since the authorised Establishment was raised has not been noticeable, as retirements etc have balanced enlistments, but the 1,000 volunteers will be an actual increase when they are taken onto effective strength. HQ CC.RR are still confident that when the recruiting propaganda is more mature, and the result of the elections are known, that further volunteers will be forthcoming.

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(b) Comm

A little progress is being reported from various Legions of repairs to telephone installations, but the overall situation is still very far from satisfactory. The release of the wireless sets to scale has been made and they are now being off loaded at ROME.

(c) Tpt

The tpt situation continues to improve, but new vehicles from the Italian motor industry are not being distributed in the anticipated numbers. There is still about a 66% deficiency in load carrying vehs in the Legions. Shortage of load carriers is the biggest deficiency at present. This matter is receiving active attention. MCs are also in short supply, but it is hoped to start taking delivery in July of 500 new MCs from the Italian motor industry. During May 2,000 new bicycles have been distributed to Legions, and another 4,000 new bicycles are expected during the course of the next few months from the Italian cycle industry.

(d) Arms and Amn

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The SMITHSOND Arm'd Cs of the Mob Bns have received 100,500 rounds. 300 Browning Amn per Mob Bn. It is anticipated that loading of 37 MM amn for the SMITHSONDS will be commenced at BARI on 4 June 46. During May over 1,500,000 rounds of 9 MM amn for Beretta carbines and 250,000 rounds of 9 MM for Beretta pistols have been delivered to Legions.

(e) Morale

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MEDICAL(a) Medical Stores

Stores and machinery are still arriving at FLORENCE from MERANO but difficulty is being experienced in getting the plant working as part of the institute is occupied by ENDIMEA. This matter is still being negotiated by the Medical Directorate with the Ministry concerned. The War Ministry are now attempting to obtain further supplies of penicillin from the UK.

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10. POW

(a) Italian POW as under were repatriated during the month of May:-

From BRIT hands	36,835
From other sources.....	<u>9,011</u>
	<u>45,846</u>

(b) General(i) INDIA. From a total of 33,302, 15,738 POW have now been repatriated.(ii) UK. 75% of all Italian POW in UK have now been repatriated, 12% will arrive at NAPLES in June.(iii) FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. Repatriation is now almost complete.(c) Finance

Continued detailed attention has been given to the settlement of credits outstanding in respect of ex-POWs released from US custody.

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TO: Executive Commission,
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INTERIM ARMY	140,000	127,998	145,291.8
CC.R	75,000	75,000	61,430

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275 in group 21 and above not yet discharged.
600 BR-IT category released to Italian control
more than estimated.

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Certain classes of men, although due for release, cannot be in fact as they are resident overseas, e.g. Cyrenaica, Britain, and arrangements for repatriation are delayed.

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3. REMARKS

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6. Summary(a) Introduction

Various units have been reorganized on a new basis of activities available to the 10,000 members of the unit. The new basis of mobile operations has an emphasis on the training of members in explosives and the employment of the unit in mobile units with vehicles, where there is no mobile unit. The unit has been reorganized and a decision is being made to move the unit to the 10,000 members of the unit to be reorganized. It is estimated that 7,000-8,000 units will be available for duty by the end of 1955. There are a total of 1,000 members in training.

(b) Mobile Unit

600 members of the unit, reorganized to mobile unit, are in actual possession of the unit by which they have been allotted. The distribution of members for the reorganized has been arranged and is in progress. The reorganization and training of members has been completed. The reorganization is in progress. It is estimated that 7,000-8,000 units will be available for duty by the end of 1955. There are a total of 1,000 members in training.

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Main HQ - Rome 7467

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CC.BR	75,000	75,000	61,420

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- (c) BRITISH signal equipment with V/T sets has been released for CC.RR on scales demanded by this HQ, to a total of some 490 sets.

8. TRAINING

All CAPs have been visited by Staff Officers of this HQ during April, and generally were found to be functioning satisfactorily.

The call-up was completely successful, the full number of recruits (40,000) was obtained, and there were few incidents.

A great deal of work was necessary to get the accommodation at each CAP ready in time for the arrival of the recruits, and though in some instances there is slight overcrowding still, the accommodation generally is satisfactory.

The discipline of the recruits seemed quite good and they appeared to be cheerful and contented. Much work had been done by the Permanent and Instructional Staff to make the best possible arrangements for the recruits in the short time available, and in this respect much interest and keenness had obviously been shown.

The main difficulties are:-

- (a) shortage of NCO instructors, and the poor standard of the junior NCO instructors.
- (b) shortage of armourers trained in British weapons.
- (c) shortage of transport, and the poor quality of the vehicles that are available at the CAPs.

9. CC.RR

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CC.RR Branch of this HQ has been instructed to prepare detailed recommendations respecting further re-organisation of the CC.RR, and a comprehensive report is now in course of preparation.

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Further work has been accomplished on a new Order of Battle as a result of the 10,000 increase of strength. The new Order of Battle provides for an approximate 20% increase of strength in Legions, and the employment of the TRIESTE Legion as Mobile Units with Legions, where there is no Mobile Bns. The War Ministry has promulgated a decree calling back into service, CC.RR of the 1915-22 Classes, at present in "Congedo". Many of these men have expressed a desire to return to service. It is estimated that 7,000 - 8,000 extra men will be available for duty by the end of May. There are a total of 1,905 recruits ²⁵⁰ in training.

(c) MOBILE BNS

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(d) TRANSPORT

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(d) TRANSPORT

A total of 96 Load Carriers, 91 Jeeps and 1 M/C have been released to EVFs during the month. In view of the poor condition of the Jeeps on arrival at ROIE, it was arranged that they should go to ROIE Workshops for inspection and repair as necessary before issue to Legions. Priority for this work was obtained, and the Jeeps are now being turned out in good condition, complete with spare wheels and tools. However it can be seen that the target of 250 Jeeps promised will not be reached.

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- (e) IRS
Distribution has been made to Legions of 7,000 new automatic rifles Model 38 from the BRESCIA Arms Factory BRESCIA. Delay is occasioned with the remaining 3,000 promised, owing to lack of cartridge magazines.
- (f) CLOTHING
MILITARY Legion was visited and inspected with special reference to clothing supplies. Following representations, the Ministry of War has made assignments of certain quantities of clothing and equipment to the MILITARY Legion.
- (g) TRAINING
An inspection has just been completed of the TURIN and FLORENCE training schools. The accommodation of the school at TURIN has recently been increased by the transfer of several refugees, and it will be capable of doubling the intake of students within a short time. There is a marked improvement in training, particularly in the practical police duties, a policy which has been stressed by this HQ coupled with close personal liaison with School Commandants and instructors. The general appearance of the recruits is better and discipline good. 'Refresher' courses are being given in some Legions, by organised classes at Group level, a system advocated by this HQ, being much more efficacious than the CC,RR system of Herescioli giving instruction to 2 or 3 CC,RR at each station.
- (h) MORALE
Reports continue to be received from LOS and other sources, of the improved efficiency and morale of the CC,RR.

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ADMINISTRATION

- (a) DISCIPLINE AND MORALE
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- (b) PUBLIC RELATIONS
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11. SUPPLIES

Food supplies for the Interior Army have been provided regularly by the High Commissioner for Food of the Italian Government. Monthly allocations have been made by the repatriation dei Consorzi Agrari to the Ministry of War.

No supplies (munitions) have been declared available from the Allied Disposal Agencies.

The preparations for the provisioning of the Italian Navy and Air Force by the Italian Government w.o.f. 1 June 1946 are well under way and no difficulties are anticipated.

Continued efforts were made during the month to obtain GHQ approval for the direct release to the Italian Army of military surplus stores required for maintenance. A limited quantity of IT spares were received for Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

12. MEDICAL(a) MEDICAL STORES

To date some 170 railway truckloads of machinery have been received at FLORENCE from IERAWO. Notification received from GHQ that medical stores in short supply cannot be supplied from Allied sources.

(b) ITALIAN MEDICAL UNITS

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13. P.O.W.

Progress continues with the repatriation of Italian POW, figures for the month of April being:-

From BRIT hands.....	43,627
From US hands.....	353
From other sources.....	14,160

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- (b) Unboundaries of the type and the unit contains standard. At the request of the Ministry of War, 13 (type), 2 (type), 3 (type), 1940, 1940 and 1940/1940 have been asked to review the position of Italian units under command with a view to accelerating disbursement and the release of specialists.

2. ITALIAN PERFORMANCES

- (a) Strengths as at 1 Nov 46:

	ceiling	actual strength
10-100	8,000	4,052
10-100	107,000	2,614
10-100	140,000	129,663
10-100	75,000	75,000
10-100		62,502

- (b) Authority has been received from the Ministry of War to increase the ceiling of the Italian inventory from 205,000 to 215,000 to allow for an increase of 10,000 ceiling from 65,000 to 75,000.

3. RESULTS

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A conference was held at 10:00 on 10 Nov with the objective of discussing methods for accelerating the provision of equipment for the Italian Army. Recommendations based on the results of this conference are to be put before the COM.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The situation in respect of mobile units is as follows. Of the 12 types, 4 are 100 up to 10 in 1946, 4 are 80 and the remainder are 50 or less. The type recently obtained is in good condition. Areas and are are satisfactory, and the two have now been supplied with 3,700 men.

A new allocation of 100 (regimental and area) for mobile units has been made, complete delivery being expected by the end of May.

The C.O. 100 has issued orders to regions on the use and deployment of the units.

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5. REVENUE

The REVENUE account has been listed back to the Italian Government. A report has been made in transferring drugs and machinery to the Italian Government of about 400 tons.

6. REVENUE

Progress continues with the registration of Italian POW figures for the month of May being--

From Italian banks.....	2,886
From U.S. banks.....	4,872
From other sources.....	5,657
TOTAL	13,415

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

(M M I A)

Commander: Major General J. BROWNING, C.B. O.D.E. M.C.

REPORT NO 28 - Activities during month of MARCH

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Mgmt: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28.

1. MILIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROMA 7467

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (5 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES

Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 Offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO.

No. 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at CERVINO

Note:

Authority has been granted by GHQ CIP to convert the 'B' type BLU at present located at UDINE to an 'A' type BLU. The conversion order has not yet been issued.

Authority has been given for the addition of one Training Major to a 'B' type BLU.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

(a) Strengths as at 1 Mar 46:

	ceiling	VR	Actual Strength
US-ITI	63,000	4,952	5,197
BR-ITI	107,000	3,511	3,300
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	129,663	125,342
CC.FR	75,000	75,000	62,309

(b) Authority has been received from CCS to increase the ceiling of the Italian Interim Army from 205,000 to 245,000 to allow for an increase

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Map: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-20.

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ -- ROMA 7457

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (3 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, NAPLES

Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 Offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO

No. 12 Liaison Unit (1 Offr) at CERVIGNO

Note: Authority has been granted by GHQ CEF to convert the 'B' Type BLU at present located at UDINE to an 'A' Type BLU. The conversion order has not yet been issued. Authority has been given for the addition of one Training Major to a 'B' Type BLU.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

(a) Strengths as at 1 Mar 46:

	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
US-INT	65,000	5,157
BR-INT	107,000	3,300
INTER-INT	140,000	125,342
CO.FR	75,000	62,509

(b) Authority has been received from CCS to increase the ceiling of the Italian Interim Army from 205,000 to 245,000 to allow for an increase of CC.FR ceiling from 65,000 to 75,000.

3. ORGANISATION - HQ MMIA

The WE of HQ MMIA and the increment to HQ MMIA were reviewed by GHQ CEF WE Committee on 14 Mar and the following amendments were made regarding offrs:

- (a) HQ MMIA (CN/241/5)
Wof 11 Mar 46 add Deputy Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering..... 1

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(b) Increment to HQ MIA (CM/1111/2)

Ref 11 Mar 46 Delete General Staff Officer 2nd Grade	1
General Staff Officer 3rd Grade	2
Staff Captain 'A'	1
Staff Captain S.T.	1
Ref 15 Apr 46 Delete Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport	1

4. ORGANISATION

(a) WEs of Inf Divs are selected and ready for approval by ITALIAN WE Committee.

(b) Disbandments

Disbandments of US-III and BR-III units continue steadily. At the request of the Ministry of War, 15 Corps, 2 Dist, 3 Dist, RMAC, PMS and USAF/AFM have been asked to review the position of Italian units under command with a view to accelerating disbandment and the release of specialists.

5. EQUIPMENT

A conference was held at AFHQ on 18 Mar with the object of discussing methods for accelerating the provision of eqpt for the Interim Army. Recommendations based on the results of this conference are to be put before the CCS.

6. CC.RR(c) A detailed report with recommendations was submitted to GOC MIA and copies of the report have been submitted to Chief Commissioner, AC, and to other interested higher authorities. 244(b) Communications

It has been recommended that all CC.RR stations should be connected by private wire telephones.

A detailed scheme for wireless comms down to GP level has been recommended, and it is hoped that the necessary wireless eqpt will be provided immediately. AFHQ approval is awaited.

(c) Mobile Bns

The situation in respect of Mobile Bns is much improved. Of the 12 Bns, 4 are 100% up to WE in tpt, 4 are 80% and the remainder are 50% or less. The best recently obtained is in good condition. Arms and amm are satisfactory, and the Bns have now been supplied with 3.7mm amm.

A new allocation of 160 SEARCHLIGHT and cars for Mobile Bns has been made, complete delivery being expected by the end of May.

4. ORGANIZATION

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A new allocation of 168 STICKROUND arm cars for Mobile Bns has been made, complete delivery being expected by the end of May.

The G.O. CC.PP has issued instrs to legions on the use and deployment of the bns.

100 YEARS

On 22 Mar 46 CHQ Q(AE) release for the 60-day indent pack was received. This will enable outstanding repairs to be made to a great number of arms that have become inefficient since the Italian Army reverted to the Italian Government on 15 Nov 45.

A large quantity of arm has also been released for the C.A.Rs (Recruit Training Centres); this arm should reach the C.A.Rs about the middle of Apr.

3. MEDICAL

Italian Medical stores, MACILLANO, closed for the receipt of stores wef 28 Feb 46. All captured stores still to be checked were transferred to the Medical Stores at FLORENCE. All concerned have been informed of the change of location of this medical store.

The HELVETIA Medical Plant has been handed back to the Italian Government. A start has been made in transferring drugs and machinery to FLORENCE - 40 truckloads received out of about 400 due.

Arrangements have been made whereby all medical stores released to UNRRA in SARDINIA are to be returned to FLORENCE.

During Mar, 25 tons of medical stores passed through the Central Depot of Medical Stores. Approximately 100 tons are still outstanding. Vouchers for 30 tons, ex HEP etc, received during the month.

A list of urgently needed drugs which cannot be obtained from Italian sources was presented at the AMIQ conference held on the 18th; penicillin was included in this list.

104 (Br) General Hospital disbanded on 15 May 46, and heading back to the Italians was completed on the 24th. This is their own Military Hospital and Research Laboratory in 30 M.

E. P. O. W.

Progress continues with the repatriation of Italian POWs figures for the month of MARCH being:-

From BRIT hands.....	39,226
From U. S. hands.....	4,372
From other sources.....	8,657
	52,755

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8. MEDICAL

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TO : Executive Commissioner,
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1. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

As at 1 Feb 46 :-

	CEILING	W.E.	ACTUAL STRENGTH
US-III	83,500	5,425	5,258
BR-III	107,000	4,310	4,281
INTERN ARMY	140,000	119,332	124,864
	65,000	65,000	62,419

2. INFANTRY DIVISIONS

GARIBOLDI Regt (PULCORE div) arrived in SICILY at the beginning of the month and was deployed in an anti-bandit role in the MANTICARE and GALTAFIRONE areas.

3. ORGANISATION

Disbandment of US-III and BR-III units continued satisfactorily.

4. OC.RR

Remain seriously deficient of transport, still in most cases in fact not mobile.

5. FOOD SUPPLY

There are signs of better consideration for the War Ministry on the part of the Food Ministry. The supply of foodstuffs for the ITALIAN Army is improving.

6. POW

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Commander: Major General L. BROWNING, C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

REPORT NO 27 - Activities during the month of FEBRUARY.

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27-28.1. LIAISON LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (5 offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES

Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI,
FALERNO

No. 12 Liaison Unit (16 offrs) at CESANO

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

As at 1 Feb 46:-

	<u>CEILING</u>	<u>N.E.</u>	<u>ACTUAL STRENGTH</u>
US-ITI	83,500	5,425	5,258
BR-ITI	107,000	4,310	4,281
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	119,332	124,864
CC.RR	65,000	65,000	62,419
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3. GUARD DUTIES

Particular attention has been given to the release of ITI-ITI troops from Guard duties at Allied installations and their concentration for training.

4. INFANTRY DIVISIONS

GARIBALDI Regt (FOLCORE Div) arrived in SICILY at the beginning of the month and was deployed in an anti-bandit role in the MONTELEONE and CALTAGIRONE areas.

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5. ORGANISATION

(a) WEs of all Adm Units and of C.A.R.s passed the ITALIAN W.E.C. and are now in the press.

(b) Disbandment of US-ITI and BR-ITI units continued satisfactorily.

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6. CC.RR

Remain seriously deficient of transport. Mobile bns are still in most cases in fact not mobile.

7. FOOD SUPPLY

The full ration has been maintained for the Interim Army with the exception of rice and cheese.

A loan of flour was made from BRIT Army stocks on assurance of repayment in kind from YF financed imports by 28 Feb.

There are signs of better consideration for the War Ministry on the part of the Food Ministry. The supply of foodstuffs for the ITALIAN Army is improving.

8. MEDICAL

(a) Agreed handover to UNRRA of medical stores in SARDINIA has been completed.

(b) The Central Depot at MAGLIANA closed on 28 Feb, and reopened at FLORENCE on 1 Mar.

9. P.O.V.

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A loan of flour was made to the Italian Army by 28 Feb. kind from VT financed imports by 28 Feb.

There are signs of better consideration for the War Ministry on the part of the Food Ministry. The supply of foodstuffs for the ITALIAN Army is improving.

8. MEDICAL

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the month of January 1946.

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GERMANY	540.000 (+)	607.064	?
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2. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING, ITALIAN PW

a) French North Africa - Plans have now been made in conjunction with the French Representative at Allied Commission and the Italian Ministry of Marine for the repatriation of most of the Italian PW in North Africa, using for this purpose four Italian ships, two cruisers, one a/c carrier, and the liner "TOSCANA". The general repatriation programme began with 300 PW and 485 civilians from Bizerta arriving at Naples 5 Feb on the cruiser "MONTECUCOLI". The plan envisages the arrival of four further shiploads during February.

The French Authorities have now reduced from 12000 to 8500 the number of German PW they require to substitute Italian PW in North Africa, provided these German PW are specialists. The French Representative in Washington has been instructed to negotiate for the sending to North Africa of 6.500 members of the Afrika Korps, due shortly for repatriation from the United States. The 6.500 specialists would be chosen by a mixed American and French Commission.

b) Jugoslavia - No permission has yet been received for the Chief of IPW Division to visit Yugoslavia, and a further request has been made by MTOUSA. The original request was made by MTOUSA through the U.S.M.A. at Belgrade on 8 Dec 1945.

c) Great Britain - The programme of repatriation of Italian from Great Britain is now in full swing. 23.1-3 PW arrived in Italy from Britain during January. Plans announced already by the War Office, London, call for the embarkation of a further 18.500 from U.K. during February.

3. FINANCE

a) During the month of January 46 the remittances forwarded by Italian PW held in British hands through this Division totalled £ 28,277. Statements of credit balance in respect of Italian PW repatriated from U.S. and British custody, for the total amount of £ 289,860, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

b) 246 suitcases, parcels and envelopes containing impounded valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross, for distribution to the owners.

c) 18 claims for non-receipt of remittances and 147 claims for non-payment of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for investigation and payment where possible.
198 claims against the Allied Authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for Statements of Final Credit Balance, were dealt with.

4. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE

Correspondence involving 954 Compassionate and Welfare Cases was dealt with; authority was given for release in 45 cases.

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Chief
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TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission. (2)1. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

As at 1 Jan 46:-

	<u>CEILING</u>	<u>M.E.</u>	<u>ACTUAL STRENGTH</u>
US-ITI	63,500	5,904	7,333
BR-ITI	107,000	5,519	7,452
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	119,867 +	120,206
CC. IIR.	65,000	65,000	65,028

NOTE: + = In view of reorganization of Interim Army
ME strengths are liable to fluctuate during
transition period.

2. EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY

Verbal agreement has been given by CC, IIR that the Italian Army, less CC, IIR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons. The necessary weapons, with the exception of pistols and 2" mortars, are available in this theatre. Priority of issue is being made to C.A.R.s (Recruit Training Centres)

CC, IIR, will be equipped substantially with weapons of Italian pattern. The policy regarding vehicles is not yet firm. Negotiations are in progress between GPO and MINTIA.

3. MANPOWER

Plans are being made to continue the mobilization of the 36th age classes as new intakes are received from call-ups. His together with the voluntary enlistment of certain specialists should keep the Italian Army at approximately the strength required.

4. RETURNED P.W.s

Progress is now being made with the return of Italian prisoners of war in British hands, some 32,000 being repatriated during January together with some 19,000 from other hands.

Allied Commission. (2)ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

AS at 1 Jan 46:-

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US-ITI	83,500	5,904	7,333
FR-ITI	107,000	5,519	7,452
BRITISH ARMY	140,000	119,267 +	120,206
CC.MR.	65,000	65,000	65,000

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EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY

Verbal agreement has been given by CC.MR that the Italian Army, less CC.MR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons. The necessary weapons, with the exception of pistols and 2" mortars, are available in this theatre. Priority of issue is being made to C.A.R.B (recruit training Centres).

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MAINTENANCE

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7. CONCLUSION

Equipment is being provided already; much seems to be available in Italy but the means of allocation has yet to be settled.

Resident R. W. Whitcomb
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Commander, Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

REPORT NO 26 - Activities during the month of JANUARY 1946

For easy reference activities are
grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27-28

1. ITALY LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations:

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Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 Offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO.

No 12 Liaison Unit (16 Offrs) at CESAIO.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

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The concentration of the Infantry Divisions for training has been under active consideration. Accommodation difficulties in Northern Italy make large scale moves difficult; however, the Ministry of War has ordered recall of the GENOA area in order to move 114 Infantry Regiment south nearer the main body of the MANTOVA Division.

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(a) General

The proposed Training Directive and Training Syllabus has been received from Ministry of War and with one minor adjustment the latter has been approved.

(b) Accommodation

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(iii) UDINE:

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7. SCHOOLS

Considerable difficulty has been experienced with reconciling the proposed WEs of Schools with the estimated number of students to be trained annually. Consequently each establishment is now being reconsidered in detail by a mixed British and Italian Committee and it is hoped that by early February all establishments will have been passed by the WE Committee.

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10. CC.RR

The Carabinieri have been given a high priority in the provision of arms, transport and clothing, and although stocks of these items are not large considerable quantities have been issued during the month towards the new scales approved.

11. PERSONAL SERVICES

The conditions of pay, privileges, discipline and legal procedure are constantly under review and some progress is being made towards standardisation and improved conditions.

12. ACCOMMODATION

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OCCR will be equipped substantially with weapons of Italian pattern.

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2/4/48 J. J. King

SUBJECT :- Monthly Report - Training Notes for
Month of January 1946

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
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2 Feb 46

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SCHOOLS

Considerable difficulty has been experienced with reconciling the proposed WEs of Schools with the estimated number of students to be trained annually. Consequently each Establishment is now being reconsidered in detail by a mixed Brit Italian Committee and it is hoped that by early Feb all establishments will have been passed by the WE Committee.

Lt-Col
GSO I (TRG)

RPC/ell

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A. Branch

⑧ Manpower.

Plans are being made to continue the demobilization of the older age ~~groups~~ classes as new intakes are received from call ups. This together with the volunteers ~~will~~ keep the enlistment of certain specialists ahead the strength required within Army at approximately

⑨ National P.W.

Progress is now being made with the return of Italian prisoners & was in British hands, some 32,000. were repatriated during January together with some 19,000 from other branches

⑩ C.C.A.R.

The Conference has been given a brief summary in the previous issues, Liverpool & London, and although stocks of these items are not large considerable quantities have ~~been~~ issued during the month towards the new scales approved

and Soviet.

privileges, despatches

from cable copies.
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(10) C.C.R.R.

The Commission has been given a high priority in
 the program of work. Disruption of clothing and other
 stocks of these items are not large considerable amounts
 have been issued during the month 229
 the new stocks appeared

(11) Personal Services.

The conclusion of pay, privileges, discipline
 and legal procedure are continuing under review and
 some progress is being made towards standardization and
 improved conditions

W.P.
 8 Feb

MONTHLY REPORT.January.Q Branch

(12)

ACCOMMODATION.

Efforts towards recovery by the Italian Army of War Ministry Barracks and other buildings have been pursued to meet some success. Allied troops are slowly vacating these buildings all over Italy. The principal Italian Army needs i.e. Training Centres, are now met completely. X

(13)

SUPPLIES.

The food situation has been precarious and only met by loans from Allied stocks; negotiations are still proceeding to ensure adequate government allocation. The ration scale is being modified as necessary.

(14)

TRANSPORT.

The vehicle situation remains serious, difficulty is being encountered in release of M.T. spares and tyres from "C.R.M." stocks. Negotiations regarding maintenance of British vehicles held by the Italian Army are proceeding. Additional motor cycles have been issued to the C.C.R.R. from British sources.

(15)

EQUIPMENT.

^{Equipment}
Is being provided slowly; much seems to be available in Italy but the means of allocation has yet to be settled.

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C. H. H.
8 Feb.

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SUBJECT: Jan Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC (MMIA)

INT/207

2 Feb 46

TO : List 'A'
 less serials 1,2,3,4,
 9,18,19.

Ref this branch letter INT/207 of 4 Jan 46.

Branches are reminded that summaries of activities for the month of Jan for inclusion in the Monthly Report are required in INT office as soon as possible.

L. S. A. Green - Review Maj.
 for Lt-Col,
 GS.

AGR/sb

~~1st (not @)~~ *Recd 2/2*

~~2nd (not @)~~

~~3rd (not @)~~ *Recd 3/2*

~~4th (not @)~~ *Recd 5/2*

~~5th (not @)~~ *Recd 2/2*

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MEMORANDUM OF REPORTS AT PRESENT RECEIVED
AND ORIGINATED BY AREA

TO: A.C.S.
Col A/1

DATE: 24 JAN 46

(A) Reports Received

From AREA.

Fortnightly Report of G, A, and I activities with
appex. (Staff Lists (BR and ITALIAN) Locations
(BR and ITALIAN), and Return of BR I.T. held by
BILs) once monthly.

(B) Reports Originated

1. War Diary

2. To A.C.

(for AFM, War Office and War Dept)
Monthly Activities Report

45 Copies

3. To A.C.

(for Executive Commissioner)
Abridged Monthly Activities Report

2 Copies

4. To AFM
& BILs

Monthly Intelligence Summary

5. To BILs

Monthly Summary of G, A, and I points raised in BILs
Reports (so far in planning stage only)

6. To AFM

Periodical Progress Report on Interim Army (at
irregular intervals) as ordered by GOC

NOTES:

- (a) All five Monthly Reports originated by this HQ are due out by or on 15th of each month.
- (b) At present tardy or badly drafted contributions from branches **226** it almost impossible to be ready on time.
- (c) Reports received from BILs cannot be in before 8th; therefore preparation of Reports 4 and 5 above cannot begin until after 8th.
- (d) If congestion is to be avoided it is consequently essential, that Reports 1, 2, and 3 be substantially finished by 8th.
- (e) To accomplish this it is necessary that services or sub-sec contributions reach heads of branches by 3rd, A.C.S. or Col A/1 by 4th 6th, and GPO 1 (CS) for final coordination, serial numbering of pages, checking for SD etc by 7th.
- (f) Can appropriate action be taken to ensure that this does work out in future, please?

Lt Col.
CS.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for DEC 45.

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

12/20/45

22 Jan 46

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TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission. (2)

ITALIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - Rome 7457

Outstations:

Type 'A' Liaison Units (5 offices) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, TRIESTE,
NAPLES.
Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 offices) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROMA, BARI,
PALERMO.

Adjustment of certain British Liaison Unit personnel was made necessary
by the move of the POLANO Inf Div to FLORENCE, 7 MI at FLORENCE becoming an 'A'
Type MI counterbalanced by 5 MI at UDINE becoming a 'B' Type MI.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

<u>GRUPO</u>	<u>W.E. (Jan 46)</u>	<u>ACTUAL STRENGTH (1 Jan 46)</u>
US-INTL 65,500	6,032	7,333
BR-INTL 107,000	7,123	7,706
INTL-INTL 140,000	135,049	147,506
CC.BR 65,000	65,000	66,000
		Total: 182,000
		(also and includes
		and Service
		Units and CC.B
		225
		150,000

3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

POLANO Inf Div moved into the area around FLORENCE and ROMA. The move
was carried out during the period 22 Dec to 31 Dec.

Disposition of Infantry Divs:

Location

CONCLUSIONS

main (M) = 100% 71.57

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TYPE 1, Liaison Unit (5 office) at TIENTSIN, CHINA; VOL 100, TRANSMISSION, SAMPLES.

Type B, Linton Units (2 offes) as shown, 10 lbs., 10 lb. unit, 10 lb. unit.

Adjustment of certain British Jackson Valve personnel was made necessary by the move of the POLARIS Infantry to STANFORD, 7 HBT at FLORENCE becoming an 'A' type HBT converted by 5 HBT at WIND becoming a 'B' type HBT.

INNOVATION IN THE ABILITY

DATE	3.3. (Jan 46)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE (1 Jan 46)
IS-INT	65,500	7,353
IR-INT	167,000	7,766
IT-INT	140,000	117,506
INT-INT		
ARMY		
CO. IR	65,000	66,090
		Units and Cl.
		and Services
		(Adm. and Gen.)
		Total: 125,000
		225
		178,703
		TOTAL

3. TOTAL TRAFFIC DIVISION

TOLSONE Inf Div moved into the new group building, 1200 E. 12th St., during the period 22 Dec to 31 Dec.

Disposition of Infantry Divs:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/1 514	MAULI 11	LEWIS
7/3 0530	CHICKEN 11	TURIN
5/1 6537	LEONARD 11	BERNARD
4 8038	IN SUCOTIA	FLORIAN
10/0 0211	LE VAOLE 11	VARA 11

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

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MILAN area	3 Inf Regt
BOLOGNA area	4 Alpine Regt
UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
BOLOGNA area	6 Inf Regt
FIORINZA area	7 Inf Regt
ROVER area	8 Inf Regt
BARI area	9 Inf Regt
NAPLES	10 Inf Regt

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TRAINING

Central Addestramento Reclute (Territorial Reg Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the GIs. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable area is still occupied by ALPINE Regts. The position at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLOGNA.

6.

ARES AND AMMUNITION

Survey of stocks

On request from AFM a survey of all British and Italian arms and ammunition held by all categories of the Italian Army has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

7.

R.A.M.S.

(a)

Base Repair Workshop

GRU have approved in principle the installing of Base Repair Workshops by Italian Army in G.A.R.L. at BOLOGNA. This will handle all Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

(b)

Artillery and Motorizzazione Directorate

GOV MIRA has proposed to War Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and

7 Inf Regt
8 Inf Regt
9 Inf Regt
10 Inf Regt

FLORIAN area

WALL area

HARI area

REFUGES

TRAINING

Central Administration Recruits (Territorial IRA Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the CIRA. This applies particularly to those areas where the most suitable area is still occupied by IRA troops. The position at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, BILLY and BOLLENG.

ARMY AND AMBUSHING

Survey of stocks

On request from AMO a survey of all British and Italian arms and ammunition held by all outposts of the Italian Army has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

R.I.M.S.

Base Repair Workshop

AMO have approved in principle the installing of base repair workshops by Italian Army in O.A.R.S. at BOLLENG. This will enable all Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

Artillery and Motorisations Directorate

CAD MILA has proposed to her Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and Motorisations Directorate now be definitely separated and operate independently.

SUPPLIES

Source

Intelligence Jan - Mar is being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks; the exception was clear and P. Hunt/Jan which were obtained from British and American Depts.

TRANSPORT

(a) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles

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Good progress has been made in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles from those requisitioned in the North of Italy. It has been possible to remedy the serious deficiency in Anti-Aircraft Corps but the general situation is still unsatisfactory.

4,000 Army vehicles have been lost to civilian transport agencies and have not yet been replaced by the Italian Government.

(b) Carabinieri

The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of motor-vehicles and vehicles for the mobile line.

10.

RESEARCH, STATE OF APPROPRIATION OF ITALIAN P.O.S.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NO. OF P.O.S. RECEIVING OF TOTAL	NO. OF P.O.S. RECEIVING OF TOTAL	NO. TO BE REPARATED
IRELAND & SCOTLAND	155,000	6,350	118,650
BRITISH ISLES IN:			
NORTH AFRICA	25,500	25,500	
EAST AFRICA	39,000	9,331	29,669
WEST AFRICA	1,000	1,047	
SOUTH AFRICA	39,500	4,579	34,921
MIDDLE EAST	62,000	9,921	52,079
INDIA	35,500	2,616	32,884
AMERICA	17,000	650	16,350
AFRICA	2,000	-	600
U.S.A.	51,000	25,425	25,575
U.S. HELD IN:			
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	34,990	8,010
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	7,000	7,000	-
FINISH NORTH AFRICA	37,300	7,665	29,635
RUSSIA	20,000 +	10,432	9,568
TOTAL	553,400	164,662	388,738
INTERMED			
GERMANY & SWITZERLAND	560,000 //	623,914	1
FRANCE (4th Army)	35,000	27,904	7,096
TOTAL	595,000	651,818	7,096
ITALY	100,000	65,613	34,387
GRAND TOTAL	1,248,400	902,093	410,258

The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the lodging Centres and Commands in Italy.

REGISTRATION	DEPORTED	RECEIVED
155,000	6,330	148,670
AFRICA		
25,500	25,500	25,500
29,000	7,331	21,669
1,000	1,017	38,424
39,300	6,079	52,379
62,000	9,921	50,884
23,500	2,816	16,684
17,000	635	600
600	-	2,000
2,000	-	-
51,000	25,123	25,877
U.S. A.		
U.S. HOLD IN:		
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	43,000
ITALY	20,000	20,000
RUSSIA	7,000	7,000
FRANCE & GERMANY	57,300	57,300
RUSSIA	20,000 +	20,000 +
TOTAL	553,400	553,400
LITINER		
GARRISON & SHIPBOARD		
FRANCE (4th Army)	560,000 //	560,000 //
TOTAL	560,000	560,000
ITALY	100,000	100,000
GRAND TOTAL	1,243,400	1,243,400

The present litigation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging
 Centre and Commission in ITALY.

* = The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian
 Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 in the correct number.

// = Estimated figure only.

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MEDICAL(a) Disbandment of Medical Units Not Required for Italian Army

134 and 142 Italian Vaccination Hospitals, having completed their tasks with Public Health Sub-Commission, A.C., are no longer required and have been disbanded W.E.F. 8 Dec 45.

Disbandment of 134, 139 and 142 Italian Vaccination Hospitals and 290 Italian Medical Company were approved and instructions have been issued accordingly.

(b) German Pharmaceutical Plant and Medical Depot at BERGHEIM

The A.F.M.C. policy regarding the disposal of this plant, its supply and repair depot, has been received. After certain demands made by the Allied Medical authorities, including air requirements for QM till the end of 1946 have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal.

(c) Medical Stores

Agreement has been reached that certain stocks of medical stores held by the Italian Army in SANREMO and in excess of their immediate needs, should be handed over to UNRRA to meet urgent civilian requirements. The hand over of these stores has taken place during the month and replacements in kind by UNRRA will be made in due course.

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Richardson
Major General,
M. H. I. A.

CONFIDENTIALGR (INT) ARRLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M M I A)

Commander, Major General L. BROWNING, O.B., O.B.E., M.C.

REPORT No 25 - Activities during the month of DECEMBER 1945For easy reference activities are
grouped under subject headings.Ref Maps: 1/250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27-281. MAIN LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROMA 7467

Outstations:Type 'A' Liaison Units (5 offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE,
NAPLES.Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME,
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US-ITI 83,500	6,632	7,333
BR-ITI 107,000	7,183	7,766
ITI-ITI INTERIM ARMY 140,000	135,649	117,506
CC-RR 65,000	65,000	66,098
		Total: 183,604 (Adm and Combat and Service Units and CC-RR ITI-ITI)
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>198,703</u>

3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONSFOLCORE Inf Div moved into the area around FLORENCE and PERUGIA. The move
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FRIULI HQ

LEVICO

5/4 9117

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CREMONA HQ	TURIN	7/J 0330
LEGNAJO HQ	PERCINO	5/K 6587
FOLGORE HQ	FLORENCE	Q 8068
MANTOVA HQ	VARAZZE	10/O 6844

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5. TRAINING

(a) Centri Addestramento Reclute (Territorial Trg Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the C.A.R.s. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable area is still occupied by ALLIED tps. The position at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLZANO:-

UDINE:

It has been proposed by Ministry of War that the C.A.R. (TTC) be divided between S.CILLE and MODENA. This division is against the principles as laid down by this HQ but offers the only solution until more accommodation is released.

BOLZANO:

MONTORIO VERONESE Barracks (near VERONA) is the ideal site for this C.A.R. (TTC). It is stated that the barracks will be released in time for the first intake.

(b) Schools

The organisation and siting of schools has progressed favourably during the month and much headway has been made in preparing for the arrival of the selected recruits for specialist training.

(c) Cadet Training

This has been discussed fully...

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FLORENCE area	7 Inf Regt
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6. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT

Captured Enemy Material

CEN dumps in N. ITALY were visited in Dec and found to contain a large amount of German and Italian signal equipment.

The possibility of equipping the CC.R. with CEN wireless sets is now being investigated.

Arrangements have already been made for the issue of Italian signal equipment from the CEN dumps in N. ITALY to the Italian army, and this work will commence within the next few days.

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7. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT(a) Interim Army

The Italian Commissariato have submitted to their War Establishment Committee their proposal for clothing and equipment installations for the Interim Army, after previous agreement with QMMA.

(b) Carabinieri

The CC.PR continue to receive priority in distribution of clothing and equipment.

8. ARMS AND AMMUNITIONSurvey of stocks

On request from HQ a survey of all British and Italian arms and ammunition held by all categories of the Italian Army has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

9. R.E.M.E.(a) Base Repair Workshops

CHQ have approved in principle the installing of Base Repair Workshops by Italian Army in O.A.R.E. at BOLOGNA. This will handle all Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

Armoured Replacement Group are in occupation of Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito at BOLOGNA. 2 District and this HQ are looking for accommodation for A.R.G. vehicle parks etc in order to permit a "phased" de-requisitioning of the O.A.R.E. which will enable the Base Repair Workshops to commence operation.

(b) Artillery and Motorizzazione Directorate

COC MIA has proposed to War Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and Motorizzazione Directorate now be definitely separated and operate independently.

10. ACCOMMODATION(a) Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito

See 9(a) above.

(b) Centri Addestramento Reclute (territorial Training Centres)

(i) Territorial HQs 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have no further important difficulties and preparations are in hand.

(ii) Territorial HQs 3, 4 and 5. Accommodation for CARS (TICs) not yet

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- (iii) No. 6 Territorial HQ is to be fixed shortly in barracks not occupied by Allies.

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(c) Cecchinola

The schools are now operating. Conditions of occupancy during the period of negotiation by C.F.I.C. and A.R.A.R. (Italian Government) have been conveyed to the War Ministry.

(d) Cesano

The clearance of CESANO Camp of all civilians is being pressed with higher authority. Existing plans may continue if War Ministry agree.

11. POSTAL

With effect from 31 Dec 45 all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the civilian postal authorities.

12. VET and REMOUNT

Numbers of horses are still being allotted to CC.RR - the full entitlement has not yet been received.

13. SUPPLIES(a) Sources

Maintenance Jan - War is being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks; the exception was flour and P. Meat/Fish which were obtained from British and American Depots.

(b) Forage

Ministry of War is experiencing difficulty in obtaining forage. An additional allotment of bran has been obtained.

14. TRANSPORT(a) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles

Good progress has been made in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles from those recaptured in the North of Italy. It has been possible to remedy the serious deficiency in Admin/Transport Coys but the general situation is still unsatisfactory.

1,800 Army vehicles have been lent to civilian transport agencies and have not yet been replaced by the Italian Government.

(b) Carabinieri

The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of motor-cycles and vehicles for the mobile bus.

(c) War Establishments

War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

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(c) War Establishments

War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

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15. P.O.L.(a) Bids for POL

POL for December was bid for through Q Branch, and the same procedure will apply for January 46. The Ministry of War now bid for the Carabinieri Mobile Bns.

(b) Distribution

an improvement in the G.I.P. distribution system was noted during the month.

16. NUMERICAL STATE OF REPARATION OF ITALIAN P.O.W.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NO. OF IPW AT BEGINNING OF REPARATION	N. OF IPW REPARATED AT 31 DEC 45	NO. TO BE REPARATED
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND	155,000	6,350	148,650
BRITISH HELD IN:			
NORTH AFRICA	25,500	25,500	-
EAST AFRICA	39,000	9,331	29,669
WEST AFRICA	1,000	1,017	-
SOUTH AFRICA	39,500	4,079	35,421
MIDDLE EAST	62,000	9,921	52,079
INDIA	53,500	2,616	50,884
AUSTRALIA	17,000	630	16,370
GIBRALTAR	600	-	600
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000
U.S.A.	51,000	25,123	25,877
U.S. HELD IN:			
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	34,998	8,002
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	7,000	7,000	-
FRENCH NORTH AFRICA	37,300	7,665	29,635
RUSSIA	20,000 +	10,432	9,568
TOTAL	553,400	164,662	388,738

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GRAND TOTAL 1,248,400

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16. IMPERIAL STATE OF REGISTRATION OF IMPERIAL STATE

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The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging Centres and Commands in ITALY.

+ = The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 is the correct number.

// = Estimated figure only.

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17. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING, ITALIAN PW.(a) French North Africa

The French authorities have agreed to release their total of 29,600 Italian PW still held in French North Africa.

However, 12,000 of these will have to be replaced by German PW. We have been notified by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it is planned to exchange healthy German PW now held in America, for sick German PW from France.

A proposal has been put forward to JFHQ that 12,000 German PW from America be taken to French North Africa, thus releasing the 12,000 Italian PW held there. No decision has yet been made on this proposal.

Following the visit of the Chief of IPW Division to French North Africa arrangements were made to ship 11 tons of Red Cross Stores to IPW in French hands in North Africa. This was shipped on the Italian cruiser Duca d'Aosta on Dec 6th '45 for consignment to the International Red Cross representative at Oran.

(b) Yugoslavia

Reports are constantly being received of alleged ill-treatment of IPW in Yugoslavia.

The Chief of IPW is awaiting clearance permission to make a personal visit to clear up these allegations.

Food for IPW has been sent to the base at Ragusa.

(c) Europe

USSET report that all IPW have been repatriated from their area. Date of completion was about 12 Dec 45.

(d) "T" Camp Taranto

The conditions of this camp have been causing great concern to the Italian authorities in the recent bad weather owing to the lack of adequate drainage on the site, and shortage of suitable tents.

Sufficient 180 lb tents to accommodate 3,000 have been requested, and additional accommodation has been obtained in the ROSSEROL and GLEBE Barracks, Taranto, each holding about 1,000.

18. I.P.W. FINANCE(a) Remittances by IPW

During the month of Dec 45 the remittances by Italian PW held in British hands to their families totalled £43,797. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from British and US custody, for the total amount of £59,705, were forwarded to the Italian Government for payment.

(b) Forwarding of personal effects

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Following the visit of the Chief of PW Division to French North Africa arrangements were made to ship 14 tons of Red Cross Stores to PW in French hands in North Africa. This was shipped on the Italian cruiser Duca d'Aosta on Dec 6th '45 for consignment to the International Red Cross representative at Oran.

(b) YUGOSLAVIA

Reports are continuously being received of alleged ill-treatment of PW in Yugoslavia.

The Chief of PW is awaiting clearance permission to make a personal visit to clear up these allegations.

Now for PW has been sent to the base at Rijeka.

(c) ITALY

Latest report that all PW have been repatriated from their area. Date of completion was about 12 Dec 45.

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360 envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

(c) Claims

166 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for inspection and payment where possible. 108 claims against the Allied authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

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19. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE, IPW

Correspondence involving 576 Commissioned cases was dealt with, resulting in authority being given for release in 66 cases.

866 Welfare cases were dealt with covering forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families.

20. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, IPW DIVISION

Headquarters A.C. Executive Order No. 85 attaches IPW Division to Land Forces Sub Commission (M/LA) for duty.

21. MEDICAL(a) Disbandment of Medical Units Not Required for Interim Army

331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals, having completed their tasks with Public Health Sub Commission, A.C., are no longer required and have been disbanded w.e.f. 8 Dec 45.

Disbandments of 231, 334 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals and 290 Italian Medical Company were agreed and instructions have been issued accordingly.

(b) German Pharmaceutical Plant and Medical Depot at MERRANO

The A.F.H.C. policy regarding the disposal of this plant, its supply and repair depot, has been received. After certain demands made by the Allied Medical authorities, including SMP requirements for OMF till the end of 1946 have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal.

The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and it will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installations as between the Italian Army and civil economy.

The interests of the Italian Army however, in the discussions now proceeding between the Allied Commission and the Italian Government are being closely watched.

(c) Medical Stores

Agreements had been reached that certain stocks of medical stores held by the Italian Army in SARDINIA and in excess of their immediate needs, should be handed over to UNRRA to meet urgent civilian requirements. The hand over of these stores has taken place during the month and replacements in kind by UNRRA will be made in due course.

The final indent of medical stores on GPO GMP has been met, and passed through the medical depot at MERRANO for distribution to Territorial Commands. Some 2 tons of stores have been received from miscellaneous sources and in like manner disposed of. 2,000 cases (20 tons) invoiced from the Middle East still remain outstanding.

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