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Ref _____ Col. Monahan of the Western
 War Ministry, Historical Dept. Has extensive work
 to have the ^{upm} ~~historical~~ publications of which he is responsible
 of these could be purchased. & thus offer who has shown
 us courtesy & cooperation.
 Best, Campaign in the New York
 Administration History of the War
 Ten years to Historians

J. E. DANE
 R. E. ENSON.

M. H. Hutton

L.F.B. 860 from Monahan

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

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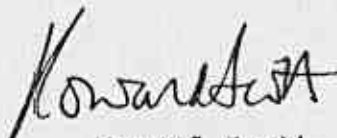
31st December, 1946

We have pleasure in sending you herewith specimens of booklets in the Italian language which are available for free distribution to the Italian Army. If you will kindly let us know how many you would like of each, and where you would like them sent, we will make arrangements accordingly.

I also attach number of publications available, and suggest they might be of interest to patients in military hospitals and convalescent homes.

Regarding the suggestion that a gift of books on military subjects should be made to the Italian Army, I have discussed this matter with the British Council, and they will be getting in touch with you.

Yours faithfully,



Howard Scott,
Publications Officer.

Major Calderari
M.M.I.A.
Rome.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE.

OPERAZIONI COMBinate	7.000	copies
PROTEZIONE SOCIALE	1.000	"
STATISTICHE RELATIVE ALLO SFORZO BELLICO IN INGHILTERRA	1.000	"
DIRITTO INGLESE	700	"
COME E GOVERNATA LA GRAN BRETAGNA	2.500	"
ECCO RADIO LONDRA	1.000	"
EDUCAZIONE ALLA MORTE	7.000	"
ELEZIONI GENERALI IN G.B.	1.000	"
100 FACTS (in English)	5.000	"
IL NEMICO IN CASA	6.000	"

Major C.E. Calder

7th March 1947

L.F.S.S. (ex M.M.I.A.)

Mr. Howard Scott

c/o Press and Information Office
14 Via Palestro
Milan

Subject:- Military Books for Ministry of War.

Dear Mr. Scott,

With reference to our conversation concerning the supplying of certain military books to the Ministry of War. The War Office have now written to say that they have no funds from which they can finance the purchasing of these books, and have suggested that, if the British Council in Rome can recommend the measure as expedient from a Liaison point of view, the British Council in London could obtain and pay for the publications in question.

I would appreciate your views on this new suggestion, and append a list of the books which the Ministry of War have submitted to us.

Yours sincerely,

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY
MINISTRY OF WAR

	TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
1.	Superiority of Fire	C.H.B. Fridham	Hutchinson's Technical
2.	The Old Front Line	J. Masfield	Macmillan
3.	British Campaign in the Near East	E. Dane	Hodder and Stroughton
4.	Common Cause	G.A. Borghese	Gollancz
5.	A Minature History of the War	R.C.K. Ensor	Oxford University Press
6.	Libyan Log	E.G. Ogilvie	Oliver and Boyd
7.	Ten Years to Alemein	M. Halton	Lindsay and Drummond

SUBJECT Histories of the War

From M.I.4.c. War Office No. M.I.4.c./D/O/1/4/4 Date 18 January 19 47
 To M.M.I.A. Your No. Int. 228 Date January 19 47

Portman 470018

A list of Stationery Office Publications is being prepared and three copies of despatches by Commanders of the various theatres of war will be forwarded to you in the near future for presentation to the Italian General Staff.

The suggestion that you should approach the British Council was not in order to be given publications they may have had in stock, but rather that they should sponsor the financial commitment for providing publications for which no grant exists at the War Office. A list of possible additional publications will be forwarded with their prices. The cost of these unfortunately cannot be sustained by the War Office and it is thought that should the British Council in Rome recommend the measure as expedient from a Liaison point of view, the British Council in London could obtain and pay for the publications in question.

Jan. 1947
Major G.S.
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PRESS & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
BRITISH PASSY
ROME.

14th January, 1947

Reference our letter HS/ac/321 of
31st December, 1946, and your telephone
conversation with our Librarian, Miss
Drake, herewith 6 copies of "OPERAZIONI
COMBinate" and "STATISTICHE RELATIVE" as
requested.

*Passer to Mondini
Colonello 16-1-47
E.C.C.*

Major Calderari
G-2 M.M.I.A.

Anne de Chanaz
Anne de Chanaz
Publications Section.

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From: Lt.-Colonel D.C.S. Sinclair, O.B.E.

THE WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.



1330/46/K. I.L.

24th December, 1946.

Amended on 20/6

Dear General

I have just received your letter of 20th December on the subject of books for the Italian War Ministry's Library.

I have put it to the War Office Library for suggestions as to suitable books, and will then see what can be done about getting authority for them to be presented. I am afraid it may take a little time, as finance will be involved!

Have you by any chance tried the British Council? I do not know whether it is the sort of thing that they deal with, but it might be worth trying.

As the War Office is closing over the Xmas period, I am afraid I shan't be able to do much in the next few days, but I will let you know the position as soon as I possibly can.

Yours Sincerely,

D. Sinclair

Major-General E.H. Goulburn,
Cmd., Military Mission to Italian Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MILIA) CMF

INT/228

Jan 47

WAR OFFICE M.I.4 (a)

Subject: Histories of the War

Ref our INT/228 of Dec '46.

1. The British Council have now been approached on the subject of military literature by well-known authors for the Italian Ministry of War. They are however unable to assist as they deal only with literature on the arts music etc. and therefore hold no stock of War books.
2. The British Embassy Press Office has also been contacted and whilst it is under consideration, as yet no scheme for the supply of books has been put into practice by that office and at best it contemplates only the supply of books to Italian Booksellers for subsequent sale to the public in the ordinary way. Again no stock are available.
3. It would therefore seem apparent that, if it is desired to collect a representative number of books on the War to present to the Italians, these would have to be selected and despatched by the competent branch in the War Office.

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Handwritten signature
for
Major General,
COM. MILIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMA) CNF

INT/ 228

Dec 46

WAR OFFICE (M.I.4.)

Subject: Histories of War.

Ref your M.I. 4 (c)/D/O/1/3/46 dated 7 Dec 46 and
this HQ Int/228 dated 25 Nov.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

The ITALIAN War Ministry Librarian has stated that
his Ministry are if necessary prepared to pay for any
despatches etc. which you can provide.

The Librarian now further defines his requirements
as being limited to despatches or training pamphlets,
Notes from Theatres of War, etc. concerned with the war
in NORTH AFRICA or in ITALY itself.

The ITALIAN Army are authorised to use all BRITISH
manuals etc. except those concerned with equipment still
on the secret list.

Three copies of anything you can provide on these
lines will be ample as they require translation into
ITALIAN before being of general use to the ITALIANS.

In view, from an inter-Governmental standpoint, of
the infinitesimal sum of money involved, it would be much
appreciated if this literature could be provided free of
charge.

The British Council are being approached for other
literature as you suggest.

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Subject: Histories of War.

Ref your M.I. 4 (c)/D/O/1/3/48 dated 7 Dec 48 and this HQ Int/223 dated 25 Nov.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

The ITALIAN War Ministry Librarian has stated that his Ministry are if necessary prepared to pay for any despatches etc. which you can provide.

The Librarian now further defines his requirements as being limited to despatches or training pamphlets., Notes from Theatres of War, etc. concerned with the war in NORTH AFRICA or in ITALY itself.

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C.P.
Colonel,
Deputy Comd.

SUBJECT Histories of War.

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From H.I.4 Colonel Nom.I.4(c)/D/O/1/3/ Date 7 Dec 19 46
To M.M.I.A. Your No. HIT/228 Date 25 Nov 19 46

1. It seems that the material required falls into three categories. *ADUT 17/12*
- (a) Despatches of Commanders published from time to time, on sale in H.M. Stationery Office.
 - (b) Books by well-known military writers on sale in any bookshop.
 - (c) Training pamphlets.
- Official histories are not yet written.
2. From the security aspect it is only (c) which is open to objection. Before we can obtain a decision could you please let us know what the policy at your end is concerning the use of British training manuals for training the Italian Army. We've tried to find out here but no one in the War Office can give us an accurate answer.
3. We can arrange to send you such despatches as have been published to date and unless you want more we will send three copies of each. They will most probably have to be paid for, unless you can state that this will be detrimental to Anglo-Italian relations!

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4. As far as military literature is concerned it is suggested that this is a case for the British Council. We understand that they have no objection to stocking their own foreign branches with military literature by well known authors such as Winston Churchill, Liddell-Hart, etc. At the same time they might be persuaded to make a gift of suitable books to the Italians or at least to obtain some for sale to them.

It is suggested that, if you agree with this idea, you approach the British Council in Rome on these lines and let us know the results.

Alfred W. Key
Lieut.-Col., U.S.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MILIA) CME

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25 NOV 46

WAR OFFICE (MI.4.14)

Subject:- Histories of the War

1. The ITALIAN War Ministry have asked MILIA whether it is possible to provide for their Library any Official Histories, books, pamphlets, copies of dispatches etc of the recent war.

2. These are required for study of modern methods at all levels.

3. This HQ is naturally not in possession of such documents.

4. (a) Is there any objection to such documents being provided to the ITALIANS?

(b) If not, can you send to this HQ a selection of suitable material.

5. The ITALIAN War Ministry state that they are fully prepared to pay, if necessary, for any material provided to them.

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for Major-General,
GOC, MILIA

Handwritten signature
for Major-General,
GOC, MILIA

Handwritten note:
Defence for reply.

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