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SUBJECT : Minutes of Conference 8 - 9 August 46

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MILA)

(489081 Ext 218) G/33/3

13 Aug 46

TO : LIST 'B'
LIST 'A' (less Serials 17,19,20).

Herewith attached at Annex 'A' Minutes of Conference held at HQ MILA, 8 - 9 August 46,

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At. General
at 200
Major-General,
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Major-General,
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ANNEX 'A' to MMIA
Letter G/33/3
Dated 15 Aug 46

MINUTES OF MMIA CONFERENCE
8 - 9 AUG 46

OPENING ADDRESS

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(f) Priority for Eqpt

Question was asked by Major HAMILTON about the Priority for Jeeps between the Ministry of the Interior Police Force and the CC.RR. Reply :- Ministry of Interior obtains its jeeps through ARAR (Azienda Rioupero Alienazione Residuati) over which War Ministry have no control. Major FRINSLOO stressed the political rivalry between the Police Force and the CC.RR

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SD PTSDOMESTICBY WHOM
RAISED1. (a) WE of BLU

- (i) Addition of load carrying vehs
Alteration of tpt ('B' Type)

4 BLU
9 BLU

HQ will back 4 and 9 BLUs in a request for extra tpt, but est will not be altered.

- (ii) Addition of Adm COMS or NCO ('B' Type)

9 BLU

Under consideration.

- (iii) Addition of LO ('B' Type)

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A letter will be written to the Ministry on this subject.

- (b) Postal and Sigs Comms

4 BLU

Instances were given of bad comms in the theatre. Offrs should bear this in mind when sending letters and sigs. SO Sigs MILA will investigate the matter.

ITALIAN

2. (c)

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12 BLU

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10 BLU

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- (c) Arms for Inf Regts

6 BLU

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(d) SEL for ALPINI Regts 4 BLU 906

It is considered unlikely that ALPINI Regts will lose their specialist role.

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BY WHOM
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2. (Contd)

(e) Memorandum for an Inspectorate of Inf at Ministry of War 12 BLU

There is an Inf Gen at each Territorial Comd but there is no co-ord between the Gens at each Comd and no proper direction above them. BGS said Inspectorate will be recommended in reorg of the Ministry. Duties would include co-ord of effort of Inf Gens at Territorial Comd HQ with effort at Schools etc.

(f) Mem of a PT Corps and an Army Sports Control Board 12 BLU

Major PRICE stated that PT was generally carried out but unco-ord and that Sports on a full unit basis were impossible owing to the lack of facilities; there was some discussion about the value of PT. BGS said we must keep in mind the question of expense when recommending new Ests. Supervision of PT and Sports are included in the duties of the Directorate of Trg recommend to the Ministry.

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(h) Inclusion of Regl Police in new ME 11 BLU

Further info on ITALIAN opinion of this subject is awaited.

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6 BLU

This is normally done by a Staff College but this cannot hope to start before next year. In the meantime a great deal can be done by sending Offrs to the School of Cooperation.

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3. (Contd)

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12 BLU(c) Trg of Higher Fms

None possible this year for financial and political reasons.

(d) Trg of Offrs and NCOs of Inf Regts

6 BLU

Lt-Col MEDLAM said that fms in the North already familiar with BRIT eqpt must help with this trg. BGS suggested the fms of Cadres in all Regts to speed up the trg and pointed out that the best use of Instrs must be made on return from the School of Inf. There is a great shortage of good long-service NCOs owing to the unattractive pay. MIA will take up with War Ministry the possibility of each Combat Div running Instrs Courses.

(e) Trg Directives for Arty, Engrs, Sigs and Recce Units

1 BLU

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7 BLU

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(b) Increase in Preliminary Trg Period at CARs for All Arms

2 BLU

Not recommended as total trg of conscript lasted only for one year.

(c) Alteration of Syllabus to Reduce Foot Drill and Increase Range Firing

7 BLU

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Recommended; these should be experts and specialists. A res is at present being trained at CESANO to allow of "turn over" between CAR Schools and Units.

- (e) ABCA for CARs 4 BLU

Lt-Col DOUGLAS stressed the ignorance of the average ITALIAN soldier; Col PIDSLEY revealed the existence of a Weekly Newsheet. It was generally agreed that ABCA as understood in the BRIT Army was not suitable, and that educational lectures would be better. Col PIDSLEY said he would investigate the distribution of the Newsheet, which many BLU Offrs had not seen before.

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AQ PTSCOLONEL AQ PTS

6. (a) Col AQ referred to the Minutes of the last Conference, outlined the progress made and referred to the many pts still outstanding which were for discussion later. With regard to visits to BLUs, the AQ's Branch, which now co-ords all visits, was instr to see that adequate notice of intended visits was given to BLUs bearing in mind the time taken by correspondence to reach BLUs.
- (b) The CC.RR Section having now reached its first objective, and being unable to proceed further in the absence of direction from higher authority, is to continue as a technical advice section and be allowed to waste to two Offrs, both of whom will be at HQ.
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- (e) It was agreed that there was no objection to ITALIANS manufacturing certain parts for vehs or weapons, but it was not known whether this would be economically sound or technically satisfactory. It is a matter which must be decided by the ITALIANS themselves - MMLA being prepared to give any assistance asked for.

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7. (Contd)

- (f) The derequisition of State Property as a priority over Industrial or Private Property was discussed. Col AQ pointed out the need for looking at the wider picture in view of the various Industrial needs, it being accepted that the ITALIAN Army had already done very well in the way of accon. Local and BRIT HQs are to be asked by BLUs to help in every way possible.
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- (h) See 9(a).
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AAG PTS

8. AAG gave a detailed account of 'A' matters (see Appx 'A' att).

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AQMCG PTS

9. AQMCG gave a complete outline of the maint situation (See Appx 'B' att). The following action is necessary :-

- (a) HQ MMIA will continue its efforts with GHQ and keep BLUs informed of the situation.
 - (b) MMIA will take up with the War Ministry the question of provision or retention of specialists, particularly artificers and gun fitters and will ensure that trg facilities are adequate.
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11. (Contd)

(c) BLU Tpt

AQMG gave a complete picture of BLU tpt. He stressed the need for the correct rendering of Veh Census Reports and took note of existing deficiencies which will be examined.

- (d) War Ministry will be asked to ensure the provision of IOs for BLUs. 9 BLU is at present deficient.
- (e) The question of Offrs travelling expenses is fully catered for in GEO 655/45.

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Appx 'A' to
MMA letter
G/33/3
Dated 15 Aug 4

8. (a) Str of ITALIAN Army

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Appx 'B' to
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G/33/3

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MAINT OF ITALIAN ARMY

9. (a) Maint of BRIT Eqp comprises the production of Spare Parts, the org of Wksp and the Est of Deps to hold new or reconditioned articles. The direct transfer of essential spare parts for BRIT Eqp has virtually ceased and the War Ministry have been informed that in future they will have to rely on one of the following three sources :-
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 - (ii) the local manufacture of such parts as may be possible without large capital outlay to produce specialised machinery,
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Wrls & Sig Stores	PARMA
BRIT SA	CARDONA
BRIT MT	BOLOGNA

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M.M.I.A. CONFERENCE - 9th AUG 46.

A.9. AGENDA

6. 0915 Colonel A2

- (a) January conference - progress on points raised
- (b) CORR Section - developments and future
- (c) IFW Section - " "
- (d) Directives 1,2 and 3, still basically sound
- (e) UCEP - Public relations
- (f) BLUs - relations with Italian authorities
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- (d) Legal Reform
- (e) Personnel Selection
- (f) Pay and allowances.

9. 1045 AQMG points

- (a) Maintenance - British Equipment
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- (d) POL

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9. 1045 40MG points

- (a) Maintenance - British Equipment
- (b) Transport
- (c) Clothing
- (d) POL

10. 1100 BLUs Future Maintenance

Outline proposals by Colonel AQ for views of BLUs and recommendation for action.

11. 1145 BLUs Domestic Questions

- (a) Internal Communications (1)
- (b) British personnel (6,7,9)
- (c) BLU Transport (4,10,11)
- (d) LO for B type (9)
- (e) Travelling Expenses (4)

12. Any other matters.

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TWO DAY CONFERENCE AT HQ. MMIA

Commencing 0930 hrs

WED 13 MARCH 46.

A G E N D A .

1. Opening by Col PIDSLEY.DSO. OBE. MC. (Col A/Q) MMIA
2. Report by Lt.Col.H.MICHAEL. GSO I. CC.RR. Branch.MMIA
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Hours : 0930 - 1230 1430 -1530.

Second Day- Conference to be opened by Brig.W.W. HOPE. D.S.O. (BGS)

MINUTES OF MMIA CONFERENCE

held at HQ MMIA, Rome 28-29 Jan 1946

CC.RR. Points

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must be kept intact. No objection to use in reduced strength to produce calming effect where troubles of a minor nature are expected, or occurring. Such units, however, must immediately return to the Battalion HQ.

7 February 1946

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MINUTES OF M.H.I.A. CONFERENCE.

HELD AT H.Q. M.H.I.A. ROME.

28 - 29 January, 1946.

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Every endeavour is being made to secure the release of sufficient British arms to enable C.A.R.'s. to be completed in this respect by 15 March 46.

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ACCOMMODATION.

1. Generally speaking, the Allies have now released all military barracks urgently required by the Italian Army, and the needs of C.A.R.'s are provided for.
2. In the special proforma reporting the state of readiness of C.A.R.'s, mention is made of "scales" of equipment, accommodation stores, clothing, etc. B.I.U.'s will press the local Territorial Command to obtain copies of these scales which the War Ministry say have been issued.

SUPPLIES.

1. The food situation of the Italian Army is precarious and has been met during recent months only by loans from Allied depots. The Italian Government is being pressed to guarantee the repayment of these loans and the future food supply of the Army. Meanwhile, considerable diversion from the authorized ration scale is to be anticipated. In general discussion on welfare and morale, it was emphasized that the low rate of pay might be accepted without loss of morale if some issue of food in kind could be made to soldiers' dependents.
2. It was suggested that Allied "local resources officer" was obtaining food supplies at lower rates than the representative of the Commissariato. B.I.U.'s were invited to submit details of any suggested disparities.

CLOTHING.

1. The clothing situation generally is not unsatisfactory. The Army clothing and boot factories are in operation, and given due economy, the Army, including the C.C.A.R. should be adequately maintained in this respect during the present year. A new uniform in the British battle dress style is being designed, and may be available for issue early in 1947.
2. The boot situation does not permit the issue of more than one pair per man. Unit repair arrangements and exchange of repairable boots for reconditioned boots are therefore most important and require supervision.

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C.A.R.'s, mention is made of "scales" of equipment, accommodation stores, clothing, etc. B.L.U.'s will press the local Territorial Command to obtain copies of these scales which the War Ministry say have been issued.

SUPPLIES.

1. The food situation of the Italian Army is precarious and has been met during recent months only by loans from Allied depots. The Italian Government is being pressed to guarantee the repayment of these loans and the future food supply of the Army. Meanwhile, considerable diversion from the authorised ration scale is to be anticipated. In general discussion on welfare and morale, it was emphasized that the low rate of pay might be accepted without loss of morale if some issue of food in kind could be made to soldiers' dependents.

2. It was suggested that Allied "local resources officer" was obtaining food supplies at lower rates than the representative of the Commissariat. B.L.U.'s were invited to submit details of any suggested disparities.

CLOTHING.

1. The clothing situation generally is not unsatisfactory. The Army clothing and boot factories are in operation, and given due economy, the Army, including the C.C.R. should be adequately maintained in this respect during the present year. A new uniform in the British battle dress style is being designed, and may be available for issue early in 1947.

2. The boot situation does not permit the issue of more than one pair per man. Unit repair arrangements and exchange of repairable boots for reconditioned boots are therefore most important and require supervision.

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MINUTES OF MIA CONFERENCE

held at HQ MIA, Rome 28-29 Jan 1946

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Chairman Brig. M.W. Hope, D.S.O.

Lt Col A W Gibbon OBE	GSO I	10 BLU
Lt Col P M Egerton MBE	GSO I	3 BLU
Maj F W Hamilton	GSO II	1 BLU
Maj F P Duffy MC	GSO II	2 BLU
Maj E P Byatt	DAA-QMG	4 BLU
Maj H S H N Johnstone	GSO II	5 BLU
Maj P D H Pengelly	GSO II	6 BLU
Maj D S L Grogan	DAA-QMG	7 BLU
Maj J G Peak	GSO II	8 BLU
Maj H A R Ferro	GSO II	9 BLU
Maj S E Sneezum	GSO II	10 BLU
Maj R E Hector WVO, MC	GSO II	11 BLU

Col W Pidsley ISO, OBE MC	Col A/Q	HQ MIA
Lt Col L R Albert	Asst G-3	"
Lt Col A R C Southby OBE	GSO I (SD)	"
Lt Col W L Medlam	GSO I (Arg)	"
Lt Col H Michell	GSO I (OCRR)	"
Maj R P Christie	GSO II (Arg)	"
Maj A A Binnington	GSO II (SD)	"
Maj J L W Cheyne	GSO II (VE)	"
Maj R G A Groves-Raines	GSO II (Int)	"
Maj C F Baumann MBE	GSO II (L)	"
Maj R L H de Thierry MC	GSO II (OCRR)	"
Maj R P Fielders	"	"
Maj W H Witter	Asst G-1	"
Maj R C Van Kirk	Asst G-4	"
Maj K R Nelson	SO II RE	"
Maj R G Copleston	SO II RSigs	"
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(a) Policy. The ITALIAN Army less CCRR is to be equipped with Br Arms and vehs.

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Inf Divs. The Inf Divs are to remain on a two bde basis. There was a considerable body of ITALIAN opinion in favour of converting to a three bde basis. This had received careful consideration. There were, however, difficulties due to a shortage of ceiling cover, eqpt, and money, necessary to provide the additional Regt and the full services necessary for a three bde division. The only way to overcome these difficulties would be to reduce the number of divs from five to three. This would mean disbanding two of the existing divs. It had been felt however that it would be a mistake to disband formations which, as Combat Gps and Inf Divs had done such good work and built up such esprit de corps. It had been decided therefore that there was no alternative but to remain on the two bde org for the moment anyway.

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The BGS emphasised that the Territorial Inf Regts were not to be considered as in any way inferior to the Inf Regts of Inf Divs. It is important that there should be no suggestion that these Regts are lower-grade units.

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(a) Addition of Camp Commandant to 'A' Type BLU and extra tpt to 'B' Type BLU.

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It was agreed to recommend to GHQ, CMF the addition of one trg officer (Maj) for both types of BLUs and one car for 'B' Type BLUs, only. It was considered unlikely that GHQ would agree to the addition of a car to the WE of an 'A' Type BLU and that an M/C was unsuitable.

It was agreed by all BLUs that this extra officer would offset the need for a Camp Commandant and that with the addition of this car the scale of tpt for 'B' type BLUs would be adequate.

(b) Interpreters.

(i) 'A' Type BLUs. GSO I 10 BLU urged that one BR Officer should be added to the WE for interpreter and liaison duties and that ITALIAN interpreter officers held against the Incr Est should be regular officers.

It was agreed to recommend to GHQ CMF the addition of a PR or MALTESE officer for interpreter duties to the WE and to request Ministry of War to review their present policy of posting only reserve officers to BLU

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Afternote. Ministry of War have agreed to provide one Regular Army interpreter with each 'A' type BLU.

(ii) 'B' Type BLU. The provision of interpreters for 'B' Type BLUs will be considered by HQ MIA.

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3. ITALIAN Inf Div.

(a) GSO I (SD) HQ MMIA outlined the present state of Inf Div org as follows:-

(i) The general org fully agreed with the War Ministry except for incl of Td Tank Coy. These used to be L of C units but this HQ are urging their inclusion in the Div. The provision of ceiling raises difficulties.

(ii) Inf. WEs down to personal weapons and vehs but not down to tradesmen have been prepared for Inf Regt.

(iii) Arty and other arms. WEs have been prepared down to tradesmen, personal weapons and vehs.

(iv) Anti tank Arty. A Tk guns have been withdrawn from Inf Bns and included in the new A Tk Regt under CRA.

The Regt will consist of two bties of two tps 17 pr, and two bties of two tps 6 pr.

(v) F S Sections. The disbandment of FS Secs is under discussion between this HQ and Ministry of War. In the mean time, the Ministry of War have issued disbandment orders for the secs of all Inf Divs

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and GHQ, if necessary.

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of existing units onto new Bats can take place, will
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(ii) No medium Arty was being included but a certain
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(iii) Some trg in heavy bridging eqpt will also be carried out.

(iv) The new Div Sigs WE will provide rear link omms for Div HQ with Terr HQs.

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4. ITALIAN WEC at Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War have now organized a War Establishments Committee. This is working well on BR lines though at the moment the drill for issue of minutes and WEs is not properly organized.

All WEs for the Interim Army are being reviewed. Progress is as below:-

- (a) A review of WEs of units in 31,000 Adm lns will be completed by mid Feb and issue of WEs by end of Feb.
- (b) Review of Inf Div WEs by end Feb and issue of WEs by mid-March.

5. War Ministry.

A reorg of the staff system at the War Ministry is necessary and is projected.

At the moment, the Sigs have been divorced from the Engrs and the ML repair is being divorced from Arty, but no further reorg has been undertaken.

A large chart showing a suggested layout for a reorg Ministry of War based in the main on BR lines is under discussion in the HQ.

This proposed reorg has not been discussed with the Ministry of War and should not be communicated to the ITALIANS.

6. Equipment.

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- (i) Weapons - 30,000 rifles, and
deficiencies in total requirement of 2" and 4.2" mortar.

CHQ GWT have not yet said how these deficiencies can be made up.

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- (ii) Vehs - Certain deficiencies exist especially in carriers, mortar and MGC which will be replaced by carrier universal. US have been asked to supply any types of 3 vehs not available in BR depots.

- (b) The issue of eqpt is likely to begin from BR sources in mid-Feb. It will probably be necessary however to withdraw all types of weapons from Inf Divs in order to get the GAs going, as eqpt issued in Feb will not reach GAs until mid-March which will be too late.

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(c) OCRR will continue to be equipped by the ITALIANS with ITALIAN weapons and vehs.

(d) Future policy is not firm but looking 5-10 years ahead the probable sources of supply will be as follows:-

(i) Arms - From ER factories. For so small an army it would be uneconomic to org an arms industry when ER has a large industry fully org which can always manufacture sufficient surpluses over her own requirements to equip and maintain the ITALIAN army.

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(ii) Domestic Eqpt - to be taken over by ITALIAN Industry as soon as possible.

(iii) Vehs - For 1946 vehs will continue to come from BR or US sources. It is hoped however that in 1947 the ITALIAN veh industry will be able to supply all the army's needs.

6. Relations between BR static HQs and ITALIAN Army.

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It was made clear by BGS that District and Area Commanders have no authority to issue orders for, or to in any way interfere in the deployment of ITALIAN tps or the reallocation of ITALIAN acen.

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With regard to moves in general, the ITALIANS took the army over in its existing locations and any subsequent moves are the responsibility of the ITALIAN army.

7. Use of CCRR Mob Bns.

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8. Fortnightly Reports.

(a) BLUs are urged to get their reports in by the 7th or 8th of each month as this HQ has to consolidate them by the 15th. It is better that reports should be less up to date and in time than more up to date and late.

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(ii) how far the value of the ITALIAN Army is being affected by the influences of politics within and without the Army.

Vague reports on political tendencies otherwise are not required as this HQ is only interested in politics in so far as they are likely to affect the Army.

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9. Post.

Letters are taking several days to reach such outlying stations as BOLLANO and TURIN, and come with PALERMO are very precarious if they exist at all.

SO II R Sigs, HQ MAF, will investigate all means of speeding up comms.

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BLUs should endeavour to assist him whenever possible by reporting difficulties and above all moves of signal units likely to disrupt their own comms as early as possible.

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10. Handbook on the ITALIAN Army.

All BLUs not in possession of this document will receive an issue.

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TRAINING POINTS

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5. BGS informed meeting that the general training directive and the training syllabi for the CAR had just arrived, and that as soon as they had been approved copies would be sent to the BLUs.

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BGS gave a brief outline of the method by which supervision and inspection of Divisional training should be carried out. It was generally speaking he said a matter of tact, a sense of balance, sound advice and a matter of personalities. BLU officers to see as much training as possible. G 1 (Trg) suggested a scheme by which supervision could be maintained. Each Regt should be asked to submit details of interesting items of Trg taking place daily and worth a visit. Only items of particular interest are necessary. From these items the BLU can select suitable trg schemes. FEWTS, etc to visit. It was, he said, essential to check that programmes implemented the policy of the Directive issued. It was not possible to supervise all aspects of trg.

7.

Maj FERRO (9 BLU) raised the problem of BARI CAR, the situation was explained by G 1 (Trg) who had personally seen A/Q 54 Area. The area offer was to vacate PASQUALE Bks about 1 April. This being too late G 1 told him that he(G 1) would have to take the matter up higher. The latest information (from Maj FERRO) is that half the Bks will be freed during early Feb. Col A/Q MIA will contact Col LAURIE (3 DIST) on this subject.

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Lt Col GIBSON (10 BLU) requested that Training Directive be issued. BGS agreed that this matter was urgent. G 1 (Trg) will contact Ministry of War.

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Lt Col GIBSON (10 BLU) asked if some form of demonstration platoon could be attached to each CAR. This matter was discussed fully and the following points were considered:

- (a) From which source would these troops come? Probably at first from combat divisions.
- (b) The possibility of picked recruits from the first intake remaining at the CAR to demonstrate to the next intake.

BGS stated he would investigate the matter. BLUs were asked to approach Terr HQ and enquire if it would be possible for each Combat Div to release two platoons for this duty. (One to be attached to each CAR.) Maj HECTOR (11 BLU) said his Terr HQ already had a Demonstration Platoon prepared for CAR.

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G 1 (Trg) in conclusion informed meeting that a course would commence shortly at CESANO to train 2 Offrs and 8 NCOs from each Terr Bn. These would be the basis for Trg on BR Weapons when these are issued to such Regts and it was essential to select absolutely first class men. Maj PRICE (CESANO) asked that no further commitments be put on CESANO in view of the amount of work involved in converting to new establishments.

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Afternote: Ref para 9 above. War Ministry are in favour of

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10. G 1 (Trg) in conclusion informed meeting that a course would commence shortly at CESANO to train 2 Officers and 8 NCOs from each Terr Bn. These would be the basis for Trg on BR Weapons when these are issued to such Regts and it was essential to select absolutely first class men. Maj PRICE (CESANO) asked that no further commitments be put on CESANO in view of the amount of work involved in converting to new establishments.

Afternote: Ref para 9 above. War Ministry are in favour of demonstration platoons.

CC BLUs are to investigate whether a plan can be provided from the Division or Regt in their own Region. In Regions where no plan can be made available BLU should invite Terr Commr to request the Ministry to provide a plan from one of the Divisions.

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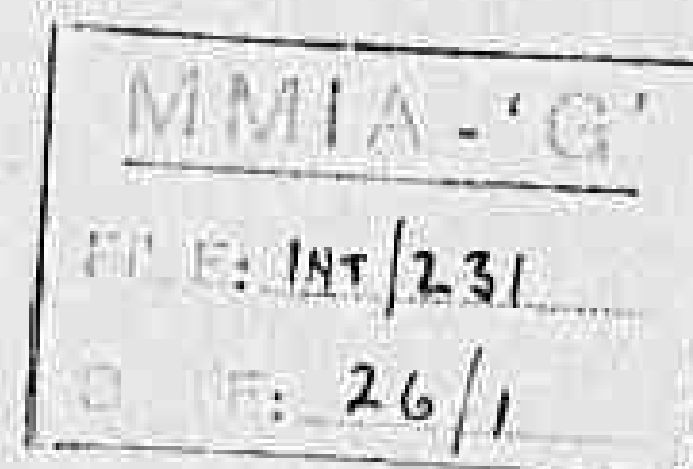
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SUBJECT : BLU Conference 28/29 Jan 46G Branch
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26 Jan 46TO : List A (less ser 19)
8 BLU1. All majors and above will please attend for GOC's and Dep
Comd's Addresses at 0915 hrs 28 Jan.2. All officers, incl officers of OCRR Sec and IFOW Sec are
expected to attend lunch at the GRAND Hotel at 1300 hrs 28 Jan.*A. P. Gaultney*Lt Col
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M.M.I.A. CONFERENCE 29 JAN. 1946

A.G. AGENDA

(to include points raised by BLUs)

- GENERAL
1. Short review since November '45 Meeting A.C.
 2. CC.RR. M.I.A responsibilities and methods - Liaison Officers. A.Q.
 3. Administration duties generally. Peace conditions. A.C.

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4. Manpower position generally. AAG
Shortage of NCOs 1 BLU.
5. Udine call up. 5 BLU
6. Pay - rates of 5 BLU.
7. Discipline - Courts Martial AAG.
8. Penal Establishments situation. AAG
9. Morale 10 BLU.
10. Welfare - Grants and facilities. 10 BLU
11. Domestic Affairs - Officers
Visits A.C.
Replacements and Orders. A.Q.
Camp Commandant AAG
Expense Account 3 BLU
Transport 11 BLU
AAG

Other AG Points

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13. Repair Services M.T., General and CC.RR. AAG
14. M.T. Spares - All BLUs information AAG
15. P.O.L. Scales, distribution, reserves 1 & 5 BLU
16. Armament latest situation AAG
17. C.E.M. 881 BLU.
18. Accommodation - General AAG
Licence: Veronne 4 BLU
Barrack States 5 BLU
19. Finance Powers of Territorial Commanders 1 BLU
20. Clothing - General (7 BLU) AAG

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- Shortage of NCOs
5. Udine call up. 1 BLU.
 6. Pay - rates of 5 BLU
 7. Discipline - Courts Martial 5 BLU.
 8. Penal Establishments situation. AAG.
 9. Morale AAG
 10. Welfare - Grants and facilities. 10 BLU.
 11. Domestic Affairs - Officers A.Q.
 - Visits A.Q.
 - Replacements and Orders. AAG
 - Camp Commandant 3 BLU.
 - Expense Account 11 BLU
 - Transport AAG

12. Other AG Points

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13. Repair Services M.T., General and CC.RR. AAG
14. M.T. Spares - All BLUs information AAG
15. P.O.L. Scales, distribution, reserves 1 & 5 BLU
16. Armament latest situation AAG
17. C.E.N. 3881 BLU.
18. Accommodation - General AAG
- Monte 'Veronne 4 BLU
- Barrack States 5 BLU.
19. Finance 1 BLU
20. Clothing - General (7 BLU) AAG
21. Blankets Biella Factories A.Q.
22. Vehicles ex Austria 5 BLU.
23. Returns A.Q.
24. Any other points

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CCRR SectionPoints for discussion at Conference

Serial	Points to be raised by HQ MMJA	Points raised by BLUS	BLU
1		CCRR, Regional Police ? or part of Army.	10
2		Request for Directive on CCRR with ref to try	10
3		Adjustments in CCRR strength to create reserves	6
4		CCRR lack of telephones	6
5		Advisability of supplying tear gas or smoke bombs to CCRR	6
6		Increased armament for CCRR	6
7		Special requirements in org & eqpt for CCRR in AFFILIATES	6
8		Military field telephones for CCRR	6
9		Mobile bus. Future use. Dispersal of strength	1
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'G' Training
Points for discussion at Conference

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B.L.U.	Points raised by B.L.U.	Points raised by M.M.I.A. Affecting Individual B.L.U.s.	General All B.L.U.s
1.	NIL		
2.	NIL		
3.	Policy on Brit Weapons and Trg Ammo		
4.	MONITORIO VERONISE 'Q'		
5.	C.A.R. General		
6.	NIL		
7.	Trg Policy FOLGORE DIV	O.A.R. SIENNA	(a) Trg POLICY (b) OBC C.A.R. (c) SCHOOLS (d) Trg PROGRAMS
8.	NIL		
9.	NIL	PASQUALE BARRACKS	
10.	CC.RR TRG Policy C.A.R. Programmes GEN. Discussions on Policy Trg Divs. Issue of Directive from M.M.I.A.		
11.	NIL		879
12.	NIL		

3.	Policy on Brit Weapons and Trg Ammo			
4.	MONTEIRO VERONESSE 'Q'			
5.	C.A.R. General			
6.	NIL			(a) Trg POLICY (b) OPC C.A.R. (c) SCHOOLS (d) Trg PROGRAMES
7.	Trg Policy FOLGORE DIV	O.A.R. SIENNA		
8.	NIL			
9.	NIL	PASQUATE BARRACKS		
10.	CC.RR TRG Policy C.A.R. Programmes GEN. Discussions on Policy Trg Divs. Issue of Directive from M.M.I.A.			
11.	NIL			879
12.	NIL			

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Conference of BLU Comds. HQ MILIA 28 - 29 Jan 46

AGENDA for C(SD and I) Discussion)

28 Jan - 1015 - 1130 hrs.

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POINTS TO BE RAISED
BY HQ MILIA

POINTS RAISED BY BLUs

1. 'A' Type BLU. Addition of Staff
Capt (Camp Comdt) (3 BLU)
2. 'A' Type BLU. Interpreters
(10 BLU)
3. 'E' Type BLU. General
(9 BLU)
4. 'B' Type BLU. Incr in tpt
Addition of Camp
Comdt or COMS
(11 BLU)
5. Org
(a) ITALIAN INF DIV
INF REGT
(b) War Ministry
(c) ITI MEC
(a) Policy. Eqpt. of ITALIAN Army
6. (b) Policy. Return of ITI arms and
arm to ITIS (3 BLU)
7. Relations between ALLIED and ITI HQ.
Control of ITI redeployment
(4 BLU)
8. Policy. Employment of CC.RR. Mob Bns
(1 BLU)
9. Fortnightly Reports by BLUs
(a) Punctuality
(b) Intelligence para
10. Other business
11. Other business

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(10 BLU)

'E' Type BLU. General
(9 BLU)

'B' Type BLU. Inor in tpt
Addition of Camp
Comdt or CQMS
(11 BLU)

(b) Policy. Return of ITI arms and
arm to ITIS
(3 BLU)

Relations between ALLIED and ITI HQ.
Control of ITI redeployment
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Other business

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(a) ITALIAN INF DIV

INT REGT

(b) War Ministry

(c) ITI WEC

6. (a) Policy. Eqpt. of ITALIAN Army

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9. Fortnightly Reports by BLUs

(a) Punctuality

(b) Intelligence paras

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11. Other business

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Subject : Agenda for Conference.

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18 Jan 46

Tb : List 'a'

Ref this HQ Signal 0.100 dated 4 Jan 46.

Herewith Agenda for the Conference of ELM Comds to be held at HQ MHA on 28 and 29 Jan 46.

Date	Time	Subject
28	0915-0940	Address by G.C.C.
	0940-1005	Address by Dep Comd
	1015-1130	G (SD and I) discussion.
	1130-1230	G (Trg) discussion.
	1300-1500	Lunch party GRAID HOTEL.
	1515-1715	Spare for further discussion of any points raised at morning conferences.
29	0915-1015	CERR discussion
	1030-1230	A/Q discussion
	1430-1630	Spare for further discussion of any points raised at morning conferences.

Notes:

- (a) All morning discussions held in 10 Building in Conference Room which will be duly signposted.
- (b) Afternoon discussion to be held in various Branch Offices.
- (c) Detailed Agenda for G, C, and A/Q discussion will be available at HQ MHA where visitors report on arrival.

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Ref this HQ Signal O. 102 dated 4 Jan 45.

Herewith Agenda for the Conference of EIU Comds to be held at HQ HITA on 28 and 29 Jan 45.

Date	Time	Subject
28	0915-1040	Address by G.O.C.
	0940-1005	Address by Dep Comd
	1015-1130	G (SD and I) discussion.
	1130-1230	G (Ttg) discussion.
	1300-1500	Lunch party GRAND HOTEL.
	1515-1715	Spere for further discussion of any points raised at morning conferences.
29	0915-1015	CCRR discussion
	1030-1230	A/Q discussion
	1430-1630	Spere for further discussion of any points raised at morning conferences.

Note:

- (a) All morning discussions held in AC Building in Conference Room which will be duly videotaped.
- (b) Afternoon discussion as required in various Branch Offices.
- (c) Detailed Agenda for G, CCRR, and A/Q discussion will be available at 01300 hours where visitors report on arrival 27 Jan 45.

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WARNING ORDER (.) A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT HQ MMIA
 R O M E ON 28 AND 29 JAN (.) AGENDA FOLLOWS (.) ALL
 OFFRS COMMANDING BLU'S TO ATTEND (.) IN ADDITION TO C&C
 BLU'S A/Q REFS FROM 'A' TYPE BLU'S ONLY MAY ATTEND IF
 DESIRED (.) NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ATTENDING TO MAJOR FEAK
 HQ MMIA TELE 478187 BY 21 JAN (.) MAJOR FEAK WILL MAKE ALL
 ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ACCOMMODATION OF OFFRS AND OTHER
 RANKS WHETHER BRITISH OR ITALIAN AND WILL
 ARRANGE TRANSPORT OR GARAGE FOR CARS OF OFFRS ATTENDING (.)
 VISITORS SHOULD REPORT ELISEO HOTEL TELE 478871
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