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MMIA - FUNCTIONS

Sept. 1945 - July 1946

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Subject:- Maint of Bldgs.

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Tel: 52278
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29 Jul 46.

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3 BLD

Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MIA), Rome
HQ 59 Sub Area
1 BLD

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Ref your 9/39/1 dated 23 Jul 46.

In view of the low WE of this HQ and the fact that since Nov 45 this WE has never yet been fully implemented and does not appear likely to be in the near future it is considered impossible for this HQ to supply train gds as suggested in your a/q letter.

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Major,
DAAG-DE.

GLNOVA

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TO	
A/Q	<i>[initials]</i>
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GSO I (-D)	
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : HQ M.M.I.A.,

TO : LIST B

INFO : DISTHREE

REF A 372

U N C L A S S I F I E D

ONE (.) A C LIAISON GROUPS EXCEPT AT T E N D A ARE BEING WITHDRAWN BETWEEN 22 AND 31 JULY (.) CERTAIN OFFICERS AND MEN OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND ECONOMIC SECTIONS MAY REMAIN BEYOND THESE DATES (.) BLU WILL FACILITATE THIS WITHDRAWAL BY ACCEPTING FOR ATTACHMENT AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION ANY AC PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION OR MAINTENANCE (.) THIS INCLUDES ATTACHMENT OF T E N D A GROUP TO 1 BLU (.) BLUS WILL N O T ASSUME ANY AC OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS OR BECOME INVOLVED IN GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (.) ALL COMMITMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO HQ MMIA AS ACCEPTED OR RELINQUISHED (.) TWO (.) ORIGINATORS OF ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE DUE TO WITHDRAWAL OF OTHER ALLIED TROOPS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO HQ MMIA GIVING FULL

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PRECEDENCE.....*Routine*.....
 AUTHENTICATED.....*HHH/uh/88*.....
 LT COL. A.H. GILLMORE

MMIA - 'G'	
FILE	<i>G/8</i>
DATE	<i>R/13/7.</i>

BGS	<i>HHH</i>
GSO 1 (SD)	<i>HHH</i>
Dep G III	<i>HHH</i>
GSO 11 (SD)	<i>HHH</i>
GSO 11 (I)	<i>HHH</i>
GSO 11 (SD)	<i>HHH</i>
GSO 11 (GG)	<i>HHH</i>
G 11 (L)	<i>HHH</i>

SUBJECT: Affiliation of 9 and 11 Type BLUs

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG, (MIA)

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7 Mar 46

To : 9 BLU
10 BLU
11 BLU

1. MIA Directive No. 2 dated 7 Dec 45 lays down that 'P' Type BLUs will be affiliated to 'I' Type BLUs for certain administrative matters.

2. Since this directive was written certain tendencies have become apparent

eg (a) It has not always been easy to draw the line between administrative and General Staff matters.

(b) Owing to the long distances involved and delays caused in travelling it has not been possible for officers from MIA staff to visit BLUs as often as was hoped.

(c) The development of 3 BLUs has added increased emphasis to the Infantry training aspect of BLU responsibilities.

(d) In the case of 9 and 11 BLUs as opposed to all other 'P' Type BLUs the Commander is not an Infantry Officer.

It has therefore been decided to increase the scope of the affiliation as laid down in MIA Directive No. 2 to give OC 10 BLU the responsibilities for Inspect rate and adviser to 9 and 11 BLUs in all matters.

3 and 11 BLUs will still remain directly under command of MIA and will report to and correspond direct with MIA as before.

OC No. 10 BLU is however authorized to visit 9 and 11 BLUs and give such advice and assistance as he considers necessary. If he considers that an order or direction is required he will not do so direct but will submit his recommendations to MIA with copy to the BLU concerned.

The changes in procedure as detailed above are in no way due to any lack of confidence on the part of MIA in the manner in which 'P' type BLUs are carrying out their duties but are only framed with the intention of assisting 'P' type BLUs which are at times apt to feel themselves overworked and understaffed.

1. MIA Directive No. 2 dated 7 Dec 45 lays down that 'A' type BLUs will be affiliated to 'A' type BLUs for certain administrative matters.

2. Since this directive was written certain tendencies have become apparent

eg (a) it has not always been easy to draw the line between administrative and General Staff matters.

(b) Owing to the long distances involved and delays caused in travelling it has not been possible for officers from MIA staff to visit BLUs as often as was hoped.

(c) The development of CBRs has added increased emphasis to the Infantry training aspect of BLUs responsibilities.

(d) In the case of 9 and 11 BLUs an appeal to all other 'A' type BLUs the Commander is not an Infantry Officer.

It has therefore been decided to increase the scope of the affiliation as laid down in MIA Directive No. 2 to give OC 10 BLU the responsibilities for Inspectorate and adviser to 9 and 11 BLUs in all matters.

3. 9 and 11 BLUs will still remain directly under command of MIA and will report to and correspond direct with MIA as before.

OC No. 10 BLU is however authorized to visit 9 and 11 BLUs and give such advice and assistance as he considers necessary. If he considers that an order or direction is required he will not do so direct 9 and 11 BLU but will submit his recommendations to MIA with copy to the BLU concerned.

The changes in procedure as detailed above are in no way due to any lack of confidence on the part of MIA in the manner in which 'B' type BLUs are carrying out their duties but are only framed with the intention of assisting 'A' type BLUs which are at times apt to feel themselves overworked and understaffed.

Copy to : 'A'

'B'

File C/8

1944/13

Major General,
M.I.A.

OUTGOING SIGNAL.

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE

TIME OF ORIGIN

09

A

TO : 4 B L U

COPY : 5 B L U

7 B L U

REF: A. 1582

U N C L A S S I F I E D .

FOLLOWING FOR LT COL M A R K E S (.)

UNDERSTAND YOU AND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF 4 B L U DUE TO MOVE
 F L O R E N C E IN ACCORDANCE WITH HQ M M I A ED 3093 OF 13
 DEC HAVE NOT YET LEFT B O L Z A N O (.) ENSURE MOVE IS EFFECTED
 IMMEDIATELY AND COMPLETION SIGNALIED M M I A

Col. GS
 GSO I (D)
 Det. C3
 GSO II (S)
 GSO II (I)
 GSO II (W)
 GSO II (D)
 GSO II (D&S)
 G (Irg)

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Action: A
 Info: G

G Det: -

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 SD/43/1

PRECEDENCE: 3867

AUTHENTICATED: _____

FILE : A 010/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : LT/COL DOUGLAS 5 BLU
 TO : MMIA
 REF : AQ/40

091700 A
 IMMEDIATE
 RESTRICTED

REF YOUR 0165 OF 08 AND CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION COL PIDSLEY AND LT COL DOUGLAS OF 9 (.) HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM FURTHER RECCE AT B O L Z A N O WITH VIEW TO MOVING PERSONNEL AND ASSUMING COMMAND 4 BLU VIDE YOUR SD/3093 OF 15 DEC 45 AND HAVE VISITED LOCAL BRITISH AND ITALIAN COMMANDERS THERE (.) LT COL MARKS NOW RETURNED FROM LIAP BUT INFORMS ME HE IS REMAINING AT B O L Z A N O PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU (.) MY PERSONNEL MOVE TO B O L Z A N O FRIDAY 11TH JAN AS UNDINE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION ANY LONGER BUT AS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ASSUME CONTROL B O L Z A N O UNIT UNTIL DEPARTURE LT COL MARKS I AM REMAINING U D I N E MEANTIME (.) AM VERY ANXIOUS TO PROCEED B O L Z A N O AND CONSIDER IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE SHOULD TAKE OVER THERE EARLIEST

A DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : A
 INFO : G

11 Jan 46.
 sb

Col. GS
 GSO I (D)
 Dep. G3
 GSO II (SD)
 GSO II (I)
 GSO II (WJ)
 GSO III (SD)
 GSO III (GAB-1)
 G (Trg)

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G DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : G/8
 INFO : G/7
 SD/43/1

No action, per Col M/S.
 on view of A Signal at
 Pg. 49. 11
 To 47 dec 45

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 4 BLU

101140 A

TO : MMIA ROME

INFO : 3 BLU

IMMEDIATE

REF : 4/B/18-29

UNCLASSIFIED

- 1 (.) LT COL MARKS RETURNED FROM LEAVE NIGHT 7 JAN (.)
- 2 (.) CONFERENCE HELD WITH LT COL DOUGLAS MORNING 8 JAN (.)
- 3 (.) T/ LT COL DOUGLAS ARRIVES TO TAKE OVER
B O L Z A N O 11 JAN (.)
- 4 (.) LT COL MARKS AND BALANCE OF PERSONNEL WILL ARRIVE
F L O R E N C E BY SUNDAY 13 JAN

A DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : A

INFO : G

G DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : G/8

INFO : G/7
SD/43/111 Jan 46.

sb ' -

Col. CS
GSO I ()
Dep. G3
GSO II ()
GSO II ()
GSO II (W)
GSO III (ED)
GSO III (ORBAT)
G (Irg)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : 4 BLU
5 BLU
7 BLU
REF : 0 165

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UNCLASSIFIED

REPORT PROGRESS OR COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT ORDERED
IN MY SD/3093 DATED 15 DEC 45

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PRIORITY ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED A. M. Gentry
G.S.

File: G/8
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8 Jan 46.
sb

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TELEPHONE 1629) 09 JET A
 TO : HQ BETA
 REF : BLU/65

YOUR SIGNAL O 165 DATED 8 JAN REFERS (.)
 PRESENT BRITISH STRENGTH THIS BLU IS MAJOR GREGSON
 CAPT DOWNING CAPT NELSON CPL MONK
 GDSM HOBGSON (.) NO REPORT NO OTHER PERSONNEL
 CIVILIAN OR MILITARY RECEIVED FROM L BLU

'G' DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : G/8
 INFO : G/7
 SD/45/1

JW
11 Jan 45

Col. GS
 GSO I ()
 Dep. G3
 GSO II ()
 GSO II ()
 GSO II ()
 GSO II ()
 GSO II ()
 GSO II ()
 G (Trg)

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Subject :- Fortnightly Reports - 10 BLU.

RECEIVED 20 DEC 45
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MMIA (G Branch)

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10 BLU
Tel. 15744
NAPLES
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19 Dec 45

C/37/10.

Reference this office 6 G of 18 Dec., para 6.

It is regretted that 10 BLU Directive No. 1 was not enclosed with the above quoted letter and is forwarded herewith.

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10 BLU
G/8
8/27/52

Phill Lt-Col.
GS.

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seen by G Trg. A

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30 Nov 45

10 JUL DIRECTIVE NO. 1

(Based on MIL Directive Nos. 1 and 2)

1. OBJECT.

The object of this directive is to lay down the policy for the period Dec 45 - Feb 46.

2. DUTIES OF THE

- (a) To find out all possible important information about the Italian troops in various territorial districts.
- (b) To advise the Italian authorities as required.
- (c) To furnish reports to WIA.
- (d) To help the WIA in its recruitment work, particularly in service matters.
- (e) To give active help in organizing and starting the WTC (Territorial Training Centre).
- (f) To liaise with X District and other British authorities as required.

3. SUMMARY OF THE

- (a) Every unit in the District to have been visited at least once by an officer of the WTC.
- (b) All information on the District to have been obtained and recorded.
- (c) The WTC to be in full operation.

4. THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

It is necessary that we should deal effectively with enquiries and avoid on the one hand superficiality, and on the other, lack of interest in detail. The questionnaire at item 'A' is intended to help officers to keep in the right line. It is only a guide, and the points in it can be considerably developed.

5. FORMS AND RECORDS.

It is intended to summarize information about the District in the form of statistics and graphs. For particulars see Appx 'B'.

6. THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The nature of the Italian Army largely depends on the efficiency of the

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2. MISSIONS OF ¹⁰ ~~8~~ ILLU.

- (a) To find out all possible important information about the Italian troops in ~~Italy~~ ^{Italy} and the Italian District.
- (b) To advise the Italian authorities as required.
- (c) To furnish reports to ILLU.
- (d) To help the ~~Italian~~ ^{Italian} ILLU's ~~as required~~ ^{as required}, particularly in service matters.
- (e) To give active help in organizing and starting the ILLU (Corridor Building Centre).
- (f) To liaise with the District and other British authorities as required.

3. TRAINING 28 ILLU 1942.

- (a) Every unit in the District to have been visited at least once by an officer of ~~8~~ ¹⁰ ILLU.
- (b) Full information on the District to have been obtained and recorded.
- (c) The ILLU to be in full operation.

4. THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

It is necessary that we should deal effectively with ~~questionnaires~~ ³⁸⁵ ~~and~~ ⁷ ~~and~~ ⁷ on the one hand, superintendence, and on the other hand, liaison in detail. The questionnaire at Annex 'A' is intended to help officers to keep in the right lines. It is only a guide, and the points in it can be considerably developed.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS.

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6. ATTACHMENT AND CO-ORDINATION.

The nature of the Italian Army largely depends on the efficiency of the TIC's. ~~70~~ ⁷⁰ ILLU will give detailed attention to the organization of this unit, and to advising on methods of training.

7. RIGHT OF ACCESS.

Officers have the same right of access to all Italian units as in the case of ILLU's with Combat Groups.

Col. 1					
Col. 2					
Col. 3					
Col. 4					
Col. 5					
Col. 6					
Col. 7					
Col. 8					
Col. 9					
Col. 10					

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(Drafted by Lt-Col. A.W. GIBSON.)

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Annex 'A' to AGF MLU
DIRECTIVE No. 1.
Dated 30 Nov 45

QUESTIONNAIRE

Serial	Question	Where Applicable	Action by
1.	Is Staff and Service Procedure simple, logical and effective?	Territorial and Formation HQ.	C. A. HQ.
2.	What is the quality of the senior officers?	HQ's and units	All officers.
3.	Is the Service logically and economically planned?	Each Service.	HQ and Service officers.
4.	If it is inefficient, is this due to faults in design or in execution?	"	"
5.	Is the Service adequately represented at Territorial and Formation HQ's?	"	"
6.	Is the status of Service officers satisfactory?	"	"
7.	Is the Service :- (a) Designed for economical working in peace? and also (b) Capable of conversion to its war role?	"	"
8.	Are these indications of :- (a) Reflect of duty? (b) Red Tape?	"	"
9.	To what extent is the Service in civilian hands?	"	"

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All officers.

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5.	Is the Service adequately represented at Territorial and Formation HQ's?	"	"
6.	Is the status of Service officers satisfactory?	"	"
7.	Is the Service :- (a) Designed for economical working in peace? and also (b) Capable of conversion to its war role?	"	"
8.	Are there indications of :- (a) Neglect of duty? (b) Bad Time?	"	"
9.	To what extent is the Service in civilian hands?	"	"
10.	When you trace the course of :- (a) A JET vehicle. (b) A hospital patient. (c) A soldier from commission of crime via Court Martial to Prison etc. etc. do delays, duplication etc. come to light?	Services and units	All officers.

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Serial	Question	Where Applicable	Action by
11.	What is the quality of supplies, material etc. issued to the army?	Services and units	All officers.
12.	Are the arrangements for organizing the TTC's well advanced?	TTC	A4 & G.
13.	In accordance with?	TTC	G.
14.	Are the administrative staffs well equipped?	TTC	G.
15.	Are the administrative staffs well equipped and put through its paces?	TTC	G.
16.	Are the training programs being received and studied?	TTC	G.
17.	Are adequate training equipment available?	TTC	G.
18.	In general, do you think the TTC will work?	TTC	G.
19.	Are units organized on VC?	Units	G.
20.	Are the units employed?	"	G.
21.	Are the troops equipped? British or Italian?	"	G. 3853
22.	What training takes place? (a) Individual (b) Collective	"	G.

12.	Is equipment being used?	WFO	40.
14.	Are the adequate administrative staffs being maintained?	WFO	42.
15.	Are the adequate training staffs being maintained and put through the process?	WFO	5.
16.	Are the training programs being reviewed and studied?	WFO	4.
17.	Is adequate training equipment available?	WFO	6.
18.	In general, do you think the WFO will work?	WFO	3.
19.	Are units organized on WFO?	Write	4.
20.	For now the units employed?	"	3.
21.	How are they equipped? Individual or Italian?	"	3. 3853
22.	What training takes place? (a) Individual (b) Collective	"	3.
23.	What is the state of:- (a) Accommodation. (b) Welfare and comfort. (c) Discipline. (d) Health. (e) Morale. (f) Dress and Smartness.	Units and Service units	All officers

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Serial	Question	Where Applicable	Action by
24.	Have you any points for inclusion in the study Intelligence Report?		All offices.
25.	What is the state of :- (a) Vehicle maintenance. (b) C.O. of arms. (c) Posts.	Units	All offices.
26.	What are the arrangements for shaving and provision of razors or razor blades?	Units	All offices.
27.	Do commanders get round their commands and see what is happening for themselves?	HQ & Units	C & AG.
28.	What returns are demanded by senior formations, are those of value and if so are they studied by the staff and is action taken on them?	HQ & Units	C & AG.
29.	Is there any system of commanders regular conferences to keep all informed with current trends and for commanders to air their problems and grievances?	HQ & Units	C & AG.

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Agree 18' to 10 MU
DIRECTIVE No 1.
dated 30 Nov 45.

RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY 10 MU

(Provisional)

NOTES

- (a) Records will be compiled monthly, and will show the position as on the first day of the month, or the consumption etc. during the month, whichever is applicable.
- (b) Records will show totals for the District, and from them to formations, units or garrisons whichever is most suitable.

CHARTER

1. Posted strength as a percentage of 100.
2. Percentage of posted strength admitted to hospital.
3. Percentage of posted strength tried by Mount Martin.
4. Total posted strength.
5. Total ration strength.
6. Percentage of posted strength absent without leave.
7. Total number of 10 vehicles on strength.
8. Percentage of vehicles on strength 100.
9. Percentage of 100 vehicles authorized for cannibalization.
10. Fuel allotment and consumption.
11. Posted strength - Horses and mules.

RETURN

1. Order of Battle and Location Statement.
2. Staff List.
3. Intelligence Report.

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1. Senior officers in District.
 2. Units in District.
- } No to be compiled gradually as information is obtained.

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FIG. 1. *See text.*

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1. Introduction

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CONFIDENTIALLt-Col. A.W. GIBBON
10 HLU. CMF.

Dec 45

Dear *Dick*

Reference your G/8 dated 4 Dec :-

I am sorry that we wrote direct to the Ministry. On 20 Nov
I was represented in NAPLES by a Maltese officer, who did not know
any better.

Yours *ever,**Anthony*

Lt-Col. A.R.C. Southby,
MMIA. ROME.

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FILE: <i>G/8</i>
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SUBJECT: Designation of BLUs.

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

G/S

5 Dec 45

TO : 2 BLU
10 BLU

Copy : LIST "B" (less Serials 2 and 10)

Ref 56 BLU letter 14 undated and my SD/101 of 20 Nov 45.

1. It is again emphasised that MILIA L0s have now ceased to have an separate entity and exist only as incorporated in "1" or "2" Type BLUs.
2. Ex-MILIA L0s will invariably be addressed merely as (e.g.) "2 BLU", and BLUs will invariably be addressed by their new, correct numbers.

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Atkinson

for Major General
M. H. I
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AF 091.711 OCT-0

SUBJECT: Directive to the Commander, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(NTIA)

THRU: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

TO: Commander, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(NTIA)

INTRODUCTION.

1. It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the Italian Army shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is:-

- (a) to maintain the authority of the Italian Government,
- (b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order,
- (c) to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of ITALY.

To implement this policy, an Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (NTIA) has been incorporated within the existing Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

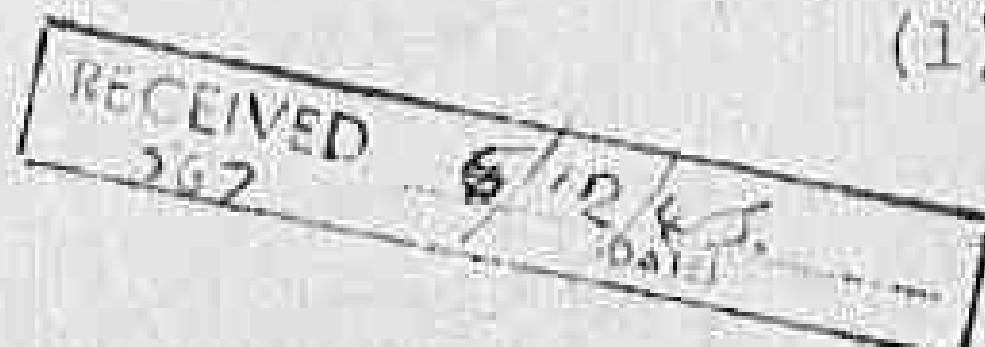
DUTIES.

2. Your duties as the Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(NTIA) will therefore be twofold:-

(a) As Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, you will be responsible to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. You will advise him on all matters of military policy, including any alterations to the authorized ceiling, and those which raise political issues or which affect the other armed forces.

(b) As Commander of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (NTIA) you will be responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander

- (1) for giving advice and assistance, in accordance with Allied policy, to the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate Italian HQs on the formation, organization, training, and

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administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Your responsibilities in these respects will be limited to advice and assistance only; all necessary executive work must remain the responsibility of Italian authorities concerned. The Italian Government normally will be expected to accept your advice. If it should feel unable to do so you will refer the matter to AFM.

- (2) for giving advice to AFM on such Italian Army matters as come within the scope of paragraph 2(b)(1) above, and, should the occasion arise, on the employment of any Italian units or formations under Allied Command.

3. In both these capacities, it will be your duty to convey to the Minister of War in appropriate form all Allied policy or instructions concerning the Italian Army and to advise and assist him in such detail as you consider necessary as regards the implementation of this policy or these instructions.

4. As Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG you will be responsible for keeping the Chief Commissioner, AG informed of all relevant business undertaken in your capacity as Commander of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (AMIA).

5. The term "Italian Army" includes the Carabinieri, except where the operational functions of the latter, and their instruction in purely civil police duties, are concerned. Such matters are the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

ORGANIZATION OF AMIA.

6. To enable you to carry out the objects of your Mission you will be provided with a suitable staff of British and U. S. officers, GNS and W. These will be organized into:

(a) Military Mission to the Italian Army (also functioning as Land Forces Sub-Commission).

(b) British liaison units for attachment to Italian Army formations and training establishments.

7. At the present time no termination can be foreseen to the period during which the services of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG(AMIA) will be required. You will, however, keep

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constantly under review the numbers of British and U. S. officers, ORs and W required to carry out your tasks efficiently and also such recommendations for progressive decrease as may be possible.

8. British liaison units are placed under your command and you are authorized to exercise the disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a GOC District in respect of the personnel and stores of those units. For this purpose the Military Mission to the Italian Army will be your HQ.

9. You will make it clear to all personnel under your command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied-Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individuals concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

10. As far as possible the Italian Army will be organized, equipped, commanded and administered on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modification as may be dictated by:-

(a) Nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out.

(b) Nature and amount of the equipment which the British and U. S. Governments have undertaken to provide.

(c) National characteristics of the Italian Military system.

With reference to (c) above, it is not the intention to interfere with or modify the Italian system in regard to honours and awards and the "etat civile" of military personnel except in so far as it is necessary to bring them in line with other changes in the organization. It may, however, be necessary to advise the Italian Government to modify the present system of promotion, selection of officers, pay and allowances, financial responsibility, discipline and military law, so that these shall not hamper the efficient reorganization of the Italian Army.

11. The scaling of the Italian Army will be decided from time to time by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the advice of JMW based on the recommendations of the Allied Commission. The order of battle of the Italian Army within this scaling will be decided from time to time by JMW based on your recommendations. Detailed requirements within the above order of battle will be

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worked out as a matter of urgency by the Italian Government, as advised by Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG(401A) and reported to AFHQ.

TRAINING.

12. The training of the Italian Army will be the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, but will be carried out under your advice and supervision. You should ensure that that it conforms generally with British training policy and that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable. The principal British staff officer for training at AFHQ will keep you informed of current British training policy and methods.

ADMINISTRATION.

13. The approved policy regarding the administration, including maintenance and supply, of the Italian Army, is shown in letter, this headquarters, AG 091.711 GSD-0 of 2 November 1945, paragraphs 10 - 13 inclusive. Any alteration to these arrangements will be notified to you from time to time.

14. You will be responsible for screening the demands of the Italian Ministry of War for such equipment and supplies as continue to be found from Allied Military sources. You will also exercise supervisory control over the use of such materials.

15. You will ensure that copies of all establishments and equipment tables drawn up by the Italian Ministry of War on your advice, are forwarded to AFHQ for information.

16. You will assist the Italian Ministry of War to introduce into the Italian Army a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army.

17. You will be advised of the financial agreements under which the provision of any equipment or supplies is undertaken by the British and United States Governments.

18. These instructions supersede those given in AFHQ letter AG 091.112/079 GGT-0 of 25 October 1944.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHNSON:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
 C. W. CHRISTENSEN
 Colonel, 43D
 Adjutant General

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SUBJECT : Channels of Comm.

LAFD FORCES STB-COM, AC (RMIA)

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4 Dec 45

TO : 10 DEU

Ref your C/20/1 dated 20 Nov 45, addressed to Min of War. Copy to this HQ.

Please note that it is not in order for ELUs to correspond direct with the Ministry of War. All such inquiries should be addressed to this HQ, which will take action to obtain the information required.

for *Major-General*
RMIA
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Subject:- Change of Communications
British Command-Italian Command.

To:- 60 Sub-area
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Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(MIA)

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Ref. 603-4
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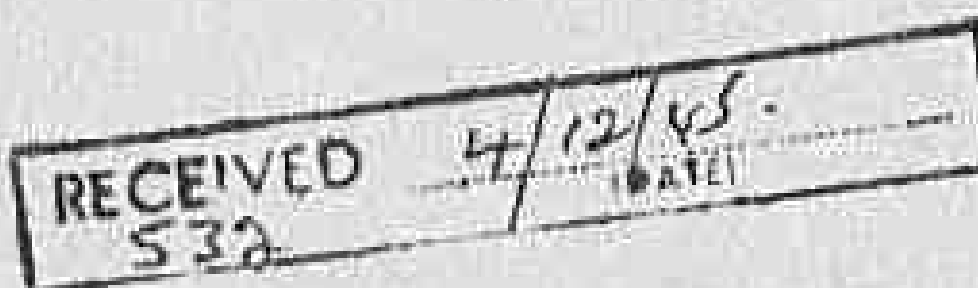
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1. Your letter 300/2/4 dated 26 Nov. 45. is acknowledged.
2. It is noted that copies for information were addressed directly to Italian H.Qs. i.e. 4 Italian Territorial Command and H.Q. Folgore Inf. Div.
3. The copy letter to the Italian H.Qs arrived before the action letter to this H.Q. A certain amount of confusion was caused and some considerable misunderstanding on the part of the Italians.
4. In future it is requested that orders for the Italian troops in No.4 Territorial Command be transmitted through this B.L.U. one of the purposes for which it is attached.



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FILE: G/8
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B. J. Jean
A/Lt. Col.
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SUBJECT :- Liaison - Italian Army

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AC (L.L.) 3 DISTRICT
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Ref 3/ILO/CO

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Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (L.L.) COME
10 ILO NAPLES
HQ 227 DIV

1. In accordance with L.L. Directive No 2 under ref G/7 dated 16 Nov 45 (not to all), L.L. Liaison Office at HQ 3 DISTRICT will cease to function wef 1500 hrs 1 Dec 45.
2. Liaison duties with the Italian Army in this area have been taken over by 10 British Liaison Unit, situated in Provincial Buildings, NAPLES.

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E. S. D. Smith.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
(9th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 22 November 1945.

MINUTE No. 8."8. DIRECTIVE TO COMMANDER, MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY.

(Paper No. SAC (45) 24).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a draft directive to Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, dealing with his functions in his capacity as Commander, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

MAJOR GENERAL WARD asked the representative of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to state what functions the Land Forces Sub-Commission now retained, apart from its role as a military mission, and whether it could soon become a normal military mission directly under AFHQ.

BRIGADIER LUSH said that it was the duty of the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to advise the Chief Commissioner on military matters. Moreover, in view of the armistice terms the legality of MMIA was dependent on its status as a Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. A military mission, independent of the Allied Commission was not, therefore, at present practicable. The Chief Commissioner would prefer the directive to be redrafted so as to make clear the dual role of the Commander, MMIA, and to cover his functions as Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission. The directive to the Air Forces Sub-Commission had been prepared in this manner.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAMBLEN agreed that the legality of the military mission was dependent on its status as the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

THE CONFERENCE then discussed detailed amendments of the directive.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief of Staff to revise the directive circulated under paper No. SAC (45) 24 in accordance with the request of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and in the light of the above discussion.

Ex.Com's Distbn - 29 Nov. 45.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

48A217/G3(Br)

23 November 1945

SUBJECT: Formation - 8 British Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial
Headquarters - Rome Command.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AG (AMIA)

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Ref this Headquarters 48A217/G3(Br) of 23 Nov 45.

1. Please amend effective date for formation of 8 BLU to Italian Territorial Headquarters - Rome Command to read 15 Nov vice 15 Oct.

P. S. S. S. S. S.

E. SLEDGWICK,
Major CB,
G-3 (British).

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To: - Land Forces Sub-Comm (MIA) HQ

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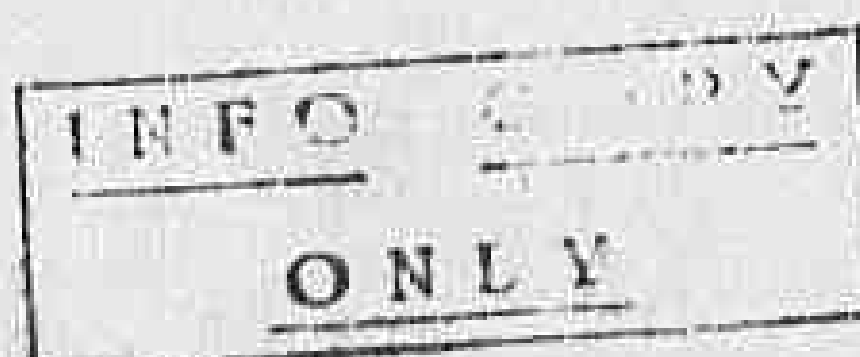
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SUBJECT: Police Sec MIA - Functions

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MILIA)

— 3/8 —

26 Nov 45

TO :	No.	1	BLU	(TURIN)	7	BLU	(FLORENCE)
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	3	"	"	(MILAN)	9	"	(BARI)
	4	"	"	(BOLZANO)	10	"	(NAPLES)
	5	"	"	(UDINE)	11	"	(PALERMO)
	6	"	"	(BOLOGNA)			

HQ A.C. (for Public Safety Sub-Com.)

1. Ref Chart showing CC.HR. lay-out attached to this HQ letter C/8 of 24 Nov 45.
2. Under "Total Div Strength 20791", please send right hand column to read:-

"Composed of
24 Groups

Mob Ens at:-

1. MILAN
2. PADUA

AROS/jw 26 Nov 45.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 784 U. S. Army
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23 November 1945

SUBJECT: Formation - 8 British Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial Headquarters - Rome Command.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AG (ALIA)

1. 8 British Liaison Unit (Type 'B') to Italian Territorial Headquarters - Rome Command will be formed on WE CM/1130/1 under the supervision of this Headquarters w.s.f. 15 Oct 45, in accordance with GMR 1160/A1(Ser.3712) of 17 Nov 45.
2. Five copies of above-quoted GMR letter were forwarded you under cover of this Headquarters 48A212/G3(Br) dated 20 Nov 45 (Formation - Increment to Military Mission to Italian Army).
3. Copies of WE CM/1130/1 will be forwarded as soon as available.
4. Indents for and enquiries regarding equipment and transport will be submitted to ADOS, Rome Area Allied Command.
5. If deficiencies of personnel exist on 8 Dec 45 a statement will be rendered in quadruplicate to this Headquarters showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.
6. When formation is complete, report will be forwarded this Headquarters, certifying that casualties have been rendered GMR 2nd Echelon showing all personnel "t.o.s."

E. Sedwick
E. SEDWICK,
Major G3,
G-3 (British)

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Copy: G-1 (Br)
G-4 (Br)
ADOS Rome Area
Catering Adviser
IR 3 District (your AG 70 of 19 Nov refers)

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Apo No. 794 U.S. Army
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23 November 1945

SUBJECT: Conversion - 33 Military Mission

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMAIA)
(encl 5 copies GHQ Memo)

1. 33 Military Mission will be converted and redesignated Military Mission to the Italian Army from WE CM/241/3 (VIII/607/3) to WE CM/241/5 w.e.f. 15 Oct 45 under supervision of this Headquarters in accordance with GHQ 1016/A-1 (Ser.3755) of 20 Nov 45 attached.

2. Copies of WE CM/241/5 will be forwarded when available.

3. Equipment and transport. Will be adjusted to new scales in conjunction with ADOS, Rome Area.

4. Returns called for in para 1(a), 2(c) and 3(a) iv of the above-quoted GHQ letter will be forwarded to nominated addressees direct.

5. Completion of conversion report will be forwarded this Headquarters certifying that casualties have been rendered GHQ 2nd Echelon showing all personnel "s.o.s/t.o.s."

E. SEDGWICK 382
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

Copy: G-1 (Br) (encl 1 copy GHQ Memo)
G-4 (Br) "
ADOS Rome Area "
Catering Adviser

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SUBJECT: - Conversion of Units - Misc

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GHQ CEF,
1016/A-1 (Ser. 3755).
20 Nov 45.

33 MILITARY MISSION
50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
(FOR GRUPO DI COOPERAZIONE)

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be converted as redesignated as shown in Appendix 'A' to this letter, with effect from 15 Nov 45.
(b) Copies of the new W.E.s will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities.
(c) Existing mobilisation serial numbers as in Column (iii) of Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be retained.
(d) Nominal rolls, in triplicate, showing all personnel on the strength of and attached to the above mentioned units, with effect from 20 Nov 45, will be sent to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) Postings to adjust to new W.E. will be effected as follows:-
(i) Staff Officers:- by Dep Mil Sec, GHQ CEF. } in conjunction with
(ii) Officers :- by A-9, GHQ CEF. } Land Forces Sub
(iii) Other Ranks :- by DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon. } Commission AO (JAMDA)
(b) Release - attention is directed to para 2(c) of GAO 1038 of 1945.
(c) All surplus men with experience as cooks or clerks, whether mustered tradesmen or not, will be reported by name to GHQ 2nd Echelon, giving particulars.

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

- (a) Will be adjusted to new scales under arrangements Supervisory Authorities.
(i) Unit and personal equipment in accordance with the AF G. 1096 scales enumerated in sub para (b) below. Copies of these scales will be distributed automatically to the supervisory authorities by 15 GHQ Publications Depot, F & S.S., CEF.
(ii) Technical equipment in accordance with Part I of CM AF G. 1098-331/4 for CM AF and 141/4 for GHQ/241/3, to be prepared by (iii), GHQ CEF (see GAO 130 of 1945) and issued by 15 GHQ Publications Depot, F & S.S., CEF.
(iii) Furniture and accommodation stores in accordance with AFHQ War Accommodation Schedules, 1945.
(iv) Transport to complete to W.E. of the list of vehicles annexed will be sent to (iii) 4, GHQ CEF showing:-
(a) W.D. Numbers
(b) Make
(c) Type
(d) No when returned.

(b) Scales

Unit Equipment Nos:	15/4	27/4	23/4	44/2	45/2	46/2	47/1
	51/2	53/2	54/4	61/1	63/3	66/1	72/2
	74/2	130/2					

Personal Equipment

Nos:	10/2	11/4	12/1	13/2	203/1
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Unit Equipment Nos:	15/1	27/1	28/1	44/2	45/2	46/2	47/1
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4. POSTAL addresses will be as shown in column (iv) of Appendix 'A' to this letter, CAR.

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5. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to A-1, GHQ CMT, copy to G(Trg), GHQ CMT, when conversions have been effected, with a further copy to GHQ 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel "s.s.s./t.o.s.s."

6. ACK

[Signature]
 + Lieut-General,
 Commander in Chief.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,	4	Dep Mil Sec	10
The War Office (S.D.2)	3	A9	2
GHQ IEF	3	+++G(SD) (Manpower)	3
HQ BTL	9	G(SD) (O&AT)	3
Rear HQ 13 Corps	11	G(Trg)	3
HQ No. 2 District	9	G(Maint)	
HQ No. 3 District	9	G(A3)	
Rome Area Allied Command	9	S & T	
GHQ 2nd Echelon	12	Medical	
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)		Signals	
Land Forces Sub Commission		RE	
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HQ Allied Commission	3	REME	
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X Incl copies for units concerned and distribution as necessary. +++WSD/163 of 13 Nov 45 refers.

APPENDIX 'A' TO 1016/A-1 (Ser.3755) DATED 20 NOV 45

Unit (i)	Present W.E. (ii)	Mobilisation Serial No. (iii)	New Designation (iv)	New W.E. (v)
33 Military Mission	CM/241/3 (VIII/607/3)	19866	Military Mission to the Italian Army	CM/241/5
50 B.L.U. for (Gruppo di Combattimenti)	CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11753	3 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ MILAN Command	CM/1112/2
51 B.L.U. for (Gruppo di Combattimenti)	CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11754	1 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ TURIN Command	CM/1112/2
53 B.L.U. for (Gruppo di Combattimenti)	CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11756	4 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ BOLZANO Command	CM/1112/2
52 B.L.U. for (Gruppo di Combattimenti)	CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11757	5 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ UDINE Command	CM/1112/2
56 B.L.U. for (Gruppo di Combattimenti)	CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11997	10 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ NAPLES Command	CM/1112/2

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A-1 (Ser.3755) DATED 20 NOV 45

<u>Present W.E.</u> (ii)	<u>Mobilisation Serial No.</u> (iii)	<u>New Designation</u> (iv)	<u>New W.E.</u> (v)	<u>Supervisory Authority</u> (vi)
CM/241/3 (VIII/607/3)	19866	Military Mission to the Italian Army	CM/241/5	HQ R.A.A.C.
CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11753	3 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ MILAN Command	CM/1112/2	HQ No.2 District
CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11754	1 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ TURIN Command	CM/1112/2	HQ No.2 District
CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11756	4 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ BOLZANO Command	CM/1112/2	HQ No.2 District
CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11757	5 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ UDINE Command	CM/1112/2	HQ 13 Corps
CM/508/2 (XII/884/2)	11997	10 British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to Italian Territorial HQ NAPLES Command	CM/1112/2	HQ No.3 District

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OFFICE OF MMIA NORTH ITALY CLOSES 2359 HOURS 23 NOV (.)
ALL MMIA LETTERS CONCERNING LOMBARDY PROVINCE SHOULD
NOW BE ADDSD 50 BLU (.) OUTSTATIONS IN NORTH ITALY
DISCONTINUE LIAISON REPORTS TO SENIOR LO (.) MATTERS
CONCERNING CEM CMA ACCOMMODATION ETC SHOULD BE DEALT
WITH BY BLU'S DIRECT WITH AREAS OR DISTRICT (.) ACTION
ADDRESSEES PLEASE INFORM LOCAL ITALIAN COMDS DISCONTINUE
ALL ROUTINE REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH MMIA
M I L A N AND DEAL THROUGH OWN B L U (.) THIS DOES
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Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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DIRECTIVE TO COMMANDER, MILITARY MISSION TO
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Note by Secretary

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19 Dec 45
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LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
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SUBJECT: Directive to the Commander, Military Mission to the Italian Army.
TO : Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (AMIA).

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3. The term "Italian Army" includes the Carabinieri, except where the operational functions and instructions in purely civil police duties of the Carabinieri are concerned. Such matters are the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

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OBJECTS

4. The objects of your Mission will be:
 - a. To advise and assist the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate Italian Headquarters in the formation, organization, training, and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Your responsibilities in these respects will be limited to advice and assistance only: all necessary executive work must remain the responsibility of Italian authorities concerned. The Italian Government normally will be expected to accept your advice. If it should feel unable to do so you will refer the matter to AFHQ.
 - b. To advise AFHQ on such Italian Army matters as come within the scope of Subpara c. above, and, should the occasion arise, on the employment of any Italian units or formations under Allied Command.

COMMAND

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8. British Liaison units are placed under your command and you are authorized to exercise the disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a General Officer Commanding a District in respect of the personnel and stores of these units. For this purpose the Military Mission to the Italian Army will be your Headquarters.

9. You will make it clear to all personnel under your command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied-Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individual or individual concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

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- a. Nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out.
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With reference to "c." above, it is not the intention to interfere with or modify the Italian system in regard to honors and awards and the "eternally civil" of military personnel except in-so-far as it is necessary

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11. The ceiling of the Italian Army will be decided from time to time by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the advice of ATEHQ based on the recommendations of the Allied Commission. The detailed order of battle of the Italian Army within this ceiling will be decided from time to time by ATEHQ based on your recommendations.

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12. The training policy for the Italian Army will be laid down by the Italian Ministry of War, but will be carried out under your advice and supervision. You should ensure that it conforms generally with British training policy and that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable. The principal British staff officer for training at AFHQ will keep you informed of current British training policy and methods.

ADMINISTRATION

13. The approved policy regarding the administration, including maintenance and supply, of the Italian Army, is shown in this Headquarters letter AG 091.711 GSD-O of 2 November 1945, paragraphs 10 to 13 inclusive. Any alteration to these arrangements will be notified to you from time to time.

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C. W. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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 TO : AMIA ROME
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 UNTIL COMPLETION OF MOVE THAT DIV

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- 8.. Ordnance officers and REME and Signal Training increments are needed to stay on till 1 Jan. Q to ask AFHQ. 2 District will help.
9. Q to ask War Ministry if they agree and can arrange in their own interests to have army representation on IRMIT to see fair play.
10. Q to ask War Ministry what ammunition is needed for "military requirements" vide CHM Directive of 2 Oct, Para 9e.
11. Q to ask AFHQ to let 2 District use their 7 days operational reserve of P.O.L. held for groups to be used if needed for move of FRIULI and POGGORE if ordered.
12. Q to note all groups at present 10% to 15% short of vehicles, and have been cannibalising. Stressed that cannibalisation should be controlled and only done by authorised workshops.
13. BLU's require new addresses, meanwhile keep present numbers.
14. A to note following:
- (a) TREVELLYAN is on LIAP, who authorised it: Camp. Does Camp authorise LIAP for officers?
 - (b) TAYLOR (G2.L. HQ) to remain temporary MILAN (for 52 BLU matters).
 - (c) RANCE interviewed to remain at BOLZANO pending result of MS interview - recommend surplus to MMIA needs.
 - (d) Major SNEEZAM returned to 56 BLU to be ordered to report MMIA HQ for interview as possible replacement for RANCE at PALERMO. 380
 - (e) GIBBON is remaining with 56 BLU and MANTOVA Group until 2 December.
 - (f) ECERTON wants 28-day LIAP early December. METCALF will act for him, can this be approved?
 - (g) MARKS wants LIAP early December. SYATT to act for him, can this be approved?
 - (h) TRELEAVEN (ST UDINE) has been replaced by BECKETT.
 - (i) AYLING (ST NAPLES) has been replaced by J.C. HARKET.
 - (j) CLARK is at BOLOGNA (not TREVELLYAN).
15. A to get return of all the MALTESE officers and give disposal instructions before 31 December.

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Subject: Machinery of Command & Liaison.

52 British Division Unit,

RAF.

18 Nov 45.

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HQ LEGUANO Inf Division.

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1. It is confirmed that LEGUANO Inf Div is under Operational Command 59 Area, and under Administrative Command Territorial Area HQ MILIT.
2. Wef 15 Nov 45, the channel of communication with 59 Area will be through 50 HLU MILIT, Comd. Lieut-Col P.H. WERTON. (Tel: MILIT 13909).
3. In order to assist 50 HLU and the Div initially, Capt E.C. MAYOR will 52 HLU, is attached to 50 HLU wef 20 Nov 45, until reached by HQ MILIT, on whose strength he is now held.

Copy to: HQ MILIT. /
 HQ 2 District.
 HQ 59 Area.
 HQ 50 HLU.
 AGG HIRGARD
 AGG MUESGA
 AGG GRENDA
 AGG PAVIA
 AGG SONDRIO
 AGG COGO
 AGG MILAN
 Town Major, MUSEGA.
 Town Major, COGO.

Gen. Taylor
 Lieut-Col.
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1. It is confirmed that LEBLANC Inf Div is under Operational Command 59 Area, and under Administrative Command Territorial Area HQ MILA.
2. Wef 15 Nov 45, the channel of communication with 59 Area will be through 50 EBU MILA, Comd Lieut-Col P.M. DORTON. (Tel: MILA 43939).
3. In order to assist 50 EBU and the Div initially, Capt F.O. MONTAGNI 52 EBU, is attached to 50 EBU wef 20 Nov 45, until recalled by HQ MILA, on whose strength he is now held.

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Copy to:

HQ MILA,
HQ 2 District,
HQ 59 Area,
HQ 50 EBU,
AG MUGGO
AG MUSOLA
AG ORLON
AG PAVI
AG SONDRO
AG COGO
AG MILAN
Town Major, MUSOLA
Town Major, COGO.

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Ben Payne
Lieut-Col.
CS.

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SUBJECT :- Formation of New Units - Misc

SECRET.

GHQ CMF.
1160/41 (Ser 3712).
17 Nov 45.

INCREASING TO MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.
No. 2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - CENOA COMMAND.
No. 6 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - BOLOGNA COMMAND.
No. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - FLORENCE COMMAND.
No. 8 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - ROME COMMAND.
No. 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - PARTI COMMAND.
No. 11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - SICILY COMMAND.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on WEs shown below with effect from 15 Oct 45, as follows :-

Unit (i)	WE (ii)	Mobilisation Serial Nos (iii)	Supervisory Authority (iv)
Incr to HQ	CM/1111/2	96146	HQ Roma
No. 2 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96140	HQ 2 District
No. 6 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96141	HQ 2 District
No. 7 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96142	HQ 3 District
No. 8 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96143	HQ 3 District
No. 9 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96144	HQ 3 District
No. 11 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96145	HQ 3 District

(b) Copies of the WE will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authority. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from 15 GHQ Publications Depot, PASS, CMF. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory authorities.

(c) Serial Numbers as shown in column (iii) above have been allotted to these units.

2. PERSONNEL.

Postings will be effected as follows :-

- (i) Officers - Staff Officers by Dep Mil Sec, GHQ CMF.
Others by A/9, GHQ CMF.
- (ii) Other Ranks - by D.O, GHQ 2nd Echelon.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on 15 Oct 45, as follows :-

Unit (i)	WE (ii)	Mobilisation Serial Nos. (iii)	Supervisory Authority (iv)
Incr to 13014			Hq RAC
No. 2 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1111/2	96146	Hq 2 District
	CM/1130/1	96140	Hq 2 District
No. 6 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96141	Hq 3 District
No. 7 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96142	Hq 3 District
No. 8 Br Liaison Unit to Italian Territorial HQ	CM/1130/1	96143	Hq 3 District
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2. PERSONNEL.

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- (i) Officers - Staff Officers by Dep Mil Sec, GHQ CME.
Others by 4/9, GHQ CME.
- (ii) Other Ranks - by DdG, GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities :-

- (i) Replacements of clothing and necessaries to scale.
- (ii) Unit and personal equipment in accordance with the AF G.1098 scales enumerated in sub-para (b) below. Copies of these scales will be distributed automatically to the supervisory authorities by 15 GHQ Publications Depot, P&SS, CMF.
- (iii) Technical equipment in accordance with Part I of CM, AF G.1098-330/1 for WE CM/4411/2 and G.1098-332/1 for WE CM/1430/1 respectively, to be prepared by 3 (AF) GHQ, (see GHO. 180/45) and issued by 15 GHQ Publications Depot, P&SS, CMF.
- (iv) Furniture and accommodation stores in accordance with AFHQ War Accommodation Schedules, 1945.
- (v) Transport to complete to WE.

(b) Scales : For CM/4411/2
Unit Equipment : Nos : 15/1 44/2 47/1 51/2 53/2
 54/1 72/2 130/2

Personal Equipment : Nos : 10/2 11/1 12/1 13/2 203/1

For CM/1430/1
Unit Equipment : Nos : 15/1 27/1 28/1 44/2 45/2
 46/2 47/1 48/1 51/2 53/2
 54/1 59/3 61/1 63/3 68/1
 72/2 74/2 130/2

Personal Equipment : Nos : 10/2 11/1 12/1 13/2 203/1

4. STATIONERY

attention is directed to GHO. 1013 of 1945.

5. POSTAL

Postal Address will be : as shown in para 1 (a)(i), CMF.

6. COMPLETION

- (a) Supervisory Authorities will report to 1, GHQ CMF, copy to G(Trg) GHQ CMF, when formations are complete, with copy to GHQ 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel "tos".
- (b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 8 Dec 45 a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

7. CM

[Signature]
 Lieutenant-General,
 Commander in Chief.

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dated 13 Nov 45 refers.

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SUBJECT : Formation and Designations of BDU's

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC. (MMIA)

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20 NOV 45

TO : 1 BDU TURIN (ex 51 BDU)
 2 " GENOA
 3 " MILAN (ex 50 BDU)
 4 " BOLLANO (ex 53 BDU)
 5 " UDINE (ex 52 BDU)
 6 " BOLOGNA
 7 " FLORENCE
 8 " ROME (att MMIA)
 9 " BARI
 10 " NAPLES (ex 55 BDU)
 11 " PALERMO

1. G.H.Q. letter WSD /153 dated 13 Nov 45, authorises re-designation of old BDU's and formation and designation of new BDU's as shown in the address above.

2. All correspondence will in future be thus addressed.

3. The old designations e.g. "50 BDU" or "MMIA 10 FLORENCE" will cease to be used in any correspondence.

Copy to : G.H.Q.

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Miss G. H. Q.
 for Major General, MMIA
 380 MMIA.

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- TO :
- 1 BLU TURIN (ex 51 BLU)
 - 2 " " GENOVA
 - 3 " " MILAN (ex 50 BLU)
 - 4 " " BOLZANO (ex 53 BLU)
 - 5 " " GUINE (ex 52 BLU)
 - 6 " " BOLOGNA
 - 7 " " FLORENCE
 - 8 " " ROME (att MILA)
 - 9 " " BARI
 - 10 " " SARDEG (ex 56 BLU)
 - 11 " " PALERMO

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2. All correspondence will in future be thus addressed.

3. The old designation e.g. "50 BLU" or "MILIA LO FLORENCE" will cease to be used in any correspondence.

Miss Southey
 for Major General, *the*
 380 MILA.

- Copy to :
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SUBJECT : Combat Groups

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13 Nov 45

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217 Area
60 Sub Area

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MILANO NW ITALY

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

Further to this HQ signal GC/4116 of 8 Nov 45.

Because there has been some misunderstanding about the future of the BLU's and the Italian Combat Groups the following statement is made to clarify the position. It is based on AFHQ letter AG.091.711 G(SDJ)-0 of 2 Nov 45 and on info from MILA.

1. Wef 2400 hrs 14 Nov 45, BLU's at present with Combat Groups will be attached to HQ Territorial Comds. The latter will be of two types, the more important being called 'A' and the less important 'B', and each BLU will liaise with one 'A' type and one 'B' type Territorial HQs as under:-

A Type Territorial HQs

TURIN
MILAN
BOLZANO
UDINE
NAPLES

B Type Territorial HQs

GENOA
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE
BARI
PALERMO

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2. (a) The function of the BLU's will be:-

- (a) To advise and assist Territorial Comds.
- (b) To be a link between MILA and Territorial Comds.
- (c) To be a link between 2 District and Combat Gps.

(S) The BLU's will no longer be attached to one specific Combat Gp, but will be concerned with all Combat Gps in the Territorial Comd to which they are attached.

(S) The Combat Groups will be in the territory will remain under

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

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

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

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Carl D. ...
for Major General
Commanding 2 District

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SUBJECT:- Operational Move

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52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

10 Nov 45

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Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C.

(SMA)

Ref your HQ D/O letter A.010/2 dated 30 Oct 45. I have the following observations to make:-

11 Ref para 6 I have just returned from UDINE where I have been carrying out a preliminary reconnaissance with my G.II. On visiting 5th Territorial HQ I was informed by the Deputy General, in the absence on duty in Rome of the General himself, that acting on instructions from 13 Corps he had been positively forbidden to carry out any recon. East of the line of the River FIAVE with a view to deciding on the future locations of intended T.T.Cs, Schools and Installations. His plans in this connection are well advanced but until reconnaissance of the area is authorised no progress whatsoever can be made.

In view of the seriousness of the situation I therefore visited 13 Corps myself and they confirmed their previous instructions to 5 Territorial HQ. It is clear that they do not wish to have Italian troops in the vicinity of UDINE as it is so close to the MORGAN LINE: the situation there being what it is at the moment it is essential that they have the maximum Allied Force available in the vicinity, let alone accommodation required for additional troops which might be brought up, while owing to the delicate situation it appears that it is most inappropriate for Italian troops to concentrate for training in that area.

13 Corps inform me that they have written to AFHQ to this effect and their ruling is awaited: in the event of the AFHQ ruling being unfavourable to Italian Territorial HQ requirements it would appear to be necessary to select an entirely new location for the Territorial HQ activities i.e. T.T.C's etc. I am informed that admirable facilities exist at VERONA which is however I understand in the BOLZANO Territorial Area: I have not explored them, but I understand that it would be necessary to evict Allied troops from certain of their present locations. A decision of a definite location is an urgent necessity, as until that is arrived at no preparations can be made for the reception of the initial intake etc.

Ref your HQ D/O letter A.610/2 dated 30 Oct 45. I have the following observations to make:-

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2. Accommodation

(i) The present area proposed by 5 Territorial HQ for the locations of schools, installations etc is PORDENONE (B.9709) - SACILE (B.8408) - CORNELIANO (B.6802) - VITTORIO VENETO (B.6812). At present this is entirely occupied by Allied tps., 6 LWOZ BDE (POLISH CORPS) being located in and around CORNELIANO, and 5 Field Regt (POLISH) being located at PORDENONE. Even if the accommodation were available it is within the area vetted by 13 Corps.

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(ii) In UDINE itself the accommodation problem is very acute: I have visited Comd 201 Sub-Area (UDINE) and the TOWN MAJOR (UDINE): accommodation for any large bodies of tps is out of the question, and though they are most anxious to be co-operative both to the Italian Authorities and ourselves the best thing they can hold out any hope for is to locate a small unit like the BLU in some neighbouring villages. The shortage of accommodation in UDINE is due to the following causes:-

- (a) 1/3rd of the total inhabitable houses were destroyed by bombing.
- (b) UDINE is a terminus on the NEDLOCK route.
- (c) Vast numbers of refugees from North and East due to the proximity of UDINE to the frontiers.
- (d) Wt., B.A.F. is located here and a large aerodrome in addition.
- (e) Considerable accommodation is required for Railway Operating Maintenance Coys who have to be located in this area in case they are required to take over in the event of a civilian strike, necessitated by the tremendous importance of UDINE as a Railway Junction.

None of these conditions seem likely to improve for a considerable time. It seems therefore that we cannot expect to achieve much more by the 15th of this month, unless the local British authorities receive some definite instructions from AFHQ regarding our requirements which will overrule all instructions at present enforced.

3. Liaison.

Major Selby, whom you have appointed as my DALLANCE is at present on leave and Major Thrupp who is here to answer for him in his absence is due to proceed to GENOA almost immediately. As there seems little prospect of getting the whole BLU installed here by the 15th of the month, I propose to attach at least one officer to 5 Territorial HQ for liaison duties pending provision of suitable accommodation in this area for the BLU.

4. Affiliation.

Ref para 3(d) it is presumed that it is appreciated that the ~~affiliation~~ of this BLU to the BLU at BARI presents considerations. An air-service exists between the two locations, conducting an

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- (c) proximity of UDINE to the frontiers.
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4. Affiliation.

Ref para 3(d) it is presumed that it is appreciated that the affiliation of this BLU to the BLU at BARI presents considerable difficulties. An air-service exists between the two locations, but this does not appear to be a satisfactory means of conducting an affiliation of this nature.

5. Officer Situation.

As requested at MILAN Conference and reference para 3(a),(b),(c) herewith the officer situation:-

AVAILABLE.

REMARKS.

See Sheet 3.

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	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
G.I. Lieut Col JSH DOUGLAS	Yes	
G.II. Major TP LUCKOCK (Surplus)	No	Posted to ROME
G.II. Major HINH JOHNSTONE	Yes	
G.III. Capt DC TAYLOR	?	Posting orders rec'd to proceed to ROME
Maj Inst. Major MCAT HILL	No	LIAP and thence to FLORENCE.
DAA&QNG. Major HAR PERRO	No	Posted to BARI
Staff Capt. Capt A DOWNING	No	Posted to FLORENCE
Capt RASC. Capt WL BECKETT	No	Pending Hill's return.
Capt RAOC. Capt WPJ SMITH	Yes	Posted away
Capt REHE. Capt MH NELSON	Yes	
DAA&QNG. Major SELBY	No	Absent on leave
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Capt RASC. Capt TRELEVAN	?	Not known.

It will be appreciated that the "dividing up" of a unit involves considerable administration and documentation in connection with the disposal of the O.Rs, and it is therefore considered essential to retain one junior combatant officer until completion of the moves. It is requested therefore that the posting of Capt Taylor (G.III) may be temporarily postponed as requested by HQ 2 District.

6. Personnel Situation.

Attached herewith is a report and recommendations from my Staff Capt REHE., which are forwarded for your consideration.

(R.E.M.E. Report int. to original copy only)

Posted May

No
Yes
Yes
No
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Absent on leave

Not Known.

Capt RASC. Capt WL BECKETT
Capt RAO. Capt WJF SMITH
Capt RME. Capt PH NELSON
DAA&ONG. Major SELBY
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(JSH DOUGLAS) Lieut. Col.
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IMMEDIATESUBJECT: Handover of Interim Army to Italian Govt.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (LAFIA)

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14 NOV 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Consequent on the above handover, BLUs will cease to be attached to Inf Divs (ex Combat Grps), and will instead be attached on a modified WL to HQ of Territorial Comds.
2. Territorial Comds of major immediate importance will have attached an 'A' Type BLU consisting of five officers and twelve other ranks and commanded by a Lieut Col.
3. Territorial Comds of less immediate importance will have attached an 'B' Type BLU consisting of two majors and four other ranks only.
4. The duties of BLUs will be liaison between Territorial Comd HQ and LAFIA, with in addition direct liaison with Allied District and Area HQ as long as Italian Gps are under Allied operational command.
5. BLUs will continue to give all assistance and advice in their power to Territorial Comds.
6. A new Directive detailing their duties is being issued to CCG BLUs: a copy will be sent to you shortly.
7. BLUs will be dispersed as follows, and will be established in their new locations by 212400.

'A' Type	MILAN
	TURIN
	GENOVA
	BOLOGNA
	VERONA
	PARMA
	MODENA
	PIACENZA
	REGGIO
	PARMA
	MODENA
	PIACENZA
	REGGIO

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14 Nov 45

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'A' Type	MILAN MURIN MURIN BOLZANO NAPLES
'B' Type	GENOA BOLOGNA FLORENCE PARIS MILANO

IEMA will itself carry out the functions of a BLU as far as HOME Territorial Comd is concerned.

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Approved by
Major General,
H. H. L. A.

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FROM : ITALIA

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TO : ITALIA LO MILAN

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HANDOVER OF ITALIAN ARMY TO ITALIAN GOVNT ALREADY SENT
(.) TWO (.) MY 0-150 DATED 13 ORDERS MOVES OF BLU'S
ON AUTHY A F H Q (.) THREE (.) NO OBJECTION
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OR FRIULI OR BOTH INTO AREA DISTHREE,
PROVIDED AGREED FROM OPERATIONAL ANGLE BY DISTWO
AND REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF WAR WHO MUST CHOOSE AREA
AND INSURE ACCOMMODATION (.) YOU MAY INFORM DISTWO
AND ITALIANS TO THIS EFFECT, SPRESSING AGREEMENT OF
DISTWO ESSENTIAL AND FOR ITALIANS THAT MOVE WOULD
NOT NECESSARILY BE IMMEDIATE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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INTERNAL:

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14 1430 A

FROM : MILA

TO : MILA LG MILAN

REF : 0 - 151

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FOR SENIOR MILA LG (.) REF YOUR SLOM/G/1 DATED 08
 AND 10 (.) ONE (.) COPY OF MY G/7 DATED 08 SUBJECT
 HANDOVER OF ITALIAN ARMY TO ITALIAN GOV'T ALREADY SENT
 (.) TWO (.) MY 0-150 DATED 15 ORDERS MOVES OF BLU'S
 ON AUTHY A F H Q (.) THREE (.) NO OBJECTION
 ANTICIPATED FROM A F H Q TO EVENTUAL MOVE OF FOLGORE
 OR F R I U L I OR BOTH INTO AREA D I S T R E E,
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 AND REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF WAR WHO MUST CHOOSE AREA
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 AND ITALIANS TO THIS EFFECT, STRESSING AGREEMENT OF
 D I S T W O ESSENTIAL AND FOR ITALIANS THAT MOVE WOULD
 NOT NECESSARILY BE IMMEDIATE

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL: A Q (Two)
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 FILE : G/8
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 SD/40/1

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 14 Nov 45

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IMMEDIATE

1250 60/2.137

REF YOUR SD/92/3 OF 8 NOV NOT TO ALL (.) PARA 2 A BATH ALL COMBAT
GROUPS WERE UNDER ITALIAN OPERATIONAL COMMAND ON 15 NOV (.) THIS
CONTRADICTS PARA 5 C OF A P H Q LETTER AQ/091/711/GSD/C OF 2 NOV
WHICH CLEARLY STATES THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL CONTROLLED
TERRITORY (.) ALL GROUPS ARE IN A/C CONTROLLED TERRITORY AND THEREFORE
RESULT UNDER OF COMMAND THIS NO (.) HAVE MENTIONED THIS POINT ALREADY
IN CIRCULARS CG/4116 OF 8 NOV AND CG/4121 OF 9 NOV TO YOU REFER TO ALL (.)
REQUEST YOU CORRECT LETTER IF YOU AGREE AS THIS MATTER CAUSING
CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION

50 MEMBERS

ACTLOG : 30/02/3
 INFO : G/E
 G/3/1

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Subject : Re-organisation of B.L.U.'s.

CONFIDENTIAL (12)

M.M.I.A. N. Italy, ~~MIAMI~~

Tel : Milan 33989.

SLON/G/1.

10 Nov 45.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm., A.C.
M.O. M.M.I.A., Rome.

Further to my even No of 8 Nov 45.

1. I saw G1 2 District yesterday evening and he showed me various signals which had been exchanged with you.
The situation now seems a bit clearer. According to the GHC letter (a copy of which I would appreciate) Italian combat troops, BR-IFI's and US-IFI's in AMG-controlled territory still remain under operational control of GHQ.
There is therefore no appreciable change in the position in the North of Italy, except that BLU's move to Territorial HQ's.
2. The problem of the FOLGORE-FRIULI reshuffle can probably be handled by the BLU at BOLZANO, though it may be necessary to retain a part of 50 BLU with the FRIULI until it is completed.
I understand that in order to move the FOLGORE quickly, 60 Sub-Area intend using some of the FRIULI to take over certain guard duties.
2 District are not altogether in agreement with this.

Ultimately it is proposed to move POLES into the area at present occupied by the FRIULI (British Troops will take over from FOLGORE) and when this happens FRIULI will be allotted whatever accommodation remains available. This will most likely be PIACENZA and along Route 9 to the S.E., which is not a good training area, being very cultivated.

There is no official suggestion on the part of 2 District to move FRIULI into 13 Corps area, but they suggest that if it is desired to train the Division, it could more suitably be accommodated in 3 District territory further South.

This would of course have the advantage that they would come under operational command of Ministry of War.

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W. G. G. G. G.

Lieut-Col.

Senior MMIA IO, N. Italy.



OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : IMIL
 TO : 50 BLU
 51 BLU
 52 BLU
 53 BLU
 56 BLU
 INFO : DISTWO
 DISTTHREE
 REF : 0 - 150

DATE: 13
 TIME: 1515A

RESTRICTED

REF ALHQ PX 52408 DATED 08 NOV TO BLUS AND IMIL SD 3050
 DATED 11 NOV TO DISTB (.) REF 14 2400 BLUS WILL NOT
 REDEPLOY AS DETERMINED IN A 0400/2 DATED 30 OCTOBER (.)
 MOVEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 21 2400 AND CHANGE OF LOGS
 REPORTED TO THIS HQ COPY TO DISTB (.) WHILE ITALIAN
 TFS REMAIN UNDER ALLIED OPERATIONAL COMMAND BLUS WILL
 CONTINUE TO PERSONAL LIAISON DUTIES WITH ALLIED AIRB AND
 DISTB ON BEHALF OF THE DIVS FROM ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ
 IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER DUTIES (.) FULL DIRECTION WILL
 BE ISSUED AT CONFERENCE ON 18

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL: 1 (Three)
 FILE : 8 (Five)
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Approved
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE 12 10 31 TIME A

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
MMIA LO MILAN

REF : SD 3051

UNCLASSIFIED

REF MY SD 3050 OF 11 NOV (.) COL PIDSLEY WILL HOLD
CONFERENCE AT MMIA OFFICE MILAN 0900 SUN
18 NOV TO ISSUE DIRECTIVES TO NEW BLU'S AND EXPLAIN
FUTURE ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BLUE WITH
ITALIAN ARMY IN LIGHT OF LATEST AVAILABLE INTFM (.)
ONE REP FROM EACH BLU TO ATTEND (.) ALL ARRANGEMENTS
TO BE MADE BY LT COL ECERTON WHO WILL INTFM G O C
DISTWO AND INVITE REPRESENTATIVE IF SO DESIRED BY
DISTWO (.) ACK

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT 3792

AUTHENTICATED

W.P. daley

INTERNAL: A

Q (Two)

File: SD/39/2

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UND/40 12 NOV

Subject : Re-organisation of B.L.U's.

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M.M.I.A. N. Italy,
MILAN.

Tel : Milan 13909.

SDON/G/1.

8 Nov 45.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm., A.C.
H.O. M.M.I.A., Rome.

1. With reference to Distwo signal GO/4100 of 6 Nov 45.
2. I have spoken to G2 at District (G1 being away at Chief of Staff's conference) and I deduce that GOC 2 District greatly resents the fact that his Headquarters were not informed or consulted regarding the re-allocation of B.L.U's from Divisions to Territorial Commands.
3. The GHQ directive, dated 2 Nov, arrived at District on 7 Nov, and one paragraph in it states that in territory still under AMG control, the Italian troops at present under Allied operational command will so remain. In effect this includes all the five Divisions (ex-Combat Groups).
4. It is impossible for me to say what action 2 District intend taking, but in the light of their signal referred to in Para 1, it is highly probable that the GOC will wish to retain the BLU's at present with FOLGORE and PRIGI until the move or re-shuffling of those two Divisions is complete (estimated in the case of the former at a week or ten days and in the case of the latter at about three weeks or a month.)
5. Meanwhile, subject to any postponement or amendment, the advance party of 50 BLU arrives MILAN on 11 Nov and the main body on 13 Nov. I will keep you informed of any future developments.

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240 2 (CP)

240 2 (SD)

240 2 (W)

240 2 (Y)

240 3 (A)

240 3 (C)

240 3 (D)

H. J. ...

Lieut-Col.
Senior MMIA EO North Italy.

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DATE 12/11

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MILA

DATE 13
TIME 1022Z '55

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
MILA LO MILAN

REF : SD/3050

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

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

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

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

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

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53 BLU
56 BLU
MILIA L' MILAN

REF : SD/3050

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AUTHENTICATED

INTERVAL : 4 (TWO)
SD/39/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ GHQ CMT

091244A

TO : MMIA

UNCLASSIFIED

REF : C 36207

YOUR 0147 OF 06 NOV (.)

FIRST (.) AFHQ DIRECTIVE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION (.) DRAFT WILL BE
 DESPATCHED FOR YOUR COMMENTS 9 NOV (.)

SECOND (.) DISTWO DISTREE INFORMED OF REDEPLOYMENT OF RLUS SEE OUR
 FX52408 OF 06 NOV (.)

THREE (.) NEW DESIGNATION RLUS NOT YET DECIDED AWAITING YOUR RECOMMENDATION

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ACTION : C/8

INFO : A
Q(Two)

jc/10 Nov 45

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ G (GD) CMT 081910A
 TO : DISTWO - MIA - 13 CORPS - DISTTHREE RESTRICTED
 REF : FX 52408.

CONSEQUENT UPON THE HANDOVER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO
 ITALIAN GOVT CONTROL REF 142400A NOV PLUS WITH THE ITALIAN
 ARMY WILL BE REORGANISED AND WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO TERRITORIAL
 REGIONS UNDER ORDERS TO BE ISSUED BY M M I A

SB DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : G/8 ←
 INFO : A
 Q(Two)

3c/9/11/45

0820 1 ~~X~~
 0820 2 (7) ~~X~~
 0820 2 (15) ~~X~~
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Q10 1
Q10 2 (1-7)
Q10 2 (8-9)
Q10 2 (10-11)
34950-A
Q10 3 (12-13)
Q10 3 (14-15)
Q10 3 (16-17)

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1 (.) EFFECTIVE 142400 A NOV ITALIAN COMBAT TFS IN
ITALIAN GOVT CONTROLLED TERRITORY REVERT TO
CONTROL OF ITALIAN GOVT (.) ITALIAN COMBAT TFS
IN AMG CONTROLLED TERRITORY REMAIN UNDER OP COMD
THIS HQ AND UNDER ADM COMD OF THE ITALIAN
TERRITORIAL COMD IN WHICH THEY ARE (.)

2 (.) SAME DATE TIME BLUS NOW WITH GROUPS ATTACHED TO
HQ OF CERTAIN TERRITORIAL COMDS WHERE THEY WILL
CONTINUE TO LIAISE BETWEEN GROUPS AND AREA OR
SUB AREA HQS (.)

3 (.) THERE IS NO RPT NO CHANGE OF TERRITORY FROM AMG
TO ITALIAN GOVT CONTROL ON THIS DATE (.)

4 (.) REPS BLUS WILL STAY WITH COMBAT GROUPS UNTIL 14
NOV ALTHOUGH MANY OFFRS AND PERSONNEL WILL MOVE
BEFORE THEN TO TERRITORIAL COMDS (.)

5 (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

sb 9 Nov 45

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : AMLA DATE TIME
TO : DISTWO ON 1715 A
REF : O - 1143 UNCLASSIFIED

FOR "G" (.) CHQ HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HASTEN AWAY FOR
REDEPLOYMENT OF PLTS AS DISCUSSED SOUTHBY MAIL -
BROWNE "G" DISTWO 5 NOV (.) IN MEANTIME REQUEST YOU
PERMIT REDEPLOYMENT AS DISCUSSED IN SO FAR AS IS OPERATIONALLY
POSSIBLE (.) CONFIRMED THAT PLTS WILL CONTINUE AFTER
REDEPLOYMENT TO LIAISE WITH YOUR HQ AS WELL AS WITH AMLA

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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INTERNAL : A (two)
Q (two)
File : G/C ✓

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : MILA
 TO : AFHQ PER CMT
 REF : O - 117
 DATE 35 1715
 TIME 4
 UNCLASSIFIED

- FOR G(SD) (.) PLEASE ADVISE (.)
- ONE (.) WHEN AFHQ DIRECTIVE ON FORTHCOMING NEW FUNCTIONS OF MILA MAY BE EXPECTED (.)
- TWO (.) WHETHER DISTWO AND DISTANCE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF REDEPLOYMENT OF THIS OTHER OFFICERS OF MILA (.)
- THREE (.) CETERA NEW DESIGNATION FOR MILA HAS BEEN DECIDED AND IF SO WHAT THEY ARE TO BE CALLED

PROMISES REPORTANT
 AUTHENTICATED *APC*
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INTERNAL : A (Two)
 Q (Two)
 File : c/3

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M.M.I.A. OFFICE INSTRUCTION NO. 104.
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OFFICE HOURS
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The General Officer Commanding directs that with effect from 1 Oct 45 the following hours of duty will be observed by both British and American personnel of this H.Q.:-

Breakfast	0715 hrs.
Morning Duty	0800 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
Lunch	1200 hrs.
Afternoon Duty (Saturdays excepted)	1330 hrs. to 1700 hrs.

Duty personnel for Saturday afternoons and Sundays will be detailed in accordance with instructions issued by 'G' Branch through Chief Clerks Office.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
A.A.G. M.M.I.A.

24 Sep 45

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Sub Commission, AC (MMLA)
Rome

19 November 1945

MILAN CONFERENCE
18 November 1945

51 SLATER	GSO I	TURIN
53 MARKS	GSO I	BOLZANO
52 DOUGLAS	GSO I	UDINE
50 EGERTON	GSO I	MILAN
56 GIBBON	GSO I	NAPLES
FERRO	DAQ	BARI
50 STOKER	EME	MILAN
50 METCALFE	DAQ	MILAN
52 JOHNSTONE	DAQ	UDINE
53 RANCE		PALERMO
BROWN	GSO I	2 DISTRICT

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Went through Directive No. 2.

Explained BLU domestic matters.

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7. Hand-over of Ordnance and REME duties for maintenance of groups requires early settlement. Explained present intentions, and promised that AQMG would hold a meeting in MILAN as soon as any definite agreed instructions could be issued - probably 1 Dec. - meanwhile if 2 District agrees, carry on as at present.

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