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SUBJECT: Quarterly Historical Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (M'MLA)
(489021 Ext. 401) G/99
Oct 46

TO : List 'A'

Attached is copy of Appendix to ACI 653 of 26/6/46 for information & guidance in rendering returns.

R.N.C. Clemens Major

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

RNC/sb

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APPENDIX

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QUARTERLY HISTORICAL REPORT

of the .....
(Headquarters, unit or establishment)
for the quarter ending .....194.....

1. Location (giving map reference) .....

2. Strength:- ..... Officers ..... Other Ranks.

3. How employed (with notes on important training exercises carried out, appreciations and recommendations of the commander).

4. Administration (particularly administrative difficulties encountered and action taken to overcome them. Any other important administrative matters, such as changes in establishment, alteration of designation, etc., with dates and authorities).

5. Miscellaneous (including comment on morale, notes on important visits paid and received by commanders and senior staff officers, with reasons for such visits and decisions taken).

6. Appendices as applicable.

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SUBJECT :- Historical Records

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55381 NAPLES
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29 Aug 46

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
(MMIA) ROME ('G' Branch)

G/99

Reference GRO 562/46 and ACI 633/46, may a ruling please be given as to whether HLU's are to render Historical Records or whether MMIA will compile a consolidated report. Para 2 (a) to GRO and Para 3 (b) (i) to ACI under reference refer.

CMF
MMD/rvm

Major,
GS.

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BGS	
GSO I (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO III (SD)	
G [illegible] (I/G)	
G II (I)	

MMIA - 'G'
FILE G/99
DATE 12/5/46

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SUBJECT : Historical Quarterly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (INDIA)
(439031 Encl 401) 0/99
10 Aug 46

TO : 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Ref your letter BLU/1 of 24 Aug 46 on above subject.

These will be rendered by HQ SEAC. A further letter on this subject follows.

RHC/ell

Lt-Col
GS.

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SUBJECT : Quarterly Historical Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)
(489081 Ext 401) G/99
20 Aug 46

TO : LIST 'A' & 'B'

1. Attention is drawn to GRO 562 of 16 Aug 46.

2. War Diaries will be discontinued wef 1 Jul 46 and Quarterly Historical Reports will be substituted.

3. HQ MMIA will prepare these, and OC BLUs will have no responsibility in this connection.

4. Quarterly Historical Reports will consist of extracts of the Progress Reports, augumented by any additional items of importance, from other sources.

for Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

RNC/ell

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REG'D A.F.S

O2E/WD
22 AUG 1946

~~D.C.S.~~
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A)
C.M.F.

Subject:- War Diaries.

Reference GRO 562/46.

1. The monthly War Diary has now been cancelled and a Quarterly Historical Report substituted for it.

2. Your Original/~~Duplicate~~ War Diary is/~~are~~ accordingly returned herewith.

3. Please sign and return the subjoined receipt.

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G (I)	
GSO 1 (SD)	
GSO 1 ( )	
GSO 1 ( )	
GSO 1 ( ) G1	
G (L)	

M.M.I.A. - 'G'
FILE 6/99
DATE 8/29/8/46

f/ Lt/Col.
No. 4734
f/ Colonel,
Col 'A',
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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7 British Liaison Unit
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618- 23

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Ref: BLU/1

24 August 1946

Subject : Historical Records

To : M.M.I.A.

RECEIVED 28 AUG 1946

GRO 562 of 16 August 1946 refers.

Will you please state if the quarterly Historical Reports referred to in the a/n GRO should be rendered by this HQ, or whether a consolidated report will be rendered by HQ. MMIA.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	
Dep G (I)	
GSO 1 (SD)	
GSO II (C)	
GSO III (SD)	
GSO I (CIVAD)	
G II (L)	

MMIA GP
FILE 6/99
DATE 8/29/46
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SD.
① Refs. Rendered by MMIA
② Letter to all BLO refers
to GRO & Copies to MMIA for info
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SUBJECT: War Diary

Trg Section

TRG/65

8 Aug 46

TO : G (SD) Branch

Ref your G/99 dated 22 Jan 46.

1. This section has nothing to report for the month of July 1946.

Lt-Col
GSO I (TRG)

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MMLA - 'G'
FILE G/99
DATE R/9/8

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A.P.S.

6/99

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub. Commission (MMIA) C17F

Return address:- O2E GHF

RECEIVED 22 JUL 1946 338

SUBJECT:- War Diaries

O2E/WD/Receipt. Date 19 JUL 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL June 1946

DUPLICATE May 1946

SD.

DATE 6/99
FILE
MMIA - (G)

CHIEF

for Colonel,
'Col 'A',
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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A.F.S.

6/99

To: O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission AC (M M I A)
CITE

SUBJECT:- War Diaries.

023/WD/Receipt Date 18 JUN 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL May 1946.

Duplicate April 1946.

for Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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C.M.P.

RECEIVED 20 JUN 1946

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Month and Year JUNE 1946

Unit. AQ MI

Commanding Off

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Re
Rome	1	1400	CC.RR. Bulletin No 5 Issued.	
ROME	2	AM	Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall R.E. arrived to take over SORE from Maj Hibbard.	
TURIN	3	AM	BGS (Brig M.W. Hope) visited 1 BLU and 1 Territorial Command and spoke with Territorial Commander.	
ROME	3	AM	New Temporary Order for Duty Clerk issued under Ref CC/8.	Ap
ROME	3	AM	Amendments to Italian Army Orbat and Location State as at 1 May issued jointly to all	Ap
Rome	4	Am	Letter SD/109 to GHQ(G-5A) re the maintenance of Mobile (Brig M.W. Hope).	
MILAN	5	AM	BGS visited 3 BLU and 3 Territorial Command.	
ROME	11	AM	Maj Chapman (C.I. at SME Civitavecchia) visited SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) to explain his work.	

Rome (4) Am. Letter SD/201/1 re the release of US-ITI Units by 15 July 46.

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Unit HQ MMIA

Date June 1946

Commanding Officer Brig M.W. Hope

Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
C.C.R.R. Bulletin No 5 Issued.	Appx J(CCRR.)-1
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall R.E. arrived to take over SORE from Maj Hibbard.	
CRS (Brig M.W. Hope) visited 1 BLU and 1 Territorial Command and spoke with Territorial Commander.	
New Temporary Order for Duty Clerk issued under Ref CC/8.	Appx J(G) - 2
Amendments to Italian Army Orbat and Location State as at 1 May issued jointly all	Appx I (G) - 1
Letter SA/109 to GHQ (LSD) ref the maintenance of Motor Cars (Brig M.W. Hope).	Appx J(G)-3
CRS visited 3 BLU and 3 Territorial Command.	
Maj Chapman (C.I. at SME Civitavecchia) visited SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) to explain his work.	
Letter SA/201/1 ref the Release of US-IRT Units dtd 15 July 46.	Appx J (G) - 4

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	19	Col. IAMMARINO visited to inform me of the latest position regarding the distribution of Baile Requested that of the 4 sets which G.H.Q. were about to release, two sets should go to Fruili two to Folgore Div. ~~A.C. Staff Duty Officer and M.M.I.A. Duty Officer today.~~
CASERTA	21	Visited Engr. Branch, G.H.Q., Caserta and met Brig. BROOMHALL (C.E.) and discussed several poi and his staff.
ROME	22	Col. IAMMARINO called to discuss allotment of Equipment.
ROME	25	Col. IAMMARINO called again.
ROME	27	Visited Ministry of War and discussed Engr. organisations and the question of a new site for th Gen. FRATTINI. He favours Cecchighola having seen the other proposed sites but says that it occupied for a year until the partly constructed buildings are completed. Visited Gen. CORTELLESSA and discussed certain Works Services. Visited British Ministry of Supply to ascertain quantities and types of mech. eqpt. that have transferred to the Italian Government.
CECCHIGNOLA	28	Visited the Military City of Cecchignola with Major Skinner, R.Sigs. and inspected the portion for the future S.M.E. Also looked at possible training sites.
ROME	29	~~Finds arrangements for visit to Engr. units in the Florence area next week.~~
ROME	30	~~Duty Officer M.M.I.A.~~

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information	References
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M.M.I.A.
Major M.

June 14 Visited Italian Signal School, CECCIGNOLA with Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U.

22/28 Tour ROME-GENOA-TURIN-FLORENCE-ROME. Visited 1,2 and 7 B.L.U's and CREMONA, MANTOVA and FOLGORE Di

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W.A.T.MORECOMBE,Ma
S.O.R.Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. (X Branch)
Major Morecombe, R.Sigs.

Signal School, CECCIGNOLA with Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U.

TURIN-FLORENCE-ROME. Visited 1,2 and 7 B.L.U's and CREMONA, MANTOVA and FOLGORE Divs.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major.

W.A.T.MORECOMBE,Major,
S.O.R.Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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Unit CC.RR Branch. G.S.

Commanding Officer T/Maj. C.B.Hayes

Month and Year JUNE 1946

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendix
Rome.	1	0830	Pte De Nacrdemacher reported for duty - Clerk.	
		1400	CC.RR Bulletin No. 5 issued.	Appendix.
	5	0830	Pte Simmons C. Reported for duty - Clerk.	
	6	0830	Maj Fielders admitted 100 Gen Hosp., Rome.	
	18	1400	CC.RR Bulletin No. 6 issued.	Appendix.
	20	1730	Rfn Kavanagh proceeded to UK on release.	
	21	1730	Lt Col H. Mighall proceeded to UK on release.	
	22	0830	T/Maj C.B.Hayes assumed command vice Lt. Col Mighall.	
	24	1730	Maj. B. Powell proceeded to UK on release.	
	27	0830	Maj. Lacey (LO) transferred from Palermo to Milan to take over duties of LO Milan and Turin.	
		0830	Maj. Liebert took over duties of LO Palermo in addition to Naples.	
	30	1800	Two Italian civilians discharged.	
		1800	Monthly Report issued.	Appendix.

C.B.Hayes Maj.

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Unit CC.RR Branch.

Commanding Officer T/Maj. C.B.Hayes.

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Monthly Report issued.	Appendix.

C.B.Hayes Maj.

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To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission A.F.
(Military Mission Italian Army)
B.M.F.

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

CE/MM/Receipt Date 16 MAY 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL April 1946.

Duplicate March 1946.

RECEIVED 16 MAY 1946

for Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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Month and Year .....

Unit.....

Commanding Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Refs
CASERTA	21	AM	SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) visited Engr Branch GHQ and met Brig Broomhall (C.E.) had discussion with him and his Staff.	
ROME	22	AM	T/Maj C.B. Hayes (CC.RR.) assumed Command CC.RR. Sec vice Lt Col Mighall who has been released.	
ROME	22	AM	Col Iannarino called to discuss allotment of equipment with SORE (Maj O'Ferrall)	
ROME	22	AM	SO Sigs (Maj Morecombe) left for tour of 1:2:7: BLUs and the Cremona, Mantova, & Folgore Inf Divs.	
DUINO	24.	AM	BG3 (Brig M.W. Hope) attended Conference at 13 Corps HQ	
ROME	25	AM	Col Iannarino visited SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) there was further discussion on allotment of equipment.	
Rome	25	AM	Letter 54/109/3 Ref increase in allotment of Eng amm	
ROME	27	AM	SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) visited Ministry of War and discussed Engr Organisation,	

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Unit.....

Commanding Officer .....

Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
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Unit.....

Commanding Office

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Refs
ROME	~~27 (contd)~~		and a new situation for SME with Gen Frattini.	
ROME	27	1100	SORE (maj O'Ferrall) visted Gen Cortellessa and discussed certain works services.	
ROME	27	1400	SORE (Maj O' Ferrall) visited Br Min of Supply to accertain quantity and types of Mechanicalx Equipment ~~transferred~~ Transferred to Italian Government.	
CASERTA	28	AM	GSO III (Capt Wilkinson) visited GHQ G(SD) with GSO I (Trg) (Lt Col Medlam) to discuss training equipment.	
Rome.	28	Am.	Letter WS/4/2 & Monthly Trg. Rpt. of Org. & Engr Units.	A
CECCHIGNOLA	28	AM	SORE (Maj O' Ferrall) visited, and inspected ~~situation of~~ site for the future SME site. also possible trg ~~situation~~.	
ROME	30	1600	CC.RR. Monthly Report issued.	

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Unit.....

Commanding Officer .....

Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
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	R.M.S. G.S.

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MEMO

TO : G (SD) Branch

TRG/65

War Diary - June 46.

Ref your G/99 dated 22 Jan 46. This section has nothing to report for the month of June 46.

6 July 46

GSO 1 (Trg)

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	2	Major O'Ferrall arrived in Rome from U.K. to take over S.O.R.E., M.M.I.A. from Major Hibbard.
ROME	3-7	Handing over period which included visits to the War Ministry etc. and introductions to the h Engrs. Departments.
ROME	8	Major O'Ferrall took over appointment of S.O.R.E. vice Major Hibbard. Major Hibbard reported for duty to 12 B.L.U.
ROME	8-10	Victory celebration holidays.
ROME	11	Major Chapman (C.I. at S.M.E. Civitavecchia) visited and explained his work and some of his co
CIVITAVECCHIA	13	Visited S.M.E. at Civitavecchia and met the Commandant and staff. With Major Chapman, inspected the barrack accomodation and the training grounds and saw some o at work. Returned to Rome in the evening.
ROME	14	Visited Ministry of War and discussed with Gen. FRATTINI and Col PICONE the allotment of certa to the Italian Engineers.
ROME	15	Ministry of War replied to our proposals for the reorganisation of Engr. units in the Italian They do not agree to the proposals for reasons of increasing the [illegible] and the [illegible] the Peace Treaty is signed the whole organisation of the [illegible] may have to be revised.
ROME	17	Visited Gen. CORTELLESSA to press for certain works to be speeded up and completed. With Major Downing of 8 B.L.U. visited American M.P. Headquarters to assess work of new instal requested by them.

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
Maj. J.G. O'Ferrall, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information	References
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Month and Year .....

Unit.....

Commanding Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Refer
ROME	11	PM	Short Monthly Report to A.C. issued	Appx
ROME	11	PM	Monthly activities Report No 30 issued.	Appx
CIVITAVECCHIA	13	AM	SORE (Maj O'FERRALL) visited SME at Civitavecchia inspected Barracks and Training.	
ROME	14	AM	SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) visited Ministry of War and discussed with Gen Frattini and Col Picone the allottment of equipment to Italian Engrs	
CECCHIGNOLA	14	AM	SO Sigs (Maj Morecombe) visited Italian Signal School	
ROME	17	AM	SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) visited Gen Cortellessa to press for certain work to be speeded up.	
ROME	17	AM	SORE (Maj O' Ferrall) and Maj Downing of 8 BIU visited american M.P. HQ to assess work on new installation.	

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Unit.....

Commanding Officer .....

Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
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Unit.....

Month and Year .....

Commending Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Refs
ROME	17	PM	Monthly Intelligence Summary No 6 issued	A
ROME	17	AM	Amendment to Office Instruction No. 131 issued under ref CC/2	A
ROME	15	AM	Ministry of War replied to our proposals for the reorganisation of Engineer Units. They do not agree. (Letter 50/4/2 30 dp).	Ap
~~ROME~~	~~17~~	~~PM~~	~~Monthly Intelligence Summary No 6 issued.~~	~~A~~
~~ROME~~	~~17~~	~~AM~~	~~Amendment to Office Instruction 131 issued under reference CC/2~~	
ROME	18	1400	CC.RE Bulletin No 6 issued	A
ROME	19	AM	Col Iammarino visited SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) to inform him of the latest position re RE bridging Equipment.	
ROME	19	AM	GSO I (Lt Col Southby) leaves for liaison visit to UK	

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Unit.....

Commanding Officer .....

Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
hly Intelligence Summary No 6 issued	Appx F (G) - 1
dment to Office Instruction No. 131 issued under ref CC/2	Appx J (G) - 10
stry of War replied to our proposals for the reorganisation of Engineer s. They do not agree. (Letter 50/4/2 30 4).	Appx J (G) - 39
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~~ndment to Office Instruction No 131 issued under ref CC/2~~	~~Appx J (G) - 10~~
R Bulletin No 6 issued	Appx J (CC.RR) - 11
~~Immarino~~ visited SORE (Maj O'Ferrall) to inform him of the latest position E bridging Equipment.	
I (Lt Col Southby) leaves for liaison visit to UK	

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Unit....'G'....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Refer
ROME	10	-	Capt LOWE G(SD)4 C.H.Q. visited ~~the HQ~~ MMIA and discussed provision of all out-standing Eqpt for Italian Interim Army.	
ROME	10	-	MMIA monthly report No 29 to AC issued	
ROME	11	-	Short monthly report to A.C.	Appx J
ROME	13	-	GSO I (SD) MMIA ~~leaves for~~ 7 days leave.	Appx J(
CASERTA	13	-	Maj Binnington visited GHQ to attend w.e.c. meeting on re-org CC.RR. Section and Tpt Adm Staff MMIA W.E.	
ROME	17	-	MMIA Intelligence Summary No 5 produced.	
ROME	20	-	Amit to CC/3 (Orders for Duty Clerks) of 18 Apr 46. Sent out under ref CC/8 ~~of 20 May~~	Appx J(G))Appx)

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Unit....'G'/99....

Commanding Officer' .....

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Month and Year MAY 46 Unit.. Comman

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	20	-	GSO I return from leave
ROME	25	-	Letter to CHQ giving revised figures for Staff Tables summary based on WEs approved by Italian WEC and proposed WEs for consideration of WEC. Letter ref SD/109/1
ROME	31	-	Amdt to OFfice Instr No 124 sent out under ref CC/2 (Office Instr No 12

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Unit ... 'G' .....

Commanding Officer .....

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Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
-	GSO I return from leave	
-	Letter to CH) giving revised figures for Staff Tables summary based on new WEs approved by Italian WEC and proposed WEs for consideration of WEC.	Appx
	Letter ref SD/109/1	
-	Amdt to Office Instr No 124 sent out under ref CC/2 (Office Instr No 129)	Appx

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MEMO

TO : G (SD) Branch.

War Diary - May 46.

Ref your G/99 dated 22 Jan 46. This section has nothing to report for the month of May 46.

3 June 46.

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Unit CC.RR. Branch

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. H. MICHA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to App
ROME	1	1400	CC.RR. Bulletin No 3 Issued.	Appendix
"	3	0900	Rfmn. Kavanagh reported for duty - (Clerk).	
"	6	1900	Major W. Sykes GSO II transferred to No 11 B.I.U.	
"	9	0900	Sgt. Rowlands, Chief Clerk, transferred.	
"	12	0900	Major F.E. Coxhead (L.O. Milan) proceeded to U.K. on transfer to another theatre.	
"	"	"	Major Hills took over L.O. duties at Milan in addition to Turin.	
"	15	0900	Major R.C. Limbert (L.O.) reported from LIAP, proceeded to Naples (L.O.)	
"	17	1400	CC.RR. Bulletin No 4 Issued	Appendix
"	20	0900	Pte. Garwood reported for duty (Clerk).	
"	21	0900	Major W. Lacey transferred to Palermo (L.O.)	
"	"	"	Major O. Hayes transferred from Naples to Rome (L.O.)	
"	30	"	CC.RR. Progress Report by GSO I submitted.	Appendix

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May 1 Col MANCUSO and Magg CANTONI visited H.Q. M.M.I.A. as arranged for discussion with 'G' (Training) regarding School. Unfortunately unable to go on to Ministry of War as the latter was observing the 1 May 'Festa'.

2 Visited Ministry of War with Lt Col MEDLAM and Major CHRISTIE of 'G' (Training) this H.Q., and Col MANCUSO for discussion with Col PIACENTINI. It was agreed that Col MANCUSO should be permitted to make certain ch within his establishment provided that there was no overall increase in numbers.

23 Visited Italian Signal School, CECCIGNOLA with Brig. HOPE, B.G.S. this H.Q.

24 Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Sigs., 12 B.L.U., returned ex-U.K.

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M.M.I.A. (X Branch)
Major Morecombe, R. Sigs.

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Sigs., 12 B.L.U., returned ex-U.K.

Wm. Morecombe,
Major R. Sigs.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1	S.O.R.E. visited Gen. CORTELLESSA, C.E. Rome Terr. Command in connection with works servic
ROME	2	Visited Ministry of War to arrange with Gen. FRATTINI first course for Italian Engineers i Bailey Bridging. Inspected works services R.A.A.C.
CIVITAVECCHIA	3	In company with Lt. Col. O'Dwyer, R.E. (Commandant, British S.M.E. Capua) and Major Chapma 12 B.L.U. S.O.R.E. visited Italian S.M.E.
ROME	4	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Gen. FRATTINI, Inspector of Military Engineering, m in connection with accommodation, transport, materials etc. at the S.M.E. Civitavecchia fol visit made 3 June.
ROME	6	Discussed works service matters R.A.A.C. with Gen. CORTELLESSA.
ROME	7	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Col. PICCONE present holdings of Bailey bridging by Italian Army.
ROME	9	Works service inspections R.A.A.C.
ROME	10	At Ministry of War re engineer equipment and training.
ROME	13	Visited Ministry of War re engineer equipment.
ROME	16	With 8 B.L.U. re works services R.A.A.C.

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Maj. R.N.J. Hibbard, R.E.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	17	✓ Discussed with Cols. PICCONE and IAMMARINO present holdings by Divisional Engineers of Equipment.
ROME	18	✓ Works service inspections with Capt. Morrison, R.A.A.C.
ROME	22	Discussed with Gen. FRATTINI proposed new organization of Engineer Service Units.
ROME	23	✓ Visited Gen. CORTELLESSA in connection with R.A.A.C. works service requests.
ROME	30	✓ Works service inspections.
ROME	31	✓ With Gen. FRATTINI to arrange second course for Italian Engineers in Pontoon Bailey Bri

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Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. H. MIC

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ROME	2	11.00	CC.NR. No.1 Bulletin Issued	Appendix
"	4	0900	Authority granted for promotion of Capt.T.Marsh to A/MAJOR w.e.f. 14 Feb. 1946 to fill a vacancy as CSO II.	
"	16	0900	CC.NR. Bulletin No.2 Issued	Appendix
"	17	0900	Major T. Goodacre proceeded on release.	
"	17	11.00	Report issued on Increased Establishment of CC.NR. by Major Powell (CC[NR]/G/14)	Appendix

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Unit CC.RR. BRANCH.....

Commanding Officer Lt.-Col. H. MICHAEL.....

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Lt-Col.

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Unit .... SD & OPS SEC

Commanding Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Ref Appx
ROME	2		Signal to GHQ under ref SD 3172 requesting representation to be made to Combined Chiefs of Staff for authority to issue British vehicles and spares rendered surplus by new standardisation program direct to ITALIAN Army and not through Ministry of Supply. Pointed out that ITALIAN Army gravely deficient of vehicles and spares.	
ROME	5		Letter to Ministry of War under ref G/6 on the question of procuring ALLIED Aircraft of Auster type, pointing out undesirability of obtaining Austers and suggesting suitable ITALIAN types for adoption for observation purposes.	
ROME	9		GSO I (SD) (Lt. Col. A.R.C. SOUTHBY, CBE) attended conference at GHQ to discuss supply of urgently required training equipment for Central Military School (CESANO)	
ROME	18		Issue of new orders for Orderly Officer MMIA under ref CC/2	
ROME	18		Issue of new orders for Duty Clerk (MMIA) under ref CC/3	

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Unit.... SD & OPS SEC.

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ROME	8	A.M.
ORVIETO	8	A.M.
ROME	10	A.M.
PALERMO	10)	A.M.
"	11)	
"	12)	
ROME	13)	P.M.
PESARO	10/11/12	
ROME	13	P.M.
ROME	16	A.M.
SIENA	17/18	
ROME	20	A.M.
BARI	20/21	
LECCE	22	
MODENA	20	A.M.

SUMMARY

GSO II (Schs) - Maj R.P. Christie left ROME for inspection to No 6,8 CARs for the purpose of inspecting all Trg and Adm arrangements.

GSO II (Schs) - Inspected No 8 CAR.

BGS - Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. left for tour to 11 CAR at PALERMO for the purpose of inspecting all Trg and Adm arrangements.

BGS arrived PALERMO
BGS inspected 11 CAR.

BGS returned to ROME.

GSO II (Schs) - Maj R.P. Christie inspected No 6 CAR.

Maj R.P. Christie returned from tour of No 6 CAR.

GSO I (Trg) - Lt Col Medlam left ROME for tour of inspection of No 4 CAR. No 5 CAR. No 7 CAR.

Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 7 CAR

BGS - Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. left for tour of inspection of No 9 CAR AVELLINO.

BGS inspected No 9 CAR.

Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. inspected LECCE MILITARY ACADEMY.

GSO I (Trg) - Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 5 CAR- Cas DUCA d' AOSTA (L 5566).

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APRIL - 1946

HOUR	SUMMARY	APPENDICIES
A.M.	GSO II (Schs) - Maj R.P. Christie left ROME for inspection tour of No 6,8 CARs for the purpose of inspecting all Trg and Adm arrangements.	
A.M.	GSO II (Schs) - Inspected No 8 CAR.	
A.M.	BGS - Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. left for tour to 11 CAR at PALERMO for the purpose of inspecting all Trg and Adm arrangements.	
A.M.	BGS arrived PALERMO BGS inspected 11 CAR.	
P.M.	BGS returned to ROME.	
	GSO II (Schs) - Maj R.P. Christie inspected No 6 CAR.	
P.M.	Maj R.P. Christie returned from tour of No 6 CAR.	
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	Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 7 CAR	
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	BGS inspected No 9 CAR.	
	Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. inspected LECCE MILITARY ACADEMY.	
A.M.	GSO I (Trg) - Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 5 CAR-Cas DUCA d' AOSTA (L 5566).	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY
SACILE	22/23	A.M.	GSO I (Trg) - Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 5 CAR - SACILE
MONTORIO VERONESE	24/25		Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 4 CAR.
AVELLINO	25	A.M.	BGS - Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. inspected No 10 CAR at AVELLINO.
ROME	26	A.M.	Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. returned to ROME.
ROME	26	A.M.	GSO II (Fmns) - Maj T.P. Luckock left for tour of 1,3 CARs.
ROME	27	P.M.	Col W.L. Medlam (GSO I (Trg)) returned from tour.
COMO	27	A.M.	Maj Luckock inspected No 3 CAR- Cas S. CHRISTOFERIS - (E 28
BRESCIA	29	A.M.	Maj T.P. Luckock GSO II (Fmns) inspected No 3 CAR - Cas OTT
CASALE MONFERRATO	30	10.30 A.M.	Maj T.P. Luckock - GSO II (Fmns) inspected No 1 CAR.

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HOUR	SUMMARY	APPENDICES
A.M.	GSO I (Trg) - Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 5 CAR - SACILE (B 8509)	
	Lt Col W.L. Medlam inspected No 4 CAR.	
A.M.	BGS - Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. inspected No 10 CAR at AVELLINO.	
A.M.	Brig M.W. Hope D.S.O. returned to ROME.	
A.M.	GSO II (Fmns) - Maj T.P. Luckock left for tour of 1,3 CARs.	
P.M.	Col W.L. Medlam (GSO I (Trg)) returned from tour.	
A.M.	Maj Luckock inspected No 3 CAR- Cns S. CHRISTOFERIS - (E 2802).	
A.M.	Maj T.P. Luckock GSO II (Fmns) inspected No 3 CAR - Cns OTTAVIANI - (K 0568).	
10.30 A.M.	Maj T.P. Luckock - GSO II (Fmns) inspected No 1 CAR.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1	S.O.R.E. visited Ministry of War to discuss with GEN. FRATTINI current "E" matters. Visited GEN. CORTELLESSA C.E. Rome Terr. Command in connection with works services R.A.A.C.
ROME	2	Visited works services in progress in R.A.A.C.
ROME	3	Discussed with COL PICCONE the supply of stores and materials, and the release of stores and equipment held as C.E.M.
ROME	4	Visited Ministry of War. Spoke with GEN. FRATTINI and COL GAZZINI re selection of for wet bridging training.
ROME	6	Discussed with GEN CORTELLESSA C.E. Rome Terr. Command current works service reques R.A.A.C.
CASTERA	8	Visited "E" Branch G.H.Q. Discussed with the C.E. - BRIG. BROOMHALL Italian engr. generally and the Italian S.M.E. in particular.
ROME	9	Visited 8 B.L.U. to discuss and clarify the many works service requests made by R.A. Decided on additional "screening" measures.

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Maj. R.N.J.Hibbard, R.E.

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M.M.I.A.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	11	At Ministry of War with COL. PICCONE. Arranged for Genio Naples to collect certain engr. eqpt. (C.E.M.) and Ministry of War to distribute.
ROME	12	In company with R.A.A.C. engr. visited various works services.
ROME	13	Visited GEN. FRATTINI - Inspector of Italian Engrs, to discuss org. and duties of Engineer Service units.
ROME	15	Visited Ministry of War re C.E.M.
ROME	16	Engineer Conference H.Q. M.M.I.A. to discuss re-organization It. Engr. Service Troops and supply of equipment, present G.H.Q. Maj. Cruecook R.E., Capt. House R.E. (G.H.Q.) "E" Branch, Lt.Col. Southby and S.O.R.E. M.M.I.A.
ROME	17	S.O.R.E. accompanied by GEN. FRATTINI and COL. MUTTEIS visited Pietrulata Bks and surrounding areas making recce for future wet bridging site and other training areas. Tevere river excellent site for bridging camp.
CIVITAVECCHIA	18	S.O.R.E. visited Civitavecchia area in connection with works service matters.

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Place	Date		Summary of Events and Information
ROME	20	✓	Visited Ministry of War (COL. PICCONE) re holdings by Italian Engrs of Bailey Bridge stores.
ROME	23	✓	Discussed with LT.COL. IMMARINO lists of It. Engr. stores and equipment now held as C.E.M. with a view to release.
ROME	24 & 25	✓	S.C.R.E. made works service inspections R.A.A.C.
ROME	26	✓	Visited Ministry of War to discuss with GEN. PRATTINI re-organization of Engr Servic
ROME	29		Work on re-organization It. Engr. Service Troops.
ROME	30	✓	Works service inspections R.A.A.C.

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M.M.I.A. (Engr.Sec.)
Maj. R.N.J.Hibbard, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information	References
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SUBJECT: War Diary - April 1946.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
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3 May 46.

TO: 'G'

Herewith S.O.R. Signals War Diary for month of April 46.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major.

W.A.T. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information.
CESANO	1.	Major Morecombe visited 12 B.L.U. with Major Skinner.
ROME	4.	Major Skinner, R. Sigs. Instuctor, 12 B.L.U., emplaned for U.K. on duty. Expected to return approx 1 May. Never back on this duty.
CECCIGNOLA	5.	Major Morecombe visited Italian School of Signals, CECCIGNOLA, with Brig. [illegible] and Col. Mackay, Comd. 12 B.L.U.
CASERTA	15/16	Major Morecombe visited GHQ, C.M.F., and reached agreement with Major DICKI[illegible] C.S.O.'s Branch on the signal stores requirements for the Italian School of the CC.RR, and the Italian Interim Army.
FLORENCE	19/23	Visited 7 B.L.U. and HQ FOLGORE Div. at FLORENCE. Discussed proposed new of an Italian Div. Sig. Bn. with Capt. ZANNINI, O.C. Sig. Coy. of the Genio and Major LEONELLI, of the Div. General Staff.
PADUA	25/28	Visited School of Signals, C.M.F., PADUA, with Col. MANCUSO and Major CANTO the Italian School of Signals.
ROME	29	Cpl WEITON, ex 78 Div. Sigs., reported for duty as NCO Instructor R. Sigs.

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M.M.I.A. ('X' Branch)
Maj. W.A.T. Morecombe, R. Sigs.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
CECCIGNOLA	30	Visited Italian School of Signals, CECCIGNOLA, accompanied by Cpl WETTON. Inspected the whole of the School with the Commandant, (Col MANCUSO), the 2i/c, Major CANTONI and Cpl WETTON. Discussed the W.E. of the School and agreed the desirability of certain immediate amendments with Col Mancuso. Arranged to produce these amendments for approval - first to "G" (Trg) HQ., M.M.I.A. and then to the Ministry of War. Left Cpl, WETTON at the School, having made arrangements for him to be accommodated and mess with 64 G.T. Coy. RASC nearby.

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M.M.I.A. ('X' Branch)
Maj. W.A.T. Morecambe, R.Sigs.

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Major R. Signals.

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SUBJECT : Strength State and Order of Battle of the Italian Army

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

SD/92/1

3 May 46

1. Herewith Order of Battle and Location Statement of the Italian Army, serial 4/2 as at 1 April 46.

2. Addressees are asked to check this document and to inform MMIA of any amendments considered necessary.

3. All previous Orders of Battle of the Italian Army are hereby cancelled and should be destroyed.

4. Please acknowledge on form of receipt below.

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for Major General, Army
M. M. I. A.

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(Military Mission Italian Army)
C.M.F.

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

G2E/WD/Receipt Date 13 MAR 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL February 1946.

DUPLICATE January 1946.

Brigadier,
DAG.
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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To:- C.C. Land Forces Sub Commission (Military Mission Italian Army)
A.M.G.T.

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

Date 25 APR 1946

CZE/WD/Receipt

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your command.

ORIGINAL March 1946

DUPLICATE February 1946

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K/Lt Colonel
for Brigadier,
DAG,
HQ 2nd Echelon.

WAR DIARY NOTES FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events and Information	Agencies
ROME	4	1000	Conference held at MMIA between offrs of ~~the~~ Mission and of 12 BLU to discuss the method of compilation and rendition of a complete list of Italian Army requirements for period up to 31 Dec 46. GSO I(Trg) and two GSO II's (Trg) attended.	
ROME	4	AM	Routine Annual Training, letter to M of W under ref TRG/1.	~~A~~ Appx
ROME	4	AM	Conference in GSO I's Office with ~~Italian Officer~~, Col MORICONI of Min of War to discuss Artillery Trg of recruits.	
ROME	20	AM	GSO I(Trg) MMIA visited M of W for purpose of discussion on Trg Establishments.	
CIVITAVECCHIA	26	AM	GSO I(Trg) MMIA visited CIVITAVECCHIA for purpose of inspecting Schools of Tac and Mech (Italian) and liaising with School of Arty (Brit) re courses and equipment.	

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Unit MMIA - CCRR Branch.

Month and Year March 1946

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. H. MIGHALL.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROME	4	0900	Maj. W. SYKES R.A., reported for duty as GSO II. Capt. H. TAYLOR posted to 4 B.L.U.	
"	4	1400	Letter to A/Q reference Channel of Supply CC.RR. (~~CCRR/G/12~~)	Appendix
"	7	1000	Letter to CC.RR. HQ. requesting Fornightly Progress Report - ~~CCRR/G/12~~	Appendix
"	13	0900	CC.RR. Conference for LOs. Opened by Col. W. PIDSLEY, DSO, OBE, MC, (Col.A/Q), ~~attended~~ all CCRR LOs and Lt.Col. F. WILSON, of Public Safety Sub Commission, attended	
"	14	0900	CC.RR. Conference continued. Opened by Brig. W. HOPE, DSO (BGS). Ended 1530 hrs.	
~~"~~	~~14~~	~~1530~~	~~CC.RR. Conference closed.~~	
"	15	1400	Minutes of CC.RR. Conference issued	Appendix
"	19	1500	Letter ~~CCRR/G/12~~ issued on re-org. of CC.RR.	Appendix

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
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S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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29 - 31 Ma

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information.
ROME	1 May	Discussion with Ministry of War representative (Maj. GALLOFARO) reference use of codes in Italian Army.
ROME	2	Visited Ministry of War reference W.E. of Div. Signals and clearance of field cable in N. Italy.
ROME	4	Maj. J.W. EBURAH, R. Sigs. departed on posting. Maj. D.R. SKINNER R. Sigs. 12 BLU acting as temporary replacement.
CECCIGNOLA	22	Accompanied Col. MACKAY, Comd. 12 BLU on visit to Italian Signal School
ROME	29	Maj. W.A.T. MORECOMBE, R. Sigs posted to HQ MMIA as S.O.II R. Signals
CECCIGNOLA	30	Visited Signal School Ceccignola with Maj. Skinner 12 BLU.

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MMIA ('X' Branch
1 - 3 March Maj. J.W. EBURAH, R. SIGS.
4 - 29 March Maj. D.R. SKINNER, R.SIGS.
29 - 31 March Maj. W.A.T. MORECOMBE, R. SIGS.

Summary of Events and Information.	References.

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Visited Signal School ~~Occupants~~ corps with Maj. Skinner 12 BDU.

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Place.	Date.		Summary of Events and Information.	Re
NAPLES.	2	1.	S.O.R.E. visited Naples and inspected the 10th Reggimento del Genio at S.Maria. C.V. This unit ~~was~~ found to be ~~completely~~ unable to justify its existence and its disbandment will be asked for.	
	3 - 4	2.	Visited 10 BLU and discussed with OC, Engr. matters, particularly difficulties re ~~works~~ on C.A.R. at Avellino.	
	5	3.	Visited Gen. GRANATA. C.E. 10 Terr. Command and suggested ways and means of expediting ~~works~~ on C.A.R. at Avellino. ~~Also discussed other matters relating to the Command.~~	
ROME.	6.	4.	Maj.CHAPMAN. R.E. reported as Instructor R.E. with 12 BLU; initiated him into his duties and explained the Engr ~~Troop training~~ set-up.	
	7	5.	Visited ~~Ministry~~ of War and discussed with Gen.FRATTINI the requirements of materials and ~~equipment~~ for It.Engr. Coys and the Engr.School. Also discussed W.E.F.'s and other current matters.	
		6.	Visited Rome Terr.Command to discuss with the C.E. Gen. CORTELLESSA, ~~works~~ in the various ~~Training~~ Schools.	
CESANO.	8.	7.	Accompanied C. 12 BLU. Latter took ~~Visited I.T.S.E.T.V. in company with~~ Maj. Chapman ~~who remained to take~~ over ~~his~~ duties as Instr. R.E. with the D.I.U.	
ROME.	9.	8.	At ~~Ministry~~ of War had further discussion with GEN. FRATTINI on matters of equipment and materials.	

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Maj. R.W.J.Hibbard, R.E.

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March 46. WAR DIARY. 1391 H.M.I. Major

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information.	Re
ROME.	12.	9. With Gen CORTELLESSA for further discussion on works in connection with training schools, principally those at Cecchignola, work on which seems to be held up due to lack of financial approval.	
ROME	13.	10. Inspected some of the principle works to requisitioned buildings in RAAC.	
		11. Vetted equipment lists of Engr. School.	
ROME	14.	12. Further work on equipment lists for Engr. School.	
ROME	15.	13. Preparation of data for conference at GHQ to be held on 18 March.	
ROME	16.	14. Saw Gen CORTELLESSA re works services and discussed progress of work in training schools.	
		15. Visited some works services projects.	
CASERTA.	18.	16. Attended conference at GHQ on the provision of equipment for the Italian Interim Army.	GHQ dated

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec)
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March 46. WAR DIARY. 83 M.M.I.A. Maj. R.N.

Place	Date		Summary of Events and Information.	Reference
ROME	19	17.	Visited Ministry of War and Rome Terr. Command re current "E" matters	
ROME	21	18.	With Maj. Chapman considering training stores for Eng School.	
ROME	22	19.	Visited Ministry of War to discuss training of Engr. Officers.	
ROME	25.	20.	Work on preparation of training programmes for Engr. Officers.	
ROME	26.	21.	Visited works services.	
ROME	27 - 28.	22.	Prepared data for Training Handbook.	
ROME	29.	23.	Visit of Lt. Col. O'DWYER of the Br. S.M.E. Capua, who called in order to find out if any instruction help was required at the Italian Engr. School. Informed him that the need of help was not anticipated.	
ROME	30	24.	Visited Gen. CORTELLESSA re works services and training schools	

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M.M.I.A.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1.	✓ Major HIBBARD reported to HQ M.M.I.A. to be vice Maj. R.G. COPLESTONE, S when hand-over complete.
	2.	✓ Maj. Coplestone and Maj. Hibbard visited the Ministry of War and Rome Territorial Command HQ in the order that the latter officer be introduced to the various Italian Engr. Officers.
	4.	✓ Handover Coplestone - Hibbard HQ M.M.I.A. matters
	5.	✓ Visited Col. Piccone re supply from Italian sources of bridge parts requested by Transportation (Br) Main C.M.F.
	6.	✓ At request of "Q" R.A.A.C. visited AA and QMG of that command to discuss recent reluctance of Genio Militari to undertake in respect of requisiti buildings the scale ofrepairs asked for by R.A.A.C. Reported discussio to AQMG M.M.I.A. who said the matter would be investigated.
	7.	✓ Visited Ministry of War to meet Gen. FRATTINI the newly appointed chief of the Engineer Inspectorate.
	8.	✓ Visited 12 B.L.U. at Cesano, discussed training matters with Maj. LARRIN who had returned the day previously from a course. In company with Maj. Larrington visited Eng. School at BRACCIANO. Discussed with Col. MATTE training programmes and move of the school to CIVITAVECCHIA.
	11.	✓ Handover of Trg. matters Maj. LARRINGTON - Maj. HIBBARD. Maj. Larringt goes on release tomorrow.
	13.	✓ Visited new location of Eng. School at CIVITAVECCHIA

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec.)
Maj. R.N.J. HIBBARD, R.E.

Summary of Events and Information	References.

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	18.	✓ Visited Ministry of War to discuss with Engr. Inspectorate heavy equipment needs for Eng. Trg.	
	20.	Visit of Major General COXWELL-ROGERS, C.E., GHQ to ~~H~~ M.M.I.A. ~~An informal discussion was held between Major Gen. COXWELL-ROGERS~~ Major General BROWNING, Commander M.M.I.A., ~~Lt. Col. MEDLAM~~ and S.O.R.E. The C.E. said ~~the purpose of his visit~~ was to discuss further what was needed to train and equip Italian Engr. units, and promised ~~to help in any way~~ possible. S.O.R.E. accompanied the C.E. to ~~the~~ Ministry of War ~~for a~~ discussion with Gen FRATTINI ~~on~~ Engr. problems of ~~training~~ and supply. ~~The~~ C.E. ~~later~~ visited the one time Italian Engr. School at Pietralata where ~~it is~~ eventually intended ~~by the~~ Ministry of War to re-establish the Engr. School at present at Civitavecchia.
	21.	Work on training programme.
	22.	Examined proposed W.E. of Engr. School and reduced total by 50 bodies.
	26.	With Deputy Commander M.M.I.A., and Maj. Feak, 8 B.L.U, S.O.R.E. attended conference at R.A.A.C. on the question of the responsibility of the Genio Militari in performing works and the scope of such works in respect of Allied requisitioned buildings in R.A.A.C. It was decided that 8 B.L.U. would receive and vet any future requests made by R.A.A.C. for works, services and in cases of doubt as to validity of request or when technical advice was required, would submit to S.O.R.E. M.M.I.A. for examination and decision.
	28.	Work on W.Es of various Engr. Units.

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M.M.I.A. (Engr. Sec.)
Maj. R.N.J. HIBBARD, R.E.

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WAR DIARY NOTES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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Place	Date	Hour		Summary of Events and Information
ROME	1		✓	Conference at MMIA to discuss Trg Handbook Italian Army. Present :- Editor (GSO I(Trg) Assistant Editors :- ADME, ADMS, ADST, CSO I(CC.RR).
ROME	4		✓	GSO I(Trg) left for SPOLETO, visiting ex School for Reserve Officers.
MODENA	5		✓	GSO I(Trg) visited MODENA to see site of ex Military Academy. Conversed with HQ 6 BLU offrs.
SIENA	6		✓	GSO I(Trg) visited SIENA and saw barracks, which is intended for use as CAR, in the hands of the builders. Conversed with HQ 7 BLU Offrs.
ROME	7		✓	Return of GSO I(Trg)
ROME	11	1000	✓	Conference held at MMIA to consider WEs of Central Military Schools between MMIA Offrs, Offrs of 12 BLU and Italian Offrs of Central Military Schools. WEs considered were :- HQ Central Military Schools, Inf School, Police School, PT School, Welfare and Man-Management School.
ROME	12	1000	✓	Conference held at MMIA to consider WEs of Central Military Schools. WEs discussed were :- Artillery School, and NCO School.
ROME	13	1000	✓	Conference held at MMIA to consider remaining WEs of Schools. WEs considered :- Royal Military Academy, and War School.
ROME	14	AM	✓	GSO I(Trg) visited CIVITAVECCHIA to discuss Artillery Trg with British School of Artillery (Col DREW).
ROME	14	PM	✓	GSO II(Schools) Visited CECCHIGNUOLA to discuss MMG and 4.2 in mortar trg with 30 Bn Chesires.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	1989
ROME	17		✓ Major T.P. LUCKOCK, MC (Som L.I.) returned from End of War Leave taking up appointment of GSO II(Fmns) under GSO I(Trg).	
ROME	18	AM	✓ Short Conference held in GSO I's(Trg) office to discuss results of Conferences on WEs of Schools and compare totals with Training Ceiling.	
ROME	23	AM	✓ Conference held on Trg Handbook for Italian Army. Present :- Editor (GSO I(Trg), Assistant Editors, ADME, ADMS, ADST, GSO I(CC.RR).	

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Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Vol. I. Monthly War Diaries will be enclosed in A.F. C.2119. If this is not available, and for Intelligence Summaries, the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

Month and Year FEB 46.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Delete heading not required).

Army Form C. 18.

Unit CC.RR. BRANCH.

Commanding Officer LT.COL.H. MIGHALL. GEN LIST

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROME	4	0900	Major.B.POWELL and Capt.C. HAYES reported for duty as SO II and SOII(L) respectively	
"	"	1000	All officers had conference with Commandante Generale CC.RR and his Heads of Departments	
"	6	0900	Capt.C. HAYES departed for duty with 10 BLU NAPLES.	
"	7	1000	Major T GOODACRE returned from PALERMO to report on CC.RR. situation,	
"	11	1400	Letter on compilation of Liaison Officers reports issued (CCRR/G/6)	Appendix
"	15	0900	Capt.T. MARSH reported for duty as Liaison Officer Schools & Training	
"	19	0900	Major.R.P.FIELDERS proceeded on visit to CCRR Legions in APPENNINE Area	
"	"	1400	Letter on submission of returns,issued to all Liaison Officers(CCRR/G/12)	Appendix
"	"	1500	Letter on clothing & equipment for CCRR issued (CCRR/Q/4)	Appendix
"	20	0900	Capt.C. HAYES promoted to MAJOR wef 28 Dec 45	
"	22	0830	General Holiday (George Washington's birthday)	
"	23	0900	Major.R.P.FILEDERS returned from visit to APPENNINE Area	

H Mighall
Lt Col.

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SUBJECT: War Diary - February 1946.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X524.
1 March 46.

TO: 'G'

Herewith S.O.R. Sigs. War Diary for month of February 46.

J.W. EBURAH, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

Col. GS
GSO I ("D")
Dep. G3
GSO II (S")
GSO II ( )
GSO II (W")
GSO III (S)
GSO III (Org)
G (Trg)

A - 'G'
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War Diary - February 1946.

DATE.	LOCATION.	EVENT.
1	Naples	Interview with Commandante del Genio at 10 Terr. Cmd. HQ regarding employment of Territorial Signal Company.
13.	Rome	Tour of inspection of Italian Ministry of War Signal Bn.
14.	Rome	Conference with Lt. Col. Iammarino (Genio Divisione Materiale) regarding Italian equipment ex CEM dumps in 2 District. (Collection and movement of stores is in hand)
20	Rome	Discussion with Ministry of War (Lt. Col. Cambuso - Training Branch) regarding allocation of recruits to Signal School during 1946.
27	Rome	Suggested establishment for Italian Infantry Divisional Signals submitted to G (SD).
28	Ceccignola	Chief Signal Officer CHQ CMF visited Italian Signal School.

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Subject:- War Diary

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Land Forces Sub-Comm., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
PA/2/30
1 March 1946

"G" Branch(2)

The following notes of GOC's activities during February for inclusion in the War Diary:-

20 Feb. Conference with Gen. Coxwell-Rogers (C.E., G.H.Q.) re engineer problems of Italian Army.

22 - 28 Feb. Tour to 1, 2, 3 and 7 B.L.U's and conferences with Territorial Commanders and Commanders Legnano, Folgore and Mantova Divs.

EAGLE/a

Captain.,
P.A. to G.O.C.
M.M.I.A.

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FROM:- O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(Military Mission Italian Army)
C.M.F.

SUBJECT:- War Diaries.

OZS/WD/Receipt: Date 18 FEB 1946

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL January 1945.

DUPLICATE December 1945.

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Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ, 2nd Echelon.

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Subject : War Diary.

PA/2/8 31 Jan. 46.

To : "G" Branch.

Reference report for G.O.C's activities in January for War Diary.

N.T.R.

E.A.G. BALFOUR, Captain,
P.A. to G.O.C.

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SUBJECT : Submission of War Diaries.

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22 Jan 46

To : All Branches and Services (two copies each)

Ref Office Instructions Nos 106 of 16 Nov and 109 of 1 Dec 45.

1. Para 3 of Office Instruction No. 106 as amended by Para 1 of Office Instruction No 109, states that :

> "Sections and Services will submit narratives and appendices for the previous month to branches under branch instructions by the 3rd day of every month. These will be collated by each branch on Army Form C.2118 and signed and submitted in duplicate by the Head of the branch to GSI by the 8th day of every month for final collation and submission to GHQ OZE."

2. The procedure as outlined above is not being adhered to, services submitting to their respective branches copies of War Diaries completed and signed by heads of services. These have not been incorporated into branch War Diaries, but fwd to GSI as received by the Branch.

3. In future, the procedure adopted by branches and services will conform to that laid down in the two Office Instructions quoted above, i.e. that services will submit War Diary material to branches in rough form with appendices for incorporation into the branch War Diary, in order that the final branch version may :

(a) cover all aspects of the work of the branch incl services and secs in a concise form,

(b) not duplicate information as would inevitably be the case were branches, services and sections to submit their War Diaries independently.

4. War Diaries for A and Q Branches will be sent to Colonel A/Q by 6th of each month.

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Ref Office Instructions Nos 106 of 16 Nov and 109 of 1 Dec 45.

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> "Sections and Services will submit narratives and appendices for the previous month to branches under branch instructions by the 3rd day of every month. These will be collated by each branch on Army Form C.2118 and signed and submitted in duplicate by the Head of the branch to GSI by the 8th day of ev ry month for final collation and submission to GHQ G2E."

2. The procedure as outlined above is not being adhered to, services submitting to their respective branches copies of War Diaries completed and signed by heads of services. These have not been incorporated into branch War Diaries, but fwd to GSI as received by the Branch.

3. In future, the procedure adopted by branches and services will conform to that laid down in the two Office Instructions quoted above, i.e. that services will submit War Diary material to branches in rough form with appendices for incorporation into the branch War Diary, in order that the final branch version may : 4384

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Lt Col
GS

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events and infm	Ref to Appendices
MMIA	1	AM	Conference held at MMIA HQ between Offrs of :- MMIA, Ministry of War and SMRE to discuss Org of, and T.T.Cs in general. Offrs in attendance :- MMIA - GSO I(Trg); Min of War - Col PIACENTINI, Maggiore AIEREU; and two (2) offrs of SMRE.	
MMIA	2	AM	Conference held between Offrs of MMIA and Min of War to discuss Training Ests and Eqpt. In attendance :- MMIA - GSO I(Trg), Min of War - Arrival of GSOI(Trg) GHQ.	
CESANO	3	AM	Tour of CESANO, BRACCIANO, MANZIANA and CIVITAVECCHIA by GSO I(Trg) GHQ; and GSO I(Trg) MMIA, for purpose of visiting trg schools at the above named places.	

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WAR DIARY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events and infn	Ref to Appendices
SMRE	5	AM	Meeting held at SMRE. In attendance were MMIA - GSO I(trg), GSO II(Liaison)(Maj BAUMANN): Min of War - Gen LIUZZI, Col QUERCIA. Discussions were confined to two subjects; namely T.T.Cs. and Offr Cadet Trg. Points of T.T.Cs requested from SMRE were :- policy/regarding /with to entry of recruits into T.T.Cs, time allowed for adm matters prior to initial trg, programmes for the recruit, method of posting recruit to unit or other school;/ accn. /and Cadet Offr Trg points were, suggestions to have the est nearer to the great military centres, and of its advantages.	
SMRKX	5	AM	British peace time system explained on Cadet Trg of offrs viz an 18 month course.	

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WAR DIARY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

Place	Date	Time	summary of events and infm
MMIA	1	AM	Conference held by COC MMIA with offrs of HQ MMIA. Offrs present, Col A/Q PIDSLEY, GSC I(SD), GSO II(Trg) This conference was held to discuss, call-up and demob, accn and trg of recruits (call-up), instructors for new intake, WEs for Central Military Schools and T.T.Cs.
AFHQ	14		Meeting held at AFHQ to discuss accn Italian Army. Minutes of meeting sent out under ref 6228/Q/Maint of 14 Dec 45.

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NOTES FOR WAR DIARY ON G.O.C's ACTIVITIES - MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1945.

To : 'G' Branch (2)

Ref : PA/1/101

Date : 31. Dec 45.

Monday	3	December	Meeting with Chief Commissioner
Friday	7	"	Meeting with Executive Commissioner
Monday	10	"	Conference with Cdrs, 6 and 7 B.L.Us.
Tuesday	11	"	Visited FLORENCE Territorial Command
Wednesday	12	"	Talk with General WALDER, C.S.O., C.M.F.
Friday	14	"	Meeting with ex-Minister and new Minister for War. Later in day further meeting with new Minister.
Friday	21	"	Talks with Colonel WASHBURNE re Citizenship Course

E.A.G. BALFOUR, Capt. Scots Gds.,
P.A. to G.O.C.
M.M.I.A.

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Monday	10	"	Conference with Cdrs, 6 and 7 B.L.Us.
Tuesday	11	"	Visited FLORENCE Territorial Command
Wednesday	12	"	Talk with General NALDER, C.S.O., C.M.F.
Friday	14	"	Meeting with ex-Minister and new Minister for War. Later in day further meeting with new Minister.
Friday	21	"	Talks with Colonel WASHBOURNE re Citizenship Course

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E.A.G. BALFOUR, Capt. Scots Gds.,
P.A. to G.O.C.
M.M.I.A.

Info. : G.O.C.

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BRITISH HISTORICAL SECTION, CMF
MILLSTATT, AUSTRIA

G/99.
G.

SUBJECT : Records Files

REF No. : 2.4-2 63 9 January, 1946.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA)
C.M.F.

Ref your G/99 dated 4 January. Receipt is acknowledged of the account of operations of the Italian Army in support of the Allies. (4 copies)

Col. GS
GSO I (D)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W)
GSO III (SD)
GSO III (ORBAT)
G (Pg)

(W.P.MOYLAN) Major
for Colonel, GS, Chief, British Historical Section, CMF

FILE:
DATE:

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : BRITISH HISTORICAL SECTION CM AUSTRIA 11 NFT

TO : MMIA

REF : 504 UNCLASSIFIED

YOUR O/168 APOLOGISE OUR MISTAKE

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ACTION : G/99

Col. GS
GSO I (P)
Dep. GS
GSO II (SC)
GSO II (I)
GSO II (W)
GSO III (
GSO II
Q (.)

14 Jan 46.
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MEIA 10 A

TO : 5 BLU

REF : 0.166 UNCLASSIFIED

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REF YOUR G/134 DATED 05 (.) MAJOR LICKOCK AT PRESENT ON TWENTY EIGHT DAYS END OF WAR LEAVE (.) ADDRESS IN ENGLAND RYCROFT HOUSE, BOLNEY, SUSSEX

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

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CYPHER SIGNAL

FROM : MKLA

TO : BRITISH HISTORICAL SECTION CM(AUSTRIA) CMF

DATE 10 [illegible]

REF : 0.468

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YOUR 493 OF 06 NOT UNDERSTOOD (.) ACCOUNTS COVERING PERIOD JAN DASH MAY 45 LEFT THIS HQ 4 JAN UNDER COVER OF LETTER C/99 — 65 DATED 4 JAN 46 (.) PLEASE EXPLAIN FURTHER

See 68.

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED [signature]

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Lt Col
C.S

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GSO 2 (4)

RCK G5

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My patience is — well exhausted.

Prepare OI recovery made to 14 cm of war.

I want a COMPLETE record of ALL ITI Army activities on behalf of ALLIES from 8 Feb 43 to 9 May 45, and I want it "pronto". They have already wasted two weeks...

APO 10/1

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FROM : G-2 RI HIST SEC (AUSTRIA) 081730 A

TO : MMIA AC ITALY Sect. GC

REF : 493 RESTRICTED

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YOUR G/99 DTD 4 JAN REPORTS RECEIVED COVER ONLY MAR 45 REQUEST YOU ASKED MINISTRY OF WAR TO PREPARE ACCOUNTS SOONEST COVERING ALL COMBATANT ~~GROUPS~~ TROOPS APR MAY 45

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9 Jan 46.
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Col. GS
GSO I (SD)
Dep. G3
GSO II (S[illegible])
GSO II (-)
GSO II (W[illegible])
GSO III (SD)
GSO III (ORBAT)
G (Trg)
AFHQ (-)

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FROM : 5 BLU

TO : MMIA

REF : G/134

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FOR MAJOR LUCKOCK FROM LT COL DOUGLAS (.)

REF YOUR HQ LETTER G/99 DTD 10 DEC 45 PLEASE INFORM ME WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH 52 BLU WAR DIARY FOR PERIOD MARCH TO NOV (.) YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS UPKEEP DURING THIS PERIOD BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF YOUR HAVING HANDED IT OVER (.) COMPLETE RECORD IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

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SUBJECT: Official History of the War.

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

G/99

4 Jan 45

TO : British Historical Section CM (AUSTRIA) CMF.

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1. Herewith, as requested, an account of the contribution of the ITALIAN Army to the ALLIED cause.

This account was prepared by the ITALIAN Ministry of War.

By your agreement it is submitted in duplicate in original ITALIAN.

The delay experienced in obtaining the document from the Ministry of War is regretted.

2. It is also regretted that it is impossible to prepare a special history of MMIA. All relevent material is contained in the War Diaries of this HQ which are presumably already in your possession.

A.F. Goutier
Lt Col
GS

for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

ARCS/jw

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To:-O.C. Land Forces
Sub-Commando - MMIA
CMF

SUBJECT:- War Diaries.

G2E/WD Date 24.12.45

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your Command:-

ORIGINAL November 1945

DUPLICATE October 1945

ABC 26/12

Brigadier,
D.A.G.
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

627 27/12/45 4672

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NOTES FOR WAR DIARY ON G.O.C.'s ACTIVITIES - MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1945.

To : 'G' Branch (2)

Ref : PA/1/88

Date: 8 Dec. 45.

✓ Thursday 1 Nov : Visited Territorial Command, NAPLES.

✓ Friday 2 Nov : Visited Territorial Command, BARI.

✓ Monday 5 Nov : Accompanied Supreme Allied Commander to CESANO.

✓ Tuesday 6 Nov : Meeting with Minister for War.

✓ Wednesday 7 Nov : Attended Carabinieri parade for Supreme Allied Commander.

✓ Friday 9 Nov : Short meeting with General INFANTE.

✓ Saturday 10 Nov : Attended Armistice Ceremony at Piazza Venezia.

✓ Monday 12 Nov : Attended Passing Out Parade, presented certificates and took Salute at Aurelia Barracks, CIVITAVECCHIA.

✓ Wednesday 14 Nov : Visited Territorial Command, NAPLES and inspected Barracks.

✓ Friday 16 Nov : Personal talk with Minister for War.

✓ Monday 19 Nov : Conference with Brigadier YATES from GHQ. Brigadier YATES visited CESANO.

✓ Monday 26 Nov : Meeting with Minister for War - Brigadier LUSH and Col. PILSLEY. 871

✓ Tuesday 27 Nov : Personal meeting with Minister for War.

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P.A. to
G.O.C.

Info : G.O.C.

RAGB/eco.

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SUBJECT: War Diaries.

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

— G/99 —

10 Dec 45

TO : 1 BLU

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Ref your G 2 of 6 Dec 45 not to all.

All BLUs should continue to keep War Diaries, although the contents of these may in present circumstances be found to be consid-erably reduced.

for Major General, G.S.
M. M. I. A.

ARCS/jw

Copy to: List "B" (less Serial 1)

Internal: GOC
Dep Comd
Col GS
Col A/Q
A
Q

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G 6/99.

Subject :- War Diaries

To :-
Land Forces Sub Com AC (LMIA)
R O M E

1 British Liaison Unit

G 2

1 51 BLU has maintained a War Diary since its formation, and 1 BLU is continuing this duty.

2 I shall be glad to learn whether this may be discontinued, say from the end of the year, in view of the changed role of the unit.

Field
6 Dec 45
JRS/RGT

AFHQ

GSO 1 .....
GSO 2 (Ops) .....
GSO 2 .....
GSO 2 (Wa) .....
GSO 2 (L) .....
GSO 3 (SD) .....
GSO 3 (OrbM) .....
GSO 3 (I) .....

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J B Slater
Lt Col
General Staff

MMIA - G 4669
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DATE: K/15/12.

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To:- G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Co.-
A.C. (M.M.I.A)
CMF

Subject:- War Diaries

O2E/TD

Date 23.11.45

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your Command:-

ORIGINAL October 1945.

DUPLICATE September 1945.

D.D. Robertson
Brigadier,
D.A.C.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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To:- ~~O.C.~~ LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION. H.C.
M.M.I-A.
C.M.F.

Subject:- War Diaries.

G2E/AD Date 27-10-45

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL September 1945

Duplicate August 1945

(O.F. Atkins)
Brigadier,
D.A.G.

C.M.F. C.I.O. 2nd Echelon.

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To :- O.C. LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (A.C).

M.M.I.A.

C.M.F.

Subject:- War Diaries.

OZE/WD Date 29-9-45

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- August 1945

DUPLICATE :- July 1945

C.M.F. 5/99 DATE: 2/10

3/10/45

(O.F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.C.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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To :- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.

SUBJECT:- War Diaries.

G2E/7b Date 27 AUG 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- July 1945

DUPLICATE :- June 1945

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FILE: C/99
DATE: 29 Aug.

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D. A. G.

C.M.F. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

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Subject:- War Diary

HQ LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

G/99

23 Aug 45

GHQ 2nd Echelon,
C.M.F.

Herewith War Diaries in respect of this HQ as below:-

Duplicate - June 1945
Original - July 1945

Please ....

Fd Clearwater
for Major-General, Capt
M.M.I.A

In lieu of AF A 16

Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Receipt is acknowledged of War Diaries:-

Duplicate - June 1945
Original - July 1945

Date.....

Signature.....

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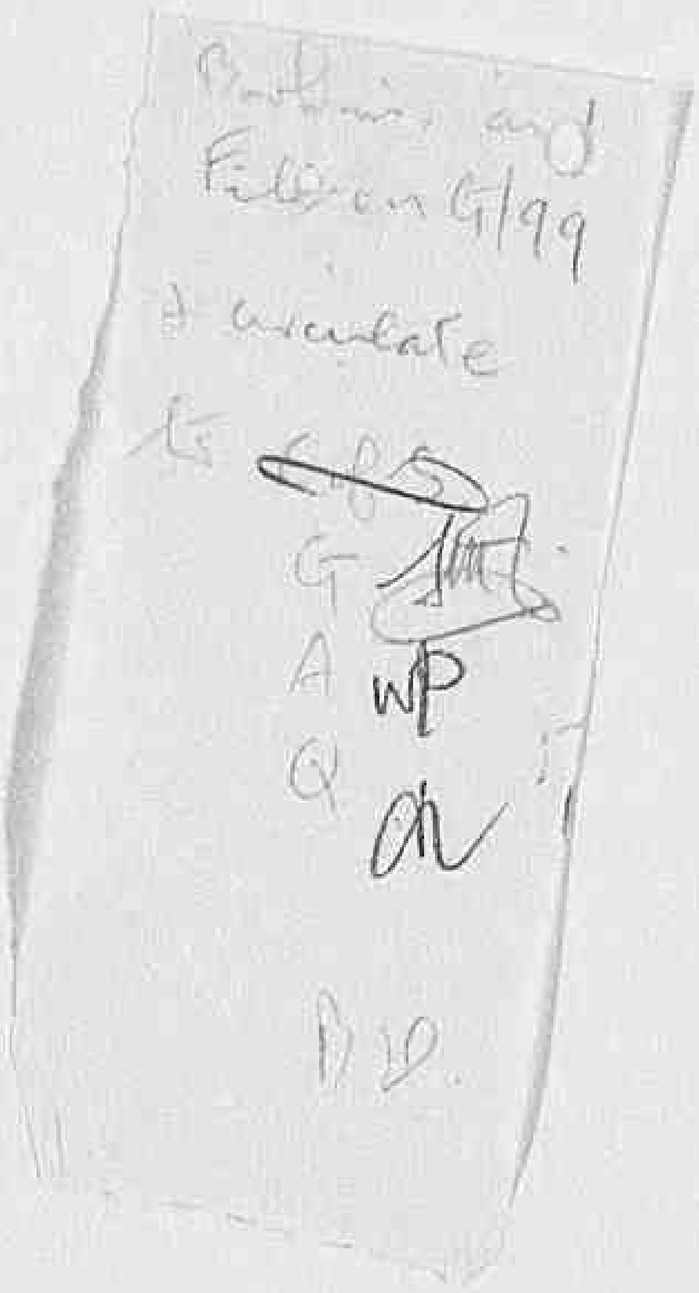

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APO 312

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20 July 1945.

SUBJECT : DISPOSAL OF RECORDS.

TO : H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Attn. Ex. Commissioner.)
APO 394.

Ref 1/AB dated 15 July Subject as above.

1. AFHQ Circular No 8 of 18 July, Subject : Allied Forces Records ADMINISTRATION establishs the procedure for disposal of records of this and subordinate H.Q.

2. For the present, no action will be required of the Allied Commission under the provisions of circular 8. It is anticipated that special instructions will be issued with respect to Allied Commission Records, persuant to your letter above refered.

Signed. NORMAN F.C. SEAGRAVE 1664
MAJ. GS.
EX OFFICER.

GSO 1 (Ops)
GSO 2 (G-2)
GSO 2 (Wks)
GSO 2 (L)
GSO 3 (Ops)
GSO 3 (Orbat)
GSO 3 (I)

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FILE: G/99
DATE: 1/8

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SUBJECT: Records officers

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

G/99

1 AUG. 45

TO : AFHQ For
Records Administrator

1. In compliance with para 5(b), AFHQ Circular No. 8, subject Allied Force Records Administration, dated 18 July 45, the names of following officers are designated as Records Officers for this organization.

Capt. F.J.A. CLARK - British Army
Capt. F.W. CHESNOW - US Army.

Major General,
NMTA.

Internal: Camp Cmdt (BR)
Camp Comdt (US)
File: A/G 83

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FIELD

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission
(MMIA)
CMF

G.

Subject:- War Diaries

G2E/WD Date 24 JUL 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL :- June 1945

DUPLICATE :- May 1945

for (O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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File G/99.

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To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Comm: A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.
G

Subject:- War Diaries

G2E/WD Date 6 JUL 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL :- ~~June~~ May 1945

DUPLICATE :- ~~May~~ April 1945

(O.F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
C.M.F.

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File. SD 515

FIELD POST OFFICE 21 MAY 45 497

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(Mil: Mission to Italian Army)
C.M.F.

Return Address :-
02E CMF

G/99.

Subject:- War Diaries.

02E/WD. Date 20 MAY 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- April 1945.

DUPLICATE :- March 1945.

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(C. F. ATKINS),
Brigadier,
D. A. G.,
C. M. F. G. H. Q. 2nd Echelon.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Submission of War Diaries.

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

G/99

9 June 45

TO : O.C. Br Cadre 802 BRD,
ORVIETO

Ref your BI/13/550 dated 8 June 45.

1. It is not felt that a note to O.2.E. on the lines you suggest will " wash ". All BRDs and units, however small, have to submit " some-thing ".

2. Please therefore see that your demands for stationery forms are met (if not, notify through correct channels) and even if your War Diary consists of copies of personnel received and despatched, this would satisfy O.2.E.

Major General,
MMIA.

jw

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject:- WAR DIARIES

G/99 47.A

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. (MMIA)

G 8/6

802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, ORVIETO
Ref. BI/13/550
9 June 45

1. The enclosed letter from G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon has been received by me a second time.

2. I have no information to necessitate the keeping of a War Diary and I would be pleased if you would take the matter up with G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon and point out to them that although there is a W.E. for the British Cadre of this Depot I have not got a supply of all the Army Forms which constitute the Orderly Room of a normal unit.

3. I have already indented for a supply of War Diary forms but I feel that G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon do not appreciate the nature of the work done by me and that the British Cadre of this Depot should be considered a sub-unit of H.Q. M.M.I.A. ROME in which case the War Diary submitted by you would be sufficient to cover the requirements of G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

TIC/rd

H.B. Turzak. Major
Commd. British Cadre
802 Iti. Base Rein. Depot

See F.48 for 1941

GSO 1 .....
GSO 2 (Ops) X X
GSO 2 (S.D) .....
GSO 2 (A/S) .....
GSO 2 (L) .....
GSO 3 (RO) .....
GSO 3 (Organ) .....
GSO 3 (Tr) .....

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: G/99
DATE: R 8/6.

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FIELD POST OFFICE
31 MAY 45
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O.C. Brit: Cadre
802 Italian Base Rfts Depot
C.M.F.

Return Address:-
O2E CMF.

Subject:- War Diaries.

O2E/WD Date 31 MAY 1945

Reference G.R.O. 327/1945.

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL March & April '45-

DUPLICATE March '45

Please forward immediately.

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier,
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

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To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission (M.M.L.A.)
C.M.F.

Return Address:-
O2E CMF

Subject:- War Diaries.

O2E/WD Date 23 APR 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- March 1945

DUPLICATE :- February 1945

for (O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D. A. G.
C.M.F. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 78502D

To:- O.C. Land Forces Adriatic Comm.
Allied Commission
(M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.

Return Address:-
O.C. G.H.Q.

Subject:- War Diaries.

O.E/H. Date 17 MAR 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- February 1945

DUPLICATE :- January 1945

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

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SECRET

SUBJECT: War Diaries

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. C/99
13 March 45

TO : CHQ ORE
C.M.F.

1. The following War Diaries in respect of this Mission are fwd:-

Duplicate - Jan 45

Original - Feb 45

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

REP

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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G2E CMF

I/105

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.

Subject:- War Diaries.

G2E/TD. Date 23 FEB 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL :- January 1945

DUPLICATE :- December 1944

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(C.W.A.Trinca)
for Brigadier.
I.A.G.
Staff Capt Echelon.

C.M.F.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. T/502D

25 FEB 45 G.H.Q.

D/105.

O2E 3W

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission (M.M.I.A)
C.M.F.

Sub:- War Diaries.

O23/ID. Date 28 FEB 1945

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the units under your command:-

APPENDICES TO

ORIGINAL :- ~~January 1945~~

~~FIELD COPY~~ :- December 1944 — (AFs W.3008 & 3009)

(C.F.Aitken)
Brigadier.
D.A.G.

C.M.F.

GHQ 2nd Echelon. M.M. R 25/2
FILE No. I 105
Date Rec'd 20/2/45

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SECRET

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/I/105/A.
13 Feb 45.

C.H.Q. 02E
C.M.F.

Ref your 02E/WD of 23 Jan.

1. Herewith, as requested, copies of AFs W 3008 and 3009 completed in respect of this H.Q. for the month of Dec 44.

2. Arrangements have been made for their future submission with War Diary originals.

3. Please ack receipt on att form A. 16.

two.

REP
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SECRET

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/I/105
18 Feb 45.

G.H.Q. 02E
C.M.F.

The following War Diaries in respect of this Sub Commission are forwarded: -

Duplicate - Dec 44.

Original - Jan 45.

Please ack receipt on att form A.16.

tvs.

REP
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

C&W

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

RESTRICTED

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

S/I/105

14 Feb 45

SUBJECT: AFW/3008 and 3009

TO : Comp Comdt (Br),
HQ M.M.I.A.

GHQ 2nd Echelon have requested that a copy of each sheet of AFW 3008 and 3009 completed in respect of this Mission be forwarded with the original of the War Diary. This request includes the months of Dec 44 and Jan 45.

One copy each has already been received of those completed for the weeks ending 3 and 10 Feb 45 (arranged between CC & BQMS).

Please, therefore, supply copies of present outstanding, namely those for Dec and Jan last, and arrange for their future submission to G(SD) Branch this HQ.

ADC

for Lt.-Col.
CO.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/I/105
19 Jan. 45.

GHQ. G2E.
C. M. F.

The following War Diaries for this Sub Commission are fwd:-

Duplicate	-	Nov. 44.
Original	-	Dec. 44.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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G2B G.H.Q.

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A)
C.M.F.

FIELD POST OFFICE
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ORE/MD. Date 23 JAN 1945

Subject:- War Diaries.

Rec'd 26/1

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command.

ORIGINAL :- December 1944.

DUPLICATE :- November 1944.

Will you please fwd: a copy of each A.F. 3008 & 3009 completed during December, for attachment to the Original w/Diary. Copies of these returns should accompany each monthly Orig: w/D as appendices.

(O.B. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Covers for War Diary

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/I/105
16 Jan 45

TO : 10 PUBLICATIONS DEPOT

R17.

May this Mission please be supplied with 12 forms ME 160 (amended).

R. L. Pinkley
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: War Diaries

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. I/105
2 Jan 45

TO : GHQ 02E
C.M.F.

37 R3

1. Your two letters ref 02E/WD both dated 29 Dec addressed 35 Military Mission and Military Mission to Italian Army requesting original copy of Nov and duplicate of Oct War Diaries received this HQ today.

2. It is apparent that owing to the frequent changes of designation of this Mission confusion has arisen regarding the submission of War Diaries.

3. War Diaries of this Mission are now fwd under the heading:-

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C.M.F.

This title was assumed w.e.f. 25 Sep 44.

4. For infm previous designations of the Mission have been as follows:-

a) Military Mission to the 7th Italian Army

b) Br Military Mission to Italian Army

c) Military Mission Italian Army

d) Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.)

e) Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (Present address)

5. It is hoped that this infm will clarify any former misunderstanding.

6. Your 02E/WD of 22 Dec addressed Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) acknowledged receipt of Nov original and Oct duplicate of this Mission's War Diaries.

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ZEP

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 165020

Army Artists and Military Mission to Italian Army requesting original copy of and duplicate of Oct War Diaries received this HQ today.

2. It is apparent that owing to the frequent changes of designation of this Mission confusion has arisen regarding the submission of War Diaries.

3. War Diaries of this Mission are now fwd under the heading:-

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C.M.F.

This title was assumed w.e.f. 25 Sep 44.

4. For infm previous designations of the Mission have been as follows:-

a) Military Mission to the 7th Italian Army

b) Br Military Mission to Italian Army

c) Military Mission Italian Army

d) Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.)

e) Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (Present address)

5. It is hoped that this infm will clarify any former misunderstanding.

6. Your G2E/4D of 22 Dec addressed Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) acknowledged receipt of Nov original and Oct duplicate of this Mission's War Diaries.

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REP

Major General
for M. M. I. A.

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Essential War Office Mail.

Capt.
O2E C.M.F.

To:- O.C. Military Mission to Italian Army C.M.F

Subject:- War Diaries.
O2E/WD Date 29 DEC 1944

Reference G.H.Q. 650/1943.

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL November '44

DUPLICATE October '44

Please forward immediately.

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon(EMAF)
C. M. F.

Field.

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FIELD POST OFFICE 30 DEC 44 4847

Essential War Office Mail.

Capt.
O2E CMF.

To:- O.C. 33 Military Mission
C.M.F.

Subject:- War Diaries.
O2E/WD Date 29 DEC 1944

Reference C.R.O. 650/1943.

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL ~~Oct~~ November '44

DUPLICATE

Please forward immediately.

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon(EMAF)
C.M.F.

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FIELD POST OFFICE

O2Z/AT.

To:- O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
(Military Mission to Italian Army)
C.M.F.

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Subject:- War Diaries.

O2E/WD. Date 22 DEC 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL :- November 1944

DUPLICATE:- October 1944

(C.F.Atkins)
Brigadier.
for D.A.G.
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Submission of War Diaries

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(MEIA)
I/105
9
/P Dec 44

GHQ OZE
C M F

Following copies of this Mission's War Diaries are forwarded :-

"DUPLICATE" - for Oct 44

"ORIGINAL" - for Nov 44

Please acknowledge receipt.

AEC

for Major General
M E I A

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O2E, CMF. 0/105.

To:- O.C. 2 Land Forces Sub-Com
Allied Commission
(Mil: Mission Italian Army)
C.M.F.

SUBJECT: War Diaries.

O2E/WD. Date = 9 DEC 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command:-

ORIGINAL:- October '44

DUPLICATE:- September '44

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(C. F. Atkins)
Brigadier,
GHQ, 2nd Echelon. DAG,

C.M.F.

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SECRET

Subject:- War Diary

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/I/105
2 Dec 44

GHQ, 2nd Echelon.
C. M. F.

1. Herewith duplicate copy of War Diary for Sep 44, and the original copy for Oct 44.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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F/105.

Essential War Office Mail.
On Active Service

Capt.
O2E CMF.

To:- O.C. Military Mission to Italian Army C.M.F.

R 2/12.

Subject:- War Diaries
OPERED

Date 29 NOV 1944

Reference G.R.O. 650/1943.

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL October
DUPLICATE September } 1944

Please forward immediately.

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon. (MTAF)
C. M. F.

Field.

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C2E CMF.

BRITISH MISSION 30 OCT 44 WASHINGTON D.C.

To:- O.C. Military Mission
Italian Army
ROME
CMF

Subject:- War Diaries.

C2E/WD. Date 15 OCT 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- September 1944.

DUPLICATE :- August 1944.

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

C.M.F.

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O2E CMF

To:- O.C. Army Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission
ROME CMF

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Subject:- War Diaries.

O2E/WD Date 19 SEP 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the month under mentioned :-

ORIGINAL :- August 1944.

DUPLICATE :- July 1944.

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D. A. G., G. H. Q. 2nd Echelon.
In the Field. C. M. F.

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BASE ARMY POST OFFICE 5
7 SEP 44

O2E CMF

Post

O. C. Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ. Allied Control Commission
ROME
CMF.

Subject:- War Diaries.

O2E/AD Date - 6 SEP 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- [redacted]

DUPLICATE :- February 1944

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
In the Field. C.M.F.

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02E/29580 D.

29 Aug 44.

... Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.,
ROME.

Subject:- War Diaries.

Ref your I/105 dated 1 Aug 44.

It is confirmed that all War Diaries for the period Feb - Jun 44 incl. have been received by this H.Q. with the exception of the Duplicate copy for Feb 44.

May this please be forwarded as soon as possible.

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

Field.

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D. Recd 17/8/44

Essential War Office Mail.

Capt.
O2E Clk.

To:- O.C. Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
Rome.
CMF

O2E/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 15 AUG 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- July 1944.

DUPLICATE :- June 1944.

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(C.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon. (MMAF)
In the Field. C.M.F.

4637.

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SUBJECT: Stationery

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME
I/105
7 Aug 44

862 Adv Stationery Depot
NAPLES

May this Headquarters pleased be supplied with the following:-

War Diary Covers (M.E. Form 160 (Amended))	12
War Diary Forms (Army Form C-2118)	6

W.K. Selby

Captain
G 3 (I)
for Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

CGL.

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
I/105
1 Aug 44

GHQ CMF
B N A F

SUBJECT:- War Diaries

Ref your G2r/BNAF/WD of 27 Jul.

1. All War Diaries of this Sub Commission are forwarded under the heading "Army Sub Commission. Allied Control Commission".

The designation "Military Mission to the 7 Italian Army" was later changed to the "Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA)".

2. Please confirm that Army Sub Commission A.C.C. War Diaries for FEB - JUNE 1944 have been received.

ABC

F.K. Selby V. Capt
for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
M M I A

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Essential War Office Mail.

Capt.
G2E MAAF.

To:-
C.C. Military Mission to
the 7 Italian Army.

C.M.F. [redacted] A. 1

FILE REF
Date Rec'd 30 7 44

G2E/MAAF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 27 JUL 1944

Reference C.R.O.650/1943.
War Diaries for the unit under your command have not yet been received by this C.M.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL FEB – JUNE '44.

DUPLICATE

X Please forward immediately. X

4th Kensington

(C.F.ATKINS) 4634
for Brigadier.
Field. D.A.G. C.M.G. 2nd Echelon.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

[redacted]

Essential War Office Mail.

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Capt.
O2E RNAF.

To:- O.C. Army Aub-Com.
Allied Control Com.

C.M.F. [redacted]

O2E/RNAF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries.

Date 17 JUN 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- May '44.

Duplicate:- April '44.

(C.F. ATKINS)
Brigadier,
Asst. D.A.G. Coll.Q. 2nd Echelon,
R.N.A.F.

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Essential War Office Mail.

Capt.
G2E BNAF.

To:- O.C. 'Y' Military Mission.

C.M.F.

via Brindisi

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G2E/BNAF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 30 MAY 1944

Reference G.H.Q. 650/1943.
War Diaries for the unit under your command have not yet been received by this G.H.Q.

ORIGINAL

DUPLICATE

Please forward immediately or state if included with a Diary already submitted.

(O.P. ATTLEE)
Brigadier,
for Field. D.A.G. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

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To:- O.C. Army Sect Commission
Allied Control Commission.
C.M.F. Lecce

G2E/BRIAIF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. LECCE

Date 10 MAY 1944 1105

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- April '44. 23

DUPLICATE:- ~~[illegible]~~

(O.F.ATKINS)
Brigadier.
Field. D.A.G. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

24 May 44. Main

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To:- O.C. Army Lab Commission
Allied Control Commission
C.M.F.
O2E/HMAF/WE. (LECCE)

Subject:- War Diaries.

Date 20 MAY 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- [redacted]

DUPLICATE:- March '44.

(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier.
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

Field.

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TO:- O.C. 21 Army Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
C.M.F.
Lecce

O2E/INTAF/VC. 6/5

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 18 APR 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the Unit under your command. :-

ORIGINAL :- MARCH '44.

DUPLICATE:- [redacted]

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File 8

(O. F. ATKINS)
for Brigadier.
2nd Echelon, MAF.
4630

Field. D. A. G. G. H. Q.

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T	FILE & B/F —7— on 7 May 52
G II:	for Lufsm. SP 4/5
	—2—
G.I.	I will deal with Col Bishop, if you like, as I know him. DK for 4/5. 4/5.

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Q. Visits of this nature are a prerequisite of the General Staff!

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
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SC 314.8

1 May 1944

Subject: Army Sub-Commission (AMIL), Lequile (LECCE)

With reference to the accompanying circulars, arrangements have been made for Captain Collins to visit you on 8 or 9 May. It would be appreciated if you would kindly arrange accommodations for Captain Collins should it be necessary for him to spend a night in Lequile.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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ACC ARCHIVES

1 May 46

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7. It is realized that many offices are heavily pressed, and so far as concerns files which are actually ready for immediate transfer to the Archives, offices will not be required to carry out the foregoing procedure. If, however, they can find time to tidy up the files before sending them, this work will be greatly appreciated.

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8. The Archivist will visit you at an early date to discuss arrangements for facilitating the handing over of files, and any relevant points upon which he may be able to give assistance.

ROBERT F. DOE
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26 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Concerned.

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TO:- O.C. Military Mission to
the 7th Italian Army.
CMF

OZF/EMAF/VE. I 29/4

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 25 APR 1944

Reference G.H.Q. 650/1943.
War Diaries for the unit under
your command have not been received
by this G.H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL FEB + MAR ✓✓

DUPLICATE

Please forward immediately.

(C.F. AITKEN)
Brigadier
for Lt-Col.
A.A.G. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon

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SUBJECT: War Diary

SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 9
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/105
12 Apr 44

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G.H.Q. 02E
BNAF

Herewith original copy of this Sub Commission War Diary for March 1944.

CGL.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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A C T I O N S L I P

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To:

2 two) to Cmdr

All our files are in Paris
will be forwarded from there to
Record. We have Diary Slips for
Key Pers. in Paris and will do
so for B. Com.

a Q We will wait for visit
1) 3/4

S/sgt Folk in Wash Reg Folk 9+11/Q
3/4

TOTAL ALL RANKS 4621

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A/G + Services informed

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SUBJECT: War Diary

File 3 16

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/105
7 Apr 44

No 8 Stationery Depot and Supply

Please supply this headquarters with the following:-

Article	No. required
M.E. Form 160(Amended)-War Diary Cover	12

Captain
GSO 3(I)

CGL.

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[redacted]

28/3 W.D. T/105

TO:- O.C. Army Sub Commission 15.
Allied Control
Commission
C.M.F.

SUBJECT/QUARTO.

Subject:- War Diaries.

Date 19 MAR 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL :- FEBRUARY '44

DUPLICATE:- [redacted]

(O.F.Atkins)
Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
M.E.F.

Field.

4617

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

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To:-

O.C. Military Mission to
the 7th Italian Army.
C.M.F.

G2F/BTAF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 21 MAR 1944

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this G.H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL FEB '44.

DUPLICATE OCT, NOV + DEC '43 { If finished with.

Please forward immediately.

(O.F.ATKINS)
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
B.N.A.F.

Field.

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SUBJECT: War Diary

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/105
14 Mar 44

G.H.Q. O2E
BMAF

Herewith original copy of this Sub Commission War Diary for February 1944.

CGL.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

4615

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

TO :- O.C. Military Mission to the Italian Army. C.M.F.

OCP/FIELD/MD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date 25 FEB 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the month named, your command :-

ORIGINAL :- JANUARY.

DUPLICATE:- [redacted]

Field. (O.F.Atkins)
D.A.G. 2nd Echelon.
D.H.A.F.

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Subject:- War Diaries.

U.K. 71 Sub Area.
71/161/G
8 Feb 44.

LIST 'C' less. 20.21.22.29.47.50.53.59.
60.61.65.66.82.84.94.

10 Feb 44.

1. An instruction on the PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF WAR DIARIES is forwarded for information.

2. All Unit Commanders will ensure that these instructions are complied with.

Capt.
General Staff.

4614

RESTRICTED.

15AG/10703/1/G (Records)

26 Oct 43.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF WAR DIARIES.

(1) In order to ensure uniformity and a higher general standard in the preparation of war diaries, the method of compilation prescribed in ME Form 160(Amended) will be taken into use by all British, Indian and Colonial forces under command w.e.f. 1 November 1943. War diaries for October 1943 will be prepared in accordance with existing instructions and those for November and subsequent months in accordance with the new method.

(2) The attention of Commanding Officers and those responsible for preparing war diaries is called to the explanatory notes on the method prescribed, which form an annexure to this instruction.

(3) The use of Form C 2119 will cease w.e.f. 1 November 1943. M.E. Form 160 will continue to be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

When indenting for supplies of ME Form 160 (Amended) operational and Mobile units should also indent for supplies of ME Form 161; headquarters of brigades and General Staff branches of Corps and Divisional Headquarters for supplies of ME Form 162. Normal requirements are in the proportion: three copies of Form 161 or 162 to one of Form 160.

Army Form C. 2118 will continue to be used.

(4) Units and formations which have already been following the method prescribed in ME Form 160 should note that there are no changes in the method of compilation. Changes have, however, been made in the instruction for disposal of both normal and supplementary war diaries, and particular attention is called to the instructions given in paragraph 6 of the amnded form.

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ANNEXURE.

to 15AG/10703/1/G (Records) of 26 Oct 43.

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NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF WAR DIARIES.

(1) The general standard of war diaries kept by units and formations is not considered sufficiently high. Although a number are informative, accurate and well kept, a larger number, not prepared in accordance with any particular system, contain little information of value. Some have not been kept at all.

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(2) It is important to realise that war diaries are not only the principal record of operation and administration, but the only regular source of factual information. Reports, when produced, supplement, but cannot supplant them. The inevitable result of inadequate war diaries will be biased and incomplete histories of the war, far worse, much valuable experience gained will be irretrievably lost.

War diaries are intended to provide a full record of the activities of all units and headquarters engaged in the prosecution of war. Their preparation should be regarded not as an unnecessary and burdensome task, but as a normal part of these activities.

The Standard Method of Compilation.

(3) The standard method of compilation is based on methods developed in the field by certain units and formations and has been in general use in U.K.E.F. and among units and formations ex U.K.E.F. for some months. Its object is to ensure that those charged with the task of compiling war diaries understand what documents and what information they should contain, and at the same time, by making the collection of documents and the recording of information a routine, to keep the amount of labour involved to a minimum.

(4) The efficiency of the method in reducing labour and ensuring completeness and accuracy largely depends upon an invariable routine being closely observed. The arrangements for this can be introduced into normal office routine without upsetting it, in order to improve the general standard, these arrangements must be made and strictly adhered to

(5) It is not considered practicable to attempt to systemise the production of the narrative. Yet, among operational units and formations, orders are very frequently given verbally and documentary evidence of what has been accomplished is seldom, if ever, complete; so that the appendices tell only half the story. The narrative is of great importance. With such information ready to hand in the appendices to serve as a reminder, its preparation should be easier than it has been hitherto.

(6) In the past the job of preparing the war diary has often been delegated to a particular officer simply in virtue of the appointment he holds, and who has little relish for the work. This is not necessary; and the job should, if possible, be delegated to someone who has a flair for writing and is likely to find the work easier and more congenial.

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TO:-

NPB 6/2 44

O.C. Military Mission to the Italian Army. C.M.F.

OZE/BRAF/WD.

I/105

Subject:- War Diaries.

Date 29 JAN 1944

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL : DECEMBER '43.

DUPLICATE: [redacted]

for (O.F. ATKINS) 4612
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
B.N.A.F.

Field.

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I/105

TO:-

O.C. Military Mission to the Italian Army.

C.M.F.

O2E/BNAF/WD

In lieu of Army Form A.16

Subject :- War Diaries.

Date. 8 JAN 1944.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL : Nov '43

DUPLICATE:

611

(O.F. ATKINS)
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon,
B.N.A.F.

Field.

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SUBJECT:- Stationery Indent

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/105/A
25 Jan 44

Officer Commanding
N° 8 Stationery Depot

May this Mission please be supplied with 24 copies of M.E. Form 160 (amended) - War Diary Covers.

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SUBJECT: War Diary

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/105
25 Jan 44

GHQ G2E
B N A F

Herewith original copy of this Mission's War Diary for the month of Dec 43. Att are Appendices A, B, C, Ca, D, E1, E2, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M.

Brig
Comd

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Comd. for information.

I/105

02E/23996/WD.

15 Jan 44.

O.C. Military Mission to Italian Army

Subject:- War Diaries.

Ref your I/105 dated 9 Jan 44.

Duplicate copies of War Diaries may be retained by you for the purpose stated.

Please forward when no longer required.

MILITARY MISSION

Date

ITALIAN ARMY

O. F. Atkins

(O. F. ATKINS)
for Brigadier.
D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
B.N.A.F.

Field.

4610

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SUBJECT:- War Diary

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/105
9 Jan 44

D.A.G. 2 Echelon
B N A F

1. Ref your G2E/BNAF/WD of 3 Jan 44, requesting duplicate copy of this Mission's War Diary for Oct 43.

2. In view of the expansion of this Mission and constant new arrivals who require to be put quickly 'into the picture', duplicate copies of the War Diary are temporarily being retained so that newcomers may read them and obtain a mental background of the work, scope, and purpose of the Mission. This is now particularly necessary in view of the coming addition to the staff of a number of American officers, unfamiliar with the functions of the Mission and likely to be posted immediately to the Mission's outstations.

3. I trust therefore that you have no objection to my temporary retention of the duplicate copies of the War Diary. They will be forwarded to you as soon as expedient.

ABC

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To:- 6

C.C. British Military Mission
to 7 Italian Army.

OZE/BMAF/WD.

Subject:- War Diaries. Date - 3 JAN 1944

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this G.H.Q. as follows:-

ORIGINAL Nov. '43 (crossed in pencil)

DUPLICATE Oct. '43

Please forward immediately.

for (O. E. ATKINS)
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Field F.M.A.F.

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NPM 6/1446

TO:-

O.C. British Military Mission to Italian 7 Army, CMF.

OZE/BMAF/WD

F/105 D.

In lieu of Army Form A.16

Subject :- War Diaries.

Date.

Receipt is acknowledged of the following War Diaries for the unit under your command :-

ORIGINAL : 12 Sep - 31 Oct '43

DUPLICATE:

(O.F. ATKINS)
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon,
B.M.A.F.

Field.

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SUBJECT:- War Diary

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/105
31 Dec 43

GHQ O2E
B N A F

Ref our I/105 of 5 Dec 43.

Herewith original copy of this Mission's War Diary for November 1943.

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Brig
Comd

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- War Diary

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/105
5 Dec 43

GHQ 02E
B M A F

1. Herewith 1 copy of this Mission's September and October War Diary with Appendices A – B – C – D – E – F – G – H – I – J – K – L.

2. The duplicate copies will be fwd in a few days' time, also the Diary for November.

3. It is regretted that these could not be fwd earlier owing to lack of the necessary Army Forms and office eqpt.

ABC

Brig
Cond

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Subject :- War Diaries.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
50/A.
Nov 43.

TO:-
Distribution List 'C'.

Instances have occurred of War Diaries from British Units being received by War Office through the A.P.O. by registered post. This is irregular in view of the secret nature of the documents.

All units will be instructed that WAR DIARIES will in all cases be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, B.N.A.F. in accordance with the proceedure laid down in F.S.R. vol I, Sec 174.

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D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 71 Sub Area.

Subject. War Diaries.

To:- LIST "A"
(excluding Canadian & N.Z.Forces)

H.Q.s.R.M.Sub-Area.
C.M.F.

Ref.G.60/T.
13 Nov '43

The attached copy of H.Q.15 Army Group Instruction 15AG/10703/1/G in respect of preparation and submission of War Diaries is forwarded for your information and retention

(F.A.T.HALLIDAY)
Capt.R.M.
G.S.O.III.

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF WAR DIARIES

1). In order to ensure uniformity and a higher general standard in the preparation of war diaries, the method of compilation prescribed in ME Form 160(Amended) will be taken into use by all British, Indian and Colonial Forces under command w.e.f. 1 November 1943. War Diaries for October 1943 will be prepared in accordance with existing instructions and those for November and subsequent months in accordance with the new method.

2). The attention of Commanding Officers and those responsible for preparing war diaries is called to the explanatory notes on the method prescribed, which form an Annexure to this instruction.

3). The use of Army Form C.2119 will cease w.e.f. 1 November 1943. M.E.Form 160 will continue to be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

. When indenting for supplies of M.E.Forms160 (Amended) operational and [illegible] Units should also indent for supplies of M.E.Form 161: headquarters of Brigades and General Staff branches of Corps and Divisional Headquarters for supplies of M.E.Form 162. Normal requirements are in the proportion: three copies of Form 161 or 162 to one of Form 160.

. Army Form C.2118 will continue to be used.

). Units and formations which have already been following the method prescribed in M.E.Form 160 should note that there are no changes in the method of compilation. Changes have, however, been made in the instructions for disposal of both [illegible] and supplementary war diaries, and particular attention is called to the instructions given in paragraph 6 of the amended form.

5). The list of those responsible for producing war diaries is given in F.S.R. Vol 1, Section 174 and in paragraph 1 of M.E.Form 160(Amended)

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ANNEXURE

NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF WAR DIARIES

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ANNEXURE

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) The general standard of war diaries kept by units and formations is not considered sufficiently high. Although a number are informative, accurate and well kept, a larger number, not prepared in accordance with any particular system, contain little information of value. Some have not been kept at all.

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(2). It is important to realise that war diaries are not only the principal record of operation and administration, but the only regular source of factual information. Reports, when produced, supplement, but cannot supplant them. The inevitable result of inadequate war diaries will be biased and incomplete histories of the war: far worse, much valuable experience gained will be irretrievably lost.

War diaries are intended to provide a full record of the activities of all units and headquarters engaged in the prosecution of war. Their preparation should be regarded not as an unnecessary / unburdensome task, but as a normal part of those activities.

The Standard Method of Compilation.

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