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Originator

FROM

4 5 B.L.U.

For Action

M.M.I.A. ROME.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

Originator's No.

AC/42 (.) UNCLE (.) SUBJECT RBO (.)

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1945

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1945

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS.

Signed

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Signed

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5 Dcr HQ. Udine.

3389/OM

11 May 46.

SUBJECT:- Propaganda Office.5 BLU.

Ref folio AQ/42/78 of 3 May 46.

The Corps Comdr has often insisted with the Min of War in order to get in favour of the Army, suitable propeganda to oppose the contrary one of some papers. The result has been unsatisfactory. Moreover a circular of Sig Jacini, War Minister, 115240/1 dated 12 Jul 45, restrained officers from starting policies on newspapers, so the contrary press have been dominating the field. The Corps Comdr thinks that it would be opportune, even necessary to organise a Propaganda Directorate at the Min of War with relative branches at each Corps HQ. He thinks too that an expert and well trained officer should be assigned to the HQ for that purpose under the control of the Corps Comdr himself, who is to be entrusted with the direction of such service in his own jurisdiction, on the basis of precise instruction by the Min of War, without any entanglement to his initiative. As far as it concerns the Propaganda Directorate and the Propaganda Office, their tasks and relations should be clearly stated, so that the Min of War might not so much interfere with the Comdr's action, but the organisation of this important service will not be successful without the allotment of adequate funds. ?

Signed Col Pasquini.

15/5  
1946

MANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V°)  
S.M. - Ufficio Op. Add. Ord. Mob. - II° Sezione

N° 3389/6M di prot.

Udine, li // maggio 1946

OGGETTO: Ufficio Propaganda.-

AL COMANDO 5° B.L.U. S E D E  
Riferimento foglio AQ/42/78 del 3 corr.

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La istituzione di una Direzione Propaganda presso il Ministero della Guerra e d'uffici presso i Comandi Militari è dal Generale Comandante riconosciuta pertanto molto opportuna, anzi necessaria. Ritiene che debba essere assegnato al Comando un Ufficiale particolarmente adatto e che la direzione del servizio nel rispettivo territorio debba essere affidata al Comandante stesso sulla base di chiare direttive del Ministero della Guerra - le quali però non ostacolino le sue iniziative. Le relazioni dirette fra Direzione Propaganda ed Ufficio Propaganda debbono essere ben definite perchè non avvenga che in realtà l'intervento del Ministero della Guerra troppo interferisca sull'azione del Comandante.

L'istituzione di questo importante servizio non potrà ottenere i risultati voluti se non saranno concessi mezzi adeguati.



d'ordine  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Pasquini)

1943

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CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. F. Pasquini)

*Pasquini*

1943

SUBJECT: Public Relations.

No. 5 British Liaison Unit,  
C.M.F.,  
AQ/42/78,  
3rd. May '46.

TO: No. 5 Comiliter.

Herewith Plans suggested by M.M.I.A. for a Public Relations Set-up in the Italian Army, and their letters to the Ministry of War.

Reference Para. 5 & 6 of circular letter.

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*W. Stubs* 19.3  
Major?



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*W. H. ... 19:2*  
Major

G.S.O. II..

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SUBJECT: - The 3rd Coy of 516 Gd Bn.

5 British Liaison Unit,

CMT.

AO/42/75

10 Jan 46.

To : - G II,  
201 Sub Area.

Reference our telephone conversation - The 3rd Coy of 516 Gd Bn in Udine, their duties have been listed below:

Component	NCOs	Cpls	Ptes	Duties
Camporosso	1	2	15	On duty with the 21st Recovery Commission-
Portogruaro	1	-	13	requested by Maj Edwards
Prevenicco	-	-	7	Two Ammo Bumps
Verona	-	1	6	Ammo Dump
23 Artillery	-	1	6	Ammo Dump
Basiliano	1	-	7	Barrack's guard (materials of the Direct of Arty.
Direction of Arty	-	1	3	MT Workshops
201 Sub Area	-	2	12	Guards duties
18 Pioneer Group	-	1	2	General service for Allies
Casa del Solcato	-	2	2	" "
Clothing Depot	-	1	3	Ordnance Orderlies
Supply Depot	-	1	3	Guards (1)
Sgts Mess	-	-	2	Guards (1)
MI Room	-	-	1	Waiters
5 Comiliter	1	2	15	Medical orderly
Train Escorts	-	1	8	At disposition for train escorts.
Musicians	5	-	-	At present on duty
	9	15	103	Presidiary Orchestra

(1) Every 3 days 1 Cpl and 6 Ptes on guard at the SVORCIAN Barracks

212 W.B. Strength, 183 Actual Strength, employed as follows

136 as above

21 for Guard duties (1)

15 general Unit's duties

10 at disposition who will shortly be

Reference our telephone conversation - The 3rd Coy of 516 G6 Bn in Udine, their duties have been listed below:

	NOOs	Cpls	Ptes	
Campobasso	1	2	15	On duty with the 21st Recovery Commission- requested by Maj Edwards
Portogruaro	1		13	Two Ammo Dumps
Precedicco	-	-	7	Ammo Dump
Beano	-	1	6	Ammo Dump
23 Artillery	-	1	6	Barrack's guard (materials of the Direct of Arty.)
Basiliano	1	-	7	MT Workshops
Direction of Arty	-	1	3	Guards duties
201 Sub Area	-	2	12	General service for Allies
18 Pioneer Group	-	1	2	" " "
Casa del Soldato	-	2	3	Ordnance Orderlies
Clothing Depot	-	1	3	Guards (i)
Supply Depot	-	1	3	Guards (i)
Sgts Mess	-	-	2	Waiters
MI Room	-	-	1	Medical orderly
5 Comiliter	1	2	15	At disposition for train escorts.
Train Escorts	-	1	8	At present on duty
Musicians	5	-	-	Presidiary Orchestra
	9	15	103	

(i) Every 3 days 1 Cpl and 10 Ptes on guard at the SVORGHAN Barracks  
212 N.E. Strength, 183 Actual Strength, employed as follows

136 as above  
21 for guard duties (1)  
15 general Unit's duties  
10 at disposition who will shortly reinforce  
BASILIANO

It will be seen that they are in fact a very essential Duty Coy, to the ITI Terr. HQ, apart from other duties and they cannot really be expected to take on any additional duties in the way of guarding more dumps etc.

Udine  
/fs

*J.H. Johnson*  
Major,  
GSO II.

Translation

BATTAGLIONE ALPINI "TOLEMEO"

3rd Coy

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8 Jan 46

D U T I E S

	NGOs	Cpls	Ptes	
Camporosso	1	2	15	On duty with the 21st Recovery Commission -requested by Maj SVORGNAL-
Portogruaro	1	-	13	Two Ammo Dumps
Precenico	-	-	7	Ammo Dump
Beano	-	1	6	Ammo Dump
23rd Artillery	-	1	6	Barrack's guard (materials of the Direc. of Artillery)
Basiliano	1	-	7	WT Workshop
Direction of Artil.	-	1	3	(i) Guards duties
201 Sub Area	-	2	12	General services for Allies
18 Pioneer Group	-	1	2	General services for Allies
Casa del Soldato	-	2	-	Orderlies <sup>Duties</sup>
Clothing Depot	-	1	3	(i) Guards
Supply Depot	-	1	3	(i) Guards
Sgts Mess	-	-	2	Waiters
MI Room	-	-	1	Medical orderly
5. Comiliter	1	2	15	At disposition for train escorts
Train Escorts	-	1	3	At present on duty
Musicians	5	-	-	Presidiary orchestra
	9	15	103	

(i) Every 3 days 1 Cpl and 8 Ptes on guard at the SVORGNAL Barrack.-  
212 W.S. Straight, 103 Actual Straight, employed as follows:

136 as above

21 for guard duties (i)

15 general unit's duties

16 at disposition, who will shortly reinforce BASILIANO.-

"ATTAGLIONE ALPINI "TOLMEZZA"  
3 Compagnia

T.C.  
Piacentini

8 gennaio 1946

S E R V I Z I

	Sottuff.li	Graduati	Truppa
Camporosso	1	2	15) a disp. della 21 Com mis.rec. su richiesta del Magg. EDWARDS
Portogruaro	1	=	13 due polveriere
Freccenico	=	=	7 polveriera
Beano	=	1	6 "
Basiliano	1	=	7 officina riparauto
23° Artiglieria	=	1	6 guardia alla caserma (mat.dir.Art.)
Dir. Artiglieria (1)	=	1	3
201 Sub Area	=	2	12 serv. vari a disposi zione Autorità All.
18° Regg. Inglese	=	1	2 come sopra
Casa del Soldato	=	2	= piantoni
Magazz. Vestiario (1)	=	1	3 guardia
" Viveri (1)	=	1	3 "
Mensa sott.li civili	=	=	2 camerieri
Infermeria presidiaria	=	=	1 infermiere
A disposizione			
Comiliter scorta treni	1	2	15 disponibili
Scorta treni	=	1	8 attualmente in serv. 1934
Musicanti	5	=	= orchestra presidio
	9	15	103

- (1) Ogni 3 giorni 1 graduato e 8 uomini di guardia alla Caserma Savorgnan.  
 Forza effettiva : 212      Forza presente: 183 così impiegata:  
 - 136 u. come da specchio; 21 u. per il cambio delle guardie di cui in (1)  
 - 15 u. per i servizi di reparto; 10 u. disponibili, che, però, ora verranno impiegati per rinforzare Basiliano.

MBHF V LRUL NR 1976 IMPORTANT QVR4 A LROF NR 145

FROM MMIA 041200A

TO 1BLU TURIN - 3 BLU MILAN : 4 BLU BOLZANO - 5 BLU UDINE

BT

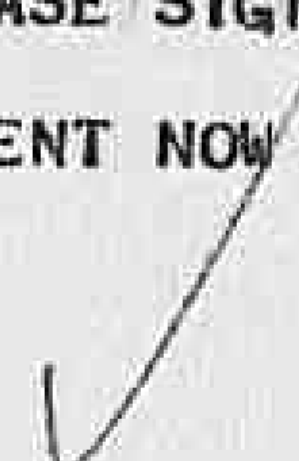
U/C . EME/1601 . MY EME /1400 OF 20 NOV . PLEASE SIGNAL NAME  
OF BRITISH UNIT TO WHICH YOUR TRAINING INCREMENT NOW ATTACHED  
FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

BT

RPTN 1976 4 8145 1 3 4 5 EME/1601 EME/1400 20

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*R. E. [unclear]*

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A/R Policy

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NR 2514 HBHF V LRUL QVR 6 ( A LROF 5984)

FROM MMIA 261800A

TO DISTVO

INFO 1 BLU TURIN + 2 BLU GENOA + 3 BLU MILAN  
+ 4 BLU BOLZANO + 5 BLU UDINE + 6 BLU BOLOGNA +

GR -- BT

REF NO Q698

BLUS HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM MMIA CONCERNING PRESENT OR  
PROPOSED HOLDINGS BRITISH EQUIPMENT HELD BY ITALIAN  
DIVISIONS . AFHQ ORDNANCE INSTRUCTIONS NOT APPLICABLE TO BLUS AS  
AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED . REQUEST CANCELLATION ANY ORDERS  
GIVEN BLUS ON THIS SUBJECT AND CLARIFICATION WHAT  
ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FROM MMIA

BT

RPTNS ~~2514 6~~ ~~5984~~ ~~261800~~ 127 A B B

~~Q698~~

SENT NR 2514-NEF B

HEI

187  
John  
1937

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Subject : Italian Officers - Payment from British Funds.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CIP.  
18 Oct 45.


M/18/70.

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm  
AC(12/IA) RCMB

Ref M/253 dated 30 Aug 45.

Lieut BERRUCCI states that he drew his pay from Nucleo I attached 601 Civil Liaison, Main G Army, but never drew money from British sources.

Sottotenente AVANZI Mario has certified that he never received any money from British sources.

  
(H. BERRO) Major,  
for Lieut-Col,  
GS.

HE/14

1936



LEGNANO DIVISION HQ.

69T

06/3239 file

Bergamo 16 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : Italian Officers paid by British Army.

To Blu

Ref. to AQ/18/68 dated 11 Oct.

2nd Lieut. Avanzi Mario stated not to have ever received money from British Army.

Herewith attached the statement of the officer.

Col Cerofoli C. of S.

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## STATEMENT

11st Artillery Regiment  
IV Battery

The undersigned 2nd Lieut. Mario AVANZI states not to have ever received money from British Army, for any reason, either in the months of June and July or in any other time.

signed Lieut. Avanzi

1935

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
 - Ufficio di Commissariato -  
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n.06/3239 di prot.

Bergamo, P.M.155 li 16 Ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: Pagamento ad ufficiali italiani da fonte Britannica.

AL 52 B.L.U. = S E D E =  
 (rif. AQ/18/68 dell' 11 corr.)

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Il S.Ten. AVANZI Mario ha dichiarato di non aver mai ricevuto somme alcuna da parte Britannica.

Si allega una dichiarazione rilasciata dall'ufficiale.



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 (Col. F. Garofoli)

*[Handwritten signature]*

1934

1.  
COMANDO IV° GRUPPO

Io sottoscritto Sottotenente AVANZI MARIO dichiaro di non avere mai ricevuta somma alcuna per qualsiasi titolo da parte inglese nè durante i mesi di giugno e luglio nè in qualsiasi altro periodo

P.M. 155 26.9.45

St. Maria Avanzi

1933

Subject : Italian Officers -  
Payment from British Funds.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMP.

11 Oct 45.


AQ/18/68.

HQ Legnano Inf Div.

Ref our AQ/18/60 dated 3 Oct 45.

Please expedite reply to the above letter,  
re 2/Lieut AVANZO.A.

HF/hj

  
(H. FERRO) Major,  
DAA&QMG.

1932

67

Subject: Designation of Italian Combat Groups.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
C.M.F.  
10 Oct 45.

10/18/67

HQ LEGNANO  
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Information has been received under MIA signal SD 2991 dated 4 Oct 45 that :-

The Italian Ministry of War has issued an instruction to Italian lower HQs that wof 15 Oct 45 "ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS" will be designated "ITALIAN INF DIVISIONS".

For example: "LEGNANO INF DIVISION".

*[Signature]*  
(H. FERRO) Major,  
For Lieut-Col.  
GS.

Copy to: 'G' Branch 52 BLU. (6)  
EME 52 BLU. (2)  
Ord 52 BLU. (2)  
Camp Comd 52 BLU (2)  
Sigs Office 52 BLU (2)  
MTO 52 BLU (2)  
War Diary (2)  
File ✓

1937

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AA/18

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C.O. To see ref.

G11 to Sec

CUTTING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ  
 DISTWO  
 DISTHREE  
 13 CORPS  
 P B S  
 RAAC  
 50 ELU  
 51 ELU  
 52 ELU  
 53 ELU  
 56 ELU  
 WF, EC & TU, INTC

Date Time  
 04 1700 X

201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO FOR SHELBY  
 86 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
 MMIA LO MILAN  
 MMIA LO GENOA  
 MMIA LO TURIN  
 MMIA LO SARUNIA  
 217 AREA FOR 68 ARMY WGT FOR STATT  
 217 AREA FOR MMIA LO FOR TRUPP  
 CHANGE EARLIER FOR MMIA LO  
 PENNSOUTH FOR MMIA LO  
 PERBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR FORDYCE  
 PERBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT  
 FLORENCE CITY CMD FOR MMIA LO  
 DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO  
 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
 US AAFSC/ATO

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REF : SD 2991

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR HAS ISSUED AN INSTRUCTION TO 1939

ITALIAN LOWER HQS THAT W.E.F. 15 OCT 45 " ITALIAN COMBAT

GROUPS" WILL BE DESIGNATED " ITALIAN INF DIVISIONS "

P A L M A I O " P R I U T T I F DIVISION "

ROUTING SIGNAL

FROM: MNIA

TO : AFHQ  
 DISTWG  
 DISTHRE  
 13 CORPS  
 P B S  
 RAAC  
 50 BLU  
 51 BLU  
 52 BLU  
 53 BLU  
 56 BLU  
 (F) EL & TU, IRTC

Date 04 1700 Time 1

201 SUB AREA FOR MNIA LO FOR SELEY  
 86 AREA FOR MNIA LO  
 MNIA LO MILAN  
 MNIA LO GENCA  
 MNIA LO TURIN  
 MNIA IO SARDINIA  
 217 AREA FOR 68 ARMY FOOT FOR WATT  
 217 AREA FOR MNIA LO FOR TRIPP  
 COMMO PARLEMO FOR MNIA LO  
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 ITALIAN LOWER HQS THAT W.E.F. 15 OCT 45 " ITALIAN COMBAT  
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 PARLAMENT " P R I U T J I P U V I K I U T "

PRESIDENCE ROUTING

AUTHENTICATED

*L.M. St. ...*  
*J. C. C.*

Internal: Normal

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, AC

65

Subject : Demobilization of 1918 and 1919 Classes.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.

7 Oct 45.


AQ/18/65.

HQ Legnano.

The <sup>attached</sup> following copy of MMIA letter A 017 of 27 Sep is forwarded for information.

No action ~~must~~ <sup>should</sup> be taken at present, pending receipt by you of definite instructions from the War Ministry.

HF/hj

  
(H. FERRO) Major,  
for Lieut-Col,  
GS.

1924



COPY.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject : Demobilization of  
1918 and 1919 Classes.

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

A 017  
27 Sep 45.

TO: Ministry of War.

Reference M.M.I.A. A 017 of 10 September.

1. Authority is hereby given for you to demobilize the 1918 class during October, and the 1919 class during November.
2. You will be responsible for ensuring that local commanders so phase the release of personnel and the provision of replacements that all units are kept up to efficient working strength at all times.
3. Personnel of the 1918 and 1919 classes in depots and personnel of the same classes from disbanded units, not immediately required as replacements, may be demobilized from now on at your discretion, in anticipation of the above dates. The object of the measure is to avoid holding men uselessly, or posting them to units when they would only remain a few weeks.

Signed A.H.Gillmore. Lt.Col.  
for Major General MMIA.

1928

64

Subject : Mechanical Personnel.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.

6 Oct 45.

AQ/18/64.

HQ  
Lend Forces Sub Comm,  
AC (MMIA) ROME.

Ref AQ/18/62 dated 5 Oct 45.

Three of the terms were wrongly translated.  
Please amend the list to read as follows :-

NCOs

Clerks	1
Motor Mechanics	6

ORs

Drivers	3
Motor Mechanics	4
Driver Mechanics	7
Vehicle Mechanics	6
Asst. Hammermen	2

*H.F.*  
(H.FERRO) Major,  
for Lieut-Col,  
GS.

HF/hj

1927

62

Subject: Mechanical Personnel.52 British Liaison Unit,  
C.M.F.5 Oct 45.AQ/18/62LAND FORCES SUB COMD AC,  
(M.M.E.A), C.M.F.

Ref year A 110/2 dated 22 Sep 45.

The following are the figures of estimated deficiencies by trades in ME, when the 1919 and older classes have been demobilised. The transfer of specialists to mechanical units from other units has been taken into account.

<u>NCOs.</u>	
Clerks .....	1
Fitters IC .....	6
<u>ORs.</u>	
Drivers .....	3 ✓
Motor Mechs .....	4
Driver Mechs .....	7 ✓
Vehicle Fitters .....	6 ✓
Asst Fitters .....	2

*H.F.*  
(H. FERRO) Major,  
For Lieut-Col.  
CS.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
Sezione Operazioni e Informazioni  
Ordinamento

n. 01/ <sup>2786</sup> di prot. Bergamo, P.M. 155, li 2 ottobre 1945.-

Oggetto: Deficienze di personale specializzato.-

ALLA 52<sup>a</sup> BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
(risp.f.A.Q. 418/59 del 24/9/45)

S E D E

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see 58

Si comunicano le deficienze di personale che verranno a verificarsi presso le dipendenti officine Meccaniche a congedamento ultimato delle classi 1917, 1918, 1919:

*The following are the deficiencies which will result here in Workshops the 1917, 18, 19 classes have been demobilised.*  
Sottufficiali - No's

- scritturali. ~~1~~ <sup>1</sup> " 1
- Motoristi - ~~1~~ <sup>1</sup> " 0
- Regime Fittori i.e.*

Truppa - Men.

- Autieri - ~~1~~ <sup>3</sup> " 3
- Servizi generali ~~1~~ <sup>4</sup> " 4
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- Dot. mechs* - ~~1~~ <sup>7</sup> " 7
- Veh. fitters* - Meccanici ~~1~~ <sup>6</sup> " 6
- Ass. fitters* - Aiutanti meccanici- ~~1~~ <sup>2</sup> " 2
- ~~Magazzinieri - 1~~ " 1

T O T A L E



d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
- Col. F. Garofoli -

*[Signature]*

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Subject : Italian Officers - Payment from  
British Funds.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
OMF.

3 Oct 45.

AQ/18/60.

HQ Legnano.

Ref our AQ/18/47 of 3 Sep 45.

Lt. MENUCCI made a report to 52 PLU on 2 Oct 45.

Please inform this HQ of the whereabouts of 2/Lt.  
AVANZO A.

It is pointed out that one month has elapsed since  
the above letter was forwarded. An early reply will  
be appreciated.

HF/hjj

*W.F.* Major,  
DAA&QMG.

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

MENCUCCI, Mario

~~47 ref~~  
at MILAN with 68 Inf Regt II Bn

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Always paid from Medal II att

GSI Civil Reaction

Main 8 Army

Master

Discharged? - Ten Avanzi

1923

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SUBJECT: - Mechanical Personnel

52 British Liaison Unit  
O.L.F.  
24 Sep 45

AC/18/59

To: - SC. HPMC  
52 BLU

The attached MIA letter M/10/2 of 22 Sep is forwarded for information and for rendition of the statement asked for in para 4, by the 3rd Oct 45.

HAF/WF.

*W.F.* Major.  
DAA&G.

Copy to: HQ Legn no (for information and co-operation with SC HPMC in connection with the return required)



COPYUNCLASSIFIED.Subject: Mechanical Personnel.LAND BRANCH SUB COM AG,  
(MILA),  
ROME.  
Tel : 409004 Box 553.  
A 110/ 2.22 Sep 45.To: 50 MIJ  
51 MIJ  
53 MIJ  
52 MIJ  
56 MIJ  

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1. Largely as a result of the demobilization of the older classes there is, as you know, a serious shortage of mechanical specialists throughout the Italian Army, in the important MI-III Repair Units as well as in the Combat Divisions.
2. The Ministry of War has ordered a census to be taken in all formations of the principal specialists belonging to the 1920 classes, so that plans for the Mechanical Engineer set-up in the new Italian Army may be based on accurate information regarding what specialist personnel will be available to it. Please give this census your support.
3. You are requested in addition to ensure that the mechanical personnel in the Division are used to the best advantage, eg: by transferring to one of the mechanical units any mechanical specialists now in the Infantry, Artillery or other arms whose qualifications warrant such a transfer.
4. Allowing for any such transfer please forward to reach MILA by 7 Oct a statement showing the estimate total deficiencies by trades which will be outstanding in the Mechanical Engineer Workshops, the Mechanical Engineer Platoon and the six LADs, when the 1919 and older classes have been demobilized. Please state the date to which this return refers so that allowance can be made by MILA for specialists posted subsequently.

1927

(signed) 7974 Major

For Major General,  
MIL.INTERNAL:107  
FOCUS

P.V.

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1927

(signed) 7977 Major  
For Major General,  
MIA.

INTERNAL:

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RMS

FILE:

A/110/2

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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FORM 211-6 (Small) (Rev. 1-57) (GPO: 1957) O-544-344

U/A (...) Restricted (...) Have been informed by Legation Grupo that Gen. Ministry has ordered transfer to DIVISION of Cap. Juan CÁMERA Angulo, by decision of MTA (...). Please confirm as I have had no previous notification (...). This officer is urgently required in GRUPO and his retention is strongly recommended.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Demobilization of Older Classes

LAND WORDS SUB GROUP I.C.  
(M.I.A.) R O M R

A 017 10 Sent 45.

TO: Ministry of AF

1. You are referred to LIMA letter A 047 of 27 August 1945 regarding demobilization of older age groups (copy).

2. You are hereby authorized to demobilize as from 1 October 1945 the 1st class under the conditions given in para 3 of the above letter.

3. Personnel of the 1st class at present in IRTO, GFWMO, the Reorganization Centre, ORVITCO, or unallocated personnel in Gdn Div Transit Camps, will not be posted as reinforcements, but will be demobilized immediately.

4. Subject to military requirements, it is intended to release the 1st class during November, and possibly the 1st class during December, but this is not yet certain, and confirmation or otherwise will be sent to you during October.

5. Paras 6 & 7 of the above quoted letter are still in force.

(Ssu) Major General,  
M.I.A.

Copy to: ALL BUIS

ALL LIMA LOS

UQ LEG/NO Gruppo di Combattimento

52 British Division  
10/18/57  
13 Sent 45

The above copy letter is forwarded for information, and action when necessary.

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(Sgt) F. STOVING Co. encl.  
for Major General,  
LAFS.

Copy to : ALL S/LTs

ALL LAFS L/Cs

52 British Liaison J.R.K.  
16/11/45  
1/ sent 45

ALL LAFS Gruppo di Combattimento

The above copy letter is forwarded for information, and action when necessary.

for Major,  
DAS - LAFS.

Subject: Administration

*AQ/18* *48*  
M.M.L.A. L.O.  
N.W. Italy,  
MILAN

To: 52 B.L.U.  
HQ.231 Division  
Det.58 Transit Camp.

Phone: MILAN 13988  
ref.231/3  
4 Sep.45

*42 folio* *NA* *WDR*  
1.- Arrangements have been made with 52 B.L.U. for the detachment of 58 Transit Camp at present located in the Commissariato Barracks, Milan, to be administered by HQ. Legnano Group.

2.- OC detachment should contact the Regt. situated in Milan to arrange details.

*Chax*  
Captain  
MMIA.LO,  
N.W. Italy

GF/ab

1917

SUBJECT :-

Italian Officers - Payment from British Funds 4752 British Liaison Unit,  
AQ/18/47,  
3 Sept 45.HQ LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

The appended copy of letter A 253 dated 30 Aug 45 from MMIA is forwarded for investigation and report to this HQ as soon as possible.

FIELD  
WN/BBMajor,  
DAA & QMG.COPY

SUBJECT :-

Italian Officers - Payment from British FundsLand Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E,  
A 253  
30 Aug 45.To: O.C. 52 BLULt MENCUCCI, Mario  
2/Lt AVANZO; A

The a/n officers of LEGNANO Group received 27,487 Lire and 10,405 Lire from British sources during the months JUNE/JULY.

Will you please investigate for which purpose they received this money and from which source and inform this HQ accordingly.

(Sgd) N.E. Spector Capt  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: "Q" - M.M.I.A.



*NR/18-*

*46*

Subject : Italian Officers - Payment from British Funds.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROOM 3

**A 253**

30 Aug. '45.

To : C.G. 52 B.L.U.

Lieut. MENCUCCI, Mario  
2/Lieut. AVANZO, A.

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Will you please investigate for which purpose they received this money and from which source and inform this HQ. accordingly.

*W. E. Shector*  
*John* Major General,  
M.M.I.A.  
Capt.

Copy to : "Q" - M.M.I.A.

*To Legation*  
*as!*

SUBJECT : Pay of Italian ORs

52 British Liaison Unit  
OMF

1 Sep 45

AQ/18/63

SC REFM 52 BLU

Ref your BME/11/68 of 30 Aug.

MMIA already notified and are no doubt taking up the question with the War Ministry, their course of action is their own affair and no business of ours : any answer to units of the Gruppe must come from Gruppo HQ, not from us, it would be dangerous for us to meddle with Italian affairs.

JSHD/ea

*Jan. Longman*  
Lieut Col  
GS

1914

AP/27

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Pay of Italian O.Rs.

SC REHE  
52 British Liaison Unit  
CWP  
Ref Nos- EME/11/68.

DAA & QMG 52 BLU

Date:- 30 Aug 45

1. As reported to you over the 'phone today we have just been informed by Major TERRANOVA of the proposals to reduce the Italian ORs pay from 55 lire to 40 lire per day.
2. General UTILI is now in ROME in connection with this question and it is most probable that the GSO 1 is already aware of these proposals.
3. If these proposals are adopted most serious repercussions are bound to result and the situation in the ME Whops, where trouble is already being experienced due to higher pay of civilian technicians, will become extremely critical, if not impossible.
4. Could we please be advised of action taken by MEMA in this matter.

1347 C O to HQ  
 SC REHE  
 M. Nelson  
 SC REHE  
 to advise of the proposals to reduce pay of ORs. It would be dangerous for us to meddle with Italian affairs.

42  
 SUBJECT : Attachments

British Liaison Unit

CMF

28 Aug 45

AQ/18/42

HQ Legnano Gruppo

The attached letter from MMIA IO N W Italy is forwarded for information and necessary action please.

It is suggested that as the Transit Camp detachment is in MILAN that they be attached to III Bn 114 Inf Regt MANTOVA, Caserma S Ambrogio MILAN. Will you please issue the necessary orders to III Bn 114 Inf Regt MANTOVA.

WN/aa

*WNL.*  
 Major  
 DAA&QMG

C O P Y

Subject :- Administration of Combat Units.

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

Phone : MILAN 13988

231/1/Q

25th August, 1945.

1913

To :- 52 B.L.U.

Copy to :- HQ 2 District.

1. One detachment of 58 Transit Camp for combat tps is now located at the Commissariato Barracks, Via delle Forze Armate, MILAN.
2. In order to provide for their maintenance of clothing, equipment, etc, it is suggested that this unit consisting of 1 offr, 30 ORs, 4 vehicles, 1 motor cycle, be attached to the LEGNANO Group for all such purposes.

3. If at any future time a nearer HQ is available this respon-

VN/aa

Major  
DAA&CMGC O P YSubject :- Administration of Combat Units.M.M.I.A. L.O.,  
N.W.Italy,  
MILAN

Phone : MILAN 13988

231/1/Q

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3. If at any future time a nearer HQ is available this responsibility would be transferred but at the moment HQ LEGNANO Group is the nearest.
4. Would you please state if there are any objections to this proposal and if not may the unit be contacted as soon as possible please since there are already matters, such as vehicle maintenance and winter clothing requiring attention.

G C FOX

Captain  
MMIA LO  
N W Italy

IN MILAN that they be attached to III Bn 114 Regt Mantova, 1945.  
S Ambrogio MILAN. Will you please issue the necessary orders to III  
Bn 114 Inf Regt MANTOVA.

AR/18

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Subject:- Administration of Combat Units.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,  
N.W. Italy,  
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13988.

231/1/Q.

25th. August, 1945.  
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*G. Cox*  
for  
Captain,  
M.M.I.A. LO,  
N.W. Italy.

1912

GCF/gb

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT : Demobilization of 1915 Class

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E  
A 017  
18 Aug 45.

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your verbal query regarding the terms of demobilization of the 1915 class, and MMIA A 017 of 11 August .

1. The matter has been referred to AFHQ and "official confirmation" is still awaited.
2. Meanwhile you are authorized to demobilize the 1915 class immediately subject to the same conditions as for the 1914 and older classes.
3. It is considered, however, that in view of the large number of units now being disbanded there should be no difficulty in providing replacements for men due to be demobilized, and that therefore there should be no appreciable delay in getting men discharged.

(SGD) S. PISSEY Colonel,  
, for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

COPI TO : AFHQ  
ALL PLUS  
ALL MMIA LOS

52 British Liaison Unit,  
AC/15/40,  
23 Aug 45.

HO LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

The above copy of MMIA letter is forwarded in order that you may have prior knowledge of this Demobilization.

FIELD

MAJOR,

*Handwritten signature/initials*

2. Meanwhile you are authorized to demobilize the 1913 class immediately subject to the same conditions as for the 1914 and older classes.

3. It is considered, however, that in view of the large number of units now being disbanded there should be no difficulty in providing replacements for men due to be demobilized, and that therefore there should be no appreciable delay in getting men discharged.

(sgd) E. PISSELEY Colonel,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : AFHQ  
ALL BDU's  
ALL MIA LOS

32 British Liaison Unit,  
AO/18/40,  
23 Aug 45.

HO LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

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*Handwritten signature*

FIELD  
HDL/BB  
Major,  
DAA 5029, II



URGENT

SUBJECT: Supply Requirements Italian Armed Forces

52 British Liaison Unit,  
ST/1/285,  
4 AUG 45.

HQ LEGN NO Gruppo di Combattimento

1. With effect from 6 AUG 45 all Italian Armed Forces will draw their complete supply requirements from Italian Distribution Depots, and no further issues of any nature will be made from British WIDs after 5th August '45.

2. The Italian Distribution Depot for the LEGN NO Gruppo plus one Infantry Regt of MANTOVA Gruppo is located as follows:

3 Comando Territoriale, MILAN,

Caserna Besozzi,

59, Vincenzo Monti,

MILAN.

3. Necessary orders for this changeover have already been issued by MMIA to all Territoriale Commanders.

4. The provision of fresh items will be an Italian responsibility on a Unit basis.

5. It is recommended that immediate liaison is made by you with 3 Comando Territoriale in order that complete arrangements are made for future drawings.

6. Will you please report to this Headquarters any cases where you find you are not being efficiently rationed under these new arrangements and, it will be taken up on your behalf with Higher Authority. Naturally you will only report such incidents to this HQ for approach to higher authority when action taken direct by you to overcome any difficulty that may have arisen has not been successful:

7. Returns: The following Supply returns are now cancelled and will no longer be required:

- (a) M/2 Rations issued to civilians
- (b) D/1 POW Feeding strength as at 1800 hrs each Friday.
- (c) M/3 Return of alternatives issued to Italian Military.
- (d) M/5 Maintenance of Enemy Surrendered Forces Accounting.
- (e) M/7 Condemnations exceeding 1/5

Daily supply Sitrep will continue to be rendered as before.

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Caserma Besozzi,

59. Vincenzo Monti,

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7. Returns: The following supply returns are now cancelled and will no longer be required:

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- (b) 4/1 POW Feeding strength as at 1800 hrs each Friday.
- (c) 4/3 Return of alternatives issued to Italian Military.
- (d) 4/5 Maintenance of Enemy Surrendered Forces Accounting.
- (e) 4/7 Condemnations exceeding 45

Daily Supply Sitrec will continue to be rendered as before.

FIELD  
LSP/BB

Copy to: 'G' Branch )  
'1/2' " " )

52 BLU

1919 d. D. P. J. J.  
Major,  
D.A.M.S.

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SUBJECT:- Ex Co-operators in ITALY/SICILY - Applications for Release etc.

52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF.  
23 July 45  
AQ/18/36

To:- HQ Legnano  
Gruppo di Combattimento  
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1. The attached copy of AFHQ G1(Br)/3897/A-2 dated 16 Jul 45, on the subject of applications for release of ex Co-operators in ITALY/SICILY is fwded.
2. Please pass to all units under your comd, for information and necessary action.

HDL/WN.

*AM*  
Major.  
DAA&QM.G.

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Ex Co-operators in ITALY, SICILY - Applications for release etc.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/3897/A-2

16 July 45

To:- HQ 2 District

1. The administration of all Italian Soldiers (ex co-operators) is the responsibility of the Italian Army and it is requested that instructions be given to all concerned that matters pertaining to their administration be referred to the local Italian Headquarters for action to be taken through Italian staff channels.
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*Wicks*

Major.  
DAA&QMG.

HDL/WN.

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3. This cancels para 2 and 3 of this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 1 Jul 45 addressed to Headquarters, Allied Commission, (IPW Sub-Commission) (copy not to all).

(signed) W.A.K.FINLAYSON,  
Major, P.A.A.G.,  
for Major General, DAG, G-1(Br)

SUBJECT: Ex Co-op born in ITALY/SICILY -  
Applications for Release etc.

no 35

WJ No 2 District C&F.  
A 308/17(0).  
20 Jul 45.

- 6 SA Area Div
- 59 Area
- 60 Sub Area
- 151 Sub Area
- 215 Sub Area
- 66 SA Bde
- 51 Bldg
- 52 Bldg
- 231 Italian Div
- LO ROMA R. Italy.

WJ  
To Lynch

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2. Please pass to all units under your comd, for info and necessary action.

*Robert Lient*  
Major General,  
Comd. No 2 District.

HGM/enc.

1908

SUBJECT:- Ex Co-operators in ITALY, SICILY - Applications for release etc.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Commanding General, 15 Army Group.  
Headquarters, Eighth Army  
" Fifth Army (Br Incr)

G-1(Br)/3897/A-2.

16 Jul 45.

Headquarters, No.1 District  
" No.2 "  
" No.3 "  
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*W.A.K. Finlayson*  
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Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G-1(Br).

WAKF/ER.

C in C MED.  
Headquarters, MAAF (ALS).  
Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Commission, Land Forces Sub-Commission  
(Your A218 of 10 Jul 45 refers)  
GHQ, 2nd Echelon.

SUBJECT :- Denobilization of 2nd and 3rd (4 monthly) classes, 1914.

34A

52 British Liaison Unit,  
AO/18/34,  
20 Jul 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (AC), IMIA.

Ref your signal A 1173 of 17 Jul 45. The ~~relevant~~ Gruppo have forwarded the following report :-

- (a) Number of men still serving
  - 1914 Class ..... 115
  - 1913 & earlier ..... 115

Those belonging to 1915 and earlier classes have, for the most part, refused denobilization.

- (b) Within the Gruppo there are 500 men who will be used to replace disabled men of 1914 class and earlier and the volunteers who, due to the cessation of hostilities, must now be released.
- (c) Out of the 162 reinforcements sent by ~~IMIA~~ (AO/1/208 of 5 Jul), 53 were missing.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
52 British Liaison Unit

1905

12/1/45

Subj: Demobilization of 293rd (4-month) classes, 1914

Hq Regiments 331  
523 Ops - Inf  
01/18/14  
18 July 65

1650

To: 52 B L U

Ref your AG/18/32 of 17 July

Signal A1173 of 17 July  
Hq Regiments have forwarded the following report:

- 1) Number of men still serving
  - 1914 class . . . . . 145
  - 1913 & earlier . . . . . 115

Those belonging to 1913 & earlier classes have, for the most part, refused demobilization.

(b) Within the Gaffa there are 500 men who will be used to replace men of 1914 class & earlier & the volunteers who - due to the cessation of hostilities - must be now be released.

(c) 3. Out of the 162 reinforcements sent by RTcICF (ref. AG/17/54) 33 were missing.

By Order  
Chief of Staff



Number of men since 1914

- 1914 class ..... 145
- 1913 & earlier ..... 115

Those belonging to 1913 & earlier classes have, for the most part, refused substitution.

(b) Within the 500 men who will be used to replace <sup>sanitized</sup> men of 1914 class & earlier & the volunteers who - due to the cessation of hostilities - must be now be released.

(c) 3. Out of the 162 re-informants sent by RTCICE (ref. HQ/17/54) 33 were missing.

By Order  
 Chief of Staff  
 Col. F. G. ...  
 signed T/CPS. May

VA/mv

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
 Sezione Operazioni e Informazioni  
Ordinamento

Dom  
20/7 33

N. 01/1814 di prot.

P.M.155, li 18 luglio 1945.-

Oggetto: Congedamento 2° e 3° quadrimestre classe 1914.

ALLA 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

S E D E

Riferimento f. AQ/18/32 del 17 corrente.

1°) - Numero dei militari ancora alle armi:

- appartenenti alla classe 1914 N. 145
- appartenenti alle classi 1913 e più anziane N. 115

I militari appartenenti alle classi 1913 e più anziane hanno rinunciato, per la massima parte, al congedamento.

2°) - Sono disponibili nell'interno del gruppo circa 500 unità che verranno impiegate per sostituire i congedandi delle classi 1914 e più anziane ed i volontari che per effetto della cessazione delle ostilità debbono essere ricollocati in congedo.

3°) - Dai 162 complementi inviati dal C.A.C.F.I.C. (R.T.C.I.C.F.) (vds.f. AQ/17/54 di codesto B.L.U.) sono risultati mancanti N.33.-



d'ordine  
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 Col. F. Garofoli -

*apl*  
*Mary Derran*

Subject :- Demobilisation of 1914 Class

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

17 July 45

AQ/18/32

HQ Legnano Gruppo

1. Further to MMIA letter A 017 of 11 July 45 forwarded to you under cover of our letter AQ/18/30 dated 16 July.
2. We have been instructed by MMIA to obtain IMMEDIATELY the following details :-
  - (a) Number of men in 1914 or older classes not yet demobilised
  - (b) Number of replacements available.
  - (c) Number of replacements allotted, but not yet arrived.
3. Please submit this information to this Office at your earliest possible convenience so that we can pass it to MMIA.

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*Handwritten signature*

Major

DAA&CMG

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Office Date Stamp

FROM

(A) MIA

170535 B

- (1) 50 B.L.U
- (2) 84 ARMY FOR MMIA L.O
- (3) 51 B.L.U
- (4) 59 AREA FOR MMIA L.O FOR FOX (8) DISTONE
- (5) 52 B.L.U (9) 56 B.L.U (10) DISTHREE FOR

FOR MMIA L.O  
THRU PP  
MMIA L.O

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GP

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Originator's No.

A1173 O RESTRICTED O ONEO Obtain from your combat group or adm div Hq and signal earliest O (A) number of men in 1914 or older classes not yet demobilized O (B) number of replacements physically available O (C) number of replacements which have been allotted but not yet actually arrived O (Two) Whole of 1914 class will be included MIA (A017) of 11th July refers

File 39 refers

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 or older classes not yet demobilized  
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 which have been allotted but not yet  
 actually arrived O (Two) Whole of 1914  
 class will be included MMIA  
 (A017) of 11th July refers

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Subject : Demobilisation of 1914 Class.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.  
16 Jul 45.

AQ/18/30

HQ Legnano.

Herewith Copy of MMIA letter A 017 dated 11 Jul 45, for  
your information and necessary action.

  
Major,  
DAA&QMG.

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Italian Army Staff - Personnel Secu.  
For Action

TO

"Legnano" "Cremona" "Mantova" "Folgore" "Friuli"  
(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

8708/SP/2 Restricted. Reference ministerial circular 4100/RP/M dated 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1945. Please confirm that no personnel of release groups mentioned in the circular are serving in your units.

16V403: WA 40303/207-399,000 Pads, 1/44, E. A. S. Ltd. 40304

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British Increment (Q. Branch)  
HQ Fifth Army  
CITE

Tele No: LIGHTNING 129

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF CONFERENCE HELD AT  
BRITISH INCREMENT HQ FIFTH ARMY AT 1000 HRS 13 JUNE 45

OBJECT

- To discuss take-over with effect from 23 June by HQ 1 and 2 Districts of responsibilities of British Increments of Fifth Army.

PRESENT

2. COL KGF CHAVASSE  
COL TE LONGRIDGE  
LT COL JF GOULD  
LT COL COL MERVINE  
MAJ BL TINSLEY  
MAJ JM HOWE-FRANK  
MAJ IM STUBBS  
J/CC-ED BA FLUWITT  
COL PD FOSTER  
COL HB PUNCH  
LT COL AJB TAPPAN  
LT COL CA SHAWWICK-NEALEY  
LT COL SER NJ MORAUNT BART  
MAJ CR BERTHALL  
MAJ LH MARSH  
MAJ AM PRICE  
CAPT LP HINSON  
BRIG HJ GILMAN  
LT COL CR TUFF  
LT COL SW BIGGS  
LT COL SM WIND  
MAJ JS MORIE

D C/S Brit Chairman  
DDST 1 District  
AQMIG 1 District  
GSO I 1 District  
GSO II (S) 1 District  
DAAG 1 District  
IG 1 District  
SG & I District  
DA & QMC 2 Districts  
DEST 2 Districts  
AAG 2 Districts  
AQMIG 2 District  
GSO I 2 District  
P-QMIG 2 Districts  
GSO II (S) 2 Districts  
G-4 Fifth Army  
G-3 Fifth Army  
DDST Brit's Increment Fifth Army  
GSO I (S) Brit Increment Fifth Army  
AAG Brit Increment Fifth Army  
AQMIG Brit Increment Fifth Army  
DAAGMIG(2) Brit Increment Fifth Army

PRESENT COMMITMENTS OF BRIT INCREMENT

- In general to administer all British and British maintained troops in Fifth Army and to advise the American staff on all 'G' matters affecting British and British maintained troops, - operation orders being normally issued by American staff after consultation with British Increment.

LOCATIONS AND TASKS OPERATIONAL TROOPS

- (1) 6 SA ARMED DIV - Op command IV Corps in HQ VERDELLI J 6353

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1. To discuss take-over with effect from 27 June by HQ 1 and 2 Districts of responsibilities of British Increment Fifth Army.

PRESENT

COL IGF CHAVASSE  
 COL TE LONGRIDGE  
 LT COL JE GOULD  
 LT COL CCL BROWN  
 MAJ BL TINGLEY  
 MAJ JM HOWE-BROWN  
 MAJ LM ROBERTS  
 J/COAD RY FEMITE  
 COL PD FOSTER  
 COL HS FINCH  
 LT COL AIB TAYLOR  
 LT COL CA CHAMBERLAIN  
 LT COL SIR NJ MOUNTBATTEN  
 MAJ CR EASTWELL  
 MAJ MI M. HIEY  
 MAJ AM PRICE  
 CAPT LP HILTON  
 BRIG RJ GEMAN  
 LT COL CR TUFF  
 LT COL TW BIGGS  
 LT COL DM ANGLIO  
 MAJ JS MACFIE

D C/S Brit Chairman  
 DEPT 1 District  
 AOMG 1 District  
 GSO I 1 District  
 GSO II (S) 1 District  
 DAQC 1 District  
 IO 1 District  
 SC & 1 District  
 DA & QM 2 District  
 DEPT 2 District  
 MAG 2 District  
 AOMG 2 District  
 GSO I 2 District  
 DAQC 2 District  
 GSO II (S) 2 District  
 G-4 British Army  
 G-3 British Army  
 DEPT Brit Increment Fifth Army  
 GSO I (S) Brit Increment Fifth Army  
 MAG Brit Increment Fifth Army  
 AOMG Brit Increment Fifth Army  
 DAQC 2 Brit Increment Fifth Army

PRESENT COMMITMENTS OF BRIT INCREMENT

3. In general to administer all British and retained troops in Fifth Army and to advise US American staff on all 'G' matters affecting British and retained units. - operation orders being normally issued by American staff after consultation with British Increment.

LOCATIONS AND TASKS OPERATIONAL TROOPS

4. (1) 6 SA ARMD DIV - Op command IV Corps - HQ VERCELLI J 6353

Control Swiss and French frontiers and one concentrated MILAN area. Maintenance of law and order in their area. Guarding dumps.

(11) LEGANO GRUPPO - op command IV Corps - HQ BERGAMO K 6487

Control Swiss Frontier.  
 Guarding dumps  
 Guarding Italian ex-FW Transit Camps in VESIO - TURIN - GENOVA - MILAN.

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(111) FOLOGNE GRUPPO - 06 comm 4 Fifth Army - HQ BRESSANONE - B 2196

Control of Austrian frontier assisted by US deta at BRENNER and DUBBIAGO passes - NEMBO Rest on right and SAN MADDO on left.

Guarding dumps.

Assisting AIG in maintenance of law and order.

Collecting German and Italian deserters.

Traffic control.

(1V) FRILLI GRUPPO - 02 comm 4 Fifth Army - HQ LEVICO - A 9117.

Guarding dumps.

Assisting AIG in maintenance of law and order.

Collecting German and Italian deserters.

Guarding Italian ex PW Transit Camp MERONA.

Searching Refugee camps at REGIO - MOLENA - BOLOGNA.

Traffic control.

(NOTE: In the area of FOLGONE and FRILLI GRUPPI which include TRENTO, BOLZANO and MERANO were smaller, as the inhabitants were, before the end of 1944 (1st war, Austrians) are German speaking and didactic Italians. In the area there are German civilians, German hospitals, German signal units and German railway works.)

#### LOCATIONS AND TASKS OF OTHER FORMATIONS.

5. (a) 215 SUB. REG. - REGGIO - 01 comm 4 Fifth Army.  
Controls Army Roadblock 55 and administers British Army, CHQ and 1 of 3 units, in generally the Army area WEST of PBS corridor.
- (b) 216 SUB. REG. - BOLOGNA - 02 comm 4 Fifth Army.  
Controls Army Roadblock 53 and administers British Army, CHQ and 1 of 3 units particularly in, in generally the Army area EAST of the Western boundary of PBS corridor and SOUTH of LAKEN GARDIA.

1 District stated that, on the assumption that they would be taking over the maintenance of FRILLI and FOLGONE GRUPPI, they were not prepared to take over the administration of maintenance of troops NOT required for this task, except for provision of supplies and POL.

2 District opposed this proposal on the grounds that it would lead to unnecessary complication.

Agreed to submit this point to AIG for decision.

#### COMMITMENTS DEVELOPING ON 1 AND 2 DISTRICTS

#### 6. BOUNDARIES

- (a) It was explained that the old PBS corridor which was to have been used for maintenance of US troops in AUSTRIA was no longer

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Collecting German and Italian deserters.  
Guarding Italian ex-prisoners of war.  
Searching for German and Italian deserters.  
Traffic control.

(NOTE: - the areas of FOGGIA and FIVOLI GRUPPI which include TRENTO, BOZZANO and BERGAMO were considered, as the inhabitants were, before the end of 1944, war, Austrian; are German speaking and dislike Italians. In the area there are German civilians, German hospitals, German signal units and German railway works.)

LOCATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF OTHER DIVISIONS.

- 5. (a) 215 SUB AREA - PUGLIA - of Central Fifth Army. Controls the southern part and administers British Army, GHQ and 1 of 3 units particularly in, in generally the Army area EAST of the Western boundary of PES corridor and SOUTH of LAKE GARDA.
- (b) 216 SUB AREA - BOLOGNA - of Central Fifth Army. Controls the area around Fifth Army. and 1 of 3 units particularly in, in generally the Army area EAST of the Western boundary of PES corridor and SOUTH of LAKE GARDA.

1 District stated that, on the assumption that they would be taking over the maintenance of FIVOLI and FOGGIA GRUPPI, they were not prepared to take over the administration or maintenance of troops NOT required for this task, except for provision of supplies and POL.

2 District opposed this proposal on the grounds that it would lead to unnecessary complication.

Agreed to submit this point to AFHQ for decision.

COMMITMENTS INVOLVED ON 1 AND 2 DISTRICTS

6. BOUNDARIES

(a) It was explained that the old PES corridor which was to have been used for maintenance of US troops in FIVOLI, was no longer required. It was therefore necessary to decide on an administrative boundary between 1 and 2 Districts.

It was suggested by British Increment Fifth Army that the western boundary of the PES corridor should be accepted as the inter-District administrative boundary, as it was understood that this would ultimately become the final inter-District boundary.

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This suggestion was agreed by 2 Districts but NOT accepted by 1 District.

Agreed to submit this point to JFHQ for decision.

(b) 1 District

Administrative command of FOLGORE and FRIULI GRUPPI (both on command Fifth Army) of and administrative command 216 Sub Area.

(c) 2 Districts

Administrative command of 6 SA Area Div and LEGNANO GRUPPO (both on command IV Corps) of and administrative command 215 Sub Area.

IV Corps would be responsible for security of GENOA till handed over to 2 Districts.

(As 6 SA Area Div and LEGNANO GRUPPO are both under op command IV Corps - 2 Districts to a limited extent becomes British Inherent IV Corps)

BRITISH FRIULI SECTION REMAINING WITH FIFTH ARMY

7. (a) Compensation - probably Col GS, GSO I, GSC II, LIA & QMG and DABST.

(b) Hole - (i) on moving 3rd Fifth Army on of matters affecting FRIULI and FOLGORE GRUPPI

(ii) Liaise between HQ Fifth Army and FRIULI and FOLGORE GRUPPI on of matters.

(iii) Liaise between Fifth Army and 1 and 2 Districts on administrative matters.

(iv) Co-ordinates any differences in policy between Districts and Army.

FUTURE OF SOUTH AREA

8. At a future date, probably between 1 July and 1 August, HQ Fifth Army would move SOUTH. When this happened OP command of FRIULI and FOLGORE GRUPPI would pass to 1 District and the op and administrative boundary between the two Districts would be the same.

When the Fifth Army moves SOUTH the British Liaison section will be disbanded.

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(c) 2 District

Administrative command of 6 SA Army Div and LEGNANO GRUPPO (2000) of command IV Corps) Of and administrative command 215 sub area.

IV Corps would be responsible for security of GENOVA till handed over to 2 District.

(15) 6 SA Army Div and LEGNANO GRUPPO are both under op command IV Corps - 2 District to a limited extent becomes British Increased IV Corps)

BRITISH MILITARY SITUATION RELATIVE WITH FIFTH ARMY

- 7. (a) Occupation - probably 024 42, 030 I, 050 II, 044 & 046 and 048.
- (b) Role - (1) to advise 3rd Fifth Army on of matters affecting FRIULI and POLGORE GRUPPI
- (14) Liaise between 5th Fifth Army and FRIULI and POLGORE GRUPPI on op matters.
- (15) Liaise between Fifth Army and 1 and 2 Districts on administrative matters.
- (16) Co-ordinate any differences in policy between Districts and Army.

FUTURE OF FIFTH ARMY

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When the Fifth Army moves SOUTH the British Liaison section will be disbanded.

FUTURE OF IV CORPS

9. IV Corps ready to be moved complete of responsibility for NW ITALY to 2 District on 10 July. Date has still to be finally decided by 15 Army Group and depends on the availability of additional British and British maintained formations from Eighth Army to take over security duties - possibly 15 July.

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MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH MAINTAINED TROOPS IN FIFTH ARMY.10. DOLOGNA ROADHEAD AND ARMY ROADHEAD 53

DOLOGNA is the firm base for British maintained troops with a rail tonnage of 500 tons per day. For the rail period 25 June to 1 July this has been split into two - one for 1 District (FRIULI/FOLGORE) and 216 Sub Area) and one for 2 District. Bids for period 2 to 3 July to be submitted by District. 216 Sub Area controls the roadhead.

WESTERN I OF C

11. Army Roadhead 55 ELLENZA controlled by 215 Sub Area - all requirements LESS 101. Formations draw from 55 Roadhead to their own dumps :-

6 SA Area by	to DLA CASALE J 6432
VERVANO GRUPPO	to GM. TRIVIGLIO K 5668
38 Area	to MILAN
151 Sub Area	to TUPPIN

delivered in Fifth Army transport.

NORTHERN I OF C

12. From BREGOLA to Army Supply Point 3 VALMORIO F 1446 controlled by Army - all requirements LESS 101. Formations draw from Army Supply Point 3 to their own dumps :-

FOLGORE GRUPPO	to GUS 46 BOZZANO and PRIMOLANO B 2214
	(BUDOS dump (RETIRO))
MULLI GRUPPO	to GM. at SAN GIOVANNI F 686478 (with effect from 19 June)
24 15 Army Group	to VERONA

EASTERN MAINTENANCE

13. (a) Western I of C  
as

To remain at present with 1 District operating depots in Roadhead 53. 2 District to clear their own pack with CRASC 13 General Transport Column as agent. Detailed arrangements to be made mutually between Districts.

(b) Northern I of C

To remain as at present

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14. 1 District were taking over a transport commitment of 1 1/2 equivalent General Transport Companies. 23 equivalent General Transport Companies were being handed over, which would become 33 when the civilian platoons were similarly organized. 2 District were taking over a transport

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Army formations of FRENZOLI controlled by 2nd Sub Area - all requirements LESS POL. Formations draw from 75 Roadhead to their own dumps in:

- 6 SA-arms 1517 to DIA CASALE J 6432
- LEGNANO GRUPPO to GM. TREVIGLIO K 5668
- 28 Area to MILANO ( )
- 151 Sub Area to TORIN ( )

delivered in Fifth Army transport.

NORTHERN L of C

12. In the NOLICHA to Army Supply Point 3 VILVANO P 1446 controlled by Army - all requirements LESS POL. Formations draw from Army Supply Point 5 to their own dumps in:

- FOLIGNO GRUPPO to GUS 46 BOLZANO and PRIMOLANO B 2214 (DACS Army (VENET))
- FRULLI GRUPPO to GM. di SAN GIOVANNI P 686478 (with effect from 1 June)
- to 15 Army Group to VERONA

WESTERN MANTOVANICH

13. (a) Western L of C  
as

To remain at present with 1 District operating depots in Roadhead 53. 2 District to clear their own park with CRACC 17 General Transport Column as agent. Detailed arrangements to be made mutually between Districts.

(b) Northern L of C

To remain as at present

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TRANSITION

14. 1 District were taking over transport commitment of 1 1/2 equivalent General Transport Companies. 2 1/2 equivalent General Transport Companies were being handed over, which would become 3 1/2, when the civilian platoons were finally organized. 2 District were taking over a transport commitment of 2 1/2 equivalent General Transport Companies. 3 1/2 equivalent General Transport Companies (incl 3 South African Platoons) were being handed over. In both cases it had been indicated that some of the surplus transport could be disposed of - in the case of 2 District after GANO opened.

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15. (a) UNITS IN NW ITALY

Present supply from US sources ~~is arranged with QM Fifth Army that this should continue.~~

Sources of supply are :-

6 SA Arm'd Div - from US Truckhead Q5-44 ALESSANDRIA  
 Legione Gruppe " " " " " "

There was, in addition, a British Petrol Depot in PIACENZA which served miscellaneous Brit and US units.

When Fifth Army leaves NW ITALY supply will be a British Commitment through GENOVA.

(b) UNITS IN NORTH ITALY

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Sources of supply are :-

FOLGORE and FRIULI GRUPPI - from US Truckheads Q5-32 ISOLA DELLA  
 SCALA and Q5-42 BISSONE

216 Sub Area - from US Pipehead BOLOGNA (through Brit  
 Bulk Petrol Transport Coy)

When Fifth Army leaves NORTHWEST ITALY supply will become a British commitment. This will be one of the future maintenance problems.

(c) OPERATING UNITS

On handover, the British Bulk Petrol Transport Coy will have one Platoon in 1 District and two in 2 District. It was suggested by Brit Increment, and accepted by 2 District, that QM Fifth Army continue to operate the two Platoons in 2 District.

(d) RATIONING

Neither FRIULI nor FOLGORE is rationed. LEGNANO have been required to curtail drawings.

(SD) RESPONSIBILITIES

16. (a) Issue of vehicles - 19 Vehicle Park under command 2 District. NO provision had been made for 1 District. AFHQ to be asked for disposal instructions for other controlled stores

(b) Weekly demands to AFHQ for vehicles and controlled stores - this shows weekly quantities only.



When Fifth Army leaves NW ITALY supply will be a British Commitment through AFHQ.

(b) ITEMS IN NORTH ITALY

Present supply from US sources - arranged with QM Fifth Army that this should continue.

Sources of supply are :-

- POLOGNA and FRIULI GRUPEL from US Truckheads Q5-32 ISOLA DELLA SCALA and Q5-42 BASSANO
- 216 Sub Area - from US Pipehead BOLOGNA (through Brit Bulk Petrol Transport Coy)

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- (c) Monthly vehicle and controlled stores report which shows deficiencies against War Establishment. 1895
- (d) The possibility of requiring to arrange the shipment of 6 SA Armored Div to South Africa which was still under discussion with AFHQ.
- (e) Copies of retention certificates for surplus vehicles would be forwarded to Districts.
- (f) Districts to be responsible for executive orders for move,

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- (g) Two outstanding amendments in War Establishments:
- (i) BLUs - reduction had been proposed which was not at present acceptable. This would probably be cleared up before 23 June.
- (ii) Implementation of 216 Sub Area establishment to full Sub Area, less medical. 1 District stated that Fifth Army proposals were agreed.
- (h) The recent MIL conference (copies minutes sent to Districts) was emphasised as having produced a number of unsolved problems.
- (j) Files to be examined and those relevant handed over. Copies of all orders issued by G-3 (Brit) to be handed over.

ORDER OF BATTLE

17. The suggested changes of command were examined. Objection was raised by 2 District references Ord units. Question of disposal of 5 Ordnance Beach Detachment and 206 Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit was being submitted to AFHQ. The final suggestions for disposal of all units are attached at Appx 1A.

19 June 45.

*J. S. Macfie*  
Major

J. S. MACFIE  
Major  
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DISTRIBUTION

6 S. Army Div (3)		
50 BLU (2)		
52 BLU (2)		
53 BLU (2)		
215 Sub Area (2)		
216 Sub Area (2)		
Rear Lightn Army (2)		
1 District (6)		
2 District (6)		
AFHQ (20)		
15 Army Group (10)		
	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>British</u>
	Chief of Staff	D C/S
	AG (3)	G-3
	G-1	Arty
	G-2 (3)	AV
	G-4 Forward	Eng
	G-4 Rear (3)	CA
	Engineer	4
	Signals	Nov
	Quartermaster (2)	ST (2)
	Provost Marshall	Med
	Surgeon	Ord
	Cadre	REH
		Pro
		Lab
		Postal
		Welfare

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*Major*

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Major  
DCMG

19 June 45.

DISTRIBUTION

6 SA. and Div (3)  
50 BLU (2)  
52 BLU (2)  
53 BLU (2)  
215 Sub Area (2)  
216 Sub Area (2)  
Rear Eighth Army (2)  
1 District (6)  
2 District (6)  
AFHQ (20)  
15 Army Group (10)

Internal

U.S.  
Chief of Staff  
IG (3)  
G-1  
G-3 (3)  
G-4 Forward  
G-4 Rear (3)  
Engineer  
Signals  
Quartermaster (2)  
Provost Marshall  
Surgeon  
Ordnance

British

D C/S  
G-3  
Arty  
AV  
Eng  
Inf  
A.  
Mov  
ST (2)  
Med  
Crd  
REMG  
Pro  
Lab  
Postal  
Welfare  
Fire Offr  
Edn  
Sig Offr  
SIG. JO

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Appx "A" to 307/Q dated 19 June 45

UNITS PASSING TO COMD 1 DISTREMARKSUNITARMY

HQ &amp; 1 Flt 663 Pol AW Op Sqn

Op comd 15 Army Gp

ENGR92 Cam Pl (Italian) (US control)  
287 Wks Sec  
4 BD Pl  
12 Stores Pl

Op comd 287 Wks Sec

ENGR (TN)120 Ind Rly Constr Coy  
136 Ind Rly Maint Coy  
Det 163 Rly Wksp Coy  
HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn  
187 Mech Eqpt (Tn) Coy  
HQ 4 Ind Rly Constr & Maint Gp  
1 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
3 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn  
18 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
60 Mech Eqpt Pl  
701 Art Wks Coy  
154 Rly Op Coy  
19 Italian Engr Coy

Op comd AFHQ

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Op comd D Tn

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Op comd ROE SAEC

Op comd AFHQ

"

Op comd D Tn

SVY14 Fd SvY Map Dep  
517 Fd SvY Coy

Op comd 15 Army Gp

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ARTY

HQ &amp; 1 Flt 663 Pol AW Op Sqn

Op comd 15 Army Gp

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ENGR (Tn)

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 136 Ind Rly Maint Coy  
 Det 163 Rly Wksp Coy  
 HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn  
 187 Mech Eqpt (Tn) Coy  
 HQ 4 Ind Rly Constr & Maint Gp  
 1 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
 3 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
 HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn  
 18 Italian Rly Engr Coy  
 60 Mech Eqpt Pl  
 701 Art Wks Coy  
 154 Rly Op Coy  
 19 Italian Engr Coy

Op comd AFHQ

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Op comd D Tn

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Op comd RCE SAEC

Op comd AFHQ

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Op comd D Tn

SVY

14 Rd Svvy Map Dep  
 517 Rd Svvy Coy

Op comd 15 Army Gp

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SIGS

15 HQ Sigs  
 536 Sig Pk  
 191 Sig Service Unit (Italian)  
 Adv Telecomms Board  
 516 Line Sec (Italian)  
 HQ 2 Tele Coy  
 HQ No 1 UG Cable Coy  
 157 Terminal Eqpt Sec

Op comd 15 Army Gp

Op comd AFHQ

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>SIGS (continued)</u>	
62 Line Sec	Op comd AFHQ
192 Italian Sig Service Unit	"
100 Constr Sec	"
106 Spec Wt Sec	Op comd 15 Army Gp
5 Telecomm Spec Sec	Op comd AFHQ
520 Italian Line Sec	"
42 Tech Maint Sec	"
164 Line Sec	"
519 Italian Line Sec	"
1 Coy SA Army Sigs	Op comd 15 Army Gp
1 & 2 Line Constr Pls SA Sigs	"
<u>INF</u>	
4 Coy 513 Gd Bn (Italian)	
523 Italian Gd Bn	
<u>ST</u>	
650 Coy (Pal) (CT)	} One pl to remain VALEGGIO & } det tipper pl PIACENZA } With 1972-1974 & 1975 Civ } Tpt Pl
105 Coy (Br)	
2 Italian CT Coy	
1 pl 41 Coy (BPT)	
Comp pl 41 Coy (BPT)	
One sec 69 DID	
Two dets 12 Fd Bky	
15 MPFC	
Det 13 Fd Butchery	
1948 Indep Tk Tprr pl	
717 Coy (GHQ car)	
Det 148 Coy (Pal) (W/tk)	
One sec 42 BSD	Remaining in BOLOGNA area

MED

Op comd 15 Army Gp  
 Op comd AFHQ  
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 Op comd 15 Army Gp  
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5 Telecom Spec Sec  
 520 Italian Line Sec  
 42 Tech Maint Sec  
 164 Line Sec  
 519 Italian Line Sec  
 1 Coy SA Army Sigs  
 1 & 2 Line Constr Pls SA Sigs

INF

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 } det tipper pl PIACENZA  
 } With 1972-1974 & 1975 Civ  
 } Tpt Pl

Remaining in BOLOGNA area

MED

7 Ind Dep Med Stores  
 180 Mob Dental Unit  
 86 PAC  
 95 Gen Hosp

ORD

45 MARU  
 27 Mob BU

Ann dep BOLOGNA  
 Committed until 30 Jun 45

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UNITREMARKSREMARKS

Fifth Army Tps Wksp  
 669 Hy Rec Sec  
 679 Lt Rec Sec  
 607 L of C Wksp

LAB

HQ 2 Gp Pnr Corps  
 1236 Coy IPC  
 HQ 2 Bn 400 Italian Pnr Regt  
 99 Italian Pnr Coy  
 100 Italian Pnr Coy  
 101 Italian Pnr Coy  
 102 Italian Pnr Coy  
 103 Italian Pnr Coy  
 104 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 402 Italian Pnr Regt  
 HQ 1 Bn 402 Italian Pnr Regt  
 117 Italian Pnr Coy  
 118 Italian Pnr Coy  
 119 Italian Pnr Coy  
 120 Italian Pnr Coy  
 121 Italian Pnr Coy  
 127 Italian Pnr Coy  
 128 Italian Pnr Coy  
 213 Italian Pnr Coy  
 214 Italian Pnr Coy  
 215 Italian Pnr Coy  
 216 Italian Pnr Coy  
 218 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 2 Bn 410 Italian Pnr Regt  
 219 Italian Pnr Coy  
 220 Italian Pnr Coy  
 246 Italian Pnr Coy  
 247 Italian Pnr Coy  
 248 Italian Pnr Coy  
 249 Italian Pnr Coy  
 260 Italian Pnr Coy  
 300 Italian Pnr Coy  
 307 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps  
 2900 CIJ

Pending return to INDIA  
 Comd AFHQ for rly constr

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" " } Not yet arrived  
 " " } but may arrive  
 " " } before 23 Jun

Comd AFHQ for rly constr

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333 Tn Stores Dep  
 rly constr

Comd AFHQ for 333 Tn Stores Dep



LAB

HQ 2 Gp Pnr Corps  
 1236 Coy IPC  
 HQ 2 Bn 400 Italian Pnr Regt  
 99 Italian Pnr Coy  
 100 Italian Pnr Coy  
 101 Italian Pnr Coy  
 102 Italian Pnr Coy  
 103 Italian Pnr Coy  
 104 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 402 Italian Pnr Regt  
 HQ 1 Bn 402 Italian Pnr Regt  
 117 Italian Pnr Coy  
 118 Italian Pnr Coy  
 119 Italian Pnr Coy  
 120 Italian Pnr Coy  
 121 Italian Pnr Coy  
 127 Italian Pnr Coy  
 128 Italian Pnr Coy  
 213 Italian Pnr Coy  
 214 Italian Pnr Coy  
 215 Italian Pnr Coy  
 216 Italian Pnr Coy  
 218 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 2 Bn 410 Italian Pnr Regt  
 219 Italian Pnr Coy  
 220 Italian Pnr Coy  
 246 Italian Pnr Coy  
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 248 Italian Pnr Coy  
 249 Italian Pnr Coy  
 260 Italian Pnr Coy  
 300 Italian Pnr Coy  
 307 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps  
 2900 CIU  
 1208 IPC Coy  
 1252 IPC Coy  
 1254 IPC Coy  
 1983 APC Coy (Bech)  
 126 Italian Pnr Coy  
 212 Italian Pnr Coy  
 221 Italian Pnr Coy  
 222 Italian Pnr Coy  
 223 Italian Pnr Coy  
 HQ 2 Bn 412 Italian Pnr Regt  
 299 Coy Italian Pnr  
 92 Italian Cam pl

Pending return to INDIA  
 Comd AFHQ for rly constr

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 " 333 Tn Stores Dep  
 " rly constr  
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Comd AFHQ for 333 Tn Stores Dep

Pending return to INDIA 1893  
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Pending return to AFRICA

Comd 15 Army Gp

} On loan to Lab pending disbandment  
 } 1 Jul approx

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UNIT

V & R

7 Vet Hosp  
4 CMVS

FIRE

Nil

SAL

6 Ind Sal Unit less det

MISC

55 Town Major  
5 Transit Camp  
"P" Cofrs Transit Camp  
4 Allied ex PW Repatriation Unit  
5 Allied Ex PW Repatriation Unit  
90 Fd Cash Office  
32 BIS

REMARKS

Op comd AFHQ

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Appx 'A' to 307/a Dated 19 Jun 45

UNITS PASSING TO COMD 2 DISTRICTUNITREMARKSARMED TPS

272 Fwd Del Sqn

Op comd 1 AEC

ENGERS

Hq 29 Rly Svy Coy  
 159 Rly Constr Coy Less Det  
 Det 159 Rly Constr Coy  
 Hq 1212 RCE

Op comd AFHQ  
 Op comd AFHQ  
 Op comd AFHQ

SIGS

Det 200 Med Wrls Sec  
 85 Cipher Sec  
 Two dets 186 Med Wrls Sec

Op comd 15 Army Gp  
 Op comd 15 Army Gp  
 Op comd 15 Army Gp

ST

13 GT Coln  
 71 Coy (GT)  
 765 Coy (GT)  
 41 Coy (RPT)

Less 1 Fl and Comp Fl with  
 216 Sub Area  
 Det at PCMC SAN LORENZO on  
 temp loan 1 Dist  
 Less two dets with 1 Dist  
 Less one Sec with 1 Dist for  
 SF VALDGCIO

113 Pet Dep  
 12 Fd Bakery  
 69 DID

76 GT Coln  
 227 It Tpt Coy (AC)  
 229 It Tpt Coy AC  
 230 It Tpt Coy AC  
 8 GT Coln

With a/c 212 Ital GT Coln AC  
 Incl 467 LAD  
 Incl 459 LAD  
 Incl 473 LAD  
 Op comd 60 Sub Area for docks  
 clearance and local depts  
 Rejoining parent unit from 53  
 Adhead

One sec 93 DID

49 Mob Fd Bakery  
 One pl 60 HAC

HQ 29 Rly Svy Coy  
159 Rly Constr Coy Less Det  
Det 159 Rly Constr Coy  
HQ 1212 RCE

SIGS

Det 200 Med Wrls Sec  
85 Cipher Sec  
Two dets 186 Med Wrls Sec

ST

13 GT Coln  
71 Coy (GT)  
765 Coy (GT)  
41 Coy (RPT)

113 Pet Det

12 Rd Bakery  
69 DID

76 GT Coln  
227 It Tpt Coy (AC)  
229 It Tpt Coy AC  
230 It Tpt Coy AC  
8 GT Coln

One sec 93 DID

49 Mob Rd Bakery  
One pl 60 MAC

Op comd AFHQ  
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Incl 473 LAD

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Rejoining parent unit from 53  
Rdhead

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REMARKS

UNIT

MED

172 Mob Dental Unit  
Det 69 Md San Sec

ORD

19 Veh Pk  
57 Mob Laundry & BU  
42 AKS

REMS

741 Inf Tps Wksp  
675 Inf Tps Rec Unit  
615 Service Station

PRO

75 Sec SIB  
10 Coy CME (TC)  
227 Pro Coy (3 Seos)

POSTAL

Det 27 L of C Postal Unit

Op comd AFHQ

LAB

122 It Pnr Coy  
224 It Pnr Coy  
308 It Pnr Coy  
504 It Pnr Coy

Smoke Coy on Lab duties

SAL

19 Veh Pk  
57 Mob Laundry & BU  
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SAL

Det 6 Ind Sal Unit

MISC

57 Town Major  
6 Allied Ex PW Repatriation Unit  
9 Allied Ex PW Repatriation Unit  
12 GRU  
44 P3 Cash Office  
805 It Transit Camp  
49 BIS  
"X" CCFMA

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Appx "A"

to 307/0 dated 19 Jun 45

UNITS FOR WHICH AFHQ DISPOSAL INSTRS  
ARE REQUIRED

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Present Co comd</u>	<u>Present adm comd</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>SIGS</u>			
Four dets 181 Wrls Sec	AFHQ	215 Sub Area	
76 Cipher Sec	15 Army Gr	Fifth Army Tps	
146 DR Sec	AFHQ	Fifth Army Tps	
30 Base Sig Sec	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
31 Base Sig Sec	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
<u>ST</u>			
1733 Cooperators Wisp pl	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
<u>MED</u>			
9 Ind MAS RIASC	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	to pass
4 Brit Staging Sec	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	temporarily
1 FTU	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	to adm comd
63 IDS	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	1 Dist
9 FSU	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	to pass
8 Brit CCS	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	temporarily
69 FTS	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	to adm comd
576 Italian Evac Hosp	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	2 Dist
866 Italian Evac Hosp	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	requires to
964 Italian Fd Hosp	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	pass to which-
			ever fm takes
			over 231 Div
<u>ORD</u>			
4 OBD	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
HQ & Stores Sec	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	
Ann Sec			

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SIGS

Four dets 181 Wrls Sec  
76 Cipher Sec  
146 DR Sec  
30 Base Sig Sec  
31 Base Sig Sec

AFHQ  
15 Army Gp  
AFHQ  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army

215 Sub Area  
Fifth Army Tps  
Fifth Army Tps  
215 Sub Area  
215 Sub Area

ST

1733 Cooperators W/asp pl

Fifth Army

215 Sub Area

MED

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63 FDS  
9 FSU  
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Fifth Army  
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216 Sub Area } to pass  
216 Sub Area } temporarily  
216 Sub Area } to adm comd  
216 Sub Area } 1 Dist  
216 Sub Area }  
215 Sub Area } to pass  
215 Sub Area } temporarily  
216 Sub Area } to adm comd  
216 Sub Area } 2 Dist  
216 Sub Area } requires to  
216 Sub Area } pass to which-

ever fmm takes  
over 231 Div

OBD

4 OBD  
HQ & Stores Sec  
Ann Sec  
5 OBD  
HQ  
Det Stores Sec  
Det Stores Sec  
Det Stores Sec

Fifth Army  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army

215 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area

available when  
alternative  
arrangements made  
by Dists. Will  
handle stores in  
transit for fms  
passing to 1 & 2  
Dists until mov  
order received.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Present on com</u>	<u>Present adm cond</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>ORD</u> (continued)			
Ann Sec	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	Admin dep BOLOGNA
206 MIBU	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	
15 Mob BU	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	
Brit Increment Fifth } Army Tps OFF	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	
15 Mob Offrs Shop } }	Fifth Army	216 Sub Area	Routed until 13 Jul.
<u>REME</u>			
LAD 87 A Tlc Regt	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	Marked for att to 500 AOD
<u>FIRE</u>			
HQ 152 FF Coy	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
11 First Class Fire Bde	Fifth Army	152 FF Coy	
604 First Class Fire Bde	Fifth Army	152 FF Coy	
605 First Class Fire Bde	Fifth Army	152 FF Coy	
606 First Class Fire Bde	Fifth Army	152 FF Coy	
9210 FF Sub Sec Type "D"	Fifth Army	152 FF Coy	
<u>MISC</u>			
HQ 231 Italian Div	Fifth Army	215 Sub Area	
Det 58 Italian Transit } Camp	Fifth Army	231 Div	

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SUBJECT:- Minutes of the Gruppo Conferenc  
11 June 45.

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52 British Liaison Unit  
CWF.

22 June 45

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To:- HQ Iegnano  
Gruppo di Combattimento

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MMIA

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Capt  
CICCINA

53 EIU

Sheet 2.SerialSubjectAction3. WELFARE

Although sports eqpt should be supplied through Italian channels, 50 BLU asked for footballs and eqpt. "A"

- 53 BLU require
- (1) increase in canteen sup.
  - (2) second mob canteen,
  - (3) Union Jack and 8th Army News,
  - (4) Radios - from captured dumps.

It was agreed that owing to all welfare resources at the disposal of Fifth Army (Brit Increment) being required for Brit tps, no help could be given except for 8th Army News and Union Jack. Italians to be encouraged to obtain these items as far as possible from their own resources. Gen reduction in Army ration and civ allowance in England means no possible increase in rations. In fact a further reduction of NAAPF sups is inevitable "Q"

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Territorial HQ will adv their territorial gress and in time will supercede such fans as 231 Div. Already Territorial HQ should be dealing with Gruppi "A" matters.

MMIA

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*[Signature]*

Lt. Col.  
G.S.O.I.

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MEMBERS OF THE GRUPPO

Those present were:

Rank	Name	Position
Col	KER	Chavasse DSC
Lt Col	Tuff	
Lt Col	Howard	
Lt Col	Boutby	
Lt Col	Douglas	
Lt Col	Evans	
Lt Col	McDonald	
Lt Col	Bischoff	
Lt Col	Amari	
Capt	Newton	

Rank	Name	Position
D C/S		
Lt IA		
50 BIL		
52 BIL		
53 BIL		
2 BIL		
"A"		
"B"		
3 BIL		

G.1. Full  
 G.2. all  
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The point regarding recruiting for Italian Army is NOT yet settled. Col HOWARD had himself repatriated 63 old FOLGOSE offers in CAIRO.

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Lt Col BIGGE CDE  
Lt Col ANNAN MDE  
Capt NEWTON

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Action-

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50 BRB status :

(a) There were 700 of the SAN MARCO MILITARY in SWITZERLAND at the time of the Armistice.



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## 3. (continued)

(b) Could these be repatriated? Question to be examined by MMIA. Disbandment of this Regt unlikely.

MMIA

50 BLU

Question of period of contract for volunteers. Thought to be 1 yr 3 months. FRIULI GP have 4 fd offr, 20 capt, 2 subalterns who have applied for release on this understanding. MMIA to clarify.

MMIA

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BY Group

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*Don't make the paper and see some other way of doing it.*  
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Old volunteers consider that they've done their quota of service and consider that some of the younger classes should be called up. It is pointed out that although Partisans receive 7000 lire, they have NOT been paid during their service whereas the Army have regular pay. Some policy is required which will alleviate present discontent.

5. PUBLICITY

Generally agreed that Partisans have all the publicity. It is necessary to publicise the Gruppo with aid of FWB controlled newspapers. MMIA stated that a booklet on the ops of the Gruppo will be on sale shortly at 20 lire per copy. It was suggested that LEGNANO and FRIULI might follow the lead of FOIGORE and publish a magazine.

D-C/S: The Army Comd has ordered Capt CIOGNA to instruct each Gruppo to write up its own story. FWB to help in giving their stories publicity.

FOIGORE GRUPPO require paper. Sup limited but BLU should ask FWB. Photographs - Lt Col HIDE, Sigs (Brit) HQ Fifth Army can help in obtaining official photographs. It was further suggested that Gruppo might arrange direct with MILAN Radio for a broadcast as the LEGNANO had already done.

6. HONOURS & AWARDS

It was suggested that when a presentation parade of American awards is made, the opportunity should be taken for the Italian Press to give a write up.

BRIT HONOURS & AWARDS

Policy NOT yet decided. Gruppo need guidance on this subject. Are they to be given for individual acts of bravery or for good service generally. They want to know (i) on what level they should be given and (ii) should they be limited to rewards for good service in the Allied cause.

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FRIULI	159	108	257	127

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9.	<u>WELFARE</u> Although sports eqpt should be sup through Italian channels, 50 MIA asked for footballs and eqpt. <u>23</u> <u>BLU</u> require (1) increase in canteen sup, (2) second mob canteen, (3) Union Jack and 8th Army News, (4) radios - from captured dumps.	"A"
3.	It was agreed that owing to all welfare resources at the disposal of Fifth Army (Brit Increment) being required for Brit troops, no help could be given except for 8th Army News and Union Jack. Italians to be encouraged to obtain these items as far as possible from their own resources. Gen reduction in Army ration and civ allowance in England means no possible increase in rations. In fact a further reduction of NAAFI sups is inevitable. <u>22</u> <u>BLU</u> request that the reason for these reductions be sent out from high level.	"Q"
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13. CIVS TRAVELLING IN VEHs

This matter to be taken up again.

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| 14.           | <u>TERRITORIAL HQ - RESPONSIBILITIES</u><br>Territorial HQ will adm their territorial areas and in time will supercede such fms as 231 Div. Already Territorial HQ should be dealing with Gruppo "A" matters. MILIA will obtain copy of directive on duties of Territorial Comds. | MILIA                |
| 15.           | <u>BLU. FORTNIGHTLY LETTERS</u><br>Lt Col HOWARD asked OSC BLUs to write a fortnightly D/O letter to Gen BROWNING outlining problems, activities and locations of GRUPEI during that period. Copies of all such letters to be sent to Brit Increment HQ Fifth Army.               | BLUs                 |
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- (c) 3/87 and 3/88 GRENADIER bns of FRIULI GRUPEPO the most suitable bns in that fm for internal security in big towns.
- (d) MANTOVA GRUPEPO well trained but did not fight and qualities therefore doubtful.

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20.	<u>REMOVAL OF ITALIAN OFFERS</u> Channels to be BLU - Corps - Army - MILA. Details of case of Maj SCUPATI to be obtained from IV Corps and sent to MILA with a request for his immediate removal.	BIJs. G-1 (Brit)

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Dep. Chief of Staff

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APO 464 US ARMY

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AG 383.7-P

11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Transport for Refugees

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TO: See Distribution

1. Due to the great number of civilian refugees now in the process of movement throughout Italy, the following plan has been adopted to provide a uniform measure of control and to alleviate congestion of pedestrian traffic with its accompanying traffic hazards on Main Supply Routes.

a. "Refugee Pick-up Points" under control of the local AMG Officers, are being established at convenient locations near the major towns on the Main Supply Routes. These Pick-up Points will have prominent signs posted for ready identification.

b. At each "Refugee Pick-up Point" there will be a responsible English-speaking person designated by the local AMG to handle the civilian refugees and to ascertain the destination of the vehicular driver. The person in charge of the Pick-up Point will issue to the driver the necessary official permit for the transportation of the civilians.

c. Drivers of casual empty cargo vehicles are to be urged by their unit commanders to check into the "Refugee Pick-up Points" to haul civilian refugees along their route of travel.

2. This directive in no way supersedes or rescinds existing regulations on the restrictions concerning the transport of civilians. Civilian "Hitchhikers" or refugees at other than authorized "Pick-up Points" are not to be given rides by military vehicles.

3. It is not intended to have military vehicles go out of their way to haul refugees nor for any loaded vehicles to haul civilians. The person in charge of the Pick-up Point will ascertain the destination of the driver prior to loading refugees who are going in the same direction on empty cargo vehicles. This is not a civilian bus service and drivers are to drop the refugees off at the next "Refugee Pick-up Point".

4. Military Police of this command are instructed to strictly enforce existing regulations concerning transportation of civilian riders.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER:

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31 May 1945

SUBJECT: Arrestable Categories

TO: Commanding Generals  
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5th Army, APO 464  
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1. Inasmuch as intelligence staffs have been reduced to meet expanded operational commitments, and the enemy has unconditionally surrendered, it will not be possible to screen all individuals prior to employment on Allied work.

2. It is the policy of this headquarters that personnel of dangerous categories may be worked under proper and adequate guard. However, they should not be used on projects of a technical nature where opportunities for sabotage exist.

3. Personnel, whether in PW or surrendered personnel status, who have served in any of the following units or formations are listed as dangerous categories:

SS Formations

SS Police Regts: 9, 10, 12, 15, 20.  
"SCHLANDERS", "BOZEN", "BRIXEN", "ALPENVORLAND".

Other SS Police Units: Unit "BUERGER"  
10 and 15 Police Tank Co's (u/c of SS Pol regiments).

Other SS Units: II Flak Bn "REICHSFUHRER SS".  
500 SS Military Geology Bn.  
7 SS Trng and Repl Bn.  
SS High Mountain School "PREDAZZO".  
SS Sigs Bn STERZING.  
SS Mountain Div "KARSTJAGER".

## Foreign Units under SS Control:

Cossacks - 7 Regts  
Caucasians - 2 Regts  
SS Turkomen - 2 Regts  
Italians: No 1 Itall SS Div  
VEGA Bn )  
NP Bn ) 10 MAS  
Black Brigades (about 48 total)  
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Folgore Parachute Regt.

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ATTENTION: "Supply Security Guide".

*W.H. NA*

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1. A copy of "Supply Security Guide" issued by the U.S. and prepared by the P.M.C. (A) is forwarded herewith.
2. It is suggested that certain portions of this guide might be included in Formation Guard Orders for Supply Depots, Ordnance Depots etc.

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*W.H. NA*  
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SUPPLY SECURITY

Guide For the Preparation of Standard  
Operating Procedures for Safeguarding  
US Government Supplies

(Prepared under the direction of the Provost Marshal General)

Prevention of Loss by Pilferage - Prevention of loss by pilferage of United States government property is the purpose of these supply security measures. Commanders in all echelons must accept this responsibility. Recommendations gleaned from experiences in active theaters are submitted herewith as guides and assistance to supply security.

Sensitive Supply - Post exchange items, rations, gasoline, liquor, drugs, mail, clothing, personal baggage are the most common items which invite pilferage. Greater guard strength must be assigned to protect these items whether they are stored at docks, depots, dumps, railheads or in transit. Other supplies require constant guard but less personnel and modified general security measures can afford adequate protection.

GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES

1. Fencing - Barbed wire fencing will be erected at installations where its use will prohibit access to sensitive supplies or other pilferable material and equipment. The erection of such barricades for other storage areas and installations will be governed by judgement and the extent of losses experienced. The fence should be of sufficient height, durability, and center spacing, and be independent of buildings, damaged walls or rubble heaps. Open space on each side of fence, no obscured approaches permit guarding from one side. Serpentine rolls should only be used as a temporary expedient -- it has been proven that these can be crushed and an entrance made.

2. Guard Towers - Guard towers should be constructed of sufficient height and platform area to permit a free field of fire and observation.

3. Guards - Spacing of guards on perimeter fencing should be so planned that guards are either within sight or calling distance of each other at all times.

4. Entrances and Exits - Entrances, exits and fence perimeter should be under twenty-four (24) hour guard observation. Entrances and exits to any installation must be kept to a minimum consistent with the operation, size and design of the area, and the road not serving installation. Establishment of "in" and "out" gates is advisable for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The limiting of foot traffic, both in and out, to a single "pedestrian only" opening, provides a maximum in security and pass control. Reduction in the number of exits and entrances, for economy in guard personnel and localization of movement, can be accomplished by the use of double entrances or exits.

5. Flood Lights - All fencing and approach areas should be flood lighted at night where appropriate, except those areas in which black-out is in effect.

6. Traffic Control - Traffic control should consider the following:

a. An uninterrupted in and out flow.

b. Special exits for out loaded vehicles during heavy traffic periods, and the routing of outgoing supplies to these gates for checking. The use by any other traffic should be prohibited.

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c. Designation of emergency gates for incoming and outgoing convoys of troop movements.

d. Army, Navy, Merchant Marine and civilian employees will use designated gates to insure effectiveness of pass system.

7. Pass System - A pass system to deny entrance to all unauthorized individuals should be adopted for all supply installations which prohibits entry, in general, to unauthorized persons. Passes should be issued and accounted for by the Security Officer.

a. A pass bureau should be located at the main "in gates" with trained personnel on twenty-four (24) hour service or on duty during all operational hours.

b. Lesser installations should control entrance to area by installation operational action through issuance of local passes or creation of a recognized identification system.

c. The issuance of photographic passes, due to temporary duration, reduction, and abandonment of installations, is not advocated, yet where practical the added security advantage warrants adoption.

d. Pass authority must be constantly on the person of the holder and be subjected to examination by proper authority at any time. Spot checks and roving inspections should be a continuous process. This procedure offers assurance that no unauthorized persons are in the area.

e. Revision of pass systems is necessary at periodic intervals, constant turnover of civilian employees, unreturned and lost passes, creates its own dangers. No system is wholly fool proof and its effectiveness is dependent on continued instruction, supervision, and checking.

- (1) Permanent Passes - Issued for thirty (30), sixty (60) or ninety (90) day periods. Definite expiration dates and dates of renewal are most important. Records of issue, cancellation and expiration must be accurately kept.
- (2) General Type Pass - Issued to authorized persons, reduces error and confusion and is good general identification. Distinguishing marks may be employed dependent on whether the installation is a temporary or lengthy operation. These markings may permit persons to enter further restricted areas and also show time of validity of pass.
- (3) Photographs - Photographs will be attached to all drivers' licenses of all drivers other than American military personnel.
- (4) Visitor's Passes - Must be immediately distinguishable from regular passes and must be surrendered by visitor on departure.

8. Guards and Laborers - A distraction of guards or military police, whose training has been in military police security work, by utilizing same as cargo checkers, tally clerks or inspectors is poor operation. Definite and complete orders must be given to guards. Instruction, constant briefing, and regular inspection by a commissioned officer is an absolute necessity. Italian military or

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civilian guards do not afford the security offered by American personnel. Employment of this type personnel as guards, drivers, etc. may frequently open channels for loss of supplies. Increased American supervision must be provided in such instances. Loading and unloading operations performed by civilian labor or prisoners of war demand constant American supervision and guard. Intentional breakage of packaged goods for later pilferage is a common practice. Damaged and broken packages should be immediately collected and turned in to installation cooperation. All installations handling sensitive supplies must have civilians searched before leaving area.

9. Checks and Tallies.

a. Shortages and overages are often the result of error in count. Estimating tonnage or number of packages is forbidden. Responsibility for loss of supplies will be charged to the agency failing to provide sufficient and competent personnel to guard and account for supplies under their control.

b. Checking Errors - Comparison of totals of supplies received with totals shipped is a part of the mechanics of both the transfer of supplies themselves and the responsibility for them. Prompt exchange of data as to type and quantity of all supplies shipped and received must be arranged between shipper and consignee, and immediate action taken to account for all differences. Delay in compiling or exchanging this information may prevent tracing, recovering, or accounting for supplies involved.

10. Port Areas and Associated Railway Marshalling Yards.

a. Security of supply begins on arrival of a ship in port. Discharging and getting supplies out of ports is only a part of the port responsibility. Further responsibilities are accurate checks, tallies, records and guarding of supplies while in the port. Estimation of tonnage denies possibility of correct initial inventory which in turn prohibits accurate future receipts or consumption records. This must be done before opportunity for "shrinkage" occurs. Warehoused or back piles of supplies are a guard and security function of the agency concerned.

b. Joint utilization of a port by agencies not under the control of the Port Commander demands an amicable arrangement for easy identification of said agency employees, also instructive briefing of guard personnel with reference to privilege of said employees.

c. (1) All items arriving at ports in this theater in charge of Ship's Cargo Security Officers will be considered protected critical cargo.

(2) Base section and similar commanders will designate a Cargo Security Officer at each port. This officer, or his authorized representative, will contact the Ship's Cargo Security Officer immediately upon arrival in port and arrange to receive security cargo and deliver it to the consignees. If the consignee of any part of the security cargo is located elsewhere, arrangements with the Transportation Officer shall be made to ship it to destination as soon as practicable, consistent with military requirements.



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(3) When a shipment of supplies or equipment from the United States is to be classified and shipped as Protected Critical Cargo, this will be indicated on all requisitions and cables to FEMBARK. When shipments originate in this theater, the shipper will notify the Transportation Officer at the port of loading as to all cargo which is to be shipped in charge of the Cargo Security Officer.

(4) Protected Critical Cargo will be held to a minimum and will be requested only for valuable supplies such as dental gold, medical spirits, narcotics, currency, stamps, watches, medals, decorations and awards, pistols, binoculars and items normally exposed to pilferage because of their usefulness and value to the individual, or where prompt delivery to Supply Services of small packages is necessary.

11. Railways and Marshalling Yards.

a. Operation of railways hauling United States government supplies is often the problem of several agencies. The guarding and security of same has, as war progress expediency, been assigned to allied components. Operation of trains is turned back to civilians at the earliest opportunity and this creates further perplexities. Complete liaison, cooperation, and understanding must be had between American Army agencies, Allied or co-belligerent guards, and civilian railway operating agencies.

b. Inspection of Cars - Preloading inspection of all cars and a report of same is a must. Car load checker may do this in addition to his checking duty and an appropriate entry of car inspection made on tally sheet. Cars should not be accepted or loaded which have holes in the floor, roof or walls unless same are repaired. Emergency use of a damaged car demands assignment of a guard.

c. Improper Loading - Loose and careless loading causes waste space, breakage, loss of supply and is an invitation to pilferage. Load inspection of cars is as fixed a responsibility as the initial tally of contents.

d. Open Cars - No pilferable items will be shipped in open or gondola cars except in extreme emergencies, and in such cases a special guard will be placed on such cars.

e. Grouping of Cars - Grouping of cars containing pilferable merchandise is highly desirable. Wherever possible trains will be made up in such a way as to group together those cars carrying the most highly pilferable items in order to facilitate guarding. Economy of guard personnel is effected and this economy is further aided by planned posting of said guard. Guards riding the caboose or guard escort cars are completely inefficient and this practice is prohibited.

f. Tally Sheets - Tally sheets of car content must be affixed in prominent place on inside wall of car upon completion of loading. The accuracy of this tally is highly important in determining completeness of car content on arrival at its destination.

g. Sealing of Cars - All railroad boxcars will without exception have the doors closed, sealed and fastened securely with no less than 5mm wire or with a bolt the threads of which have been burred after the nut is fastened. When wire is used for sealing, a piece about fifteen (15) inches long should be passed through the eye of the car lock. The ends will be drawn together and tightly

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twisted three (3) or four (4) times with a tommy bar. To avoid possibility of the seals being unwound, the ends of the wire will be cut short with a cropper so as to finish together.

h. Cars will be inspected enroute, whenever practicable, to determine if cars have been opened or pilferage has occurred. Appropriate reports will be made when cars are found unsealed or where theft is suspected. Cars will be resealed and relabeled when necessary.

i. Civilians - The carrying of unauthorized civilians on supply trains is prohibited. Where authorized civilians are permitted to ride on supply trains they will not be permitted to ride on cars carrying supplies.

j. Responsibility - Responsibility of supply preceding movement is the absolute responsibility of the source or shipping agency concerned. Checking supplies and furnishing an accurate tally sheet of goods loaded is a part of this responsibility. Railway military police or other railway guards accept the responsibility after the cars are loaded, wired or bolted and sealed. There is a continuing responsibility until the receiving agency physically accepts the car.

12. Vehicle Movement of Supplies.

a. Substantial amounts of truck cargo are lost within the zone of communications through pilferage, theft enroute, hi-jacking, illegal diversion, breakage, careless vehicle handling. Trucks from port installations, dumps, and depots will be moved in small convoys of from three (3) to six (6) vehicles at close interval, one individual being responsible for the movement. Guards will be supplied for these vehicles by the dispatching installation whenever possible and only in exceptional cases will individual vehicles be dispatched. Specific routes will be designated for truck drivers to follow, trucks found off the designated route will be impounded and drivers of same given immediate trial by courts-martial. All truck loads leaving an installation will be checked by count and not by estimation. Drivers will be responsible for loads on trucks and will inspect and sign for their load before departure. This responsibility remains even though guards are employed.

b. Trucks loaded with sensitive supply, stopped due to mechanical failure or for any reason will have a guard stand by. Frequent change of guards on trucks will be a procedure which discourages guard and driver collusions.

c. Unloading at destination will be accompanied by a check of truck content against load dispatch slip and any discrepancies will be reported immediately.

d. All precautions will be taken against alteration and forging of trip tickets, tallies and other records as well as collusion with hi-jacking gangs. Special and alert attention must be exercised on routes having steep grades, obstructions, one way defiles or heavy traffic to prevent loss of supply.

13. Showdown Inspections of Troops - Special emphasis will be placed upon frequent unannounced showdown inspections of all troops. When such inspections disclose illegal disposition of government property, strict disciplinary action will be taken. Statements of Charges cannot be relied upon as an effective

## Supply Security (cont'd)

deterrent, and will not be used as a substitute for disciplinary action. Publicity programs will be instituted which will effect a wide dissemination to the troops of the results of such disciplinary action.

14. Mobile Road Blocks - To prevent the movement of illegally acquired supplies into black market channels by civilians or soldiers, all major commands will establish mobile road blocks to prevent the passage of pilfered material, AWOLS, stolen vehicles, and vehicles without proper trip tickets. Control points will also inspect all military personnel for passes, and military vehicles for illegal articles. Wherever possible, commanders will secure the cooperation of Italian authorities to have Carabinieri or other Italian police personnel utilized to make similar inspections of civilian vehicles and personnel at these same control points. Military Police patrols will frequently inspect small communities for AWOLS and supply trucks which may be found off the prescribed route to destination.

15. Illegal Disposition of Government Property.

a. Articles of War 34 and 94 prohibit the sale, wrongful disposition, misappropriation or diversion of United States government property to unauthorized persons. In this connection, particular attention is directed to the fact that abandonment, misappropriation or bartering in any way of Army rations, gasoline and oils, captured material, clothing and equipment and Army Exchange supplies of all types fall under the provisions of these articles and Army Regulations.

b. All military personnel who observe any act of abandonment, pilferage or illegal diversion of United States government property will, without delay, apprehend the offender, obtain the name, grade, organization and serial number of the offender. They will also obtain similar information concerning witnesses, if any, and submit a detailed report of the incident to the appropriate commander having courts-martial jurisdiction. If apprehension is not possible, all information available will be obtained, and a similar detailed report of the incident will be made. The information obtained from military offenders will be checked against their War Department Identification Cards and Tags. When there is no doubt as to the veracity of information given, the individual will be turned over to the Military Police.

c. Negligence on the part of any United States military personnel in reporting crimes of this nature will be considered dereliction of duty and will be punished accordingly.

d. All commanders having courts-martial jurisdiction will issue such additional instructions as may be necessary to enforce compliance with the foregoing and will take strict disciplinary action in all cases.

16. Reports.

a. Incidents of major pilferage will be immediately reported to the Provost Marshal General, this headquarters, by cable. Reports will contain the following: date, time, name or number of installation and location, type of supplies indicating the amount and value; brief resume surrounding loss; action instigated and date thereof and the results obtained as of the time report was rendered. Weekly letter reports on progress will also be rendered. These reports are required when supply loss is \$100.00 or more in value.

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b. Further required is a letter report as of the 20th of each month, to arrive not later than the 28th, showing all other pilferage not reported by cable and containing the same type information as required in cable reports.

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SUBJECT :- POL Consumption - LEGNANO Grup

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52 BLU,  
AQ/18/19,  
10 Jun '45.

'Q' British Increment,  
HQ 5 Army.

Reference your 149 Q dated 4 Jun '45.

It has been repeatedly stressed to the Gruppo the need for the most strict economy in POL consumption.

However, HQ IV Corps have already imposed a ration of 6,000 gallons daily on the Gruppo and this has been in operation for approximately the last week.

Representation has now been made by this formation for the amount to be increased by 1,000 gallons, and a request has accordingly been made to HQ IV Corps on their behalf by this Office, through 'ST' channels.

IN THE FIELD  
IAB/BB

Hsh. Major,  
DAA SQMG .  
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SUBJECT: POL Consumption -  
 LEGNANO PPO  
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~~Q 28A~~  
 British Increment (Q Branch) 18A  
 HQ Fifth Army  
 CMB

Tele No: LIGHTNING 129

149 Q

4 Jun 45  
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52 BLU  
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Copy to: G-4 Rear  
 ST  
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1. The attention of this headquarters has been drawn to the fact that the average daily consumption of petrol of the Legnano Gruppo is approximately double that used in March.
2. You will please stress to the Legnano Gruppo that the need for the most strict economy is necessary.
3. It is not intended at this stage to introduce a rationing system whilst the group has any form of operational role but unless consumption can be well justified it may become necessary for this headquarters to impose restrictions.

RA MILLARD, Maj  
 for Lt Col  
 AQMG

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*Lead for Section*

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SUBJECT: Demobilization of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .  
Tel; +89081 Ext. 535.  
A O17.  
22 May 45.

TO : Ministry of War.  
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Reference our A O17 of 15 May, para 4.

It must be clearly understood that Italian US-ITI and BR-ITI formation Commanders can only make minor modifications of the terms of para 2 of the above letter in agreement with the Commander of the employing Allied formation. This provision is included in the Ministry of War's signal ref SMRE N16870/MOB of 16 May, putting the above letter into effect, but is repeated for the information of all concerned.

*W.P. P. P. P.*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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- C.G. AAFSC/ETO

*19/1/45*

22 May 45.

TO : Ministry of War.

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Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: - ONE MESSAGE - RECEPTION OF HQ-THI UNITS ON TO BRITISH WAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

British Instrument: (SD) French, HQ FIFTH ARMY.

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*(Signature)*  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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*Richard A. ...*  
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6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Org Progress - Formation of BR-ITI Units on to British War  
Establishments

TO: All Concerned

Reference letter, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2, dated 6 April  
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SUBJECT : Italian Combat Groups

TO : All Concerned.

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*fr* *cc* *cc*  
DANIEL NOCE,  
Major General, G.S.O.,  
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3.

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SUBJECT: Command and Administration of Italian Army.

TO : All Concerned.

1. This instruction governs the relationships between the Allied Armies and the Italian Army in regard to Command and Administration, and is divided into the following sections:

- Section I - Allied Control of the Italian Army.
- Section II - General Organization and Administration of the Italian Army.
- Section III - Italian Army Units Maintained by the US and the British.
- Section IV - Italian Army Units Maintained Internationally.

Note - No part of this Instruction applies to Italian Cooperators (ex Prisoners of War) or Italian POW Service Units under US control.

Section I - Allied Control of the Italian Army

2. GENERAL. The Italian Army is at the disposal of this headquarters for the performance of such tasks as may be allotted from time to time.

3. CONTROL. Control of the Italian Army is exercised by the Supreme Allied Commander through the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMA) under command of this headquarters.

4. MMA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- a. Transmission and interpretation of Allied orders and requirements to the appropriate Italian Military Authority.
- b. Supervision of administration and supply of the Italian Army as laid down in letters, this headquarters, AG 400/105 D-0 dated 22 September 1944 and AG 400/031 GDS-0 dated 6 October 1944.
- c. Supervision of appointments, promotions, dismissals, discipline and drafts (call ups) of Italian Army personnel.
- d. Liaison between employing Allied formations and the SMRE and Ministry of War.
- e. Representation of the views of the Italian Military Authorities to this headquarters.

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5. FORMATION OF NEW UNITS. The formation of new units or the reorganization of existing units of the Italian Army by Italian Military Authorities, or by Allied formations is prohibited except as authorized by this headquarters.

6. EMPLOYMENT:

a. Allied formations will employ only those effective units or individuals of the Italian Army who are specifically assigned or attached to them. Allied formations will employ and maintain only those persons who are properly enrolled into the present Italian Army. Persons who were members of the former Italian Army are civilians until they are enrolled or drafted through the proper present Italian military procedure.

b. An effective member of the Italian Armed Forces is defined as "one who is a bona fide member of the Italian Armed Forces, either officers, non-commissioned officers or other ranks, duly enrolled or enlisted therein, and subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention and borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown on the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned."

Section II - General Organization of the Italian Army

7. ORGANIZATION. The Italian Army is divided into categories as follows:

a. Troops maintained Internationally (short title ITI-ITI) including:

- (1) Troops for the administration of the Italian Army itself.
- (2) Troops engaged on Internal Security, guard battalions, etc (all of which are subject to assignment under Allied Command as organized).

b. Troops maintained by the British (short title BR-ITI) either diluted or complete units.

c. Troops maintained by the US. (short title US-ITI).

8. ADMINISTRATION.

a. In principle the Italian Military Authorities are responsible to this headquarters through MMIA for the Administration of all categories, except as specified otherwise herein.

b. Italian Administrative Headquarters for the Administration of ITI-ITI troops are provided from the administrative troops under Italian Command.

c. Italian Administrative Headquarters for US-ITI and BR-ITI troops are provided from personnel assigned organically as a part of such category. These headquarters are under US and British Command respectively.

d. The general administration of the Italian Army is vested in the Ministry for War, the Personnel for which is obtained from ITI-ITI administrative troops.

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9. COMMAND.

a. Allied Commanders are given power of Command over such Italian formations or units as are placed under their jurisdiction. As far as circumstances permit, orders will be transmitted through the appropriate Italian Army Channels of Command.

b. Allied Commanders under whose command Italian Units or individuals have been placed have authority to suspend temporarily any Italian Officer for cause at any time. Should such suspension be made, the next officer in the Italian Channel of Command will succeed pro-tem the officer suspended, until a suitable successor is appointed by the Italian military authorities. The suspended officer will be directed to report to the next Superior Italian Headquarters. The Allied Commander will forward to MMIA at the time of suspension, a full statement of facts in the case so as to form the basis for action to be taken by the Ministry of War and this headquarters.

c. All personnel of the Italian Army will be subject to Italian Military Law, which will be administered by Italian Officers in accordance with the Italian code. Where there is no Italian officer competent, under the Italian code, to deal with the offence in the unit concerned, the offender will be sent to the nearest Italian Authority competent to act. When the offender is a member of a unit under Allied Command, the Allied Commander will be informed of the action taken. In cases where the Allied Commander considers the action taken was unsatisfactory, or the punishment insufficient, the Allied Commander will submit a statement of facts to MMIA for such additional action as is indicated.

d. Where Italian troops are under Allied Command, relevant Allied Commanders will demand removal and replacement of unsuitable Italian officers up to and including Lt Colonels, by the appropriate Italian Commanders concerned. If the action taken by the Italian Authority is unsatisfactory, the Allied Commander will report through normal Allied Channels to the Army, District or Base Section Commander under whose Command the Italian Army unit has been placed. The Army, District or Base Section Commander will refer the matter to the Senior Italian authority under his command. If, after this reference, satisfactory action is not taken, details of the case, together with the recommendations of the Allied Army, District or Base Section Commander, will be sent to MMIA for action with the Minister of War. In the case of officers above the rank of Lt Colonel, a full report will be made by the appropriate Allied Commander to MMIA who will take necessary action with the Minister of War. In all cases where the Allied Commander considers that the Italian officer should be eliminated from the service, regardless of the action taken by the Italian Authorities in accordance with the demand of the Allied Commander, a full report should be sent to MMIA, to ensure that the officer concerned will receive such disciplinary action as is warranted by the facts in the case.

10. ARREST.

a. Allied Military Authorities are given power to arrest and hold in temporary custody Italians subject to Military Law alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by Italian Law, pending investigation and handing over the

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offender for trial by the Italian Authorities. This power will be exercised in the same manner as for the arrest of Allied personnel.

**11. LEAVE.**

a. If the military situation permits, privilege leave may be given to Italian Army personnel for a period of seven days, exclusive of travelling time, not more than once in six months. The movement, on leave, of personnel, between the mainland and SICILY and SARDINIA will be governed by current regulations.

b. Compassionate leave may be given in proper cases by a superior Italian Military Authority, Colonel or above, for fourteen days exclusive of travelling time, with the concurrence of the Allied Commander concerned, if applicable.

c. Not more than five percent of a unit may be away on privilege and/or compassionate leave at one time. Absenteeism due to previous leave draft will count against the five percent until such time as absentees have rejoined or been struck off strength and reinforcements provided.

d. Agricultural or special leave will be the subject of special orders from time to time.

e. Allied Commanders may, at their discretion, suspend the granting of leave to members of Italian Army units under their command, for operational or other reasons.

f. Italian Army personnel on leave are not entitled to rations from Army sources during the period of absence.

**12. APPOINTMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS.**

a. The Italian Minister of War is responsible for the appointment of Officers, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed from time to time by this headquarters.

b. Assignment of officers is a function of the Minister of War. In units employed under Allied Command, officers will not be relieved by the Minister of War until a suitable replacement has reported for duty and no transfer or reliefs generally will be effected without prior notification to the Allied Commander concerned.

**13. ABSENTEES.**

a. Personnel absent without leave over 30 days will be struck off the authorized strength of the Italian Army.

b. Personnel who have been struck off the authorized strength of the Italian Army will, when apprehended, be subject to such disciplinary action as the Italian Army considers appropriate, but during trial and sentence will not be maintained or rationed within the ceiling of the Italian Army. When such personnel are again available for duty as effectives, the personnel will be sent to the replacement center for reassignment.



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14. PERSONNEL UNDERGOING IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION.

a. Italian Army personnel sentenced to imprisonment or detention, or confined awaiting trial, are, for periods under 30 days, confined in unit cells, and are retained on the strength of the unit.

b. Italian Army personnel who are absent from their unit awaiting trial for over 30 days, or who are sentenced to detention for over 30 days, will be struck off the authorized strength of the Italian Army, and will be confined in Civil prisons. On release from the Civil prison, if they remain eligible for service in the Army, such personnel will be sent to a replacement center for reassignment. Such personnel will not be reincorporated in the old unit unless assigned thereto through the replacement center. During the period of confinement in civil prisons, such personnel will not be rationed from Army sources.

c. Effective Army personnel will not be employed in the operation of Civil prisons, camps or detention centers, for the confinement of personnel for periods in excess of 30 days.

15. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION. No member of the Italian Army will be paid any salary, wages or emoluments from Allied sources as an addition to his pay from the Italian Government.

16. WELFARE.

a. Welfare will be the responsibility of the Italian Government.

b. Issues, sales, or gifts of Post Exchange or N.A.F.I. supplies from Allied sources to Italian troops under Allied command is prohibited except as authorized specially by this headquarters.

17. HOSPITALIZATION.

a. Personnel undergoing treatment in hospitals or convalescent camps will be carried by their units as "sick in hospital" for periods up to 30 days inclusive.

b. Personnel remaining in hospital or convalescent camps over 30 days will be transferred to the rolls and carried on the strength of the replacement center. Separate instructions will be issued to cover Combat Groups.

c. Personnel remaining in hospital or convalescent camps over 60 days will be struck off the authorized ceiling of the Italian Army, and will be transferred to Civil hospitals operated by the Italian Government, thereafter being issued no rations from Army stocks.

d. The Italian Government will be responsible for organizing and operating civilian hospitals and convalescent camps to care for personnel who require hospitalization in excess of 60 days.

e. Personnel who have been struck off the authorized strength of the Army as a result of being in hospital over 60 days will be recalled to duty with

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the Army, if physically qualified, upon discharge from the Civil hospital. Recall will be effected through the normal recall channels and reassignment will be through the replacement center.

f. The figure of 60 days may be reduced by orders of this headquarters if it is found by experience that an excessive number of sick is being carried on the rolls of the replacement center.

18. REINFORCEMENTS AND REPLACEMENTS: The system and organization for the provision of replacement personnel will be as follows:

a. Recruits will be called up by the Ministry of War at the direction of MMIA.

b. Recruits will report to "Call-up Centers", the staffs of which will be ITI-ITI personnel.

c. Separate base replacement depots will be set up for US-ITI's, BR-ITI's and ITI-ITI's respectively. MMIA will be responsible for arranging delivery of recruits and personnel available from other sources to the depots and for their maintenance prior to arrival. Thereafter, the nationality concerned will be responsible for the maintenance and training of replacement personnel and distribution to units.

d. The responsibility for establishment, and maintenance of staffs of base replacement depots is as follows:

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| (1) | For US-ITI  | - | CG MTOUSA                |
| (2) | For BR-ITI  | - | AFHQ (British Element)   |
| (3) | For ITI-ITI | - | The Italian War Ministry |

e. The replacements held on the rolls of replacement depots will not exceed the authorized number in each instance.

f. On the first of each month MMIA will forecast to this headquarters the output of types of personnel from Call-up Centers and other sources of personnel during the succeeding month and furnish any other information required to enable this headquarters to apportion the required quota between the US-ITI, BR-ITI and ITI-ITI, Replacement Depots. The distribution in specific Replacement Depots of the nationality concerned will be in accordance with the requirements of CG MTOUSA for US-ITI's, this headquarters for BR-ITI's, War Ministry for ITI-ITI's.

g. MMIA will authorize call-up of personnel on the basis of demands at f above.

Section III - Italian Army Units Maintained By The US  
and British. (US-ITI's and BR-ITI's)

19. PROVISION OF UNITS:

a. The optimal resources of personnel of the Italian Army are at the disposal of this headquarters, which allots Italian Army units and personnel to the various categories.

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20. ORGANIZATION.

a. Units or sub-units maintained by the British (BR-ITI's) are or will be organized on WEs to be decided by this headquarters.

b. Units serving and maintained by the US. (US-ITI's) are or will be organized on provisional TOs as decided by the Base Section, Army or similar headquarters.

c. MMIA will be informed of any changes in organization or WE/TO of units.

21. REPLACEMENTS.

a. The holding of replacements for Service Units, exclusive of Combat Groups, is limited to 5% of the total authorized service units maintained by the Allies.

22. FINANCES.

a. Wherever possible the Italian Government will be responsible for the payment of Italian Army personnel and for meeting such other expenses as are necessary.

b. Wherever due to local conditions, it is NOT practicable for payment to be made by the Italian Government, the following emergency measures are authorized:

(1) Units serving under British Command:

(a) Italian units will draw bulk advances from the nearest British Field or Area Cashier.

(b) In diluted units the senior Italian officer will draw advances from the nearest British Field or Area Cashier. Such amounts will not appear in the Imprest accounts of the British units concerned.

(c) All advances will be in bulk sum.

(d) A list of authorized units will be supplied by this headquarters to the Command Paymaster, Number 8 Command Pay Office, CMF. In the case of diluted units the British Commanding Officer will nominate the Italian officer to whom payment should be made.

(2) Units maintained by the US:

Finances will be subject to special instructions issued by CG MTOUSA.

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Section IV - Italian Army Units Maintained Internationally

23. ORGANIZATION. These units are divided into three categories:

a. Internal Security formations whose principal functions are:

- (1) Acting as a force to support the civil power.
- (2) Providing guards for Allied installations and Vital Points.
- (3) Special duties under Allied Command (e.g for AC, etc)

b. Administrative depots and services. The size, location and organization of the units are determined by the Italian Military Authorities under the direction of MMIA.

c. Para-Military personnel, ie, Carabinieri, the majority of whom are subordinate to the civil administration.

24. COMMAND. Except for Carabinieri and units allotted or attached to Allied formations for Internal Security or guard duties, these formations and units are under command of the Italian Military Authorities. If a state of emergency arises (such as the intervention of the enemy in the area concerned) these troops will come under command of the Allied Headquarters in whose area they are located. The Carabinieri (CC.RR) except those units within Army formations in the role of military Police, are a civil police organization under the command of the Commanding General of the Carabinieri and directed by the Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

25. RELATIONS WITH ALLIED COMMANDERS. Local Allied Headquarters in whose area these units are located will be responsible for allotment of accommodation. Units will be subject to Allied orders on administration, which concern them as a result of their presence in the area, eg, curfew and road movement.

26. RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS PAPERS. Pending the rescission of documents already issued which are in conflict with this instruction, this instruction will govern.

By command of General WILSON:

*H. V. Roberts*  
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SUBJECT :- Italian Military Material

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Attached is copy of a letter sent by  
HQ MMIA to the Ministry of War.

This letter defines the meaning of  
Italian Military Material and will clarify the  
type of material, equipment etc laid down in AAI  
letter 2030/12/42 of 1 Jul 44. *Copies in my office  
if you wish to see it)*

*Alvin Felari*  
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SUBJECT :- Italian Military Material

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

AQ/8

4 October 1944

Ministry of War

1. The object of this letter is to define the meaning of "Italian Military Material".
2. Italian Military Material is considered in three categories :
  - a. Buildings  
Headquarters, barracks, depots, storehouses, hospitals, and other installations, which are permanent Italian Army property, or which have been correctly requisitioned, and are still in occupation by the Italian Army, are deemed Italian Military Material.
  - b. Stores  
All weapons and items of a genuine military nature including equipment, ammunition, barrack stores, clothing, and technical stores, which were in the possession of the Italian Army at the time of the Armistice, or which have been, or may be collected during the northward advance, are deemed Italian Military Material.
  - c. Vehicles  
Vehicles, which were the property of the Italian Army at the time of the Armistice, or which have been returned to the Italian Army by the Allies, since the Armistice, and vehicles which have been correctly requisitioned by the Italian Army are deemed Italian Military Material.
3. Questions relating to Italian Military Material, which involve relations with the Allies, or which have been the subject of previous instructions from this HQ, will be dealt with as follows :-
  - a. Questions of local importance will be referred by the local Italian Commander to the MHA DO in that area.

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a. Questions of local importance will be referred by the local Italian Commander to the MMIA LO in that area.

b. Questions of general importance, or questions involving policy, will be referred by the Ministry of War to HQ MMIA.

4. Civilian firms, or factories, which were, or are under control of, or contract to the Ministry of War, real estate or any other properties, which are owned by civilians are not deemed Italian Military Material. They are deemed "civilian material" for the purpose of this letter, and will not be referred to this HQ, unless they affect the Italian Army directly in its prosecution of the war.

(sgd) F.J. NOAKES, Lt. Col  
FOR MAJ-Gen MMIA



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Subject: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air).

Military Mission  
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27 Sep 44

1. Herewith copies of A.F.H.Q. letter AG 400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44.
2. The following amendment has been made :-  

para 3(b) line 7 - delete "Carabinieri"

Carabinieri continue to be an "effective" part of the Italian Army as formerly.
3. Please acknowledge receipt.

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*F. J. Noakes*  
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AG 400/105 D-0

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air) .

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI	-	Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, ~~Carabinieri~~, Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

- (1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.
- (2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

- (1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":
  - (a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.
  - (b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".
  - (c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

- (1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or GOC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.
- (2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

- (1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.
- (2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.
- (3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

- (1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.
- (2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorized to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and all armed forces patients will be maintained as under:

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- (1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.
- (2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

- a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources
- b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources
- c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Pepper	1/200
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 oz.
book, commercial type, oz	2

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army ~~from~~ <sup>FOR</sup> all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Salt	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
Wine, litre	$\frac{1}{2}$

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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ANNEX "B"

CLOTHING SCALE, ITALIAN ARMY

1. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale for all categories of the Italian Army is as follows:

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battledress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirt, wool or pullover (1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

3. Addition to the scale will be as approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, NATOUSA for US-ITI. Addition to the scale for ITI-ITI will be as approved by MIIA and dependent upon the available supply received in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

4. Field Jackets, wool shirts, wool caps, wool trousers, overcoats, mackinaws, wool, and battle dress will be dyed green prior to issue to the Italian Army and Italian Air Force.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing  
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

- (1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
- (2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposed Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

- a. civilian users
- b. the three categories of the Italian army
- c. Italian navy
- d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces1. Scalesa. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	)	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	)	
Semolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	)	
Butter or margarine	10,400 lbs	)	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	)	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	)	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	)	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	)	
Izal	1 gal	)	
Fly catchers	480	)	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	)	
AL 63	20 lbs	)	
Blocks fumigating	4	)	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	)	
Cresol	10 gal	)	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	)	
Malariaol	30 gal	)	
Paris Green	14 lbs	)	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

a. 30 days reserve calculated on the above-mentioned scales will be held under arrangements of agencies having a supply responsibility.

b. Demands based on maintaining a maximum stock of one month's requirements will be submitted by MMIA to AFHQ for BR-ITI and ITI-ITI by the 20th of each month for requirements 4 months ahead, e.g., demands due 20 September will relate to February 1945.

c. Requirements for US-ITI will be handled by Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA.

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