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Home Postal Centre R.E.,  
NOTTINGHAM.

Ref.: OC/53/45

Headquarters,  
Officer Commanding,

### POSTAL VOTING BY ARMED FORCES

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- (vi) Theatre, Command or Force, etc.
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6. By agreement with the War Office and Air Ministry, a copy of this circular is being sent direct to every Army and R.A.F. Headquarters and unit overseas situated in the "Postal Voting Areas" to which Postal Sorting Numbers have been allotted. There is, therefore, no necessity for Headquarters to pass down the information.

D. ROSS,  
Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
OUTGOING MESSAGE

REF. NO: 2005 CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 18 MAY 1945  
 TIME DATE: 182335B PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE  
 ORIGINATING SECTION BR INOR "A" APPROVED: T W BIGGE LIEUT COL AAG

TO: REAR 6 SA ARMD DIV  
 215 SUB AREA  
 BRITISH INCREMENT BOLOGNA CITY ALLIED COMMAND  
 52 BLU  
 53 BLU  
 50 BLU

CONFIDENTIAL PD FIVE NINE ABLE PD SUBJECT POSTAL VOTING PD  
 REFERENCE GEORGE ROGER OBOE THREE SIX ZERO SLANT FOUR FIVE PD ABLE  
 FOX HOW QUEER STATE ABLE FOX BAKER TWO SIX THREE NINE BEING RECEIVED  
 BY ABLE PETER OBOE SUGAR MUCH TOO SLOWLY PD REQUEST YOU INITIATE  
 VIGOROUS OPINION OBTAINING DESPATCH ALL FORMS BEFORE TWO FIVE  
 PAREN FROM BRITISH INCREMENT ABLE FIFTH ARMY PD ACTION TO  
 REAR SIX SUGAR ABLE ARMoured DIVISION CMA TOO XONE FIVE SUB AREA CMA  
 BRITISH INCREMENT BOLOGNA CITY ALLIED COMMAND CMA FIVE TWO BAKER  
 LOVE UNCLE CMA FIVE THREE BAKER LOVE UNCLE CMA FIVE ZERO BAKER LOVE  
 UNCL PAREN

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

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
OUTGOING MESSAGE

REF. NO: 2532 CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 21 APRIL 1945  
TIME DATE: 21 21 68 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE  
ORIGINATING SECTION BELT INCR "A" APPROVED: S/ D J CORNWELL CAPT  
D J CORNWELL CAPT  
A/DAAG  
TO: 52 BLU ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL PD FIVE NINE ABLE PD SUBJECT POSTAL VOTING PD  
POSTAL SORTING NUMBERS NOW BEING NOTIFIED TO UNITS PD ROGER  
ABLE SUGAR CHARLIE PROCEEDING ISSUE FORMS PD DATE IN PARA  
TWO OF GEORGE ROGER ONE THREE SIX ZERO SLANT FOUR FIVE  
AMENDED TO READ FOUR MAY FOUR FIVE PAREN FROM BRITISH INCRE-  
MENT ABLE FIFTH ARMY FOR ACTION TO BRITISH INCREMENT BOLOGNA  
CITY COMMAND FIVE TWO BAKER LOVE UNCLE PAREN

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Postal Voting

Postal Sorting numbers now being  
notified to units. RASC proceeding  
issue forms. Date in Para 2 of GR 0360/45

Amend to read ~~4 MAY 45~~

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SUBJECT: ab teen or LIAPCONFIDENTIAL

British Increment (A Branch)  
Near HQ Fifth Army  
CHP

6 SA Armd Div (5)  
50 BCU (1)  
52 BCU (1)  
53 BCU (1)  
215 Sub Area (25)  
Brit Incr BOLOGNA City Comd (15)

Phone No: LIGHTNING F BAR 162

13 A18 May 45

Copy to: JAG

The attached copies of AFHQ letter G.1(Br)/4393/A3 dated  
14 May 45 are forwarded for information and action as necessary.

*W. H. M.*  
Col.  
DA & GIG  
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Subject :- ABSENTEES ex LIAP

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G.1(Br)/4393/A3

11 May 45

HQ 15 Army Group.  
Rear HQ EIGHTH Army.  
Rear HQ FIFTH Army (Br Incr).  
HQ LP (GREECE).  
HQ No. 1 District.  
HQ No. 2 District.  
HQ No. 3 District.  
HQ Land Forces Adriatic.  
HQ BTUA.

Reference this HQ Letter CR/4393/G1(B) dated 26 Mar 45.

1. Provision has been made by the War Office for absentees ex LIAP to be returned to this Theatre in normal cases for trial, accompanied by the requisite documentary evidence.
2. In order to provide for the expeditious trial of such absentees, all absentees returned to CMF will be sent direct from the port of dis-embarkation to 21 Court Martial & Holding Centre, and those returned to North Africa will be sent direct to "A" Garrison Guardroom, and they will be dealt with there without reference to their units for disposal instructions.
3. OC 21 CM & HC or OC "A" Garrison Guardroom will, on receiving any such absentees, send a signal to his unit repeated to the Division or equivalent formation for information. An OC unit receiving such a signal will consider whether he desires to forward a statement of character for consideration by the Court. If he desires to do so, he will immediately notify his intention by signal to OC 21 CM & HC or OC "A" Garrison Guardroom, and will send the statement in question by the quickest available means.
4. The trials of such absentees will, in suitable cases, be dealt with by Permanent Presidents, who will be instructed to take a grave view of the offence. In cases of such absence there will generally have been an intention on the part of the accused to avoid an important particular duty, and the charge may accordingly be laid under Army Act Section 12(1)(a). The papers should be referred to an officer of the JAG's Branch for advice before trial.
5. The results of such trials will be reported by the Confirming Officer to the formations to which the men's units belong, in order that such results may, if thought fit, be published in Routine Orders.

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HQ 15 Army Group.  
 Rear HQ EIGHTH Army.  
 Rear HQ FIFTH Army (Br Inco).  
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Copy to :- GHQ 2nd Echelon - reference OZE/65126/C dated 17 Mar 45.  
 DLAG.  
 C.1(Br)A-4.

Major General,  
 D.A.G. G.1(B).

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MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Arrangements have now been made for British personnel of the BLU to obtain medical, dental and optical treatment at a British unit. All troops requiring any treatment will report to the Camp Commandant's office at 0900 hrs. daily, complete with small kit etc. as for an ordinary sick parade.

The present system of troops making their own medical arrangements will cease forthwith. The Italian medical services with the Gruppo will only be used in cases of emergency and in no circumstances will troops visit civilian hospitals for treatment.

Italian personnel reporting sick will attend the MI Room at the Quartier Generale ( Officer i/c Capitano Podesta ) between the hours of 0800 and 0930 as heretofore.

In all cases personnel returning from treatment will report to the Camp Commandant, British or Italian, and hand in any documents etc. relating to their case.

Personnel reporting with imaginary or frivolous complaints will be dealt with severely.

22 May, 1945.

  
Lieut R.A.M.C.

Subject: Return of Winter Clothing.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
C.B.D.,  
ORD/7/1  
21 May 1945. (10)

Ufficio di Commissariato.  
Camp Commandant, 52 B.L.U. ✓  
O.C. RMAS Trg. Inscr. 52 B.L.U.  
O.C. 421 Pld. Sec. Sect., C.B.D.  
Mr Yarrow.  
Mr Denby.  
Mr Lyon.

1. Following extract from A.D.C.E. Brit. Increment (Ord. Branch)  
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army letter SA/OS/16/7 dated 18 May 45.

(a) Battle Dress.

Under authority Q(AR) AFHQ Signal FL.75832 of 15th May '45, this formation will retain Battle Dress, which will count against next winter's initial issue. Steps must be taken to ensure preservation during summer months.

(b) Blankets.

Summer scale of 2 blankets per man becomes effective on 1 June '45 under authority Q(AR) AFHQ Signal FL.76075 of 15 May 45. The 2 blankets will be withdrawn and returned as per instructions given below.

(c) Shirts Angola Drab.

These will be withdrawn, and will be returned as detailed below.

2. The following items of clothing will be bundled in tens by size and item:-

- (a) Drawers Woollen.
- Gloves Knitted.
- Shirts Angola Drab.
- Vests Woollen.
- Cap Comforters.

(b) Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten.

3. The above items will be returned to DADOS Dump for onward transmission to 4 C.B.D., 35 Roadhead.

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*G. E. Gordon* Major.  
(G. E. GORDON)  
D.A.D.C.E. 52 B.L.U.

Call

Priority

Transmitted Instructions

**CIPHER**

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Data Stamp

(2) Camp Commandant A Bittler 232100B

Dear Sir (Refugee)

6th Airborne Div. 245th Airborne Bn. Lt. Gen.

TO Bologna City-Albergo 5052, 53 BLU

(U) For Information (INFO)

1182 Div - Bologna

Message Instructions

QB

Originator's No.

51/4A O Restricted O Ref this H R 51/4 A dated

22 May ref. to Camp Commandant - O Div 1-C

"Due limited parking facilities not more than

following seats transferred will remain CERNERIO

with Green Parties O Vehicle moved above the

scale, will return formation same day O

formation will make detailed terrain up at-planned

to conform O 6d 11p 11m 11p O 213-1st then

2 O Brit-Live Bologna City, Camp 50 BLU 52 BLU

53 BLU 1 each O 1182 Div, 2 O Second

Battalion will not be taken unless within scale scale

fixed.

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APPROVED FOR RELEASE IN OFFICIAL WITHOUT

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Originator's No.

571/4A O Restricted O Ref this H & 5-1/4 is dated  
22 May vol- to Camp Commandant - O Fort-1-O  
The limited parking facilities not more than  
following seals to be checked with permission CERNORIO  
with Senior Parties O Vehicles parked above the  
seal will return formation same day O  
formation will make detailed terrain sketch-plans  
to conform to Galt's Army Div O 213-1st Area  
2 O British Bologna City Co. O 50344 52144  
53344 1 each O H & 5th Army 2 O Second  
Baker will not be taken unless within seals under  
foot-

**DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE**

NOTED IN THE APPROPRIATE  
SECTION OF THE REPORT ON  
THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION WITHOUT

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| This message may be sent                  | If unable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. | Originator's Instructions:<br>Degree of Priority. | Time<br>TUI or FOR        | System         | Op.            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| AS WRITTEN by my means<br><i>(except)</i> | <i>WIRELESS</i>                                                                              | <i>Urgent! URGENT!</i>                            | <i>Signed [Signature]</i> | <i>[Blank]</i> | <i>[Blank]</i> |
| <i>Signed [Signature]</i>                 | <i>[Blank]</i>                                                                               | <i>[Blank]</i>                                    | <i>Time cleared</i>       | <i>[Blank]</i> | <i>[Blank]</i> |

Subject:- Small Arms Inspection.

SC REHE 52 HLU

Ref No:- EME/6/22.

Date:- 15 May 45

DAA & QMG 52 HLU  
Camp Commandant 52 HLU ✓

*Done  
by*

1. It is intended to carry out an inspection of all HLU Small Arms.
2. Could we please be advised as to when this Inspection can take place.

*P. J. Nelson* SC REHE 47

SUBJECT Medical a e ion.

The Camp Commandant.  
52 B.L.U.

52 B.L.U.,  
C.M.F.  
22nd May, 1945.

In order to regularise the position regarding medical attention I would suggest that you exhibit one copy of the attached notice in the BLU building and send copies to REME etc.

Men reporting sick should be sent to 54 Field Dressing Station at Brugherio (Map Ref. K 336730) - special cases such as dental and optical work I will arrange personally. 54 FDS is part of an Advanced Surgical Centre and in the ordinary way would not accept routine sick so I suggest that you send them only serious and genuine cases. Minor matters such as FFI examinations can be arranged through me with Capitano Foderà.

It is most desirable that men do not wander off and make their own arrangements and also that certain men with imaginary complaints be dealt with severely if they attempt to use the sick parade as an excuse for a day off!

JHB/B.

*John MacLellan*  
Lieut RAMC.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT:- Release of British Service Personnel

Hear HQ.,  
52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF

23 May 45AO/28B/5

To:- 'B' Branch 52 BLU  
DADOS., 52 BLU  
TMT., 52 BLU  
Comp Commandant 52 BLU

Herewith copy of ARIHQ letter G-1(Br)12052/A.11 dated  
12 May 45 for information and action.

HOL/AN.

Major.  
MAYSON.

COPY

SUBJECT:- Release of British Service PersonnelCONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1 (Br)12052/A.1112 May 45

1. The undermentioned table show the proposed phasing of release in  
the U.K. of Age/Service Groups 1 - 17.

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| 4 - 7   | 2 Jul/  | 15 July |
| 8 - 9   | 15 Jul/ | 30 July |
| 10 - 11 | 30 Jul/ | 12 Aug  |
| 12 - 17 | 12 Aug/ | 3 Nov   |

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travel in MKP 45 and be released in UK on 15 June and those in Group 3  
will travel on MKP 46 and be released in UK, between 28 Jun - 2 Jul.  
Shipping forecasts cannot be given beyond MKP 46.

3. It is probable that the release of Groups 10 - 16 will be *subject to* under

18 - 23 to be released in UK Nov 45 - Jan 46.  
24 - 26 " " " Feb 46 - Apr 46.

Until details of government policy in the next few months are known

Herewith copy of AFHQ letter 0-1(Br) 12052/A.11 dated  
12 May 45 for information and action.

*M. K. L.*  
Major.  
DAACOMB.

HDL/SR.

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3. It is probable that the release of groups 18 - 25 will be *under* 18 - 23 to be released in UK Nov 45 - Jan 46.  
24 - 26 " " 8 Feb 46 - Apr 46.

4. Until details of movement policy in the next few months are known personnel are liable to be called forward from their Units in CEF approximately 3 weeks before the date of release in UK.

5. The phasing given in this letter does not apply to Women's Service for whom separate instructions will be issued in due course; nor does it apply necessarily to those classes of officers specified in para 33 of the Release Regulations whose release is subject to individual sanction by the War Office.

6. The War Office have been asked whether this instructions may be promulgated to the Troops, but pending further instructions the content of this letter will be treated as confidential.

(sgd) 22/7/45

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APO 464 US ARMY

HRC/JRC/alh

AG 726.1-M

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease Prophylactic Stations Located in Cities of Italy

TO: See Distribution

1. Letter, subject, Venereal Disease Prophylactic Stations Located in Cities of Italy, Hq Fifth Army, dated 16 March 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted:

a. Locations of US Army Venereal Disease Prophylactic Stations in Italian cities are as follows:

(1) Aversa

223 Via Roma

(2) Bagnoli

2 Viale Campi Flegrei

(3) BariPiazza Garibaldi  
46 Corso Cavour (adjacent to Orienti Hotel)(4) Carodichino

8 Via Del Cassano

(5) Capri, Isle of

Near the center of town

(6) Caserta

Piazza Margherita

(7) Cerignola

Near the Cathedral, just off main highway

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Naples (cont'd)

Corner of Via Chiaia and 15 Largo Carolina  
25 Nicola Misco  
73 Via Crispi (US Navy)  
5 Via S. Teresa (US Navy)  
Piazza Cavour (British)  
19 Via Tarsia (British)  
83 Vico Gardinetto (British)  
Piazza Nazionale (British)  
Piazza Trieste Trento (British)

(18) Pisa

62 Via Santa Maria  
22 and 24 Via Oberdon

(19) Pistoia

19 Via Curtatone Montanaro

(20) Pozzuoli

Questura Building

(21) Rome

Villa Umberto (porta Pinciana)  
22 Via Poliana  
83 Via Delle Muratte  
43 Via Cimarra  
Piazza di Porta San Giovanni  
11 Via del Mancino  
Piazza San Silvestro  
19 Piazza Flaminia  
19 Via Della Cuccagna  
36 Via Emilia  
Albergo Excelsior (officers)  
Albergo Oriente  
Forum Italia (US Army Rest Center)  
96B Via Marsala (British)  
80 Via Buonarroti (British)  
29 Via Cavour  
88 Via Nazionale (Canadian)  
Red Cross Ruspoli Palace (Corso Umberto I)

(22) Santa Maria

78 Corso Garibaldi  
176 Corso Garibaldi

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(8) Florence

Fifth Army Rest Center  
Anglo - American Hotel, Via Garibaldi (Officers  
Rest Hotel)  
23 Via Porta Rosa, Albergo Dimmo  
18 (Red) Via del Ponte Sospeso

(9) Foggia

14 Corso Garibaldi (2 Blocks south of Red Cross Club)

(10) Gioia

2 blocks off main highway in US Army dispensary

(11) Grosseto

13 Corso Carlo Alberto

(12) Leghorn

62 Via Ricassoli  
85 Via Diale Giose Carducci

(13) Lecce

Opposite US Army Transient Hotel, near Red Cross

(14) Lucca

119 Corso Garibaldi  
262 Via Fellunga

(15) Manfredonia

Main Highway at southern entrance to town

(16) Montecatini

2 Via Giuseppe Verdi

(17) Naples

Via Roma (Behind Post Exchange)  
13B Via Roma  
58 Via Piedegratta  
66 Via Giovanni Merliana (Vomero)  
124 Via Santa Teresa Degli Scalzi  
4 and 5 Piazza Nicola Amore  
15A Via Indipendenza

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Naples (cont'd)

Corner of Via Chiaia and 15 Largo Carolina  
25 Nicola Misco  
73 Via Crispi (US Navy)  
5 Via S. Teresa (US Navy)  
Piazza Cavour (British)  
19 Via Tarsia (British)  
83 Vico Gardinetto (British)  
Piazza Nazionale (British)  
Piazza Trieste Trento (British)

(18) Fisa

62 Via Santa Maria  
22 and 24 Via Oberdon

(19) Pistoia

19 Via Curtatone Montanaro

(20) Fozzuoli

Questura Building

(21) Rome

Villa Umberto (porta Pinciana)  
22 Via Belgiana  
83 Via Delle Muratte  
43 Via Cimarra  
Piazza di Porta San Giovanni  
11 Via del Mancino  
Piazza San Silvestro  
19 Piazza Flaminia  
19 Via Della Cuccagna  
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80 Via Buonarroti (British)  
29 Via Cavour  
88 Via Nazionane (Canadian)  
Red Cross Ruspoli Palace (Corso Umberto I)

(22) Santa Maria

78 Corso Garibaldi  
176 Corso Garibaldi

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(23) San Severo

Main shopping district, near the Cathedral

(24) Senigallia

2 Piazza Roma

(25) Pologna

1-B Viltore Del Podesta

(26) Modena

41-B Palazzo Di Giustizia, Piazza Maggiore

(27) Reggio

9 Piazza San Guiseppe

(28) Parma

15 Piazza Garibaldi

(29) Milan

Piazza Cordusio, Via Dante

21 Via Monte Di Piato

2 Piazza Bertarelli

2 Via Vitt. Emanuele (Near IV Corps Motor Pool)

6 Piazza Fiume (Dispensary operated by City Command Section)

18 Foro Bonaparte (Dispensary IV Corps Headquarters)

(30) Verona

3 Piazza Victor Emanuele

(31) Mantova

3 Piazza Victor Emanuele

(32) Vicenza

124 Corso Umberto

2. Military personnel who plan to visit cities in Italy should be advised of the following:

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- a. The correct address of venereal disease prophylactic stations.
- b. All unit prophylactic stations are available to give prophylactic treatment to any individual, regardless of his assignment.
- c. All British and Canadian Preventive Ablution Centers (PAC) and US Army Prophylactic Stations will readily administer prophylactic treatment to Allied personnel.
- d. Mechanical prophylactic items (condoms) are available in all US Army and Navy Prophylactic Stations to US Army, US Navy and Merchant Marine personnel without cost.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

*John R. Cicero*

JOHN R. CICERO  
Lt Col, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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All Troops

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AG 726.1-M

15 May 1945

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(5) Capri, Isle of

Near the center of town

(6) Caserta

Piazza Margherita

(7) Cerignola

Near the Cathedral, just off main highway

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Rest Hotel)  
23 Via Porta Rossa, Albergo Diurno  
18 (Red) Via del Ponte Sospeso

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2 blocks off main highway in US Army dispensary

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(12) Laghorn

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119 Corso Garibaldi  
262 Via Fellunga

(15) Manfredonia

Main Highway at southern entrance to town

(16) Montecatini

2 Via Giuseppe Verdi

(17) Naples

Via Roma (Behind Post Exchange)  
13B Via Roma  
58 Via Piedegratta  
66 Via Giovanni Marliana (Vomero)  
124 Via Santa Teresa Degli Scalzi  
4 and 5 Piazza Nicola Amore  
15A Via Indipendenza

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Naples (cont'd)

Corner of Via Chiaia and 15 Largo Carolina  
25 Nicola Misco  
73 Via Crispi (US Navy)  
5 Via S. Teresa (US Navy)  
Piazza Cavour (British)  
19 Via Tarsia (British)  
83 Vico Gardinetto (British)  
Piazza Nazionale (British)  
Piazza Trieste Trento (British)

(18) Pisa

62 Via Santa Maria  
22 and 24 Via Oberdon

(19) Pistoia

19 Via Curtatone Montanano

(20) Pozzuoli

Questura Building

(21) Rome

Villa Umberto (porta Pinciana)  
22 Via Polesiana  
83 Via Delle Murette  
43 Via Cimarra  
Piazza di Porta San Giovanni  
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Piazza San Silvestro  
19 Piazza Flaminia  
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Albergo Excelsior (officers)  
Albergo Oriente  
Forum Italia (US Army Rest Center)  
96B Via Marsala (British)  
80 Via Buonarroti (British)  
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Main shopping district, near the Cathedral

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*John R. Cicero*  
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Transmitting Instructions

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FROM  
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BULGARIAN ARMY 1st DIVISION 1954

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For Action

6 24 2000 HRY  
215 2000 HRY  
216 2000 HRY50 2000  
52 2000  
55 2000

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

CR

Office Date Stamp

Originator's No.

Estimated (.) 51/1a (.) Returning 1st Div Night personnel arrive 1954  
 2000 hrs 5 Jun (.) Addressed personnel dispatched transport to 5 2000  
 Camp 215/216 & 216 to collect returning personnel 5 Jun (.) 216 sub area  
 requested to collect personnel from 1954 and to deliver them to 5 216  
 Camp 215/216 for return to formations in formation transport (.) 216  
 sub area also to ensure hot meal and beverages rationed available at 5  
 216/216 Camp (.) Number of personnel involved 15 approx

. 7725

Originator's No.

Initiated (.) 51/41 (.) Returning 1121 night personnel arrive 51/41  
 0240 hrs 5 Jun (.) Addressess requested dispatch transport to 51/41  
 0240 hrs 5 Jun to collect returning personnel 5 Jun (.) 216 sub area  
 requested to collect personnel from 51/41 and to deliver them to 51/41  
 0240 hrs 5 Jun for return to formations in formation transport (.) 216  
 Sub area also to arrange hot meal and beverage facilities available at 5  
 Transit Camp (.) Number of personnel involved 16 approx

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This message may be sent  
 AS WRITTEN by any means  
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*D. J. [Signature]*  
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52 B.L.U. ORs Leave Hostel. LAKE ISEO.

1. Arrangements have been made with the ALBERGO LEONE D'ORO (The Golden Lion) Lake ISEO for the accommodation of 15 NOOs and ORs of 52 B.L.U. per week, commencing MIDDAY WED. 6 JUNE '45.
2. Heads of Branches and Services will submit names of personnel wishing to proceed on Leave Serial 1 to Camp Office by 1200 hrs 3 June. Thereafter serials will be as follows :-

|          | <u>ARR ISEO</u>  | <u>DEP ISEO</u>  |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Serial 1 | 1400 hrs 6 June  | 1600 hrs 13 June |
| Serial 2 | 1400 hrs 13 June | 1600 hrs 20 June |
| Serial 3 | 1400 hrs 20 June | 1600 hrs 27 June |
| Serial 4 | 1400 hrs 27 June | 1600 hrs 4 July  |

Names of personnel for Serials 2, 3, and 4 to reach Camp Office not later than 48 hrs before Serial due to depart.

3. There will be a charge of 30 lira (1/6d) per head, per day, which will cover all accommodation, board, meals and service. This will be paid to Camp Office by each individual before departure of the Leave Party - total 210 lira (10/6d).

4. Personnel proceeding to Leave Hotel will take with them bedding (not beds) and personal kit as required, including bathing kit. Beds, mattresses, plates and cutlery are all provided.

5. PAY:- Leave Parties will be paid before departure.

6. MAIL:- Mail will be sent to Leave Hotel every other day.

7. WAAFI:- Will be sent to Leave Hotel each week-end.

8. GENERAL:- (a) Facilities available at ISEO include Bathing, Boating, Fishing, Dancing, Cinema (Italian) twice weekly. Bathing will only take place off the lido where a superintendent is present. The lake is deep, and weak swimmers must be careful.

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Distribution :- Camp (3)  
DADOS  
REME

*W. J. Hendri* Major,  
DAA & QMG,  
52 BLU.

Subject : Censorship regulations

British Increment, G(SD) Branch  
HQ Fifth Army  
CAF

To: LICHNING 98

222/G(SD)

24 May 45

|               | Copy to:- | AFV Brit | Army Brit | Engns Brit | Glgs Brit | C-1 Brit | C-4 Brit | Nav Brit | ST | Surg Brit | Ord Brit | RMH | Postest Brit | Lab | Sal | Wire | Postal | V & R | Camp Brit |
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| 6 SA Armd Div |           |          |           |            |           |          |          |          |    |           |          |     |              |     |     |      |        |       |           |
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24 May 43

|  | 6 SA Area | 50 HCU | 52 HCU | 53 HCU | 215 Sub Area | 216 Sub Area | Copy to:- | AFV Brit | Arty Brit | Engns Brit | Sigs Brit | C-1 Brit | C-4 Brit | Nav Brit | ST | Surg Brit | Ordn Brit | MMB | Prevent Brit | Lab | Sal | Wire | Postal | V & R | Camp Brit |
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SUBJ: 721

Army Education Scheme (Release Period) - 21107

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215 Sub Area  
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50 H13  
52 H11  
53 H11

Copy to: Education

British Investment (A Branch)  
HQ Fifth Army,  
CEN

Phone No: LIGHTNING 262

85/24

6 June 45.

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*Val*

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Col.  
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GR26 BT

To: Commanding Generals

1 ST Armd Div

34 Inf Div

92 Inf Div

6 SA Armd Div

1 Inf Div BEM

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SUBJECT:- Postal Charges

British Increment (Q Branch)  
HQ Fifth Army  
CMF

Tele: LIGHTNING REAR 164

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1 Jun 45

Rear 6 SA Armd Div  
50 BLU  
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53 BLU  
215 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area

Copy to :- D C/S Brit  
A  
Postal  
Camp

Ref this HQ letter 196 Q dated 28 May 45.

Concessions and regulations are also applicable to PALESTINE waf  
2 Jun 45 for personnel normally domiciled there.

*K. PASCALL*

K PASCALL, Capt,  
for Lt Col,  
AQMG.

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ARMY FORM C-136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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FROM  
(A)

BRITISH INFANTRY 'A' FIFTH ARMY

Originator

29 1720 S

6 SA ARMED DIV

52 MIJ

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216 SUB ARCA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

Confidential (.) 59A (.) Ref Parns 17 and 18 AGI 322/45 (.) General  
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Signed

Major, DAME.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE: 31 12 95 B

FROM : 'A' ARIN INCR REAR HQ FIFTH ARMY

TO : 6 SA AR.D DIV  
 50 BLU  
 52 BLU  
 53 BLU  
 215 SUB AREA  
 216 SUB AREA

|        |            |   |        |   |        |   |         |
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|        |            | : | RELE   | : | SAL    | : | CAMP    |

RESTRICTED(.) 4 A(.) ADV REPTS SEC FIFTH ARMY NOW ABSORBED INTO REPTS SEC  
 EIGHTH ARMY(.) ALL REPT ALL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY DEALT WITH BY ADV REPTS  
 SEC FIFTH ARMY WILL BE NOW FORWARDED TO REPTS SEC EIGHTH ARMY C/O A BRANCH MAIN  
 HQ EIGHTH ARMY(.) REQUEST YOU INSTRUCT ALL UNITS ACCORDINGLY SOONEST

This Message May be sent  
 by any means  
 (Except)

Wireless

Signed

MAJOR DAAG

PRIORITY: 5727

SUBJECT: -- MF - Army Rest CampsURGENT

*Camp* (16)

British Inverness (4 Branch)  
Rear HQ FIFTH Army  
CMF

Distribution see below

Phone No: LIGHTING REAR 162

51/4A2 June 45

1. FIFTH Army Rest Hotels (British) will open 8 Jun 45 as follows:--
  - (a) Officers. Villa Churchill (Late Albergo Regina Olga), CERNOBIO
  - (b) ORs. Albergo Imperiale, MOLTRASIO (2 kms north of CERNOBIO)
  - (c) Womens Services. Albergo CENTRALE, CERNOBIO
2. Joining Instructions are given at Appendix 'A' attached.
3. Allotment of vacancies for the period 8 Jun to 22 Jun is given at Appendix 'B' overleaf.

4. Allotment of vehicles which may remain at the hotels is as follows. Para 2(b) of the Joining Instructions refers. Drivers will count against formation leave allotments.

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 2 District   | 4      |
| 215 Sub area | 2      |
| 216 Sub area | 2      |
| 50 BLU       | 1      |
| 52 BLU       | 1      |
| 53 BLU       | 1      |
| Sa Gen Hosp  | 1 each |

5. Formations are requested to notify this HQ as soon as possible if they are unable to take up vacancies allotted to them so that these may be re-allotted.

6. Particular attention is drawn to para 3(a) of the Joining Instructions. Unless nominal rolls are in the hands of the Military Manager in good time, it is impossible for proper reception and accommodation arrangements to be made.

7. Telephone Number is CERNOBIO 2802.

8. It is the intention that the control of these Hotels will ultimately pass to HQ No. 2 District when they will be absorbed into the rest facilities planned for Army and District troops in N.W. ITALY. The facilities planned will provide at least 64 accommodation for all ranks (i.e. one week's leave every 4½ months) in suitable locations. It is probable that the ORs Hotel will then be reserved for WO and Sgts, the other ranks being dispersed in other Rest Hotels and Camps which are in course of opening.

(c) Womens Services. Albergo CENTRALE, CERNOBILIO

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4. Allotment of vehicles which may remain at the hotels is as follows. Para 2(b) of the Joining Instructions refers. Drivers will count against Formation leave allotments.

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 2 District   | 4      |
| 215 Sub Area | 2      |
| 216 Sub Area | 2      |
| 50 BLU       | 1      |
| 52 BLU       | 1      |
| 53 BLU       | 1      |
| 54 Gen Hosp  | 1 each |

5. Formations are requested to notify this HQ as soon as possible if they are unable to take up vacancies allotted to them so that these may be re-allotted.
6. Particular attention is drawn to para 3(a) of the Joining Instructions. Unless nominal rolls are in the hands of the Military Manager in good time, it is impossible for proper reception and accommodation arrangements to be made.

7. Telephone Number is CERNOBILIO 2802.

8. It is the intention that the control of these Hotels will ultimately pass to HQ No. 2 District when they will be absorbed into the rest facilities planned for Army and District troops in N.W. ITALY. The facilities planned will provide at least 6% accommodation for all ranks (i.e. one week's leave every 4 1/2 months) in suitable locations. It is probable that the ORs Hotel will then be reserved for WOs and Sgts, the other ranks being dispersed in other Rest Hotels and Camps which are in course of opening.

*W. B. M. L.*  
Col.  
DA & QUC.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- Command Post HQ No. 2 District
- HQ 215 Sub Area
- British Incumbent BOLOGNA City Command
- 50 BLU
- 52 BLU
- 53 BLU
- Military Manager, Fifth Army Rest Hotels
- Wellfare
- Medical (3)

Appendix 111 to British Increment  
FIFTH Army letter 51/44 dated  
2 Jun 45

# JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIFTH ARMY REST HOTELS

## 1. PERIOD OF LEAVE

6 clear days, i.e. arrive D day and leave D+7 both zero day of week.

## 2. TRAVEL TO AND FROM HOTELS

- (a) Rail. Details of train services will be notified later.
- (b) Road. Allotment of vehicles bringing leave parties which may remain at the Hotels will be notified from time to time. Other MT will not remain at the Hotels but will be used to clear outgoing parties.

(c) Formation or Unit Parties. Personnel will arrive in formed parties. Each party will be in charge of an Officer or NCO.

(d) Times of arrival and departure. Parties will arrive after lunch and before 1630 hrs on day of joining. Rooms will be vacated by 1300 hrs on day of departure.

## 3. DOCUMENTATION

(a) Nominal rolls of all personnel proceeding on leave (including drivers) will be forwarded to the Military Manager, Fifth Army Rest Hotels, Lake COMO with copy to Welfare, British Increment HQ Fifth Army, to arrive three clear days before each party is due.

Any officer or NCO whose name does not appear on the nominal rolls will not be given accommodation.

Nominal rolls will show the name of the formation under whose allotment the party is proceeding.

(b) Officer or NCO i/c party will carry a copy of the nominal roll which will be handed in on arrival to the Military Manager. A FW certificate signed by the Unit MO will be attached to the nominal roll.

(c) Every officer and OR will be in possession of an individual leave pass.

## 4. KIT

Mosquito nets and personal kit will be taken. Beds, bedding and mess equipment are provided in the Hotels.

## 5. NOTES

- (a) Officers and ORs will be returned up to time of arrival at the Hotels.
- (b) The Military Manager will arrange for the arrival of the party.

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### 5. RATIONS

(a) Officers and ORs will be rationed up to time of arrival at the Hotels.

(b) The Military Manager will arrange rations for the return journey.

(c) Drivers of Unit transport will carry rations for the double journey.

(d) MAATI supplies, wines, spirits and beer are on sale in the Hotels. All purchases will be made in cash. Credit will not be given. Units will underdraw their MAATI ration for personnel proceeding on leave.

### 6. ARMS

Arms and equipment will not be taken.

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/7 PAY

7. PAY

All ranks will draw pay below. Leaving unit. There is no provision in the hotels for issuing pay to either Officers or ORs.

8. FOOD

Officers will not bring food unless such is being billed normal OR leave pay notes.

9. LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available at the Hotel.

10. DRUGS

Drugs will not be brought.

11. RATES OF LIVING

(a) The following living charges will be made and will be paid in advance on arrival at the Hotel.

Officers, 425 lire for the whole period.

ORs, 100 lire for the whole period.

(b) The above charges include house service charges of 75 lire for Officers and 40 lire for ORs.

All ranks are permitted to tip bar stewards if they so desire but no other gratuities will be paid.

12. DISCIPLINE

(a) All ranks will be held responsible for any loss or damage of linen and furniture in their belongings.

(b) All ranks will on arrival acquaint themselves with the Hotel regulations, time of meals etc.

(c) The Military Commander is empowered to return to units any personnel whose behaviour can be questioned.

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Laundry facilities are available at the Hotel.

10. DOGS

Dogs will not be brought.

11. RATES OF PAYMENT

(a) The following messing charges will be made and will be paid in advance on arrival at the Hotel.

6000. 425 lire for the whole period.

ORs. 60 lire for the whole period.

(b) The above charges include house service charge of 75 lire for breakfast and 10 lire for O.S.

All rooms are permitted to the bar storeroom if they so desire but no other facilities will be paid.

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(b) All ranks will on arrival acquaint themselves with the hotel regulations, rules of the hotel.

(c) The military personnel is required to return to units any personnel whose behaviour can be questioned.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO BRITISH INCIDENT  
FIFTH ARMY L. CR. 51/44 dated  
2 June 45.

FIFTH ARMY POST HOTELS

PERIOD: 8 June to 22 June 45.

| LOCATION        | 8 JUNE   |      | 15 JUNE  |      |
|-----------------|----------|------|----------|------|
|                 | OFFICERS | ORGS | OFFICERS | ORGS |
| 2 District      | 30       | 6    | 6        | 20   |
| 215 Sub Area    | 10       | 33   | 8        | 50   |
| 216 Sub Area    | 4        | 20   | 10       | 42   |
| 50 BLU          | 1        | 2    | 2        | 2    |
| 52 BLU          | 1        | 2    | 2        | 2    |
| 53 BLU          | 1        | 2    | 2        | 2    |
| 107 SA Gen Hosp | 6        | -    | 6        | -    |
| 108 SA Gen Hosp | 6        | -    | 6        | -    |
| TOTALS:         | 59       | 67   | 42       | 113  |

\* For Nursing Officers.

SUBJECT :- Requisitioning of Civilian Material

52 BLU,  
42/11/262,  
10 Jun '45.

Main HQ 52 BLU.  
SADCS.  
SC REMB.  
Camp Commandant 52 BLU. —

1. In order to obtain the best value in respect of requisitioned civilian material, it is requested that all Branches please ensure that this Office is notified of the intention to requisition any civilian goods or material, so that the correct procedure can be adopted.
2. Detailed instructions are held by this Office.

IN THE FIELD  
HPL/BE

HS herke 7722  
Major,  
DAA & CSC.

SUBJECT: Medical attention for 52 BLU.

52 B.L.U.

C.M.F.

The Camp Commandant.

52 B.L.U.

11th June, 1945.

Further to my letter of 22nd May regarding medical attention for members of the BLU the following procedure should now be adopted :-

All sick should be sent to the CENTRAL M.I.ROOM at Via Francesco Sforza 35, MILAN. They should be provided with a sick report in duplicate (B256) properly filled in and should also take any documents relevant to their case, if available.

The sick parade takes place daily at 0830hrs and 0930hrs on Sundays. In view of the fact that we are situated some distance from Milan it has been arranged that ORs from the BLU will be allowed to report sick up to 1000hrs. Please see that they leave in time to report by that hour.

Officers can be seen daily at 1100hrs.

Dental cases can be attended to any morning at the Dental Centre adjoining the M.I.Room.

If a case has to be sent to hospital the man will in the first instance be sent to the M.I.Room, who will arrange for his admission to 54 F.D.S., MILAN. The same procedure will be adopted for suspected cases of V.D., in which case the man will be admitted to 15 U.S. Evacuation Hospital, Milan.

ALL CASES MUST FIRST REPORT TO THE M.I.ROOM MILAN.

In order to economise on transport it is suggested that REME, RAOC etc. contact the Camp Commandant daily that arrangements may be made to send the Sick Parade in one vehicle. In the case of minor injuries and emergency the Italian Medical Officers may be asked to help but it is better to send cases that may require hospital treatment direct to the M.I.Room, thus avoiding unnecessary delay and difficulties

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in subsequent evacuation and documentation

Capitano Foderà, Medical Officer of the Quartier Generale, will be good enough to visit men sick in quarters as heretofore and their subsequent evacuation to hospital, if necessary, will be arranged by myself.

Ophthalmic cases can be examined by special arrangement, which I will make personally.

I think that the above scheme should work excellently as there is no need for any men of the BLU to go further than MILAN and they can thus be easily visited in hospital etc. There are still some individuals who appear anxious to have a day off and visit the M.O. as an excuse, but doubtless you will deal with them in the appropriate manner!

*John W. H. H. H.*  
Lieut RAMC.

Copies:

D.A.D.O.S.  
D.A.A./Q.M.G.  
S.O./R.E.M.E.  
S.O./R.SIGS.

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FROM

(A) A Dist Ltr to Rear 5 Army 051935B

For Action

6 SA Amdt to 215 Sub Area

216 Sub Area 50 BLD

TO 52 BLD 53 BLD

W) For Information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp

Message Instructions GP

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Signed *W. G. G. G.*

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| Time Cleared |        |     |

SUBJECT :- Retention of Winter Clothing.

Rear 6 SA Armd Div  
50 BLU  
52 BLU  
53 BLU  
215 Sub Area  
216 Sub Area

Copy to :- 1 Dist  
Med  
Ord (Brit)  
Camp

British Increment (3 Branch)  
HQ Fifth Army  
CMF

Tele No: LIGHTNING 129

188 Q

9 Jun 45.

1. The provisions of CRO 184/45 have been modified to the effect that the items of winter clothing detailed for withdrawal in para 1 will now be retained by all units.
2. In order to avoid confusion during next winter season those units which have returned winter clothing will re-indent forthwith to complete to both summer and winter scale (authority AFHQ PX 87571 dated 4 Jun).
3. The object of para 2 above is to ensure that all units who will require it next winter are in possession of winter clothing soonest. 6 SA Armd Div will take this into consideration when submitting their indents.

JSM/IEB.

JS MACFIE, Maj  
for Lt Col  
ACMG

*JS Macfie*  
Major

*Camp*

Subject: Attachment ORs

CARIBALDI REGT.  
c/o R.T.C. I.C.F.  
C.M.F.

4 June 45.

M. 11.

*Camp*

DAAG-NG 52 BIA  
CIN

Major E.W. HAMILTON  
Comd "C" Brg Inc  
Att 52 BIA.

14403671 Car MITCHELL A.D. R.A. (HAA).

The a/m has been acting as driver to Major J Edmonds (Hamps) U.D.F.  
In accordance with your letter 02/6 (HWH/am) the a/m was dispatched  
to the RAYD this morning (4-6-45.)  
GHQ 2 Echelon and RAYD will be informed.

Copy to: GHQ 2nd Echelon  
CC RAYD.  
CC R.T.C. I.C.F. CHESARO.  
File.

*J. Gibbs*  
Major  
O L/c Caribaldi Regt  
I.C.F.  
C.M.F.

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In lieu of AF C 2136

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: Q BRIT INCREMENT ~~WINTER~~

Date Time of Origin  
06/01/2. B

TO: 50 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU 215 SUB AREA } ACTION  
216 SUB AREA

ORIGINATOR'S NO: Q 568

Ref GRO 104/45 anticipated AFHQ will rule that summer and winter scale clothing will now be held by all tps (.) Backloading winter clothing will therefore cease (.) Further instrs follow

Distribution: All Branches and Services

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN  
by an means except Wireless.

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

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Major

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SUBJECT: Ophthalmic Examination.

52 British Liaison Unit.  
C.M.F.

11th June, 1945.

The Commanding Officer,  
15 U.S. Evacuation Hospital.  
MILAN.

It would be much appreciated if an appointment could be arranged for a soldier of this unit to be examined by your Ophthalmologist. This man, a British other rank, was last examined two or three years ago and now feels he requires a change of glasses.

It is regretted that it has been necessary to trouble you with this matter but this unit is attached to an Italian Combat Group and the nearest British Ophthalmic Unit is, therefore, too far away for this soldier to visit.

JHB/B.

*John H. Bayly*  
Lieut. R.A.M.C.

*Camp Comdt.*

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Subject: Closing of PIACENZA Bridge.

52 Lt. Ash Island Unit,  
CMT,  
11 July 45.

9/3/50

(43)

To: HQ LACERNO Group.  
CMT.  
A/C.  
Camp Cmtl.

Further to this HQ letter 8/49/57 dated 10 July 45, the following HQ 2 District signal 334/1506 dated 11 July 45 is forwarded for information:-

" 334/1506 (...) Restricted (...) The PIACENZA Dr at 16217 will be closed to all mil traffic wed 16 July mil traffic will use the br at 11521 until further notice from their commands (...) This HQ 03/309 of 9 July not to all is cancelled (...) All Info

*Michael May*  
1401-001.

SECRETSubject: Operational Command.52 British Liaison Unit,  
CAF.5 July 45.G/44/145

|                 |      |            |
|-----------------|------|------------|
| To: HQ Legnano. | A/Q. | RECE.      |
| Ad.             | RE   | Comp Comd. |
| SW.             | Med. |            |
| R. Sigs.        | Ord. |            |

Copy to: 421 PS Section.

MAG, Bergamo.

Sjt Ribolla (att Legnano FSS)

The following Warning Order has been received from HQ 2 District in their signal GO/3.15 of 4 July 45.

1. HQ 2 District will take on responsibility for internal security from HQ IV Corps wef 15 July 45.
2. 59 Area, with under comd :-  
LEGNANO Gruppo  
Garibaldi Regt  
502 ITI Gds Bn.  
will be responsible for LOMBARDIA less MANTOVA.
3. 60 Sub-Area, with under comd :-  
HQ 1 Gds Regt  
503 ITI Gds Bn (less one coy)  
519 ITI Gds Bn.  
MANTOVA Gruppo - less one Regt (wef approx 20 July)  
will be responsible for LIGURIA less IPERIA.
4. 215 Sub-Area, with under comd :-  
One Regt MANTOVA Gruppo (on arrival approx 20 July)  
will be responsible for PIACENZA and PARMA.
5. 6 SA Armd Div, with under comd CREMONA Gruppo, will be responsible for PAVIA and IPERIA.
6. 151 Sub-Area - no security responsibilities. To remain with one coy 503 ITI Gds Bn under comd.
7. 2 Infantry, on arrival will be located in MILAN under comd of 2 Dist.
8. 10th Column, to assist 215 Sub-Area and 60 Sub-Area if required, will be earmarked.

cc: HQ Bergamo. A/Q. REUE.  
 14. RE. Camp Cond.  
 21. Med.  
 R. Sigs. Ord.

Copy to: 421 PS Section.  
 AMG, Bergamo.  
 Sjt Ribolla (att Bergamo PSS)

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7. 2 Bothians, on arrival will be located in MILAN under cond of 2 Dist.
8. 100p Column, to assist 215 Sub-Area and 60 Sub-Area if required, will be earmarked.

25/15

*W. W. W.*  
 7114  
 Lieut-Col.  
 GS.

SUBJECT: LIAP Instructions.

HQ 59 Area (to include 52 BLU)  
 HQ 60 Sub Area  
 HQ 151 Sub Area (to incl 51 BLU and Br Tps  
 attached 6 SA Armd Div)  
 HQ 215 Sub Area  
 HQ 66 AA Bde

HQ No. 2 District, CMP.  
 A/631/8(PS).

26 Jun 45.

Reference this HQ signal AG/603 dated 24 Jun 45, the following instructions for personnel proceeding on LIAP will be read in conjunction with AFHQ Admin Instructions for LIAP.

1. It is proposed to despatch 200 personnel each week on leave to UK. They will be despatched in 2 parties of 100 each.
2. Until further notice all LIAP personnel will be despatched by road. The journey will be via MILAN and VILLACH (SW AUSTRIA).
3. Addressees will despatch such personnel to arrive 305 Transit Camp MILAN by 1800 hrs on the day or days to be stated from time to time by this HQ. Transport for the journey to MILAN will be provided under Area and Sub Area arrangements, for the move to VILLACH under arrangements made by this HQ, and from VILLACH by 8 Army.
4. DRESS.
  - (a) All ranks will travel to ALMEIN Camp VILLACH in KD and thence in battledress.
  - (b) Haversack and filled water bottle will be worn slung. Mess tin and mug will be carried in the haversack.
  - (c) Owing to the extreme shortage of clothing in the UK all ORs will be clothed in accordance with ACI 1180/44 para 5 tables 'A', 'B' and, where necessary, 'C'.
  - (d) Respirators and Steel Helmets will NOT be taken.
  - (e) No arms will be taken but each officer will carry his revolver.

5. BAGGAGE.

- (a) All ranks will take two blankets and greatcoats.
- (b) Officers will retain their blankets throughout the period of absence from their units, but ORs will hand in both blankets at CALAIS where they will be issued with one clean blanket for the channel crossing which will be handed in at the UK Transit Camp.
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- (c) On their return ORs will receive one clean blanket at the UK Transit Camp and a second blanket at CALAIS.
- (d) Baggage is limited to:
  - (i) in the case of officers a large pack haversack and suitcase or equivalent.
  - (ii) in the case of ORs a large pack, haversack and a kit bag.
- (e) All ranks will be informed that it will be necessary for each individual to carry his own baggage for the distance of one mile before embarkation.

Sheet 2.

- (f) There is no left luggage accommodation available anywhere en route. No issue of clothing will be possible in any circumstances after leaving their own unit.
- (g) All personnel will be inspected before leaving ALAMEIN Camp. OC camp is authorised to turn back any personnel improperly dressed. This is an 8 Army order; the Army Comd himself has stressed the importance of a good turn out for troops passing through BLA.
- (h) OC ALAMEIN Camp will inform the senior officer in charge of the party that shirt sleeve order may be assumed at his discretion in which case shirt sleeve order will be as follows:
- (i) caps according to arm or service, to be worn whilst in transit.
  - (ii) shirts with sleeves rolled up to elbows and necks open to second button.
  - (iii) BD trousers.
  - (iv) anklets (web).
  - (v) boots.
  - (vi) badges of rank as appropriate to be worn by all ranks.
6. PAY.
- (a) The provisions regarding pay are the same as laid down for LLP in the AFHQ Admin Instructions with the following exceptions.
- (b) Units will be instructed to issue one weeks nett pay to all ORs irrespective of any debt. All ORs will be informed that they will receive 14 days pay and leave rate ration allowance on arrival at the UK Transit Camp FOLKESTONE, and that a further 14 days pay with leave rate ration allowance will be forwarded to them by the Paymaster during the period of their leave, together with any credit balance due if required.
- The entry showing the grant of 28 days leave must be made in the officers AB 439 and ORs AB 64.
- (c) The restrictions on lire are applicable to all foreign currency.
- (d) All personnel in possession of over £10 foreign currency will carry an authority signed by OC of their unit stating the amount of Italian or Austrian currency which the individual may exchange into sterling and all personnel will be warned that any substantial sums of currency required to be exchanged will be queried. Currency will be exchanged at GALLIS only.
- (e) Lire and Schillings may only be expended during the journey and will be accepted by EMI.

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## 7. MEDICAL.

Medical inspections and the regulations governing VD are the same as for LLAP but RMOs will comply with AFHQ 37 Serial 4 1944 with the exception that AF 11247 will be retained by the parent unit.

## 8. WELFARE & LEGAL AID.

- (a) Any individual who has begun or who is contemplating matrimonial proceedings should consult the Law Officer before departing. There will, however, be a rep of SSAFA who will be available at ALBERT Camp.

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- (b) The conditions governing marriage by any personnel whilst on leave are the same as for LIAP but there is no law officer available at any Staging Camps.

9. DOCUMENTATION.

- (a) The documentation of all personnel proceeding on leave will later become the unit's responsibility but pending the receipt and distribution of the necessary documents, the OC Transit Camp CALAIS is issuing AF 3145, a combined leave pass and travel ticket and ration cards, and in addition, each officer will be given 20 clothing coupons.
- (b) Units will effect documentation in accordance with AFHQ Admin Instructions para 4(a) using the code work ELP instead of LIAP. COs will ensure that all officers carry their AB 439 and ORs their AB 64 parts I and II and will issue AF B5133 or a form in lieu thereof to all leave personnel prior to their leaving the unit.
- (c) Individuals proceeding to NORTHERN IRELAND, EIRE, CRKNEYS, SHETLAND or ISLE OF MAN will in addition to all other documents carry AF W3060 which is an individual embarkation card. This will be prepared in duplicate for both the outward and return short sea voyage. Personnel proceeding to NORTHERN IRELAND or EIRE will also carry with him a certificate signed by the OC of the unit stating that the voyage is for the purpose of visiting the parents, wife or children of the individual.
- (d) Units will be instructed to prepare a nominal roll of all personnel proceeding to 305 Transit Camp MILAN, showing the Area or Sub Area allotting the vacancies. These nominal rolls will accompany the senior member of the party and will be handed to OC 305 Transit Camp on arrival. OC 305 Transit Camp will prepare 6 copies of a consolidated nominal roll of personnel proceeding to VILLACH, handing 5 copies to senior officer in the party, and forwarding one copy to this HQ through the normal channels. The nominal roll will show units and Areas/Sub Areas. Senior officers i/c party will hand rolls to the OC ALBERTIN Camp VILLACH on arrival.
- (e) The OC 305 Transit Camp will hand to the senior officer i/c party an authority authorising the latter to cross into AUSTRIA with the party. The authority signed personally by the OC 305 Transit Camp will be in the following terms:

"Major AN OTHER with ( ) officers and ( ) men under his command is authorised to proceed with his party on leave to the United Kingdom and for that purpose is authorised to travel with his party into and through AUSTRIAN TERRITORY."

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No persons other than those properly authorised to travel on leave to the UK and in possession of the authority referred to above will be permitted to enter AUSTRIAN TERRITORY.

- (f) Postponement of embarkation from UK on the return journey owing to non sailing or any other causes will be notified to the CMF personnel by BBC broadcasts as for BLA.

10. On leaving ALAMEIN Camp 2 District party will come under command senior officer 8 /any party to whom he will report details of any personnel left en route.

11. POSTAL & SECURITY.

The conditions governing postal arrangements and security are the same

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as for LIAP with the exception that notification of leave may be made by post and telegraph.

Although anticipated dates of arrival and departure may be stated by personnel, embarkation ports will in NO circumstances be given.

## 12. NIAFI & RASO.

- (a) All personnel will be issued by units with one weeks full issue of sweets, cigarettes or tobacco prior to departure.
- (b) On arrival at ALMEIN Camp all ranks will be entitled to draw their full entitlement of NIAFI supplies for the total period of absence from their units. Adequate supplies are available at the Camp and units will not, therefore, issue more than one week's supply. The estimated time of absence from the unit is 6 weeks. All personnel are allowed to take into the UK duty free 200 cigarettes or  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb tobacco,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint spirits and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint perfume.
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LJC/DR

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51 BLU  
52 BLU  
CC 305 Transit Camp

Internals G(2)  
A  
Q  
Engrs  
Mov NW ITALY  
SAPS (2)

Postal  
Salvage  
Labour  
Edn  
Welfare  
Fire

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Colonel, *Trax*  
D.A. & QMG.

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Internal: G(2)

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| Q            | Salvage                                        |
| Engrs        | Labour                                         |
| Mov NW ITALY | Edn                                            |
| Sigs (2)     | Welfare                                        |
| Chaplains    | Fire                                           |
| ST           | 'F' Inspectorate of Army Eqpt                  |
| Med          | RFI                                            |
| Ord          | 23 Pwd Base Pay Office c/o 22 Area Cash Office |
| REME         | O. i/c JAG Branch                              |
| Pro          | CEM                                            |
|              | Camp (2)                                       |

*Traxler*  
Colonel, RMC.  
DA & QMG.

SUBJECT: Administration

8 Allied Ex PW Repatriation Unit

Copy to:- 52 BLU  
G(SD)

Reference your 1/68 dated 16 Jun 45.

You are placed under adm and local adm comd of 52 BLU. This arrangement is considered more practicable than placing you under comd of 59 Area.

Pan to Camp

DJO/HH

HOL

British Increment 'A' Branch  
HQ Fifth Army  
CMF

Phone No: Lightning 262

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21 Jun 45

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Acting Deputy Chief of Staff (British),  
Fifth Army.

L. lieu of AF C2136

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: Q Brit Increment FIVEARMY

TO : Rear 6 SA Armad Div }  
50 ELU }  
52 ELU — }  
53 ELU }

Time of Origin  
15 / 400 B

ACTION

1 District  
2 District  
AMHQ Q(Maint)

INRM

ORIGINATOR'S No.: Q 594

items of winter clothing required for maint may be indented for on  
authority AMHQ FX87571 dated 4 JUN pending issue of new GRO

DISTRIBUTION: Ord (Brit) Camp

This msg may be sent as written  
by any means ~~(except)~~ wireless

Degree of Priority

ELS

Maj

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## MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 1A' BRID INK REAR RS FIVE ARMY

14 JUN 63 3

TO: 6 SAARAD DIV  
215 SUC AREA  
216 SUC AREA  
52 BDU  
50 BDU  
53 BDU

INFO: ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES

Camp

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SECOND(.) NOTIFICATION OF RECEIVED FROM WAR OFFICE THAT NO MORE BYTOM  
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YOU LOSE ON BYTOM WILL BE ONLY 12 FOUND BY REDUCING MEASURED AREA(.)  
THIS ALSO APPLIES TO PERSONNEL YOU LOSE THROUGH REINSTATE (.) UNQUOTE(.)

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AS WRITTEN (except)

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PRIORITY: ELS

Signed... MAJOR DAG

INFO: ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES

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PRIORITY: ELS

Signed. *[Signature]* MAJOR D.M.C.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 'A' BRIT INCR REAR HQ FIFTH ARMY

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN:  
12/16/53 BACTION: 6 BR ARMD DIV : 50 DIV  
215 SUB ARMD : 52 DIV  
216 SUB ARMD : 53 DIV

INFORMATION: ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES

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Signed:

Major DIAC

PRIORITY: EIS

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Subject: Interpreters.

52 JUN

SECRET

Main HQ, Eighth Army CMT.  
 14 6343.A.  
 6 Jun 45.

The following points of administration are detailed below for information and action and concern those interpreters, and those only, who are posted to Interpreters Pool (Austria) (formerly named Eighth Army Pool of Interpreters and AFHQ Pool of Interpreters)

#### 1. ATTACHMENTS

Interpreters, both Officers and ORs are attached to Units and Formations for all purposes except promotion. They may be suballotted by Formations to units under their command, without prior reference to this HQ, but, if it is desired to allot interpreters to units now under command, authority MUST be requested from this HQ.

Interpreters will NOT repeat NOT be despatched to report to this HQ, unless expressly ordered to do so by this HQ, as there is no accommodation available. In the case of Formations or units making a sudden departure from this theatre, if there is no time available to consult this HQ re disposal of interpreters, they will be despatched to report to 2 CMT and this HQ notified by signal.

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#### 4. TRADESMEN

All tradesmen will be automatically demustered waf date of joining Pool, but continue to receive Trade Pay for a period of 6 months waf date of demustering.

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Authority for additional pay at the rate of 1/- per diem for all interpreters waf date of joining Pool is being applied for and units will be informed when the necessary Pt II Orders are received at this HQ. This additional pay must not be issued until the Pt II Orders are received.

#### 6. PROMOTION.

As the lowest rank on the WL of the Pool is P/Lt/Col all interpreters will be promoted to that rank waf date of being MOS. These promotions will be published by this HQ and extracts from the relevant Pt II Os forwarded when received. Further promotions depend on the WL and on recommendations of units to whom interpreters are attached. All recommendations should be forwarded to this HQ for consideration. No objection is made to the grant of MOS, UNEMPLOYED ACTING MOS to interpreters in such cases where it

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7. PUNISH.

Personnel will be despatched on PUNISH in the normal manner in which they will be called forward by ORs and on instructions from ORs will be despatched direct from the formation or unit to which they are attached.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence should be addressed to:      Adm Offr.  
Interpreters Pool (Austria)  
"A" Main HQ Eighth Army.

May all interpreters please be informed that if they wish to correspond with this HQ they should do so through the normal channels (eg through OC of Unit to whom they are attached), on NO account should they write direct to this HQ.

*C. F. H. H. H.*  
Capt.  
Adm Offr.  
Interpreters Pool (Austria)  
(Eighth Army)

7706

SUBJECT:- Economy of Clothing.

All Units

Internal

59 Area.  
Q 221/2.  
22 Jul 45.

Ref the attached copy of AFHQ letter, AFHQ/9170/4(AE) dated 7 Jul 45.

1. COs will be personally responsible for ensuring that the contents of this letter are brought to the notice of all ranks.
2. (a) The greatest possible economy will be effected in the replacement of clothing of men due for early release, because they will be issued with a complete outfit of new civilian clothing on release.  
 (b) COs should ensure that on release, men are in possession of serviceable items of the clothing they are permitted to retain but, when replacement issues to such men are necessary, part-worn clothing will be issued whenever possible.  
 (c) The issue of new clothing to soldiers within a few weeks of release will be restricted to the minimum necessitated by the sizing problem or the nature of the duties the individual may be required to perform.
3. ADOS dumps are not in a position to carry stocks of clothing, hence on no account should clothing be condemned unless completely unserviceable.
4. (a) It is understood that in many units winter clothing which has been retained under the terms of GRC 755 of 1945 has been left in possession of the individual man.  
 (b) In order to prevent damage to this clothing during the summer months, all units will withdraw all items of winter clothing into unit or sub unit stores.  
 (c) The clothing of each man will be separately bundled and labelled to permit of its easy re-issue when necessary.
5. COs will report to this HQ by 22 Aug the measures they have taken to ensure that all possible economy in clothing is exercised.

Field.  
TWEHP/al.

W. Baginall.  
Lt Col.  
AA & QMG.

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COPY.SUBJECT: - Economy of Clothing.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,  
AFHQ/9170/Q(AE).  
7 July 45.Rear HQ Eighth Army  
No 1 District  
No 2 District  
No 3 District  
Rome Allied Area Command  
HQ LF Greece  
HQ BTNA  
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1. A serious world wide shortage of clothing has developed during the past two years. It has now reached such proportions that unless drastic measures are taken to reduce the quantity of clothing used by the armed forces there will be insufficient to meet normal wastage. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the terms of this letter and the detailed instructions contained in a GRO shortly to be published be followed.

2. Commanding Officers, QMs and others will have already observed the shortage of certain items of clothing. In particular Battle Dress, Greatcoats and Blankets were in short supply last winter. There is no prospect of any improvement, and for the information of all concerned the shortage is likely to extend to many other items of clothing. There is however sufficient clothing to meet theatre requirements provided there is no extravagance whatsoever and every item of clothing is used and reconditioned until completely unserviceable.

3. Q Staffs should pay particular attention to the economy of clothing in view of the serious situation which has arisen. They will check any waste with their Ord officers to ensure that units are economy minded, taking every possible step to reduce wastage.

It should be noted that considerable economy can be effected by a quick turn round of repairable clothing. Frequent inspections should be made of all clothing and the importance of "a stitch in time" by the owner of the clothing cannot be over-emphasised.

There is likely to be considerable difficulty in the supply of new Battle Dress during the autumn of 1945. Supplies will be sufficient only for operational troops in AUSTRIA and in the TRIESTE area, and even this will not be possible in particular sizes. Troops in most other locations in CMF will receive part worn battle dress.

4. The object of this letter and the GRO is to ensure that all concerned are aware of the situation and the necessity for the measures being taken to meet it.

JJS/MLP

(Signed) A.C. DUFF.  
Major General, G-4(Br).

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D.A.D.C.S. CIRCULAR NO. 5

22 R.L.U.  
C.M.F.  
21 July 1945.

### 31. Electrolyte.

This is in very short supply, the small quantity available is held by C.F.P. and will only be issued to units who provide necessary containers.

### 32. Clothing.

There is a world shortage of wool and it is therefore necessary to exercise strictest economy with all items of clothing.

Clothing will be exchanged only when unserviceable, and not on account of appearance.

All U/S clothing will be inspected for unfair wear and tear, and disciplinary action taken where necessary.

### 33. M.T. Spares.

The demands for M.T. spare parts made on the O.R.P. are far in excess of normal requirements for the number of vehicles in this formation.

In order that the stock held by O.R.P. can be replenished quickly, arrangements have been made for indents to be sent to Base by Special Air Service and stores forwarded by the quickest possible means.

This arrangement will alleviate the present situation, but it is impossible for Ordnance to continue to issue M.T. spares on the present scale.

Indents will therefore be very carefully vetted by Ord. and when it is apparent that an item has become unserviceable through excessive speeds or lack of maintenance, the item will not be replaced until the findings of enquiry, and disciplinary action taken has been reported to D.A.D.C.S.

This will ensure that vehicles which are properly maintained will have priority over others.

### 34. Boots.

R.S.D.'s report that boots received by them are frequently found to be either beyond repair or have been worn so long that they can only be put to salvage.

Boots will be inspected weekly, and repaired immediately the soles become broken.

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### 36. Cleaning Materials.

Units continually make the excuse that the bad condition of their equipment is due to non-availability of cleaning materials.

This excuse which reflects upon the efficiency of Ordnance, and particularly the B.O.W.O.'s concerned, will not be tolerated.

Cleaning materials have never been in short supply and in all cases where enquiries have been instituted, it has been found that the unit concerned have been in possession of cleaning materials which have not been used.

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37. Small Arms.

Small Arms which have been B.L.R'd will be disposed of in accordance with DADOS Circular No. 3 para 22.

Application for release of replacement will be made in accordance with Sezione Servizi 103/923 of 29 March '45, and a copy of this application will be forwarded to D.A.D.O.S.

38. Jerkins Leather.

All leather jenkins will be returned to DADOS Dump immediately, tied in bundles of ten. Units will report to DADOS any action taken in respect of deficiencies.

39. Winter Clothing.

Units will submit indents immediately through usual channels, to bring themselves up to full scale of Winter Clothing.

40. B.C.W.O's.

There is a strong possibility that B.C.W.O's will be withdrawn from this formation, their past efforts having been so successful that higher authority considers their retention no longer necessary. Until their withdrawal, their advice and assistance where necessary will continue to be at the disposal of units they serve.

*W.P.J. Smith*  
 (W.P.J. SMITH)  
 Capt.

for D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

## Distribution:-

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| Ufficio Commissariato "Legnano"    | (1) |
| S/Cdr Danby                        | (3) |
| S/Cdr Yarrow                       | (3) |
| S/Cdr Lyon                         | (3) |
| Camp Comdt., 52 B.L.U. ✓           | (1) |
| REME Trg. Inc. 52 B.L.U.           | (1) |
| 421 Fld. Sec. Sect. I.C.           | (1) |
| B.C.W.O. 114 Regt., Mantova Gruppo | (1) |
| File                               | (1) |

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SUBJECT. Passes

52 British Liaison Unit  
CMF.

22 July 45

To:- HQ Legnano  
Gruppo di Combattimento

AQ/11/314

The attached 59 AREA ROUTINE ORDER No.460/45 is repeated for information and compliance.

/WN.

*H. H. H.* 117  
for, Lieut-Col.  
G.S.

Copy to Camp.

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460. PASSES

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SECRET.

Subject: Operational Command.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CCT.  
10 July 45.3/44/151.HQ LEGGIO Gruppo. ST.  
RA. ited.  
TEL. Ord.  
Sigs. RLE.  
A/Q. Camp Comd.

1. This HQ letter 3/44/145 dated 5 July 45 is cancelled.
2. Below is copy of HQ 2 District signal 60/3430 dated 8 July 45, for information and necessary action.

TEL/S.

Copy to: 424 PS Section.  
AIG, BERGAMO.  
Sgt RIBELLA, (att LEGGIO PS Sec).

*Alcock*  
Lieut-Col.  
GS.

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From: DISTNO.

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To (action): (1) 59 Area (2) 60 Sub Area (3) 151 Sub Area  
(4) 215 Sub Area (5) 6 SA Arm'd Div (6) 54 ARD  
(7) 52 ARD.  
Info: (8) 5 Army (9) IV Corps (10) 56 ARD.

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NOTE (.) These TWO will be implemented in IV ITALY wof 15 July (.) Areas of responsibility will then be as follows (.)  
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THREE (.) PIACENZA and PARMA responsibility 215 Sub Area with under comd 155 Arty Regt (LANTOVA GRUPO) on arrival approx 28 July (.)  
FOUR (.) LIGURIA less LANTOVA responsibility 60 Sub Area with under comd HQ 1 Gd Regt 505 INT Gd Bn less one Coy 519 INT Gd Bn (.) One Gd Coy detailed by 6 SA Arm'd Div (.) LANTOVA GRUPO less one int regt

Sigs.  
4/9.RUE.  
Comp. Comd.

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WTF/3.

Copy to: 421 PS Section.  
42G, BERGA.O.

Sgt ALBOLA, (att LEGANO PS Sec).

*Microch*  
Lieut-Col. Major  
GS.

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From: DISMO.

To (Action): (1) 53 Area (2) 60 Sub Area (3) 154 Sub Area  
(4) 215 Sub Area (5) 6 SA Area Div (6) 54 DIV  
(7) 52 DIV.  
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THREE (.) PIZZALI and PERLA responsibility 215 Sub Area with under command 155 Arty Regt (MANTOVA GRUPO) on arrival approx 20 July (.)  
FOUR (.) LIGERIA less IPERIA responsibility 60 Sub Area with under command Hq 1 Cd Regt 505 IV Cd Bn less one coy 549 IV Cd Bn (.) One Gd coy detailed by 6 SA Arty Div (.) MANTOVA GRUPO less one inf regt and 155 Arty Regt (.)  
FIVE (.) PERONTE and I PERLA responsibility 6 SA Arty Div with under command ORTICIA GRUPO (.)  
SIX (.) 154 Sub Area will have NO security responsibilities but will retain one coy 505 IV Cd Bn under command (.)  
SEVEN (.) On arrival 2 LOTTERIES will be located in ITALY under command DISMO (.) From beginning Phase TWO until arrival 2 LOTTERIES 6 SA Arty Div will command mobile columns (a) in ITALY area to assist 59 Area and 215 Sub Area (b) in LIGERIA area to assist 60 Sub Area (.)  
Detailed orders for these columns will follow

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Sheet...1

PLAN FOR DEFENCE OF BILLETTS AGAINST ANY  
CIVIL DISTURBANCE, STRIKE OR  
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INFORMATION

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| " 3    | Pte Beaumont    | Fus Habbershaw. |
| " 16   | S/Sgt Crosby    | Pte John.       |
| " 17   | Pte Doncaster   | Pte Booth.      |

i/c Lt Downing. 2nd i/c CSM Murray.

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|         |               |              |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
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| " 49    | Cpl Hawkins   | Pte Duff     |
| " 55    | Sgt Maden     | Bar Aiken.   |
| " 57    | Sgt Day       | Cpl Butcher. |

i/c Lt Taylor. 2nd i/c WO 1 Lyons.

4th FLOOR

|         |                  |               |
|---------|------------------|---------------|
| Room 83 | S/Sgt Birkinshaw | Pte Westwood. |
| " 89    | Cpl Cairns       | Dvr Rose.     |
| " 96    | Sgt Latham       | Pte Jenkins.  |
| " 98    | Cpl Archer       | Pte Smart.    |

i/c Capt Davies. 2nd i/c WO 1 Denby.

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5th FLOOR

Room 103 Opl Barber: Gnr Galea: Gnr Outajar.  
 " 108 Opl Haigh: Bdr Verallo: Gnr Pace.

i/c Capt Smith. 2nd i/c WO 1 Yarrow.

Sgt Deering will be i/c Wireless Room with operators.

ROOF

i/c Lt Francosi.

~~Opl Spitzer.~~

Pte Albenetti.

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 order the number of rounds to be fired.  
 Firing will cease immediately it becomes effective.
- (h) Women and children will NOT be fired upon.

Sheet....3

ADMINISTRATION

AMMUNITION Reserve of ammunition will be held on 4th Floor by Capt Davies.

This will be collected from Room 1.

Officers i/c will collect 30 rds from each man and hold this as a "floor reserve".

TRANSPORT If required, will be detailed by M.T.O. Italian driver to be responsible for vehicle.

RESERVE Lt Piereton will concentrate remainder of Italian Increment on 5th Floor. They will provide stretcher parties for Lt Breakspear and replacements for any casualties.

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*o Soap*  
 SUBJECT :- Economy in Clothing

HQ No 2 District, CMF.

1012/91

21 Jul 45.

6 SA Armd Div  
 59 Area  
 66 AA Bde  
 60 Sub Area  
 151 Sub Area  
 215 Sub Area  
 51 BLU  
 52 BLU  
 56 BLU

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SUBJECT :- Economy of Clothing.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

TEL NO. FREEDOM 296

AFHQ/9170/1(AE)

7 July 45.

Rear HQ Eighth Army  
 No.1 District.  
 No.2 District.  
 No.3 District.  
 Rome Allied Area Command.  
 HQ LF Greece.  
 HQ BTNA

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There is likely to be considerable difficulty in the supply of new Battle Dress during the autumn of 1945. Supplies will be sufficient only for operational troops in AUSTRIA and in the TRIESTE area, and even this will not be possible in particular sizes. Troops in most other locations in CEF will receive part worn Battle Dress.

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