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TRANSLATION

2 ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMAND - U.S.A.

S.M. Ufficio Op Add Ord Mob I Section

File No, 109/0.A.

21 Jan 47

SUBJECT:- Conference

To: 5 B.L.U.

Ref letter No, G/102/59 dated 14 Dec 46

(A). The most important matters regarding this Territorial Command for whom kind interest of the B.L.U. is requested and which could be discussed at the meeting of the B.L.U.s to be held at the end of this month are:-

- (a) Arrangement of the Territorial in view of:
- The Allied departure from the zone
 - The transfer of the Territorial Command to Padua.

The above mentioned are the most important matters which cannot be settled without the agreement with the Allied Commands and their collaboration.

The clearing of Allied troops from the territory should be done in accordance with a plan which also consider as far as possible the necessities of the Commands and troops which have to place the Allies in order to continue regularly the service of control at the Eastern Border.

It is therefore hoped:- that the clearing movements are communicated with convenient anticipation in order to allow the influx of the Italian Units which have to come from the territory of other Territorial Commands, that the barracks to be occupied by Italian troops are evacuated in such time to allow the organization of movements of the Italian Units.

In order to avoid that barracks and Military premises are occupied or damaged by civilians when left by the Allies, it is necessary that Nucleus of Italian personnel, entrusted of the custody the premises, are allowed to enter the same premises before the Allied departure.

This Command is sure that for the interestedness of this B.L.U. the complicate operation of the Allies clearing from the zone, and the transfer to Padua of the Command, will be particularly examined and resolved.

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Deficiency of every kind of material of this Command is known. In this situation, the assignment (of course on payment) of at least a part of material on which the departure of the troops and Commands, the Allies would be prepared to leave, would be of the greatest help:- For instance:-

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The disposition of food stuffs (tins of various articles), clothing stuffs, blankets A.S.O. to be distributed to the dependant Civil and Military personnel who had been excluded from such provisions adopted in past times by Civil Firms, would be very useful for the Welfare Service.

(C). Management of Enemy Captured Material and Ammunition.

Very small quantities of materials and ammunitions of booty source, are at present available in the Ammunition Depots of Territorial Command.

Such materials are given with A.M.G authority to private firms which then make speculations on them. Moreover the continuous influx of civilians into Depots to verify the existence of materials, is cause of continuous contests and even incidents with the consignees.

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In order to avoid such inconven

be better to transfer

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direct management of E.C materials and Ammunitions in the Depot of UDINE Province, held since now by A.M.G to the Italian Military Authorities.

By Order

A. ICARDI. Col

Chief of Staff

1813

TELEGRAMMA

*L'annessa ricevuta deve essere staccata
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	Telegramma collazionato	(TC)	Da consegnarsi in mani proprie	(MP)	
	Avviso di ricevimento	(CR)	Recapitabile aperto	(RO)	

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Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa centrale, di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

Ufficio	Destinazione	Provenienza	Num. del Teleg.	Parole	Gruppi	DATA della PRESENTAZIONE Giorno e mese	Ore e minuti	Indicazioni eventuali al servizio

Il presente telegramma è stato ricevuto dalla stazione telegrafica di Roma, e ha per destinatario il Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

Il telegramma è stato ricevuto il 17 gennaio 1917, alle ore 14,30.

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OCCETTO: CONFESSIONE.

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Rimovata foglio n. 3/102/50 in data 14 dicembre.

Le più importanti questioni riguardanti il Comitè per pelle
quali si richiede il cortese interessamento di **Costo B.I.U.**, e che
potranno formare oggetto di discussione nella riunione dei Comitè
dei B.I.U., che avrà luogo verso la fine del corrente mese sono:

16) - Sistemazione del Comitato di vicinato.

- dello sgombero dalla zona da parte degli alleati;
— del trasferimento del Comando di Padova. —

Sono queste le più importanti questioni che non possono essere risolte che in accordo con i comunisti alleati e con il loro valido consenso. -

Lo sgombero del territorio da parte delle truppe alleate dovrebbe avvenire secondo un piano organico che tenga conto anche nei limiti del possibile delle necessità dei comandi e delle truppe che debbono subentrare per non creare discontinuità nel servizio di controllo alla frontiera orientale. —

A tel line è gratuita:

- che i movimenti di sgombero siano comunicati a questo Comando con conveniente anticipo per poter disporre in conseguenza i movimenti di afflusso dei reparti italiani che dovranno giungere nel territorio di ~~Aversa~~ ^{Benevento};
- che le caserme destinate ad accogliere le truppe italiane siano lasciate libere in tempo utile per permettere di effettuare o almeno di organizzare il movimento dei reparti italiani. -

Ad evitare poi che le caserme e gli immobili militari vengano occupati o danneggiati da civili all'atto in cui saranno abbandonati dalle truppe alleate, è necessario che sia permesso al ^{nucleare} personale italiano incaricati di custodire i locali di installarsi nei locali stessi ancora prima che essi vengano

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Questo Comando è certo che mediante l'interessamento di codesto B.I.U. la complessa questione dello sgombero della zona da parte degli alleati e quella del trasferimento a Padova del Comiliter, potranno essere dettagliatamente esaminate e risolte.-

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2°)- Materiali Alleati -

Sono note le deficienze di materiali di ogni genere nelle quali si è sempre dibattuto questo Comando. In tale situazione sarebbe di grande aiuto la cessione, naturalmente a pagamento, di almeno un'aliquota dei materiali che in occasione della loro partenza le truppe e gli enti alleati trovassero conveniente dismettere e lasciare in posto.

Ad esempio:

- la cessione a questo Comando delle reti di collegamento a filo allente sarebbe di grande aiuto per le truppe italiane che debbono subentrare;
- per il servizio assistenziale sarebbe di grande utilità poter disporre di viveri, scatolame, generi vari, oggetti di vestiario, coperte ecc. per la cessione al personale militare e civile dipendente, che è stato di nostro escluso da analoghi provvedimenti adottati in passato da enti civili.

3°)- Gestione materiali e munizioni di preda bellica -

Nei depositi munizioni del Comiliter esistono ormai quantitativi isvisori di materiale e munizionamento di preda bellica non italiano.

Tali materiali vengono caduti su autorizzazione dell'A.M.G. a Dittie civili che poi ne fanno oggetto di basse speculazione. Inoltre il continuo afflusso di civili ai depositi per tentare di entrare nei depositi stessi, per verificarne l'esistenza dei materiali, è causa di continue contestazioni e spesso di incidenti col personale con-segnatario.

Ad evitare tali inconvenienti sarebbe bene devolvere alle Autorità Militari Italiane la gestione diretta dei materiali e munizioni di preda bellica giacenti nei depositi munizioni della provincia di Udine e dei quali si è finora interessato l'A.M.G.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. A. Idris)

Scard

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HQ 3 Army Gp RA (Pd)

Subject:- Regular Army Commission Boards.

G 11

18 Jan 47

4 Med Regt RA
 13 Corps Tps RE
 3 Aired Constr Gp
 26 GP Cols RASC
 5 BLU
 18 Gp Royal Pnr Corps

Comd

1. Maj Gen GH Wood CB, OBE, DSO, MC will give an address on the work of the Regular Army Commission Board at 1200 hrs Thur 23 Jan 47 at the Conference Room MIRAMARE Castle.

2. All Lt Cols will attend.

3. Officers attending are invited to lunch by HQ 1 Armd Div after the address in 'D' Mess.

20 GEN 1947

Pd
 JS/ep

Maj
 EMRA

S. C. S. & I.	
GSO I	Miller
GSO II	132
SA & QMG	dean
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S. C. S & I	(C)
S. C. QMG	
CHIEF	

Re: Conference

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: 1553
G/102/59

14 Dec 46.

HQ
5 Terr Comm

1. The next half yearly Conference of all BLU Commanders is being held at HQ M.E.I.A. on 30th and 31st Jan 47.

2. At these Conferences a very wide variety of subjects dealing with the Training and Administration of the Italian Arm is discussed. Please inform this HQ by 10 Jan at the latest the details of any points which you would like this HQ to raise at the Conference.

FIELD
ACW/mh

Lt. Col.
CS.

File
Diary

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13 DEC 1946

5 BLU

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Telephones
Rm 439081 Ext 218

LAND FORCES SUP COM AC (MIA) CMF

6/35/3

10 Dec 46

LIST 'B'
LIST 'A'

Subject:- MIA Conference

WARNING ORDER.

1. A Conference will be held at HQ MIA on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st Jan 47.

2. All OAC BLUs will attend. DAI & QMGs and/or Service reps from 'A' Type BLUs may attend if desired.

3. 30 Jan 47.

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4. In course.

Points which BLUs wish to raise must reach HQ MIA by 10/12/46

Details of AGENDA, accommodation etc will be issued in

AKCS/011

SEEN BY	
GSO I	Guthrie
GSO II	↑
DAI & QMG	Alc
S.G. Hqs	
S.G.S. & F	
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Lt-Col,
G.S. MIA.

GA } We want to start meeting
BA } about any points raised
but want to raise at the Conf
Am

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ARMY FORM 5210 (Rev. 11-60)

MESSAGE FORM

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Instructions

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Originator

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5 BRITISH WAGON UNIT

051000A

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

H.Q. TAGRA



Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

6/102/56 A UNCLASSED RECEIPT IS ACKNOWLEDGED
OF YOUR GH DATED 22 DEC 1960

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Subject:-- Conferences.

HQ 1 Army Gp RA

G 11

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list 'A'
list 'B'
RA 1 Army Div
1 Regt RA
7 Regt RA
1 City 2 Regt RA
DO KFI

1. Attached copies of the minutes of Board 1 AGHA conference held in India on 28 Nov 46 at 1030 hrs.
2. Please ack receipt.

PA
CHS:ATE

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4 DEC 1946

SEEN BY	
GSO I	✓
GSO II	✓
A.S. CMG	✓
S. C. EME	
S. C. S. & I.	✓
S. C. C&D.	✓
CLERKS.	

All other to see action
as marked Aut 806

SECRET

HQ 1 Army Gp RA

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Nov 46

Subject: - Min of C. 1 AGRA Conference held
in Room on 28 Nov 46 at 1030 hrs.

PresentChairman: -

Brig Gen EASTMAN 180 MVO

Comm 1 AGRA

Lt Col MR CARR-HARRIS OBE RA
 Major JH DAINWELL 180 RA
 Major LJ WHELAN 180 RA
 Capt WC WHELAN RA
 Major AM MARCH RA
 Lt Col JW BROWN MT
 Major AW PINGGOLD 180
 Capt GW CROFT RE
 Major RM MILLS R. Sigs
 Capt RM WATKINSON R. Sigs
 Major WJ WILKINSON RA
 Capt A HEDGECOCK RA
 Capt R DRAKE RA
 Major HM MACDONALD RA
 Capt AJ BURTON RE
 Lt J LINES RE
 Major MR MACGILL 180
 Lt Col BJ GOVERNOR CBE
 Capt HEC PRINGLE
 Lt Col JHG WATKIN
 Major J LESTER
 Major MG DUNNE
 Major VP KILMER 180
 Major CFW SELLERSON 180
 Capt JM ELGAR

Major CS SUMMERS RA
 Major RAJ HOLLAND 180 RA
 Capt GJB CUTWELL RA
 Capt AJ WILSON RA
 Capt AJ WILSON RA
 Capt CJA MACDONALD 180
 Capt LW POKY R. Sigs
 Capt GH ROWLAND RA
 Major AW ELGAR 180
 Capt TSJ WATKIN RA
 Capt RE HENDERSON RA
 Capt A PAUL Gen List
 Capt ES LINDLEY 180
 Capt G HENDERSON RA

1803

Minutes1. REGULAR AGRA MEETINGAGENDA

Camp

The response to the recruiting drive is still poor.

ACTIONCOMMENTS FOR HQ

(a) The importance of finding more suitable for the HQ and other. Applications must be submitted by 22 June or over and with not less than 12 months conditioned services on fundamental duty. They must have good physique, be of 20-30 years of age, have a good record of honor and a high moral standing.

(b) The names and particulars of often considered suitable should be forwarded to HQ Branch at this HQ

All units
DIA & QMC

4. QMCs

R19

(a) Unit QMCs will ensure that the subject matter of all Routine Orders reaching their unit is brought to the notice of all concerned.

All units

(b) Attention will be directed to important AOs and QMCs in 4 other Routine Orders

QMC.
DIA & QMC

5. COMBAT MATERIALS

(a) DC C will please review their office procedure for dealing promptly with Combat Materials. They will also ensure that an offer is always available to all their cases forwarded by the CO.

All units

(b) HQ Branch this HQ will ensure that cases of non existing trial are brought forward for review at frequent intervals

DIA & QMC

6. RE-TOUR SITUATIONS

CAMP

(a) The RE have been suffering from a acute shortage of technicians. It is necessary to ask units to ensure that applications for work are submitted in writing. The QMC particularly make Qs 0 to communicate with HQ when they consider that progress on RE work is not satisfactory.

All units

(b) The sum of 255 for a 14 Gola Bomb and 235 for a major bomb may now be expended on materials and stores for improvements. Only however when it is not clear that such materials cannot be supplied by HQ. The bills for these materials should be submitted to the GE for payment. This is a special privilege and must not be over used.

1804

(c) CC 198 Transit Camp stated that there is some difficulty in obtaining materials from civilians in this way because of the delay in payment. HQ 4 AOC will take this matter up with HQ and try and secure prompt payment to civilians.

DIA & QMC

7. IMPROVEMENTS IN THE USE OF DUTY OF THE SOLDIER

(a) A letter will shortly be distributed to all units explaining that can be done in this respect. The sum now is to be improved in such an available, barrack rooms will be fitted with shelves, desks etc. A barrack box or cupboard will be provided for each room. The barracks have been of rooms should be

CAMP
DIA & QMC

All units

Jubilee

There is a tendency for courts in this line to overrule their
entitlement. On 3 will stress that it is a punishable
offense to draw from HAWI articles not for the use of
qualified persons.

9. EMERGENCY KIT IS OKACTION

- (a) The units over the method of application for access fuel is reviewed. A new procedure has been sent out and OGC has particularly asked to ensure that it is completed in accurate detail.
- (b) Revised 1.4.4 will be authorized by this HQ in consultation with JG and JAG for the next six weeks. After this period they will again be approved by GJG HQ.

All units

10. VACANCIESCAMP

A recent police checklist revealed that large numbers of vehicles are in use without OGC's approval. OGC will check all these vehicles to ensure that technical items, serial numbers, and unit numbers are properly marked.

All units
DPM

Do we have a Serial No?

11. REPORTING OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTSCAMP

In some cases units are not reporting traffic accidents to the OGC. This causes a great deal of extra work for the Pro Staff. All traffic accidents must be reported at once to the OGC and to Claims and Litigation. New civilians are involved.

All units

12. MOBILE LABORATORY COURSES

The courses at the Clearing Centre are very popular with those who experienced them. Four or more vacancies are available to this area but only one unit is receiving them. OGC are asked to talk to the men on this subject and to tell them of the value of the course. A better response is hoped for in future.

All units

13. COURSES

Vacancies accepted by units must be filled. A course book should be maintained by all units and steps taken to ensure that all units are equipped for training are available when the course begins.

All units

14. BLOOD DONORS

A high accident rate makes a heavy demand on blood bank. There has been almost no response to appeals by OGC. Those donors registered are often not available when required. OGC will take an appeal to all troops for help in this urgent necessity. Men will shortly call for a new return of donors. Personnel shown on this return must be available for testing and blood advised when they are no longer available.

1800

15. OUT PATIENTS AT OGC

Many are arriving without adequate ration and mail kit. Units will in future send sufficient properly equipped.

CAMP

All units

11. numbers, special limits, and other things that theoretical people, social DMM
Do we have a General No?

CAMP
All units

In some cases when we are not reporting training incidents to the
CAMP. This course is a great one for the Pro Staff.
All training incidents, but we would like to come to the CAMP
one to clarify and discuss them with them and involve.

12. NOTES FROM THE COURSE

The courses at the training center are very similar with
these the experiences of. Now we have a course and available
to this area but only one unit is participating. On 11-20
asked to talk to them on this subject and to tell them of
the value of the course. A letter was sent and is hoped for in
future.

13. COURSES

Vaccination course for units must be filled. A course book
should be distributed. All units and steps taken to ensure that
men are vaccinated for typhoid. We available when the course begins
All units

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shown on their return must be available for testing and
advised when they are no longer available.
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15. OUR BELIEFS AT A JMS

Men are having different kind of patients and small kit.
Units will in future and patient properly equipped.

16. CIVILIAN MEMBERS

Applications for civilian telephones must be submitted to
OC 4 and 1 of 0 Sig Post and not direct to the civilian
telephone company.

17. WELFARE

(a) Conditions change in the welfare are being made. It is
appreciated that the quality of the goods in the gift shop at
the arrival site can be improved. Improvements to be made
include better and cheaper gifts and food parcels.
3045

(b) A free issue of cigarettes and soap will be made to all units
served by Velt on 1-20-44 during December.

30 Welfare

CAMP

30 Welfare

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- (v) A gramophone club and record library are being organized.

Financial assistance will be given to units wishing to purchase gramophones. It is hoped to have pianos and radiograms available for loan to units and to arrange the attendance of dance bands for unit organized dances.

- (4) The non-availability of a school for British children at GHQ is to be investigated. Parties for other children will be left to unit organization. SG Welfare

- (5) The British Officers Transit Hotel (Albergo Italia) has recently been improved. It is emphasized that the "Italia" is a transit hotel and not a club. It is unfortunately not possible to requisition other premises for an officers club.

- (6) A "dive" for WOs and SAs is being constructed by 288 Wks Sec RS and will be ready by Christmas. A bar for WOs and Ptes in the Archive Club has also been started.

- (7) There is now a dark room available for use by photo-enthusiasts at HQ 1 MRA. Photographs and prints can be obtained from HQ 1 MRA.

- (8) Capt G Horrocks RA is temporarily acting as SG Welfare. As he is invited to act as our representative to HQ. It is necessary that they should be in writing.

18. ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR POST

It has been stated though not in writing that personnel with 2 years 9 months service towards PTCOM on 31 May 1947 will not be eligible for posting to HQ.

19. THE ME REVIEW

This is a SECRET Intelligence Review published by the War Office and of considerable interest. 10 copies have been issued to 1 MRA which will be circulated as widely as possible. MA 1502

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Subject:- Comin Conference

HQ 1 Army Gp RL

G 11

2 Dec 46List 'A' (Loss 2 Red Regt RL)This HQ letter G 11 dated 30 Nov 46 is hereby
cancelled.

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3 DEC. 1946

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JS/canMaj
HARA

SEEN BY	
CD 1	
CD 2	
PAV & CPO	
S. G. RINE	
S. C. S. & I.	
S. C. C. 2	
C. C. 2	

1801

Subject:- Comis Conference

HQ 1 Army Gr RA

C-11

30 Nov 46

List 'A' (Less 2 Mod West RA)

Warning Order.

All Comis and their adjutants will be required to attend a Comis Conference in UDINE on Wed 4 Dec.

Details later.

RE
JG/1223

RE
BARR

1 DEC. 1946

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CSO I	☒
CSO II	☒
DATA & CND	☒
S. C. FMS	☐
S. C. S. & F.	☐
S. C. ORD.	☐
CLERKS	☐

1800

Comd.

Refer above.

1. report must be sent.

2. report depends on

the TIME.

Ha.

Subject:-- Comds. Conferences.

Hq 4 Army GP Regt

3-11

20 Nov 46

Distribution as below.

1. The Comd 4 Army will hold a conference at this HQ at 1030 hrs 28 Nov 46 for OC units at following distribution list, attach, and heads of services.
2. addresses are requested to forward notification of subjects which they desire to be included on the agenda to this HQ before 25 Nov 46.

Jd
GIC/CIS

2 Red Regt
2 Cal Tp BA
No 1 Mob Team Tng
654 ACP Sqn Tng
3 Airfd Constr Cp RE
189 Rly Cp Coy RE
10 Rly Constr Coy RE
3 Air Tnn Sign Regt
6 OCS
X Ord Stores & Exp't Disposal Unit
659 Inf Tps Wkaps REHE
610 Hy Rec Sec REHE
18 Gp Fmr Corps
FT & Sports Centre CM
5 BLU
44 Tonn Major
AMC Utilinc

Comd
BMA
SMA
SMA (D)
SMA (A)
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4 Red Regt
13 Corps CB Staff BA
No 2 Mob Team Tng
Hq 13 Corps Tps RE
268 Wm Soc RE
156 Th Storos Coy RE
1 Sqn 1 L of O Sig Regt
Chaplain Centre (CX)
18 Veh Pk BAC
13 Corps Tps Wkaps REHE
761 L of O Wkaps REHE
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TO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12 S.L.U.C

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FROM: (.) REQUEST YOU ALLOW NAME TO ATTEND BURE CONF ON 3 AND 5 NOV AT BOLOGNA (.) IF IN AGREEMENT PLEASE WARN NAME TO CONTACT CAPT NELSON AT BOLOGNA WHO CAN ARRANGE ACCN (.) IF NAME UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE INFORM THIS OFFICE BY 2 NOVEMBER SHOULD ARRIVE BOLOGNA EVENING 4 NOV (.)

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Attn: (.) will have seen this sig and will be prepared to all Crd - No action

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Subject: - Monthly Welfare Conference

H.Q. 1st A.C.B. & AREA
 T.O. No. 00100 HIL 1643
 Ref. WEL 7/2/46

20 Oct 46.

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 C.W.V. Rep

The next Monthly Welfare Conference will be held in the
 at Martini Chapel H.Q. 1st A.C.B. on Monday 4 Nov 46 at 14.00 Hrs.

You are requested to send an Officer Representative to this
 meeting and to forward any points for discussion that an agenda
 may be prepared.

C.H.F.
 J.R.H./mc

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G/102(.) Unless(.) Capt CHAFFIELD departing UDINE for BOLOGNA
Friday 1 Nov

ROUTINE

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2 OCT 1946

SUBJECT:-- Conference.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

R U S L.

Ref: 1/10

2 Oct. 1946

TO: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 10. 11. BUs.

It is hoped to hold an early conference between 4 and 5 November on dates to be decided later.

Please submit to this office by 10th Nov. a list of matters you wish to discuss.

The venue of the conference will probably be BOLTONA but you will be advised later of the date and place where it will be held.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	
GSO II	<i>Car</i>
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A. BLUNT, Lt. Col.

Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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Admiral

SUBJECT :- Visits

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 1657

HQ, MIA.

G/102/47

24 Oct 46

A visit was made by myself to GMD, on the 21st and 22nd Oct.
The following people were contacted :-

Lt-Col S.G. SLINGSBY, OBE (ADOS - Org)
" V.R.A. COMPER (ADOS - Stores)
S/cdr SENTENCE (Chief Clerk).

All appeared to be most interested in the formation of an
ADOS Dump and your letter 9/08/44/1 dated 16 Oct was shown.

It was agreed that apart from choosing a site, that very
little could be done, until full details of demand and issue procedure
be decided.

Lt-Col SLINGSBY suggested that a quicker initial service of
procuring stores, would be to deal with the future dump at MESSINE. In
view, however, of our long stay policy, I feel that it is better to
commence and to continue relations with 500 ADP.

I was instructed to contact Ord GMD when further details of
the dump became available.

Field
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Copies to:- File
Diary

Drayfield
Capt. 1493
Ord.

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CSO
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21 Oct. 1946

Subject : R.A.O.C. Personnel. *Conference*

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/OS/11/1
17 October 46.

To : 5 B.L.U. (for attention Capt Chatfield)
7 B.L.U. (for attention S/Cdr Patheyjohns)

*Sitting of 1946
with report of
S. Nov. 1946*

1. Capt (QM) Chatfield RA has been posted to 5 B.L.U. as Ordnance Officer.
2. It is the intention that Capt Chatfield should act as Ordnance representative in N. Italy in addition to his duties at 5 B.L.U.
3. Arrangements should be made for Capt Chatfield and S/Cdr Patheyjohns to meet at BOLOGNA in the near future to discuss Ord arrangements in the North and for Capt Chatfield to be "put in the picture".

The meeting should be arranged by mutual agreement between parties concerned. It is suggested that a suitable venue would be 6 B.L.U. where SQMS Smith should also be contacted.

*Chatfield &
Duggan
1 and about 30 Oct.*

H.G. Evans
H.G. EVANS. Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

Copy to : 6 B.L.U.
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MESSAGE OUT

FROM :- Hq 4 AGRA
 TO :- List 'A' plus all Services Camp
 INFO :- Rear 13 Corps

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AG 176 (.) DNDAS (.) MONTHLY ADMIL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD THIS
 RE 1000 HRS 13 SEP 46 (.) CAGRA WILL PRESIDE AND REP 13 CORPS WILL
 BE IN ATTENDANCE (.) ALL UNIT COMMANDERS OR THEIR REPS WILL ATTEND (.)
 ADDRESSEES PLEASE NOTIFY THEM RE OF SUBJECTS DESIRED FOR DISCUSSION
 BEFORE 1600 HRS 11 SEP (.) CAMP WILL ARRANGE SEATING AND POLICE
 DUTIES AS FOR PREVIOUS CONFERENCES (.) ALL INFO

[Signature]
 Capt.

DAGMG to attend

10/9

[Signature]

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COLLAUDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
STI. - Ufficio Of. Ad. Ord. Mob. - II Sezione

1072/C.K. di prot.

Udine, li 5 Agosto 1946

OGGETTO: Promemoria per il Colonnello WATHER.

Egregio Colonnello,

Nessuna questione importante ha questo Comando da sottoporre alla Sua Gentile attenzione all'infuori di quanto è a lei particolarmente e minutamente noto intorno alla nostra delicata situazione ed alle nostre esigenze.

Su tre particolari argomenti la preghiamo vivamente di volere portare la Sua attenzione e il Suo cortese interessamento:

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Volendo rispettare la compagine organica e l'addestramento di tale reggimento sarebbe necessario l'assegnazione a questo Comando di un btg. di ftr. da adibire a tutti i servizi: Guardie alle carceri, ai depositi munizioni, ai magazzini viveri, scorte eventuali ai treni, ecc.).

2°) - Sarebbe inoltre necessario proporre alla M.I.A. (e per conseguenza al Ministero) la costituzione, l'organizzazione - e quindi il funzionamento - di una Polizia Militare, per la disciplina del personale militare fuori degli accantonamenti, come è in uso negli eserciti inglese ed americano con buonissimi risultati.

C.M.P.

Quotidiani

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discussed

with W.M.

W.M.

Come è noto, nell'ordinamento

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W.M. Hinds
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Come è noto, nell'ordinamento dell'Esercito Italiano soltanto in guerra i carabinieri assolvono compiti di polizia militare.

"Secondi
Bn"

Una Divisione
militare di
fanteria - difficile
di mettere
in piedi
entro
questo
anno.

C.M.P.

Quasi
non
discussione

con
M.M.I.A.

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A titolo di esperimento, potrebbe essere costituito un Nucleo di P.I. della forza di 30 - 40 uomini, presso ciascun C.A.R. formato da elementi scelti, robusti, anziani, perfetti nel fisico e nel contegno da trarsi, ad esempio, volontariamente dai carabinieri in congedo, e dotati di convenienti mezzi.

30) -

Da ultimo, per quanto riguarda gli Alpini, in considerazione delle condizioni climatiche nelle quali agiscono e del maggior sforzo fisico che richiede l'addestramento in montagna, questo Comando ha già ritenuto conveniente proporre un'aumento dell'attuale razione viveri, come è stato sempre praticato in Italia nel passato. (questione questa che già Voi conoscevate).

Quanto sopra anche sentito il Capo di Stato Maggiore
Colonello MASQUINI.

Con particolare ossequio Vostro

Luigi F. Rossetti

Extra
Rationes
for Alpini
have been
seen taken
up with
the Alpini

SUBJECT : Minutes of Conference 8 - 9 August 46

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (LAFIA)

(489081 Ext 218) G/33/3

15 Aug 46

TO : LIST 'A'
LIST 'A'

(Less Serials 17,19,20).

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

APCS/ell

A. H. H. H. H.
W. H. H.
Major-General, O.S.
H. H. I. A.

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

A. J. Stewart
Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

AJCS/ell

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ANNEX 'A' to MMIA
Letter C/35/3
Dated 15 Aug 46

MINUTES OF MMIA CONFERENCE

8 - 9 AUG 46

OPENING ADDRESS

Stressed the present transitional state of the ITALIAN Army, and the need to keep in mind the possibly different shape of that Army after the Peace Treaty.

Stressed the progress made in the reorg of the ITALIAN Army since his first acquaintance with MMIA in 1943.

'G' DISCUSSION

CARs General

Referred to excellent start made by CARs, largely as a result of good work by BMUs. Ammunition at CARs still required development, and further efforts were needed to popularise the Army with the people.

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Policy was to supply the ITALIAN Army with BRIT Weapons but situation not entirely clear. ARHQ signalled COS for clarification in May. Global surpluses in this theatre may be given to the ITALIANS. The Ministry of War has been urged to plan and bid for long term requirements.

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Priority in allotment is to 13 CORPS, until def of the Country is handed over to the ITALIAN Army, when considerable stocks should be freed.

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(e) Priority for Front

'G' DISCUSSION

ECG

(e) CMRs General

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(f) Priority for Egypt

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

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SD PTS

DOMESTIC1. (a) WE of BLU

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

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

4 BLU
9 BLU

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

Under consideration.

9 BLU

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

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

9 BLU

- (b) Postal and Sigs Comms

4 BLU

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

INTERNATIONAL

2. (a)

- Need for a Tactical Doctrine for Infantry

12 BLU

The ITALIANS have been asked to produce their own pamphlets, but under the present org there is no DMT. This Directorate should be formed under the reorg of the Ministry; Lt-Col MEDLEY said that all relevant BRIT trg material which came to hand was immediately sent to the Ministry; PCS stated that pending a Directorate of Trg, School of Cooperation must start evolving a doctrine which would be disseminated gradually throughout the Army.

- (b) Policy for Future Emp of Territorial Inf Regts

10 BLU

This problem cannot be solved at the moment due to ignorance of the role of the Territorial Inf in the Peace Time Army. PCS suggested that the possible future disposition of the Army might consist in 1st Line full str units on the Frontiers and res fms on a Peace est.

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- (c) Arms for Inf Regts

6 BLU

Arms and Eqpt in excess of those which units can usefully employ should be stored as MOB Stores. GOC stressed this pt. A letter will be written to War Ministry on the subject.

- (d) SEI for Airborne Regts

Under consideration.

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(b) Postal and Sigs Comm

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TRAINING

2. (e)

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(d) SEL for ALPINE Regts

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

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2. (Contd)

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

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

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

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

- (g) Med of GRS

- (i) Addition of Adm Offr 9 BLU

Some discussion as to level required. Finally agreed that reorganisation should be effected of the seven MEDICAL offrs from GFR HQ down to 5ns and Coys. Adm will take this up with the War Ministry.

- (ii) Allocation of one HQ 9 BLU

It was pointed out that HQs very often do work that could be done by Med Orderlies, and that more Orderlies should be trained. BGS said that the matter would be reviewed.

- (h) Inclusion of Regtl Police in new HQ 11 BLU

Further info on TRILLIN opinion of this subject is awaited.

TRG PTS

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GENERAL

3. (a) Instr of Senior Offrs in Modern Battle Technique 4 BLU

BGS asked if School of Cooperation could start a Senior Offrs' Course in modern low level tactics and it was suggested that Senior Offrs might also be att to Inf Divs such as the 'FOLIORE' for short periods.

- (b) Trg of Territorial Comd Staffs 6 BLU

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(e) VEL OF CARS

(i) Addition of 4th Offr

9 BLU

Some discussion as to level required. Finally agreed that reorganisation should be effected of the seven 'WIDETI' offrs from CAR down to Bus and Coys. WIDETI will take this up with the War Ministry.

(ii) Addition of one MC

9 BLU

It was pointed out that MCs very often do work that could be done by Med Orderlies, and that more Orderlies should be trained. BGS said that the matter would be reviewed.

(h) Inclusion of Real Police in new III

11 BLU

Further info on ITALIAN opinion of this subject is awaited.

TRG PTS

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GENERAL

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4 BLU

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(b)

Trg of Territorial Comd Staffs

6 BLU

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

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RAISED
42 BLU

3. (Contd)

(c) Trg of Higher Fms

None possible this year for financial and political reasons.

6 BLU

(d) Trg of Offrs and WOs of Inf Regts

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

1 BLU

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

Considered to be impracticable.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

1. Trg of Inf Specialists

1 BLU

Lt-Col MEDLAM recommended that Inf recruit specialists should be trained at CAs (excl signallers and pns). It was suggested however that they should be trained in their own Units and that COs should be enabled to choose own men for trg; this would not be possible if recruits selected as specialists at CAs were trained prior to joining their Regts. This would be a departure from the now established principle of centralised trg and MILA did not approve the suggestion.

CARS

5. (a) Possibility of Monthly Intakes

7 BLU

BGS said that four months system was neither smooth nor economical, and MILA had very strongly recommended a monthly intake to the Ministry. At Ministry, Trg Offrs at present seen in favour of monthly system but adm against it. The subject was under further consideration.

(b) Increase in Preliminary Trg Period at CARS for All Arms 2 BLU 85

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

(c) Alteration of Syllabus to Reduce Foot Drill and Increase Range Firing 7 BLU

Periods of Drill etc had already been cut down considerably in favour of Weapon Trg etc and a daily spare period at disposal of Commander inserted in Programme.

(d) Fm of Pool of Instrs for CARS 7 BLU

- (e) Trg Directives for Arty, Engrs, Sigs and Recce Units 1 BLU
 Considered to be impracticable.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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CARS

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- (d) Run of Pool of Instrs for CARS 7 BLU

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

- (e) ABCA for CARS 4 BLU

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

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6. (a) Col AQ referred to the Minutes of the last Conference, outlined the progress made and referred to the many pts still outstanding which were for discussion later. With regard to visits to BLUs, the LAG's opinion, which now co-ords all visits, was instr to see that adequate notice of intended visits was given to BLUs. Bearing in mind the time taken by correspondence to reach BLUs.
- (b) The CC,RR Section having now reached its first objective, and being unable to proceed further in the absence of direction from higher authority, is to continue as a technical advice section and be allowed to waste a two Offrs, both of whom will be at HQ.
- (c) IPW Section is nearing the end of its task and it is hoped to be able to wind it up by the end of 1946.
- (d) Attention was drawn to Directives 1 and 2 which are still operative and to Directive No 3 which is being amended by AQMG.
- (e) The importance of the new Public Relations Branch of the War Ministry (UPEG) was stressed and BLUs were asked to refer constantly to the Directive issued by MILA and passed to the War Ministry for guidance. BLUs to report frequently on the progress of Public Relations.
- (f) Attention was drawn to MILA's letter of 20 Jul, stressing the importance of correct procedure in all dealings with ITALIAN authorities in order to avoid misunderstandings. The responsibilities of Offrs of the Services was described as being exactly similar to those normally serving on BRIT higher and subordinate HQs. CC BLUs were asked to watch and see that this procedure was properly observed. With regard to the future, Col AQ stated that it was impossible at the moment to give any reliable forecast but saw no reason to anticipate any major change before Oct or a complete change of regime before next Mar, after which anything might happen. CC BLUs were asked to send, wherever possible, thumb nail sketches of outstanding ITALIAN Army Offrs. 'G' Branch will be sending out a letter on this subject.
7. (a) Dealt with by AQMG under 9(a).
- (b) The question of accn for Permanent Staff and Families was fully discussed and it was agreed that MILA would again take up the question with the War Ministry and inform BLUs of any developments.
- (c) It was not considered advisable to bring pressure to bear on the War Ministry regarding the institution of an ITALIAN Army Canteen Service similar to NAFI in view of the present financial and other circumstances.

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- (d) Attention was drawn to Directives 1 and 2 which are still operative and to Directive No 3 which is being amended by AQMC.
- (e) The importance of the new Public Relations Branch of the War Ministry (UPRO) was stressed and BLUs were asked to refer constantly to the Directive issued by MMH and passed to the War Ministry for guidance. BLUs to report frequently on the progress of Public Relations.
- (f) Attention was drawn to MMH Directive No 3 of 17 Jul, stressing the importance of correct procedure in all dealings with ITALIAN authorities in order to avoid misunderstandings. The responsibilities of Offrs of the Services was described as being exactly similar to those normally serving on BRIT higher and subordinate HQs. OSC BLUs were asked to watch and see that this procedure was properly observed. With regard to the future, Col AQ stated that it was impossible at the moment to give any reliable forecast but saw no reason to anticipate any major change before Oct or a complete change of regime before next War, after which anything might happen. CC BLUs were asked to send, wherever possible, snuff nail sketches of outstanding ITALIAN Army Offrs. 'G' Branch will be sending out a letter on this subject.
7. (a) Dealt with by AQMC under 9(a).
- (b) The question of moon for Permanent Staff and Families was fully discussed and it was agreed that MMH would again take up the question with the War Ministry and inform BLUs of any developments.
- (c) It was not considered advisable to bring pressure to bear on the War Ministry regarding the institution of an ITALIAN Army Canteen Service similar to NAFT in view of the present financial and other circumstances.
- (d) see 9(b).
- (e) It was agreed that there was no objection to ITALIANS manufacturing certain parts for vehs or weapons, but it was not known whether this would be economically sound or technically satisfactory. It is a matter which must be decided by the ITALIANS themselves - MMH being prepared to give any assistance asked for.

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7. (Contd)

- (f) The dereliction of State Property as a priority over Industrial or Private Property was discussed. Col AQ pointed out the need for looking at the wider picture in view of the various Industrial needs, it being accepted that the ITALIAN Army had already done very well in the way of accn. Local and BRIT Hqs are to be asked by BLUs to help in every way possible.
- (g) The question of the valuation of fixed assets will be taken up with the War Ministry.
- (h) See 9(a).
- (i) DADMS will examine the existing hygiene set-up with a view to advising on any necessary changes.
- (j) Inadequacy of Welfare facilities was fully ventilated and Col AQ promised to hold a Welfare Meeting with War Ministry reps with a view to considering the possibility of improvement, particularly with regard to voluntary helpers, material, and accn.
- (k) Welfare of patients in hosp, incl occupational therapy, was being taken up with the War Ministry and BLUs will be informed of the result.
- (l) The problem of regular commissions for temporary offrs being an extremely complicated one, it is unlikely for MILA to interfere. AIG will however, inquire into the interest of the War Ministry and satisfy himself that MILA is doing everything possible to retain the services of really efficient individuals.
- (m) The retention or enlistment of specialists, both mil and civ is recognised as being important, and will be again taken up with the War Ministry by AAG with special ref to the trg aspect.
- (n) Offrs pay is under revision but that of ORs is likely to remain as at present in view of the value of Clothing, Food, etc already provided.
- (o) All recommendations for BRIT Awards to ITALIAN Offrs and Men for Services during the War have already been handed to AFHQ who are awaiting approval or otherwise, which is not expected before the Peace Treaty. 83
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AAG PTS

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

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ACONG PTS

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

- (a) HQ MIA will continue its efforts with GHQ and keep BLUs informed of the situation.
 - (b) MIA will take up with the War Ministry the question of provision or retention of specialists, particularly artificers and gun fitters and will ensure that the facilities are adequate.
 - (c) BLUs to interest themselves in the est of the Base Workshops and Deps enumerated in Appendix.
 - (d) BLUs to ascertain which units are experimenting with the new Army Clothing and obtain advance opinions. Boot Repair orgs will be examined by MIA with a view to the provision of adequate services.
10. The future maint of BLUs was discussed under two headings :-
- (a) The Interim period during which ALLIED Installations were disappearing and during which many BLUs would find themselves far removed from any ALLIED Deps or HQs, whilst others would be comparatively handy.
 - (b) The later period when no BLU authorities would be within practicable maint distance.

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In regard to Med, it was also open to us to use, on repayment from Unprov'd Accounts, local civ resources.

As regards pay, arrangements have already been made for paying of Interest Account with the Local Branch of the Bank of ALGERIA. Offers advances should also be made from these banks in the same way as at present made from the FC Cashier. They may not be made from Imprint.

The most difficult problem of all is HWI Supplies, for which it seemed that a credit system was the only one which would work.

As regards later infm, it was impossible to lay anything down but it seemed likely that the time may come when the whole question of living would have to be settled by a living allowance.

A great deal of useful infm was obtained from the BLUs on local and general circumstances as a result of which AG will now make definite proposals (with the approval of GHQ) to the War Ministry and as soon as possible circulate the results to BLUs.

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- (b) Shortage of BRIT personnel was noted. AIG will go into the whole matter of available personnel with a view to redistribution, it being borne in mind that each BLU deals direct with O2B in these matters and that each BLU should do everything possible locally to secure the transfer of personnel from other units near by which are disbanding. It is recognised that every BLU should have at least one reliable BRIT NCO.

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11. (Contd)

(c) BLU Tpt

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

(d) War Ministry will be asked to ensure the provision of IOs for BLUs. 9 BLU is at present deficient.

(e) The question of Officers travelling expenses is fully catered for in GAO 655/45.

12. At the end of the Conference the GOC referred to the value of the Conference and the great interest taken in it by all concerned, and in the work of MMMA generally, as a result of which he had already formed the opinion that the ITALIAN Army was extremely grateful to us. The GOC summed up the following important pts :-

(a) Tactical Directive must be worked out by MMMA.

(b) The Try of Instru must be tackled.

(c) Conditions of Service for Regular Army are not satisfactory. The BRIT Plan is none too good and even if it were, the role of the ITALIAN Army is entirely different.

(d) Adm is bound up with finance. The terms of Pay would seem to be out of date. The terms of the Peace Treaty, as far as it has gone, gives little indication about the future of the Military Mission. We hope to know more very soon, but it appears likely that redeployment of the ITALIAN Army may be required.

The GOC expressed his astonishment at the progress already made and the efficiency existing. He felt that we should be thankful for achievements and that even though at the moment there was some criticism of the ALLIED efforts on behalf of ITALY, that a true realization of our achievements would ultimately be felt.

13. Lt-Col WATSON, on behalf of the BLUs thanked the GOC and Officers of MMMA for this opportunity of getting together and for the hospitality provided by HQ MMMA.

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Apex 'A' to
MMA letter
C/33/3
Dated 15 Aug 2

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF
'A' MATTERS

8. (a) Str of ITALIAN ARMY

As a 1st Jul 46

REGULAR
OFERS
ORS
TOTAL

12,918
13,583
26,501

1920-25

121,944
148,445

CLASSES
TOTAL STR

REDUCTIONS AUG

1922 & 23 CLASSES
1924 CLASS
1925 OLD SOLDIERS

52,818
4,000
11,108

TOTAL

67,926

ARMY REDUCED TO

80,519

CALL UP AUG

1925 CLASS

42,000

ARMY STR AUG 31st

122,519

EFFICIENCY AUG TO NOV WHEN BALANCE OF)
1925 CLASS IS CALLED UP)

17,434

UC-ITI
BR-ITI

4,530
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REDUCTIONS AUG	1922 & 23 CLASSES	52,118
	1924 CLASS	4,000
	1925 OLD SOLDIERS	11,108
	TOTAL	67,926
	ARMY REDUCED TO	50,519
	1925 CLASS	42,000
CALL UP AUG	AUGUST 31st	122,519
	DEFICIENCY AUG TO NOV WHEN BALANCE OF 1925 CLASS IS CALLED UP	17,181
US-ITI		4,530
BR-ITI		757

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(c) Surplus Offrs

There is now in force a decree which makes it possible to rehire surplus Offrs compulsorily. This decree was held up for months by the Ministry of Treasury and Education but the terms are extremely favourable for those being retired, but it is now law and surplus Offrs can be got rid of. This decree was drafted many months ago and widely discussed in the ITALIAN Army long before it became law.

(d) Legal Reform

(i) a decree setting up Courts Martial has been drawn up and is about to go before the Council of Ministers. We have been pressing for this for many months, the sole object being to speed up trial. The set up, and procedure of these Courts are not unlike our own DCMs and the earlier articles of the decree are satisfactory, but articles 15 - 20 deal with the accused right of appeal and the accusing judges right of appeal. From these articles it appears that the accused can appeal his case to a single Tribunal in which case the whole project is wrecked since the case on every appeal would be put back on to the Mil Tribunals.

A Meeting is taking place with Gen BORSARI to try and get the right of appeal exchanged and cases merely reviewed by the Mil Tribunals.

NOTE :-

1. Meeting with Gen BORSARI took place on Mon 12 Aug the matter of appeal has been satisfactorily settled. There will be no "appeal" only "review".

(ii) the amnesty (Mil) has not had as much effect as was hoped. Of 6,000 men serving sentence about 3,500 have been released under the amnesty. The vast majority of cases awaiting trial 220,000 concern personnel who have not been apprehended, these people must voluntarily surrender or be shot; they can benefit by the Amnesty; the closing date for surrender to benefit by the Amnesty was extended to 18 Jul 46. Return of those surrendering not yet received.

(e) Personnel Selection

Italians have never practised this but have studied it. We arranged a Course at DEWENTON and then applied to the War Office for authority to pass all our methods over to the Italians. War Office have agreed and further offered to show Italian reps our methods at a Course in UK. We now await from the Ministry of War details of exactly what the Italians want from us.

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Appx 'B' to
MOTIA letter
G/33/3
Dated 15 Aug 46

MAINT OF ITALIAN ARMY

9. (a) Maint of BRIT Dept comprises the production of Spare Parts, the Org of Wkshps and the Est of Deps to hold new or reconditioned articles. The direct transfer of essential spare parts for BRIT Dept has virtually ceased and the War Ministry have been informed that in future they will have to rely on one of the following three sources :-
- (i) surplus stores handed over to the Chief Disposals Offr and released by him to ARAR,
 - (ii) the local manufacture of such parts as may be possible without large capital outlay to produce specialised machinery,
 - (iii) Import Programme from the UK - no action as regards imports from the UK is likely until the War Ministry have been able to take stock of their own and government decision has been obtained on the future of the ITALIAN Army.

Unit Maint is bad and everything possible must be done to ensure that what already issued is maintained inspected according to BRIT Standards. Artificers tools and the special tools required for Arty Dept have now been released to the War Ministry. A serious deficiency is felt of trained artificers and gun fitters as well as Civ and BRIT Ordnance Storemen. This requires action by G(TEG). Base Wkshps have already been set for repairs as under :-

Arty	2nd Div
Wksh & Sig Stores	2nd Div
BRIT SA	CAMPONE
BRIT MT	BOLOGNA

The loan of Deps has provisionally been decided and there will be a stores dep at each of the above places as well as a subsidiary Dep at NAPLES.

- (b) Little change in the ITALIAN Army has taken place to that reported in the Minutes of the Conference held 28 Jan 46. Direct release of BRIT MT is continuing and limited quantities of Class I and Class II are expected.

(c) Clothing

Summer and Winter Clothing undergoing trials. RMUs should ascertain if any unit in their Territorial Commands have been selected and interests themselves in the subject. Boot production is adequate to ensure every soldier has serviceable boots. It is essential that unit Comds obey War Ministry instructions to exchange boots, and insist on a pair of serviceable boots being handed in whenever boots need to be replaced. The War Ministry will be approached concerning the issue of a wastage rate for various articles of clothing. Stocks are improving and previous objections to issuing such detailed information no longer apply.

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Unit Maint is bad and everything possible must be done to ensure that equipment already issued is maintained inspected according to Unit Standards. Artificial tools and the special tools required for Artillery have now been released to the War Ministry. A serious deficiency is felt of trained artificers and gun fitters as well as Civ and BRIT Ordnance Storesmen. This requires action by G(IRC). Base Workshops have already been set for working as under :-

Arty
Wills & Sig Stores
BRIT SA
BRIT MT

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BRIT MT
BRIT MT

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- (4) POI adequate quantities are being obtained by the War Ministry. CIP remains the distributing agency and in future RUS will receive a copy of War Ministry monthly allocation ~~of~~ ^{and} stock state showing reserves held in each Command.

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Appendix 'B'EU Conference 6 - 7 Aug 46File
OutlineProgramme:THURSDAY 8 Aug

09.15 - 09.30 Opening address by GDD
 09.30 - 09.45 Address by Dep Comd
 10.00 - 11.00 "A" Discussion. Detail attached at Appx 'C'
 11.00 - 11.15 Break
 11.15 - 12.30 "B" Discussion
 12.00 - 12.30 "C" Discussion
 12.30 onwards Lunch at home Ostia Litt.
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FRIDAY 9 Aug - 10/11 matters

09.15 Opening by Col 4/4 ("Q" Services to attend)
 09.30 Questions by GDD on Italian Army "A" or "B" matters
 10.00 "C" on Italian Army
 10.45 "D" on Italian Army
 11.00 Future Point of EDDs (4/4)
 11.15 Any other EU democratic matters
 11.30 - 17.30 Space for further discussion or individual talks
 with staff or senior officers.

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18.30 - 20.00 300th Cocktail Party, Villa Waco, via ASMA.

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Agmt 'C'

AGENDA FOR 'C' DISCUSSION
ADHA CONFERENCE 8 - 9 AUGUST 1976

SD POINTS1. DOMESTIC(a) WE of PLU :-

- (i) Addition of load carrying vehs
alteration of tpt ('E' type) 4 BLU ✓
9 BLU ✓
- (ii) Addition of adm COMS or NCO ('E' type) 9 BLU ✓
- (iii) Addition of LO ('E' type) 9 BLU ✓
- (b) Postal and Sign Comms 4 BLU ✓

2. ITALIAN

- (a) Need for a tactical doctrine in ITALIAN Army 12 BLU ✓
- (b) Policy for future emp of Territorial Inf Regts 10 BLU ✓
- (c) Arms for Inf Regts 6 BLU ✓
- (d) SAL for ALPINI Regts 4 BLU ✓
- (e) Need for an Inspectorate of Inf at Ministry of War 12 BLU ✓
- (f) Run of a PT Corps and an Army Sports Control Board 12 BLU ✓
- (g) WE of CMRs :-
 - (i) Addition of Adm Offr 9 BLU ✓
 - (ii) Addition of one MO 9 BLU ✓
- (h) Inclusion of Regtl Police in new WE 11 BLU ✓

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TEG POINTS3. GENERAL

- (a) Instr of Senior Offrs in Modern Battle Technique 4 BLU ✓
- (b) Trg of Territorial Comd Staffs 6 BLU ✓
- (c) Trg of Higher Fms :-
 - (i) Policy 12 BLU ✓
 - (ii) Skeleton Exercises

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| (c) | Arms for Inf Regts | 6 BLU ✓ |
| (d) | SEL for ALPINE Regts | 4 BLU ✓ |
| (e) | Need for an Inspectorate of Inf at Ministry of War | 12 BLU ✓ |
| (f) | Plan of a HT Corps and an Army Sports Control Board | 12 BLU ✓ |
| (g) | WE of CARs:- | |
| | (i) Addition of ADM Offr | 9 BLU ✓ |
| | (ii) Addition of one MO | 9 BLU ✓ |
| (h) | Inclusion of Regtl Police in new WE | 11 BLU ✓ |

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TRG POINTS

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GENERAL

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|-----|---|----------|
| (a) | Instr of Senior Offrs in Modern Battle Technique | 4 BLU ✓ |
| (b) | Trg of Territorial Comd Staffs | 6 BLU ✓ |
| (c) | Trg of Higher Funs :- | 12 BLU ✓ |
| | (i) Policy | |
| | (ii) Skeleton Exercises | |
| | (iii) Technique of directing and umpiring exercises | |

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- (d) Trg of Offrs and Hqs of Inf Regts 6 BDU ✓
- (e) Trg Directives for Arty, Engrs, Sigs and Recon Units 1 BDU ✓

Training Programmes of 6 BDU4. CENTRAL SCHOOLS

- (a) Trg of Inf Specialists 1 BDU ✓

Should recruit specialists be trained at units, and only offrs and NOOs at Central Schools?

- (b) Courses at Central Schools for GCR Instrs 9 BDU ✓
- (c) Need for Instruction at Central Schools in subjects discussed in 3 (c) (ii) and (iii) above 12 BDU ✓
- (d) Turn-over from Central Schools to GCRs of Instrs trained in ERIM methods and arms 4 BDU ✓

5. GCRs

- (a) Possibility of monthly intakes 7 BDU ✓
- (b) Increase in preliminary trg period at GCRs for All Arms 2 BDU ✓
- (c) Alteration of syllabus to reduce foot drill and increase range firing 7 BDU ✓
- (d) Plan of Pool of Instrs for GCRs 7 BDU ✓
- (e) ABGA for GCRs 4 BDU ✓

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Appendix 'D'

THURSDAY AUG 8th to SUNDAY AUG 11th.

The following entertainments have been arranged:-

THURSDAY 8th

- MIA at home. Bathing and Buffet Supper at Ostia Lido.
After Conference - 23.00hrs.

FRIDAY 9th

- Cocktails at GOC's House, Villa Nisco, Via Ismara.
18.30 - 20.00hrs.

SATURDAY 10th

- Open Air Opera at TERRE di CARACALLA, commencing at 21.00hrs.
Seats will be booked for all those wishing to attend. (Names to be handed to Major de THIERRY at Conference on Thursday morning.)
The Opera is "AIDA".

SATURDAY 10th and
SUNDAY 11th

- (All Officers of BMUs and their families are honorary members of MIA Club at SANTA MARINELLA - 58 Kilometers on Route I.)
Those wishing to make use of the Club for any of the following facilities should inform Lt Col HARDIE R.A.S.C. of their intentions by the Friday morning Conference:-

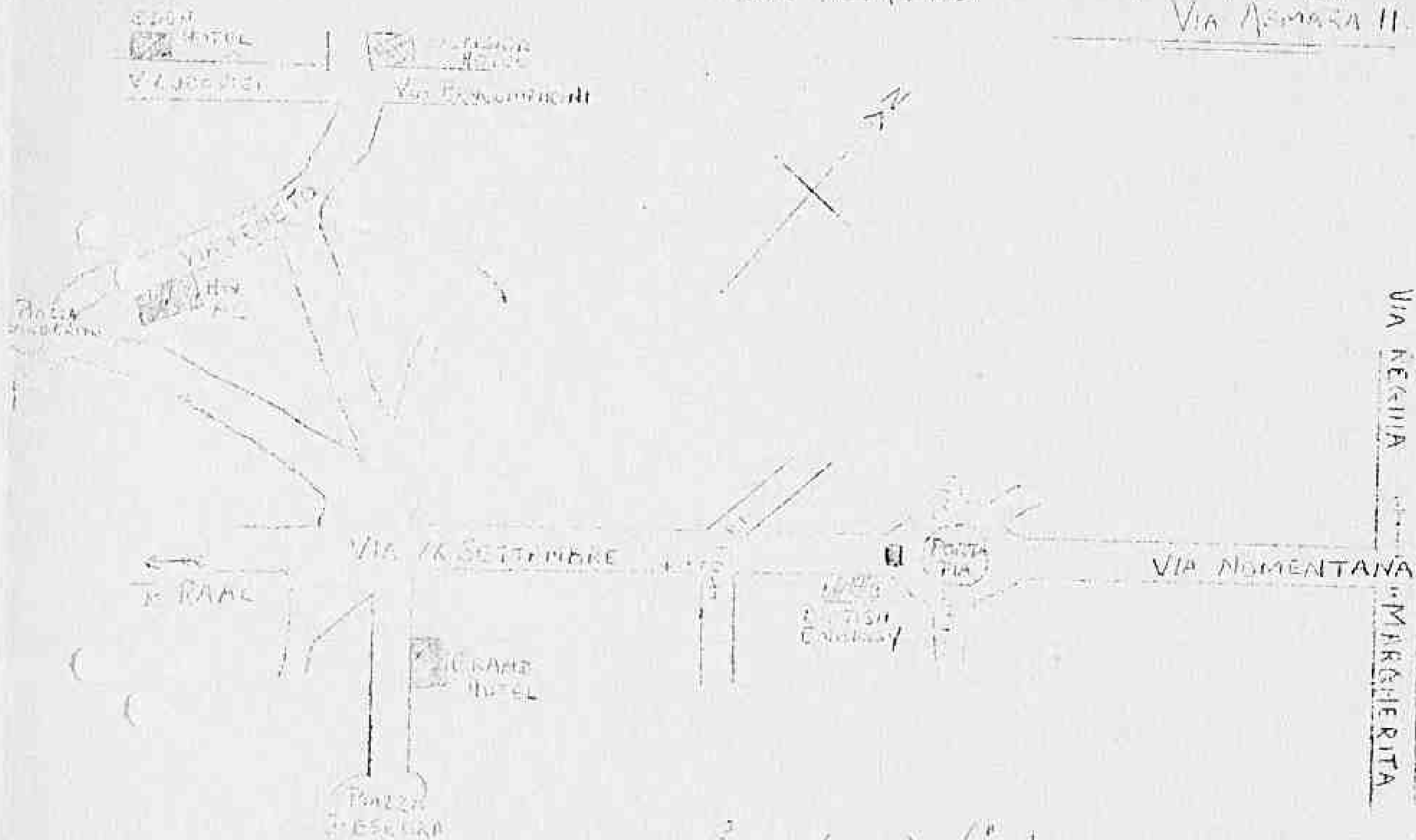
- Buffet on Saturday evening
- Bed Saturday night and Breakfast Sunday
- Lunch Sunday
- Supper Sunday.

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Scale (approx) 6" = 1 mile

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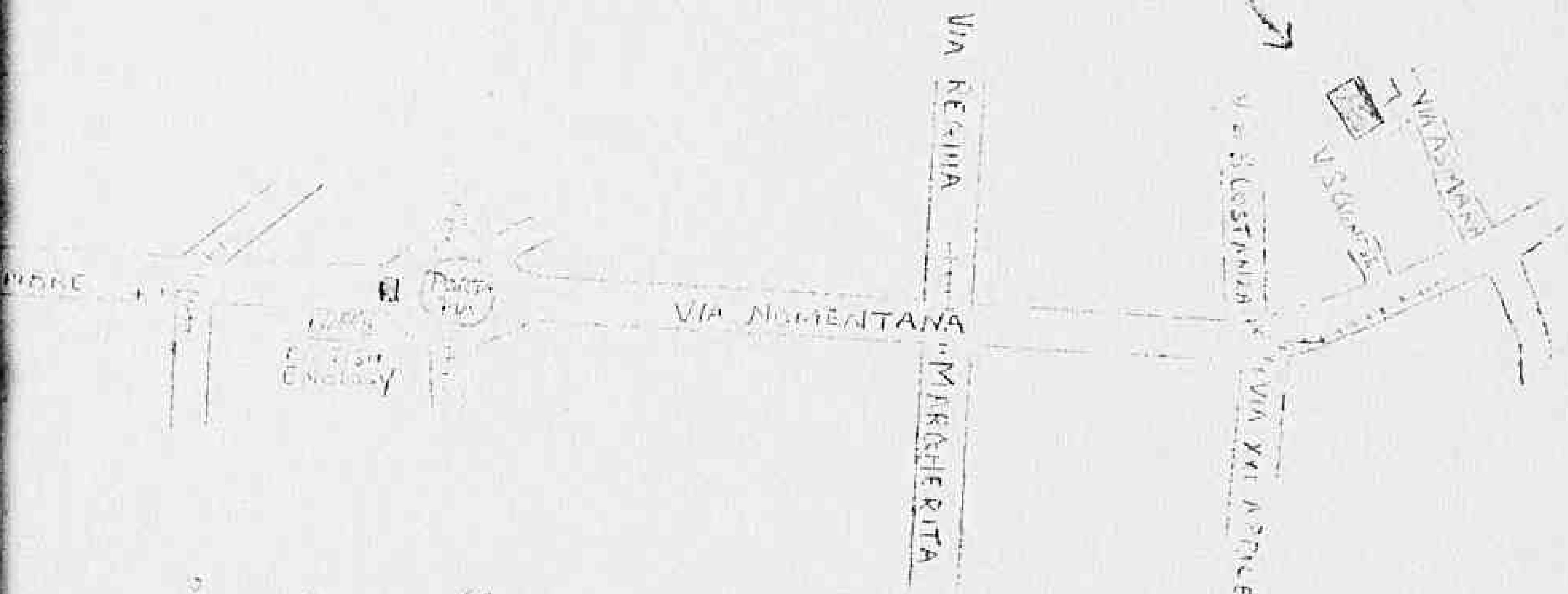
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M.H.I.A. CONFERENCE - 9th AUG 46.

A.3. AGENDA

6. 0945 Colonel AG

- (a) ✓ January conference - progress on points raised.
- (b) ✓ CCHR Section - developments and future
- (c) ✓ LPW Section - "
- (d) ✓ Directives 1, 2 and 3, still basically sound
- (e) ✓ WCHP - Public relations
- (f) ✓ BLUs - relations with Italian authorities responsibilities, staff and services, future trend of events.

7. 0930 Questions by BLUs (Italian Army)

- (a) ✓ Maintenance of Italian Army (4, 6, 7, 9, 12 BLUs).
- (b) ✓ Accommodation permanent staff, families (2 & 4).
- (c) ✓ Italian Army Institute similar to WarPI (11).
- (d) ✓ Transport of GARS (9).
- (e) ✓ Payments etc - local manufacture (4).
- (f) ✓ Derequisition of State (rather than private) property (10).
- (g) ✓ Valuation of Allied fixed assets (10).
- (h) ✓ ARCA possibility of pressure (10).
- (i) ✓ Inspectorate of Hygiene (12).
- (j) ✓ Welfare generally (12).
- (k) ✓ Welfare in hospitals (11).
- (l) ✓ Reserve Officers - regular commissions (11).
- (m) ✓ Release or retention of specialists (4, 11, 12).
- (n) ✓ Pay and revision of (10).
- (o) ✓ Allied awards to Italian Army (7).
- (p) ✓ ARCA for GARS (4).

8. 1030 AG points

- (a) ✓ Italian Army - strengths
- (b) ✓ Manpower
- (c) ✓ Surplus officers
- (d) ✓ Legal Reform
- (e) ✓ Personnel Selection
- (f) ✓ Pay and Allowances

9. 1045 AG points

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

10. 1100 BLUs Future Maintenance

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- (a) Maintenance of Italian Army (4,6,7,9,12 BLUs)
- (b) Accommodation permanent staff, families (2 & 4)
- (c) Italian Army Institute similar to MAPI (11)
- (d) Transport of GAs (3)
- (e) Bayonets etc - local manufacture (4)
- (f) Derequisition of Stubs (rather than private) property (10)
- (g) Valuation of Allied fixed assets (10)
- (h) ARRA possibility of pressure (10)
- (i) Inspectorate of Hygiene (12)
- (j) Welfare generally (12)
- (k) Welfare in hospitals (11)
- (l) Reserve Officers - regular commissions (11)
- (m) Release or retention of specialists (4,11,12)
- (n) Pay and revision of (10)
- (o) Allied Awards to Italian Army (7)
- (p) JAGC for GAs (4)

8. 1030 AG points

- (a) Italian Army - strengths
- (b) Mergers
- (c) Surplus officers
- (d) Legal Reform
- (e) Personnel Selection
- (f) Pay and allowances

9. 1045 AG points

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

10. 1100 BLUs Future Maintenance

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

11. 1145

BLUs Domestic Questions

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

12. Any other matters.

SUBJECT:- CONFERENCECONFIDENTIAL5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1353

C/102/41

16 AUG 46.

H.C.
5 Italian Territorial Command.

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Has been put up but with Van Sabatzen.
Answer: Approved - can push up again we
will back sheet 2/.....

Sheet 2/.....

(e) British Arms and Equipment.

It was stated that the British Arms and equipment at present held by the Italian Army were on loan, and consequently the Italian Army was expected to keep them in a reasonably state of serviceability.

More British Arms and equipment were to be issued shortly. B.L.U. Commanders were asked to stress the importance of keeping these weapons in a serviceable condition. It was very strongly recommended that the number of Arms issued should be limited to the number of trained men who are qualified to use and maintain them. e.g. do not issue a hundred T.S.M.C.'s when it is known that there are only 50 men capable of handling them. The Arms and equipment not issued should be retained in Stores under Regimental or Unit arrangements.

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It was suggested and agreed to by all that inter unit games, football, athletics etc. should be encouraged, it was however pointed out that there are difficulties owing to lack of funds, and Sports Gear. It was also mentioned that no branch of the War Ministry is directly responsible for this form of training, this would be rectified if a Directorate of Military Training is established.

P.M. Shires

not very strong evidence

Sheet 3/..... War

Sheet 2/2.

(j) C.A.B's.

(i) There had been a success and Unit Bonds had expressed satisfaction with the recruits received.

(ii) The question of an additional officer for administration was raised. It was thought that a great deal of the minor admin. matters should be handled by boys and not by the Rn Genl in this respect it was asked whether the 6 "Adettes" are employed to the best advantage.

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Taking up with question with C.A.R. Presentation.

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(e) Pay.

There is no likelihood of an increase in pay for other ranks: the War Ministry considering that the pay is sufficient, bearing in mind that, food, accommodation and clothing is provided free of charge.

Allowances for officers will probably be increased. An increase of pay for specialists is being considered.

(f) Legal.

There is a possibility of Unit Courts Martial being established.

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There had been many difficulties and the question had not gone as well as anticipated. It was thought that a considerable number of weapons surplus to British requirements would be released to the Italian Army. It was discovered however that although these weapons were surplus to British requirements in Italy, they were required by the War Office for distribution in other parts of the world. A good many weapons have been released to the War Ministry and these are at present being distributed.

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Current has been increased from 20 to 30% in CAPR and

8 Action Rpt

*Lt. Colonel,
G.S.*

*Answer is here
a verse*

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AMESSAGS OUT

150950 B.

FROM:- HQ 1 AGRA

TO:- List 'A'

2 AA Bde
 Comd
 DAA & QMC
 SGO
 SCA
 SGP
 CF (HQ)
 CG
 HMC
 SO III Bn
 Welfare

AG 176 (.) UNCH (.) of my signal of even ref dated 15 (.) Monthly
 admin conference vocation: 1 until further notice (.) All info

IMPORTANT

C. H. Battell

Capt

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MESSAGE OUT

Adm. Conference

From:- HQ 1 AGRA

To :- List A : SC Q : SC A : SCF : CF(RO) : OO : EME :
SO III EMI : Welfare :

Info:- Comd : DAA & QMG :

— A2 176 (.) Restricted (.) Monthly Adm Conference will be held this HQ
 1100 hrs 16 Aug (.) CAGRA will preside and Brig i/c admin 13 Corps will
 be in attendance (.) All unit comds or their reps will attend (.) Notify
 this HQ of subjects desired for discussion before 1800 hrs 15 Aug (.)
 All infm

Aulm

Capt

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Subject: Local Administration.

LAND FORCES MPA COMMISSION AG
(C.F.I.A.)

Q. 220

5 August 1946.

TO : List 'B'

Reference signal Q.1024 of 26 July 46, subject Local Adm.

Relevant extracts of GHQ 2521/Q.1 dated 11 July and 3 District
384/18 Q dated 4 July 46 are forwarded herewith for your information.

C.H.G. C.M.F.

2521/Q.1

11 June 1946.

REPAIRS

3. Fresh items will be purchased locally from the Imprint from which pay is drawn; bills will be countersigned by an SFT representative nominated by DOST of the District or equivalent Headquarters.
4. Other items will be purchased under your arrangements from depots nominated by DOST of the District or equivalent Headquarters; such collections should be on a two or three monthly basis.

POL

5. POL will be obtained from CTF sources under departmental instructions to be issued by DST GHQ, CMT.

M.T. REPAIRS

6. MT repairs will be the responsibility of the Italian Army.
7. Spares will be provided as in para 8 below.

ORD STORES

8. Indents will be submitted through the normal channels and stores collected from dumps nominated by DOST of the District.

PAT

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5 B.L.U.

Reference signal 0.1001 of 26 July 46, subject Local Adm.

Relevant extracts of HQ 2521/0.1 dated 11 July and 3 District
361/18 2 dated 4 July 46 are forwarded herewith for your information.

P.H.S. C.M.E.

2521/0.1

11 June 1946

SUMMARY

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PAY

9. Application should be submitted to the Command Paymaster No 3 Base Command Pay Office, for the opening of an Imprest account, if not already opened and for the provision of funds for payments to officers and other ranks. If necessary, the Command Paymaster will arrange for funds to be made available through banking channels.

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MEDICAL

10. In stations where no British or Allied Medical unit or Medical Officer exists, urgent medical attention and if necessary admission to hospital will be arranged from local sources. Every effort should be made, however, to make use of British or Allied Medical facilities.

11. Bills for payment of any charges made will be submitted through Allied Command to the DDMS of the Formation or Area concerned for approval.

SPM.

12. Supplies will be collected from the nearest BIS under instructions to be issued by HQ of the District or equivalent headquarters, in consultation with AG/MLIA.

POSTAL

13. Incoming mail will be forwarded by the APO to AG/MLIA for distribution through suitable courier service or the ITALIAN Civil Postal Administration whenever is the more speedy and regular.

14. Outgoing mail would be dealt with in the reverse manner, W/MLIA posting in bulk in the APO in ROME.

3 District

Ext 15
381/18 0

1 July 1946

1763

Authority is delegated to Area/Sub Area HQ to introduce any or all of the main arrangements outlined in the GHO letter as and when circumstances so require.

R.A. MURPHY
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per Major General
M.I.A.

R.C./A

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RLO/2W

R. H. H. H.
R.A. GUNTER is Cpl.
Per Major General
J. I. A.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

ARMY FORM 12136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Rel. No.	Priority	Transmission	Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM 5 B.L.V.	Originator	Date-Time of Origin 311230 B	
TO MMIA RONE			
(W) For Information (INFO)			

Originator's No.

G/102 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) Your A 919 of 30 Jul (.)
 Accommodation required for self wife and daughter (.) My signal G/102
 of 24 Jul gave this information

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
IF ANY MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE
MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

ROUTINE

Time	System	Op.
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MEMO V LROF NR 6140
QVR1

FROM MMHA 301615
TO 5 BLU -- 10 BLU
GR-- BT

AD19 UNCLASSIFIED

OUR A 892 OF 22115B AND A 902 OF 231225 B (.) SIGNAL
URGENTLY WHETHER MAJ D A V I E AND LT COL W A T H E N
WISH TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES WHEN COMING TO CONFERENCE
8/9 AUG

BT

SENT NR 6140 SLN AT 1500 B1 K
RD 6140 J R G AT 1900 AR K

See 35
Quinn

MBHF V LROF NR 5650

QVR5

FROM MMIA 261645 B

TO 1,2,3,4,5,7, ~~10~~ 8, 9, 70, 71, 12 BLUS

GR --- BT

REF : Q.1021 UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT LOCAL ADMINISTRATION STOP CONTACT LOCAL ALLIED HQ

DISCUSS PROVISIONS DISTHREE LETTER 381/18 ~~Q-9~~ 1 JUL 46

? AND GHQ 2521/01 11 JUN 46 STOP BE ~~PREPARED~~ // PREPARED EXPLAIN

LOCAL SITUATION // SITUATION AND DIFFICULTIES AT ~~FORTHCOMING~~ //

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE THIS HQS STOP FOR 1 AND 2 BLU YOUR LETTER S

RECEIVED AND WAR MINISTRY ASKED TO ASSIST STOP

BT 261645B

SENT NR 5650 DBL AT 270130 AR TKS K

RD 0130B EDP AR



*Regret no trace of either
distress letter (K...)
or GHQ letter*

*It doesn't look as
if any action was
required - is there any
hope of the GHQ letter?
Action*

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ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

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Priority

Transmit

Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

6102. Wachen @ from 0232 of 12 Jul. @
 Capt Col. WATHEN will be attending @ Accommodation
 also required for wife, daughter and Italian
 driver @ No points for discussion

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { WIRELESS }IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
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102.
MBHF V LR OF NR4671
QVR 2

FROM MMIA 200920-B
TO 1 BLU - 5 BLU
BT

ME/43/83 (.) UNCLASS (.)
FOR EME (.) PLEASE HASTEN REPLY TO PARA 1
THIS OFFICE LETTER ME/43/63 DATED 28 JUNE

BT 200920-B

SENT NR4671 1438/21 MYERS. B. K.
R NR 4671 RW AT 1438 AR K



Station
5/ME/2-19
JB

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

MBHF V LROF NR8XX NR4872 IMPORTANT
QVR 5

FROM M M I A 221115B
TO ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. BLH GR---~~ BT

REF NO A 892 UNCLASSIFIED
~~ESTABLISHED~~ IF MARRIED OFFICERS WISH WIVES TO ACCOMPANY EARLY
APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION OF GOC SHOULD BE MADE TO
ENSURE ACCOMODATION IS AVAILABLE

BT
SENT NR4872 1355/22/B THM B1

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SUBJECT :- Divisional requirements Manufactured by Turin Arsenal.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
ME/31/156

26 July 46

To :- E.M.E's 1, 4, & 6 BLU's
E.M.E., 3 BLU (2 copies) - please pass one copy to
Maj CATALANO.

1. With further reference to EME Conference held on 21/22 June 1946.
2. As Major CATALANO of the Legnano Division has been made responsible for co-ordinating Divisional requirements and arranging local purchase and contracts etc. it is felt that by complete liaison with the Italian Army better results will be obtained.
3. In future therefore when items are required for the Italian Army which necessitates manufacture at Turin Arsenal, the following system should be adopted,
4. (a) The CME of the Division concerned should make out his demands in quadruplicate, two copies being sent to Major CATALANO, and two to the EME of the BLU concerned.
(b) Major CATALANO should take the necessary action with the Arsenal to initiate manufacture. It is suggested that one copy of the CME's request be sent to the Arsenal with Major Catalano's instructions.
(c) Of the two copies received by EME's one will be for their files, the second being despatched to Capt NORTHBY of 1 BLU (for information) who is in constant liaison with Turin Arsenal.
5. It is felt that this method will keep all parties concerned well advised, and at the same time assist Major Catalano in carrying out his duties.

W.J. Franklin

W.J. FRANKLIN, Major,

DAIRY

for Lt Col

Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering.
M.M.I.A.

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Copies to :- EME, 5 & 10 BLU's } for info.
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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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HQ Allied Commission for Assistance Commissioner

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CONFIDENTIAL

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Subject: 1. G-2

Re: 2. G-2 (All American Camp)

Info: 3. G-2

1. The G-2 (All American Camp) conference will be held this HQ
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Chief Clerk

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Date: 1/10/68

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CONTENT OF THE JOURNAL OF THE ARMY

1. The Corps Commander considers that the quality of the newspaper will be improved by the closer liaison, by means of a monthly 'A' Conference, between the newspaper and the Corps Commander. It is suggested that the newspaper will be attended by a representative of the 'A' Branch of the Corps.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It was suggested that the supply of daily news newspapers could be improved. These in fact were receiving more newspapers 3 days after their issue in UK.

3. It was suggested that the presentation of news in the British Army News was not satisfactory. The Editor of the News stated that strong representations had been made, and that on further study had been obtained, quality should improve.

RECOMMENDATIONS - SOME OF THE

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6. It was suggested that applications for families under the new scheme should be submitted until it was ascertained that accommodation was available.

7. The question of the disposal of married families in the event of a transfer to the 'A' Branch of the Corps was discussed. It was suggested that the 'A' Branch of the Corps should be given the right to have the newspaper in the 'A' Branch of the Corps.

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REMARKS

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WARREN HARRIS SCHEME

6. It was stated that travellers' cheques issued in the past for conversion to the Indian rupee were not being honoured. Brigadier BARNES stated that he would visit the Field Officer and make necessary arrangements.

7. The possibility of recommendation for British families under Scheme 11 was not considered satisfactory. In particular, the arrangements at COMPTON were noted. This was considered to be an isolated case being the result of the concentration in COMPTON of civilian labour engaged in the rehabilitation of the shipwrecked at other local industries.

8. It was considered that application for British families (1) should not be submitted until it was ascertained that recommendations were available.

9. The question of the disposal of British families in the event of a crisis was discussed. It was already been taken up previously by the Corps Commander.

10. There is less recommendation for British families in the case of a crisis. It is hoped that authority will be given in such cases for the families to be treated as free persons back to the UK and then a free passage to join the husband at his new station. An application by 13 Corps to the Treasury for children to come out to the UK during the summer has been refused.

WARREN

11. The question of recommendation for conversion of British families to the Indian rupee was discussed. It was stated that this should be referred to the British side for necessary action.

12. It was explained that units must not ignore any indication that they are required to convert their assets into Indian rupees. Applications must be submitted immediately they are received. It was stated that permission to travel was refused by 13 Corps only on the following grounds:-

(a) Where the proposed wife is the subject of an adverse security report,

(b) Of bad moral character or

(c) Is a confirmed thief,

the criterion being whether or not the proposed wife would make a desirable British subject.

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14. It was reported that units were not complying with the regulation requiring that where the parties are of different religion, a report from the chaplain be submitted, giving the views of their churches on the proposed marriage, must be obtained before submission of the application. This regulation will be strictly complied with in future and Brigadier BASTIN reported that any future cases of non-compliance be referred to HQ 13 Corps.

ADMINISTRATION

12. 16 Gt Pwr Corps represented that they were experiencing a duplication of requests for returns from 3 Pw HQ, S.O. 1 AMM, 167 Inf Bde and 7 Arm Bde. Brigadier BASTIN requested that they also be submitted to 13 Corps with specific reference of each duplication. SACMA stated that he would also investigate this matter.

ACCREDITATION - HELICOPTERS

13. Complaints were made that in General's Corps there was no system for checking personnel in transit, and that due to the lack of Roll Calls in the Corps, evidence of absence could not be obtained. This did not apply to 498 Transit Camp where the organisation can check in all cases except that of the transit of parties. In such cases a nominal roll must accompany the party. It was further stated that units were not being advised of casualties in respect of men in UN or LIA. Brigadier BASTIN stated that he would take this matter up.

LEAF

14. In order to become eligible for second LEAF personnel may defer their previous flight. This deferment must be unconditional and will be for a minimum period of 6 months.

HORSES

15. In connection with the proposed monthly charge of £2.10.0 for horses, Brigadier BASTIN stated that 13 Corps and BTI had both suggested to War Office that the monthly charge be reduced to £1 per horse, such charge to include shoeing, provision of forage and grooms (service personnel only). Charge would not be retrospective from 1 Feb 46.

AVAILABILITY OF OFFICERS

16. Brigadier BASTIN stated that the Theatre was suffering from a deficit of 1400 officers. **1749**

ECONOMY FOR - RECREATIONAL TRANSPORT

17. 13 Corps have approached Gt Pwr for a firm ruling in connection with recreational transport for service families. The present scheme for officers' families is a charge of 5d a mile when travelling singly and 2d a mile when accompanying the husband. This rule has not yet been applied but records of such journeys must be maintained. The Corps Commander has suggested to the Chief of Staff that the rate be reduced to 1d per mile with a maximum of 200 miles. The scheme for recreational transport is 1 journey per week with a maximum of 20 miles each way. In this connection the Corps Commander has

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POSSIBLE FOR - RECREATIONAL TRANSPORT

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EXTENSION OF ABSENCE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY INCARCERATED

12. The question is for extension of incarceration allowance for Italian service personnel who are taken up by irregular forces in conjunction with them.

17. Prisoner in Italy has approached civilians in various with a view to the supply of supplies to the 2 Italian Div. It was suggested that the same benefits which also be extended to Italian Military Incarcerated.

OPINION

20. Where personnel who are due for capture by a certain date cannot be released in time, due to operational necessity, application for extension of latest date for the leave, may be put up for consideration.

DECISION

21. Applications for extension are being returned by JAG through copy letter 3422 being enclosed with the following conditions:-

- () Not allowed "extension leave only",
- () Signature not specified as that of the officer having custody of the original document.

RATIONING

22. Prisoner in Italy recommended that wherever possible Lieutenants or Captains (CM) should personally attend DIBs for the drawing of rations, and that scale of rations should be displayed in Dining Halls for the information of personnel.

REPLY

23. The situation seems to be improved in the consumption of food. Issues in excess of entitlement must arise as it has been argued possible for units to manage without difficulty on the scales laid down. 15 grains postal unit submitted that due to special circumstances the scale of food authorized was not sufficient. Prisoner in Italy directed that the case be submitted for his consideration.

DISCUSSION:-

All Units plus members in attendance

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Subject :- Bde Discussion -

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20 Mar 46

205 Air Liaison (For Capt COOKE).
5 HLU (For Major JOHNSTONE).

Herewith for your information Programme Discussion
HQ 24 Gds 21 Mar 46.

GDH/pc

W. D.
Capt.
GSO III
201 Sub Area

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Subject :- Bde Discussion - 21 March.

G/13

2 Coldm Gds 201 Sub Area
1 SG Camp
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2 R Tks
1 NF

1. Programme for Bde Discussion of 21 Mar is attached at Appx 'A'.

2. Arrangements will be same as for discussion on 13 Mar incl Lunch and Syndicate Rooms.

3. Syndicate Lists will be given out during Lecture in Theatre, SESANA.

In the Pd.
14 Mar 46.

Maj.
RM.
24 Gds Bde.

Appx 'A' to 24 Gds Bde G/13
dated 14 Mar 46

Programme for 24 Gds Bde Discussion 21 Mar

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1. In what respects did the Italian Campaign differ from other campaigns, e.g. NV Europe, N Africa, and what where its particular problems?
2. Do you consider that the Allies made full use of their comd of the sea in the Italian Campaign?

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SUBJECT:- Conference - CC.FR. Liaison Officers.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AG.
MMIA ROME.

CCFR/OM/2

6 March 46.

All CC.FR. LOs

1. A Conference of CC.FR. Liaison Officers will be held at this HQ on Wednesday and Thursday, 13/14 March 46, commencing at 0930 hrs, Wed 13th inst.
2. The Conference will enable LOs to discuss any points arising from their observations, since their appointments, tender any recommendations they may have, to hear what has been done by this Branch HQ, and the general outline of this HQs policy and proposed recommendations.
3. Will all LOs please make the necessary arrangements to attend, and forward to this HQ as soon as possible, by signal if necessary, any matter which they wish included on the agenda.
4. Travel by AIR is authorised.

RBP/ter

H. Michall
H. MICHALL. Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: List 'B'.

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SUBJECT:- Conference - CC.RR. Liaison Officers

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.AC.
LMIA ROME

CCRR/OM/2

6 March 46.

List 'B'

1. A conference of Liaison Officers (CC.RR), attached to ELUs will be held at this HQ, commencing 0930 hrs, Wednesday 15 March 46, lasting TWO Days.
2. Will OCs ELUs, having a CC.RR.LO, attached to them, please facilitate the attendance of the LO to this Conference.
Air travel is authorised.
3. All OCs ELUs are invited to forward to this Branch, any matter, or recommendations affecting the CC.RR, which they may like to have discussed.
4. Your personal attendance will be welcomed, but this is left to your discretion.

REP/ter

H. Michall
H. MICHAEL Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : List 'A'
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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

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

28 - 29 January, 1946.

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"6" Points - 29 January 1946.MOTOR TRANSPORT.

1. The general situation as regards Italian Army transport was explained. This may be summarised as follows:-

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2. The unsatisfactory position regarding the release to the War Ministry from C.S.H. Dumps in the north has been represented to C.H.C. It is hoped that the present policy, which resulted in 2 District "Freezing" Italian arms and ammunition will be changed, and that the War Ministry will gain control of all Italian arms and ammunition wherever located.

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

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ACCOMMODATION.

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

SUPPLIES.

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

CLOTHING.

1. The clothing situation generally is not unsatisfactory. The Army clothing and boot factories are in operation, and given due economy, the Army, including the C.O.S. should be adequately maintained in this respect during the present year. A new uniform in the British bottle dress style is being designed, and may be available for issue early in 1947.
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W. G. Brown
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MINUTES OF MIAA CONFERENCEheld at HQ MIAA, ROME 28-29 Jan 1946CC.RR. Points

Insufficient time was available for a general discussion on Carabinieri, but the following points raised by BJUs were interesting and of considerable value to CC.RR. Section.

1. 10 BJU. CC.RR. Regional Police or part of the Army?

GS I CC.RR. stated that CC.RR. were part of the Army and would continue to be part.

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7. Special requirements of the CC.RR. organisation and equipment in the Appendices.

GS I CC.RR. said the provision of special equipment and transport for certain localities is necessary and it was hoped to be able to supply it.

8. Military Field Telephones for CC.RR.

Special Officer stated that Italian Units are insufficient to be able to

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7. Special requirements of the CC.RR. organisation and equipment in the Appennines.

GS I CC.RR. said the provision of special equipment and transport for certain localities is necessary and it was hoped to be able to supply it.

8. Military Field Telephones for CC.RR.

Special Officer stated that Italian Units are insufficient to be able to install and maintain wireless is recommended and under consideration.

9. Mobilo Battalions. Future use and dispersal of strength

GS I CC.RR. said that no static dispersal would be permitted. Battalions

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

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 Maj R E Hector WVO, MC

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 Capt L W Mann

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SD POINTSACTION1. Object of Conference.

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

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

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It was agreed to recommend to GHQ CMB the addition of a BR or MALTESE officer for interpreter duties to the WE and to request Ministry of War to review their present establishment.

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

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

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ACTION3. ITALIAN Inf Div.

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

(i) The General org fully agreed with the War Ministry except for incl of 1st Park Coy. These used to be 1 of 6 units but this HQ are urging their inclusion in the Div. The provision of ceiling raises difficulties.

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

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

(iv) Anti tank Arty. 4 Tk Guns have been withdrawn from Inf Bns and included in the new 1 Tk Regt under CRA.

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

(v) 23 Section. The disbandment of RS Secs is under discussion between this HQ and Ministry of War. In the mean time, the Ministry of War have issued disbandment orders for the coss of all Inf Divs

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(vi) It is hoped that WEs will be due before War Ministry WEC (see para 4 below) during February. The speed with which the formation of new units and conversion of existing units onto new Esats can take place, will be dependent on the issue of the new WEs and the provision of personnel and eqpt.

(b) Corps Tps

Col PUSLEY raised the question of provision of skeleton Corps tps. The position was given as below:-

(i) No provision for a skeleton corps org was being made.

(ii) No medium arty was being included but a certain amount of trg in medium arty is to take place. Two tps of 4 guns each are being provided with ALLIED eqpt for trg at CESANO.

(iii) Some trg in heavy bridging eqpt will also be carried out.

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(iv) The new Div Sig Ws will provide rear link comm
for Div HQ with Terr Hqs.

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ACTION4. ITALIAN WEC at Ministry of War.

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

All WEs for the Italian Army are being reviewed. Progress is as follows:-

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

5. War Ministry.

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

At the moment, the Sigs have been divorced from the Engrs and the MI repair is being divorced from Art, but no further reorg has been taken.

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

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

6. Equipment.

- (a) An already stated the eqpt for top Army, less OC ER, will be PR. All this eqpt can be found with the following exceptions:

- (i) Weapons - 30,000 rifles, and deficiencies in total requirement of 2" and 4.2" anti-air.
- GHQ GMP have not yet said how these deficiencies can be made up.

- (ii) Vans - Current deficiencies exist especially in carriers, motor and APC which will be replaced by carrier universal. OC have been asked to supply any types of 3 vans not available in ER depots.

- (b) The issue of eqpt is likely to begin from ER sources in mid-Feb. It will probably be necessary however to withdraw all types of weapons from Inf Divs in order to get the 3" anti-air, as eqpt issued in Feb will not reach GMR until mid-March which will be too late.

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Deficiencies in total requirement of 2" and 4.2" anti-air.

GRG has not yet said how these deficiencies can be made up.

(11) Vets - Certain deficiencies exist especially in carriers, mortar and MG which will be replaced by carrier mortar. MG have been asked to supply any types of B vms not available in RR depots.

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

(c) CORR will continue to be equipped by the High with ITALIAN weapons and vms.

(d) Future policy is to plan but looking 5-10 years ahead the probable sources of supply will be as follows:-

(1) Arms - From RR factories. For so small an army it would be unnecessary to try an arm industry when RR has a large industry fully org which can always manufacture sufficient supplies over her own requirements to equip and maintain the ITALIAN army.

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- (ii) Domestic Front - to be taken over by ITALIAN industry as soon as possible.
- (iii) Vehs - for 1946 vehs will continue to come from ER or US source. It is hoped however that in 1947 the ITALIAN veh industry will be able to supply all the army's needs.

6. Relations between BR static HQs and ITALIAN Army.

4 BLV reported that HQ 2 DISTRICT and HQ 60 SUB AREA have refused to allow the ITALIAN HQs to move their tps etc without the sanction of the BR commanders.

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

A Directive is being prepared by G(Ops) HQ to Districts on this subject. AMIA have also written to BLUs on this subject (ref 2/5/1 of 24 Jan 46).

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

7. Use of OCHER Mob Bns.

The use of OCHER Mob Bns in penny packets or as rfts to Terr OCHER units will be quashed. This is actively in hand and a policy letter follows.

8. Fortnightly Reports.

- (a) BLUs are urged to get their reports in by the 7th or 8th of each month as this HQ has to consolidate them by the 15th. It is better that reports should be less up to date and in time than more up to date and late.
- (b) Grading of info. A memorandum on this subject has been issued.
- (c) Politics. AMHQ got a monthly intelligence report from this HQ. This report is required so that AMHQ can appreciate what use the Army will be in the case of civil disturbance. It is important therefore that BLUs should report

- (i) how far politics enter in to the life of the Army,

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It was made clear by SAS that District and Area Commanders have no authority to issue orders for, or to in any way interfere in the deployment of ITALIAN troops or the redistribution of ITALIAN assets.

A Directive is being prepared by G(Ops) SAC to Districts on this subject. Will have also written to BLU on this subject (ref 2/3/4 of 24 Jan 46).

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7. Use of CORR Mob Bn.

The use of CORR Mob Bn in enemy pockets or as rifts to Terr CORP units will be queried. This is entirely in hand and a policy letter follows.

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

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

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9. Post.

Letters are taking several days to reach such outlying stations as HOLING and FURIN, and come with PLUMES are very precarious if they exist at all.

SO II R Sigs, HQ MMH, will investigate all means of speeding up comm.

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R. Sigs.

BLU should endeavor to assist him whenever possible by reporting difficulties and above all means of signal units likely to disrupt their com. comm as early as possible.

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10. Handbook on the ITALIAN ARMY.

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

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TRAINING POINTS

1. Lt Col BERTON (3 BLU) asked if a date would be given for the issue of Weapons and Arms to CARs. EGS gave assurance that there would be received in time for the commencement of training, though it might be necessary in the first place to "borrow" from Divisions already BRITISH equipped.

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2. Maj WATT (5 BLU) asked if any further information could be given on the availability of MONTEGIO VERGASEN RMs. Col A/Q outlined the situation and gave reasons to believe that the Barracks would be in the hands of the ITALIAN Army in time. Col A/Q further suggested an attempt should be made to occupy a few RMs blocks so that a certain amount of preparation could be commenced. Maj FENNELLY (6 BLU) agreed to give assistance in this matter, since the BR sub Area concerned was in his Territory.

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3. Maj JOHNSTONE (5 BLU) stated that there was a possibility of accommodation for part of UDINE CAR at PORTENVE - a German Hospital - Accom for 2,400 - at present occupied by 600 Germans, this as a better alternative to MOENA. EGS stated he would write DCS 13 CCIES on this matter. Although the release of this accn would mean that MOENA RMs would not be needed for UDINE Territory, Col A/Q considered it advisable that work in progress on the repairs to the latter should continue. (Afternote) Ministry of War knew nothing of this but appear glad that PORTENVE may become available.

EGS

4. Maj GREGSON (7 BLU) asked when the War Establishment of the CAR might be expected. G 1 (Arg) stated that this had been sent out by the Ministry of War about 1 month ago. He would look into the matter and send out an answer.

G 1 (Arg)

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

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6. PEG gave a brief outline of the method by which supervision and instruction of Divisional training should be carried out. It was generally speaking he is a matter of fact, a sense of balance, sound advice and a matter of personalization. All officers to see as much training as possible. G-1 (Trg) suggested a scheme by which supervision could be maintained. Each Regt should be asked to submit details of interesting items of Trg taking place daily and worth a visit. Only items of particular interest are necessary. From these items the HQU can select suitable Trg schemes. LEWIS, etc to visit. It was also suggested to check that programmes implemented the policy of the Directive issued. It was not possible to supervise all aspects of Trg.

7. Maj TEMPO (9 BDU) raised the problem of BARI CAR, the situation was explained by G-1 (Trg) who had personally seen A/3 BARI CAR. The same offer was to vacate FUSQUILL BARR about 1 April. Maj TEMPO was to tell him that he (G-1) would have to tell the other up higher. The latest information (from Maj TEMPO) at this half ch. The will be fixed during early Feb. Col A/4 BARI CAR will contact Col TEMPO (3 BDU) on this subject.

8. Col TEMPO (9 BDU) requested that Training Directive be issued. Had agreed that this was urgent. G-1 (Trg) will arrange Ministry of War.

9. Is Col TEMPO (9 BDU) asked if some form of Demonstration Platoon could be attached to each CAR. This matter was discussed and the following points were considered:

(a) From which source would these be come? Probably as first from each Division.

(b) The possibility of picking recruits from the first intake remaining at the CAR to demonstrate to the next intake.

PEG stated he would investigate the matter. BDU were asked to express their own opinion if it would be possible for each CAR to have two platoons for this duty. (One to be attached to each CAR.) Maj HECHE (14 BDU) said his Regt already had a Demonstration Platoon prepared for CAR.

10. G-1 (Trg) in concluding informed meeting that a course would be arranged shortly at GUSING to train 2 Officers and 8 NCOs from each Division. There would be the basis for Trg on BR Weapons when these are issued to each Regt and it was essential to select completely first class men. Maj PRICE (GUSING) said he had no further comments to put on GUSING in view of the amount of work involved in converting to new establishments.

Afternote: The above shows. War Ministry are in favour of Demonstration platoons.

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G 1 (LRE)

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the situation was explained by G 1 (TR) who had personally seen A/C 5/4. The area officer was to vacate P/SQUAD 3/4 about 1 April. This being the case G 1 told him that he (G 1) would have to take the letter to higher. The latest information (from Maj WOOD) in this matter was that the BLU will be freed during early Feb. Sol A/C 5/4 will contact Col LAURE (3 TR) on this subject.

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Col DE M. (TR) requested that Training Directive be issued. Had agreed that this matter was urgent. G 1 (TR) will contact Ministry of War.

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It is noted that (10 BLU) asked if some form of demonstration could be attended in each BLU. This matter was discussed for 10 BLU. Following points were considered:

(a) From which division would these BLU come? Probably an Anti-Aircraft Division.

(b) The possibility of sending word via from the first BLU to the others at the BLU to demonstrate to the BLU in the BLU.

It is noted that would investigate the matter. BLUs were asked to research from 10 BLU and ensure if it would be possible for each BLU to try to release the prisoners for this duty. (One to be attached to each BLU.) Maj WOOD (11 BLU) said his BLU was already had a Demonstration Platoon prepared for BLU.

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It is noted in concluding informal meeting that a course would be given to BLU to train 2 Officers and 3 NCOs from each BLU. These would be the basis for BLU on TR WOOD. These are issued to each BLU and it was essential to release prisoners first class war. Maj WOOD (11 BLU) said that no further commitments be put on CTS/NO in view of the work involved in converting to new establishment.

Afternote: For the BLU, War Ministry are in favour of demonstration plan.

CC BLU or BLU investigate whether a plan can be provided from the BLU or BLU in their own Region. In Regions where no plan can be provided BLU should invite Terr Comdr to request the BLU to provide a plan from one of the Divisions.

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