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FIGHTER BOMBER TRAINING
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I believe the are practice bombs of 11 lb ^{on design} type but actually are 40-50 lbs!

Lt. Favaro

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M.2.Director

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D.D. 3/27/11

Lt. Favaro 9/29/11

Reference Note to Enclosure 3A.

2. G.S.O. Training M.M.I.A. has been
trained & would like to send along one
British Staff officer & one or two Italians
to any T.A.R. display by the I.A.F.

3. Will Lt Favaro keep in touch with
I.A.F. & M.M.I.A. concerning this during his absence?

Chibikunofu

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Director

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reporting

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Enclosure 4A is for your information.

2 May I have your instructions please
as to when to go ahead & effect these
attachments.

2302 - Chibikunofu.

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SIGNAL

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FROM: I.A.F. "STATO MAGGIORE"
1 ST SECTION ROME
TO: AERONNITA' BARI
COPY:
A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME.
DATE: 30TH. JANUARY 1947
REF: 100668/Ad 42/168 COLL

FURTHER TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH OPERATIONS
OFFICE AEROUNITA' PLEASE ARRANGE FOR LT BALLISTA ALBERTO
51ST FIGHTER TRANSPORT WING TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO
UDINE. THE OFFICER WILL REPORT TO MAJOR WOOD AND TAKE
OVER THE TAGLIAMENTO AND SAGRADO FIRING RANGES. PROBABLE
SOJOURN AT UDINE ONE WEEK. GENERAL AIMONE CAT

Translated by Sgt Cumbo.

Air I Is this correct? Signed: L.E.J. 3/2

S.S.O. No, not correct. I have told Wood that Lt
Ballista is coming shortly and I have also spoken
with I.A.M. and agreed that there is to be no
"take over" as yet. "RITIRARE" in the original is a
vague word. Signed: C.M.E. GRECE. Air I. 4/2.

From : Air Force Sub Commission, Allied Commission, Italy.

To : Air Headquarters " "

Date : 31st January 1947.

Ref : AFSC/06/740.

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Refs: 5/6.

TRAINING OF I.A.F. PERSONNEL WITH BRITISH WINGS.

Reference is made to the telephone conversation of yesterday between Wing Commander Operations of your Headquarters and Air I of this Sub Commission on the above subject.

2. Subject to agreement by your Headquarters this Sub Commission suggests and recommends that certain specialist officers of the Italian Air Force be attached to you and to R.A.F. Station Treviso during the course of February and March 1947 in order that the Italian Air Force may gain a working knowledge of the equipment and installations which they will eventually take over from the R.A.F.

3. Particulars of those suggested attachments are as follows:-

- (a) Colonel Sforza, at present with R.A.F. Wing Treviso on flying duty, to proceed to A.H.Q. on completion of his flying training and to study the set up and control of the mobile operations room. Whilst at Wing Colonel Sforza will be able to act as liaison officer in respect of any other I.A.F. officers who may be sent to assist or Treviso on technical duty. For example it may be necessary at a later date for a technical Signals officer and a controller to visit and be instructed in the functions of the Mobile Operations Room.
- (b) Major Spagnolini at present attached to R.A.F. Wing Treviso for flying duty should be instructed to return to his unit on completion of his flying training. On his return to the Stormo another English speaking Italian pilot will proceed to Treviso in an I.A.F. Spitfire to take his place.
- (c) During the recent visit of the Director AFSC to your Headquarters it was suggested by the Senior Assistant Officer that an Italian Air Force Technical Assessment officer should proceed to R.A.F. Station Treviso to acquaint himself with the armament installation of the Spitfire IX's and LXXIV and to inspect such armament and equipment as will shortly be made available to the I.A.F. fighter stormos. With your agreement it is hoped to send such an I.A.F. officer to your Headquarters on or about 12th February 1947 and to send with him an armament N.C.O. (Sgt. Foley) of this Sub Commission who is well versed in the needs of the I.A.F. and the demands for equipment that have already been made.

It is requested that you will give your answer to the points raised in

ITALIAN
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Italy.
To : Italian Air Ministry
(attention Colonel Valentini).
Date : 28th January 1947.
Ref : AFSC/46/TMG.
Ext: 546.

TRAINING OF I.A.F. PERSONNEL WITH BRITISH VIEWS.

Reference is made to the conference which was held at the Italian Air Ministry on Saturday 25th January 1947 and attended by W/Cdr. G.M.V. Greco of this Sub-Commission and Col. Valentini, Major Cao and Lt. Grandi of your Staff Maggiore. The following points which were discussed at the conference are confirmed by this letter and it is requested that you will give your immediate attention to implement all decisions that were taken.

2. Attachment of Colonel Sforza to A.I.A.F. Italy. As soon as Colonel Sforza finishes his flying duties with the R.A.F. Wing at Treviso he is to proceed to Air Headquarters R.A.F. Italy at Udine, and be attached there as Liaison Officer. He should report to the S.A.S.O. on arrival. His duties there will be to acquire a detailed knowledge of all aspects of the Mobile Operations Room so that when the time comes for the R.A.F. to leave Treviso, Col. Sforza will be able to run the set up with fully qualified Italian personnel. When Colonel Sforza arrives at Udine he may require the assistance of an I.A.F. Technical Signals Officer and also a Controller; these, who should be of the rank of captain, should be nominated by the Stato Maggiore and should be ready to proceed to Udine when called for by Colonel Sforza. Colonel Sforza should keep his Spitfire with him in order to be fully mobile.

3. Exchange of the Other I.A.F. Pilot at Treviso. It is soon as Major Spagnolini has finished his attachment at Treviso he is to return to his Stormo and Units' Aerodrome should be instructed to pick another, preferably English speaking, pilot to take his place.

4. Courses in United Kingdom. It may soon be possible for I.A.F. pilots and aircrew to attend courses in the United Kingdom. You are requested to compile and forward to this Sub-Commission a list of personnel who will be available for courses on:
1. Flying Control.
2. Close Support.
3. Fighter Interception.
4. Navigation for aircrew.
5. Air Radio practice.

In forwarding names of these officers you should bear in mind that only officers holding permanent commissions and those who have a rudimentary knowledge of the English language should be included. Rank, names, number and flying experience should be given.

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5. Attachment of I.A.F. Armament Officer to Treviso. You are to nominate one armament officer who is to proceed to R.A.F. station Treviso on attachment together with Sgt. Feler of the A.R.C.U. This officer should report to the Senior Armament Officer (S/Ldr. Wood) at Air Headquarters Udine for instructions on arrival. Furthermore you should brief him fully before he leaves in respect of I.A.F. requirements of bombs, ranges, S.A.A., Armament Technical and Training Equipment, and publications. He should visit the Senior Equipment Officer of this Sub Commission as to outstanding demands before he leaves Rome.

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Annex: Training Equipment

As agreed at the recent conference, certain items of urgent training equipment are available in Italy and the Middle East and have been demanded from I.A.F. sources. These comprise:

(i) Ballistic Trainers. These are simple deflection training devices for use with tank trainers. One, for experimental purposes, has so far been requested. This should arrive in Italy by air during February. If you find it beneficial to training you are to utilize this Sub Commission and demands will be made for one per wing.

(ii) Training Launchers and Boats. These are available in Italy. The Arsenal officer who will be attached to Trevise should go into those with S/Ldr. Wood and sort out those which may be of value to the I. A. F.

(iii) Range Ammunition. These are available in Middle East and one set will be demanded for the Range at Punta delle Contesse, should you so require. You should advise A.F.S.C. of your needs as soon as possible.

(iv) A set of 48 practice bomb canisters have been demanded for the I.A.F. Spillfire Squadron. These are available in Italy.

(v) Gun Camera Assemblers and Gun Mountings. These are available in Middle East in small quantities. One assembler has been asked for each squadron. There are four gun mountings at present in use with the I.A.F. in Italy. These have been requested for the I.A.F. when the I.A.F. wing leaves.

(vi) Gun Camera Gun and Mounting. There are sufficient surplus gun camera guns and fitting equipment in Italy to make up present deficiencies in the I.A.F.

(vii) Gun Camera Aircraft. A fully equipped Avrocoy aircraft has been requested from A.F.C. Italy at R. C. 1000. If available it will be routed to Guidonia airfield and probably remain there four days for trials and inspection by I.A.F. technicians. The aircraft will probably be a Baltimore.

6. Any queries that may arise on the points set out in this letter should be made to the telephone number indicated above.

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- (13) Training Leaflets and Notes. These are available in Italy. The present officer who will be attached to Treviso should go into these via S/Lt. Ford and contact those which may be of value to the I. S. F.
- (14) Range Conditions. These are available in Viale Test and one will be assigned for the Range at Punta della Contessa, should you so require. You should advise A.F.S.C. of your needs as soon as possible.
- (15) Map Camera Assessor and Gun Gunshots. These are available in Viale Test in small quantities. One assessor has been asked for each squadron. There are four (two Gunshots at present in use with the I. S. F. in Italy. These have been requested for the I. S. F. when the I. S. F. King leaves.
- (16) Gun Range Gun and Equipment. There are sufficient surplus gun camera gun and fitting equipment in Italy to ease up present deficiencies in the I. S. F.
- (17) Range Target Aircraft. A fully equipped aircraft being aircraft has been requested from A.F.S.C. Italy or H.Q. H.M.S. If available it will be rotated to Cindaria airfield and probably remain there four days for trials and inspection by I. S. F. technicians. The aircraft will probably be a Falcon.

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For
G.M.M. CRENS W/Gen.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
INCHON,
AIR FORCE AND COMMISSION.

Copy to : Senior Equipment Officer.

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NOTES ON DIRECTOR'S COMMISSION WITH SQUADRON LEADER WOOD, ARMAMENT OFFICER,
AIR HQ, WATERS, ITALY, ON 17TH JAN. 1947.

Agreed (with S/L. Wood and A.O.C.) that Italian Armament Officer be attached to Treviso, preferably at the same time as Colonel SFORZA, where he would be met by S/L. Wood and T/L. Parker (Station Armament Officer) in order to see Armament Operational and Training Equipment and also to see the bombing and air firing ranges, etc. in operation and so that the Italian Armament Officer will be able to inform us what equipment is required by the I.A.F. AIR I to arrange details with A.H.Q. and I.A.M. and consider advisability of sending Sergeant FOLEY (Armament) with the Italian Officer.

Training Equipment. 10 lb. Practice Bombs are supplied already filled and only require detonators fitted in order to use them. A quantity has been earmarked for the I.A.F. and was at 126 M.U. S.E.C. to confirm that the Italians have collected these bombs, and if not suggest they do so by air. *coll.*

.303 S.A.A. - Will be required by the Italian Air Force despite the I.A.F. saying they do not want it. Can S.E.C. arrange for an advance allocation for armament training purposes in the existing Spitfire Squadrons, say 50,000 rounds. S.A.A. is received mostly 'belted'. In any event S.E.C. to ensure that links are obtained if ammunition is to be supplied 'unbelted'; I believe we will want the same number of links as bullets (if not 'belted'). This applies to both .303 and .5 cannon ammunition.

Edmonds Deflection Trainer - For use with Link Trainers. Useful training device and simple to make, comprising wooden frame and lamp which can be knocked up locally. Surplus available in M.E. AIR I to initiate action for supply of one from M.E. to A.F.S.C. and delivery by air to Ciampino. Scale should be one per Wing. None are available in Italy. S.E.C. to be informed of action taken. Training Leaflets & Notes - Are available in Italy for issue to I.A.F. and a complete set will be collected by S/L. Wood to be given to the Italian Armament

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Practice Bomb Carriers - Are available in Italy. S.E.O. to demand after AIR I has stated the numbers required for existing Spitfire Squadrons and Lightning Squadrons.

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Range Quadrants. Are available in M.E. AIR I to ask S.E.O. to obtain if required, though in due course, no doubt, the range at Tagliamento will be handed over to the Italians with the range equipment and/or those at Piave and Grado. 10 feet Air to Ground Firing Targets are used by the Wings. AIR I to suggest to Italians to construct similar targets and use them (if not already done) because

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Air to Ground firing is excellent practice for Air to Air and Air to Ground combat.

Cine-Camera Gun Assessors - Are available in M.V. Scale should be one per Squadron. AIR I to arrange supply to Italians in conjunction with S.E.O.

Four Cyro Nights are in use in the North. AIR I to consider advisability of earmarking for the I.A.F. when time comes or for immediate issue if any can be obtained now. For combat purposes these sights are unpopular, but for training purposes they are invaluable. No assessor is required when using these sights and therefore it is very easy to see whether a pilot is shooting accurately.

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Mustangs. About 50 Mustangs are dumped at Campo Formido (Udine) and are in good armament condition and complete, though the cine-camera guns may be with the pack-ups. These aircraft are not likely to be rolled, at least it is decided to scrap them, if that decision is taken. From the armament point of view, it is preferable that the Italians take over these particular Mustangs rather than those M.U.'s which are not so up-to-date as regards modifications and may not be operationally serviceable (if it is decided to supply I.A.F. with Mustangs). These Mustangs were offered to USSR for the American Mustang commitment but have been refused

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- Action AIR I and S.E.O. Two of the Squadrons were fitted for R.P. but the only advantage of R.P. over cannons and small arms lies in attacks on tanks and armoured vehicles and therefore it seems unnecessary to bother about R.P. for the I.A.F. even if ^{R.P.} they would be allowed by the Peace Terms.

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MIDDLE EAST TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS

NO. 142

DATED 10th JANUARY, 1947

1. The following has been received from Air Ministry and is to be brought to the notice of all concerned.



(J. JACKSON) Esq. Ier,
for Air Commandant,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
R.A.F. M.E., A.D.A.E.

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this subject.

MIDDLE EAST VI AIRCRAFT - SIMPLE ENGINE ENGINEER CONTROL
SPECIAL FLYING INSTRUCTION NO. 510

2. Reference is made to A.P. 24380 Pilots' Notes para. 17, which describes the propeller speed control, and includes a table of corresponding r.p.m. for given throttle settings, with the propeller speed control lever in the automatic position.

3. Cases have occurred on Tempest VI aircraft where the r.p.m. boost relationship has gone outside the limits given in this table, due to variation in instruments and operating conditions.

4. Pilots should be warned that the table of boost maximum r.p.m., contained in paragraph 17 A.P. 24380 P.N. should be deleted, and the following table and notes substituted:-

Throttle set to give Boost lb/sq. in up to	Min.	R.P.M. Mean.	Max.
-4	2165	2260	2375
0	2360	2460	2575
+2	2560	2650	2720
+4	2850	2900	2945
+6	3110	3160	3210
	3410	3450	3490

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(J. JACKSON) HQA Ldr,
for Air Commodore,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
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TEMPERATURE VI AIRCRAFT - SIMPLE LEVER PROPELLER CONTROL
SPECIAL FILING INSTRUCTION F/510

2. Reference is made to F.2450 Pilots' Notes para. 17, which describes the propeller speed control, and includes a table of corresponding r.p.m. for given throttle settings, with the propeller speed control lever in the 'normal' position.

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Throttle set to give Boost 10/sec. in the ft	R.P.M.	
	Min.	Max.
-4	2165	2335
0	2380	2545
+2	2580	2720
+4	2850	2945
+6	3110	3210
+8	3410	3490
+10	3640	3700
+12	3730	3775
+14	3775	3825
+15	3775	3925

5. Due to variation of instruments and temperatures, a limit of 100 r.p.m. on either side of the mean figure quoted is acceptable provided that a maximum of 3850 r.p.m. is not exceeded in 'automatic'.

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6. Should these limits be exceeded the r.p.m. indicator and
boost gauge should be checked against standard instruments.

7. Pilots notes will be amended in due course.

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SPORZA AND MAJOR SPAGNOLINI WILL ARRIVE CAMPO FORMIDO BY MIDDAY
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G.M. H. GUNTE W/CDR

2350 SALTER S/LDR

FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
TO : Air Forces Sub Commission, Detachment, Rome.

DATE : 20th December, 1945.

REF : AFSC/85/TMG.

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ATTACHMENT OF I.A.F. OFFICERS TO R.A.F. UNCS.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/8/15/TMG dated 13th December on the above subject.

2. Instructions have now been received from HQ Italy concerning these attachments and a copy is attached for your information. You will notice that the officers are to be briefed to report at Camps Farnside AM on 6th January 1947 and not at Treviso.

3. Will you please confirm to this H.Q. by signal by 5th January that the two officers will be flying up and that their names are as previously agreed.

4. HQ Italy are prepared to carry on with these attachments in respect of further IAF officer pilots should the first one prove a success and you are therefore requested to arrange with Comando Unita' Aerea for the nomination of a further two officers to be attached to the R.A.F. every two weeks.

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C.M.V. GURCE 3/GDR.
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FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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FROM:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.
TO:- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, E.
DATE:- 20th December, 1946.
REF:- ANOI/4/4/AIR.

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ATTACHMENT OF IAF OFFICERS TO ROYAL AIR FORCE WINGS.

Reference your AFSC/86/Tng dated 13th December. A copy of the instructions on the above mentioned subject being sent out from this Headquarters is attached for your information.

2. It is to be noted that the Italian Officers should first land at CAMPO FORMIDO (Udine Airport) which is the most convenient airfield for a visit to Air Headquarters.

W. Loretan

(P.V. MOWTON C/CAPT),
Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.

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It has been decided to assign the I.I.I. to train this organization's officers and as a result to this end to give I.I.I. valuable experience with our wings in Italy for a period of about 2 weeks end.

2. This will start with the assignment of a Squadron Commander and a flight commander to HQ and 304. respectively.

3. These officers will train their own squadrons aircraft and arrive at Gato Posing on 15th January in order to report in at Air Headquarters. After this interview they will proceed to TURIN and VIGANO respectively.

4. The officers there are Lt. Col. SPANIEL and Major SPANIEL. The former speaks English fluently and has previously worked with the Allied Forces. Major SPANIEL does not speak English very well.

5. They are to be given every opportunity to fly as members of formations and to learn all they can of our methods.

6. In order to ensure that these officers time is not wasted wings are to detail suitable officers who are to be responsible for the training throughout their stay with the wing, and to ensure that the object of these attachments is achieved.

7. The normal security instructions are to apply, but these will not prevent the training to be restricted with regard to the apparatus with which the wings are equipped and the methods employed.

8. These officers are to be shown every courtesy and are to be given all the assistance possible with the maintenance of their aircraft.

Wilbur

Att / Suggested paper in the field
4/2/41

(M.V. SPANIEL / CAPT),
Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters,
M.A.F. ITALY, C.M.F.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission - A.C. Bari Detach.-
 To: COMANDO UNITA' AEREA - Ufficio Operazioni -
 Copy in: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION - ALLIED COMMS. ROOM -
 Date: 13-12-1946
 Ref.: AFSC/B/85/TRG.

FIGHTER TRAINING WITH ALLIED UNITS IN NORTH ITALY.

Authority has been received to send two English speaking, Italian Fighter Pilots with their own aircraft, on attachment to RAF. Stations at Tassano and Treviso, for further training in Tac/R and Fighter/Bomber tactics.

2. W/C Greece of A.F.S.C. has arranged with AMQ Uaine that these pilots are to report to Treviso on Monday 6th January 1947 to interview the Station Commander G/C Ress Shaw, and receive further instructions.

3. I suggest that Lt. Col. Giorza should be sent as he already knows several personnel in the North.

4. Please let me know the names of the Officers chosen as soon as possible in order that I may inform Rome on Monday next when I report for a conference.

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Officer Commanding
Bari Detachment
A.F.S.C.



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Approved
R. Shaw

FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.

TO : Air Headquarters Italy, C.M.F.

DATE : 13th December 1946.

REF. : AFSC/66/TNS.

Ext: 546.

ATTACHMENT OF IAF OFFICERS TO ROYAL AIR FORCE FLIES.

Reference is made to the telephone conversation this morning between Group Captain R.U. Norton of your Headquarters and Wing Commander C.M.A. Greco of this Sub Commission and it is confirmed that one Squadron Commander and one Flight Commander of the Italian Spitfire Wings will be sent to you on Monday 6th January 1947 for attachment to R.A.F. Stations Treviso and Tisano respectively. They will land at Treviso on the morning of the 6th in order to report in at Air Headquarters and for interview by the Air Staff.

These officers will be experienced operational pilots who are in full flying practice but who are somewhat out of date in operational experience.

It is hoped therefore that you will be able to give them up to date experience of the most recent fighter fighter and tactical tactics employed by the Royal Air Force. It is considered that the attachment should last approximately two weeks; but if the SASO of your headquarters of the Wing leaders feel that at the end of that time the Italian officers would benefit from an extension to three weeks there would be no objection to this Sub-Commission.

The officers both of whom are Spitfire pilots are Lt. Colonel SPERZA and Major SPAGNOLINI. Lt. Colonel SPERZA speaks English fluently and has previously worked with the allied forces. Major SPAGNOLINI does not speak very good English. They will bring their own Spitfire IX aircraft and it is requested that they will be given every opportunity to fly as members of Wing formations.

It is requested that you will notify to this Sub-Commission your agreement with the proposals outlined above.

C.M.A. GRECO W/CVR.

AIR VICE MARSHAL,

DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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ATTACHMENT OF IAF OFFICERS TO ROYAL AIR FORCE WINGS.

Reference is made to the telephone conversation this morning between Group Captain H. G. Morten of your Headquarters and Wing Commander C. M. M. Green of this Sub Commission and it is confirmed that one Squadron Commander and one Flight Commander of the Italian Spitfire Wings will be sent to you on Monday 6th January 1947 for attachment to R.A.F. Stations Treviso and Tisano respectively. They will land at Treviso on the morning of the 6th in order to report in at Air Headquarters and for interview by the Air Staff.

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3. It is hoped therefore that you will be able to give them up to date experience of the most recent Fighter Bomber and Tac R tactics employed by the Royal Air Force. It is considered that the attachment should last approximately two weeks but if the SACS of your headquarters or the Wing leaders feel that at the end of that time the Italian officers would benefit from an extension to three weeks there would be no objection to this Sub-Commission.

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C. M. M. GREEN W/COR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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(Copy sent to G/C Ollam)
(21/1/47 am Staff notified)

From: Group Captain N.V. Moreton.

4A.
Air Headquarters, Italy,
Royal Air Force,
C.M.F.

30th November, 1946.

AHQI/NVM/DO

Dear *Grece*,

Many thanks for your letter AFSC/86/Trg dated 5th November, 1946 and for your remarks in your para. 1. We will certainly invite you to bring I.A.F. representatives to future demonstrations.

initial I have made all the necessary enquiries and have got permission from everyone concerned for the attachment of I.A.F. officers to 239 and 324 Wings. Will you keep the numbers down to one or two at a time at each Wing as there are accommodation difficulties at both Treviso and Tizzano.

You should warn the officers before they come that conditions will be rather rough and that they will have to be very patient as the general shortages of officers and semi operational conditions will not allow very elaborate arrangements for their special benefit.

I presume you will give us warning before the first officers arrive and that you will give us some fairly definite idea of what is required; then we will pass on instructions to the Wings.

I am giving your last paragraph my close attention. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Moreton

Wing Commander C.M.M. Grece, D.F.C.,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission Italy,
ROME.

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EXCERPT FROM 12 B.L.U. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
No. 23 dated October 1946

a. Demonstrations

1. As a result of an invitation extended by Wing Comdr Grece D.F.C. of the Air Forces Sub Com, Gen MATTEOLI, Magg. PENETTI and GSO II Tactics attended a demonstration near UDINE on 24 Oct '46, of modern methods of tactical Air support. This was an extremely interesting demonstration and will form the subject of one or more lectures in both this and subsequent courses.

2. It is most strongly urged that every effort be made to arrange for representative parties of Italian Officers to attend any further demonstrations which may take place, of whatever type, and so give them a practical insight into modern methods.

Chubb
11/11

JKM
19/11

PG
20/11

WJ
20/11

Handwritten:
Only too glad to comply, with ϕ and suggest that NIA & the Army be asked to Recce for GOC Italy demonstration subject to first obtaining concurrence of CAS. Please bear in mind it arrange at appropriate time and meanwhile inform NIA for info of G.O.C., Deputy, & Trg Off.

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FROM : Wing Commander M.H. Green, D.F.C.

Air Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission Italy
Rome

REF : AFSC/95/Arg.

5th November 1946.

Ext : 5/6.

Dear Group Captain,

First I should like to thank you and Wing Commander Cory for all the excellent arrangements you made for our visit to Udine, and also for making the display itself available to the Italian Services and other allied Air Forces. All the officers I brought along with me were very very interested in everything they saw and were most appreciative of being invited to a demonstration of the use of modern weapons by the Royal Air Force. I know for a fact that General Matteoli has given a lecture to the School of Cooperation on what he saw, and the C.O. of the light bomber wing has done the same with his crews. May we be invited to bring members of the I.A.F. to any future demonstrations?

2. Arising out of this visit it has occurred to me that it would be a great benefit to the Interceptor and Tac R squadrons of the I.A.F. if certain English speaking pilots could be attached to your Wings for periods of, say 10 days. As you know the I.A.F. Squadrons are unable to get a great deal of spitfire flying in now due to shortage of spares. If the flight commanders could have a little experience with Spitfire or Mustang or Mustang II they would be able to get up to date on the latest tactical developments at a time when the I.A.F. morale is in need of a helping hand from the Allies. The A.V.M. have would like these attachments implemented.
3. Could you please consider this question and then let us know whether you consider it possible.
4. When are you and your wife coming to Rome? Do come soon and please let me have a little notice so that I can lay on some entertainment.

JKM
19/11

Yours sincerely 2345

Dear Group Captain,

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Chill.

C.M.M. CREGE
Wing Commander
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Air Forces Sub-Commission.

To : Group Captain N. Morston
Air Headquarters Italy
C.M.F.

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FROM : STATO MAGGIORE REGIA AERONAUTICA
TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION ROME
DATE : 11th JULY, 1946
REF : 302961/L.L/C/2474 Coll

BOMBS FOR EXERCISE

With reference to the verbal request by A.V.M. Brodis ~~to~~ notified that the I.A.F. have actually at the Lecce stores a number of 124 exercise bombs Allied type of 20 Kg. each.

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SOTTO CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col A.A.r.n.
(Aldo Remondino)

Translated by Sgt. Albertini.M.

SEO. New type of bomb to use - 50 lb?
See Doc 1.

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Prot.no. SERV/ 302961 / L.1146 / 2474 001

OGGETTO : Bombette da esercitazione.--

Con riferimento alla richiesta verbale del V.M. BRODIE si comunica che l'Aeronautica Italiana ha attualmente presso il magazzino di Lecce numero 124 bombette da esercitazione tipo alleato da Kg.20.=

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Colonnello AA. m. Piloto
(alla Remondino)

PER COPIA CONFORME

H. CAPO DEL 3° REPARTO
(Col. A.A. m. Piloto)

C. G. ...



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Prot. n° .SERV/ 302961 / L.1113 / 2474 BL

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citazione tipo alleato da Kg.20.=

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Colonello A.L. m. Filosa
(Stato Maggiore)

PER COPIA CONFORME

IL CAPO DEL 3° RIFUGIO
Col. d. A. m. m. Filosa



C. Filosa

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