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ENGINE HANDLING COURSES, IAF  
JULY-OCT. 1945

TO: C.T.O.

(thru S.S.O.)

On the 5th July I obtained authority from the Chief of Staff, M.A.A.F. (A/V/M BAKER) to allow the Italians to begin Engine Handling Courses in order to assist the conservation of petrol and oil. We have already spoken about this matter, and I would like you now to take it up officially with the Italian Air Ministry; I suggest you first contact COLONEL CIGERZA, and then write instructions afterwards.

2. Can you produce any written advice so as to give the Italians some idea of what these courses consist of - you will not be allowed to give the Italians a complete syllabus as run by the R.A.F., but taking other precedents you will be allowed to give them the headings under which the lectures and practical work should be done.

3. I am <sup>not</sup> sure that it will be necessary to have any flying on this course, although in our own R.A.F. courses at home we recently did incorporate some flying.

4. Please keep me informed of progress.

*L. E. Brodie*

L.E. BRODIE,  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Rome.  
Date: 10th July, 1945.  
Ref: AFSC/251/P2.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME  
TO : HQ. M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT CASERTA  
DATE : 20/10/45  
RE . : AFSC/251/1/P2

ENGINE HANDLING COVERS FOR I.A.P.

May reply now be made to our letter of even reference  
dated 29th Sept. 1945 on the above named subject.

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W/M. BISDÉE W/CDR  
AIR VICE MARSHAL  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Ross.

To:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

Date:- 29th September, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/251/1/2.

Engine Handling Courses for Italian Air Force.

1. Reference is made to Directive on Interim Policy for the Italian Air Force under A.F.R.C. reference AGO91.714/251 2488-0 dated the 23rd September, 1945.

2. Para. 3 (g) of this Directive states that engine handling courses should be started for the Italian Air Force in order to economize on the use of P.O.L. May consideration be given to loaning to this Sub-Commission a Flight Engineer who has passed the R.A.F. Course on Engine Handling in order that the course may be started on allied lines.

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AIR VICE MARSHAL,  
AIR OFFICIAL COMMANDING.



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