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WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS, AFSC ROME
APR. 1945 - JAN. 1947

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Departmental Head.

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G/C L.E. JARMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
~~COL M.H. RABRICE~~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
W/CDR KNOWLES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MAJOR E.J. SASS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
W/CDR FEARCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S/LDR B.O.F. TOTT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S/LDR F.L. BRADSHAW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F/LT J.G. WHITE.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
W/CER GLADSTONE.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S/LDR C.T. CHAPMAN.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F/LT. MITCHELL.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
W/CDR. BIRDIE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S/Ldr. Russell.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F/Lt. Lucy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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24th January, 1947

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MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD IN ROOM 23RD JAN 47

1. Civil Aviation Plan - The Director asked D.D. to deal with the Civil Aviation Plan while he was on leave. The plan should be referred to the C.C. and Heads at A.P.M. (through S.S.C.). All aerodromes in Venezia Giulia - Trentino and all Allied aerodromes are not to be used by the Civil Aviation Companies pending clearance by S.S.C. All other routes may be approved so far as the Director could foresee.
2. New Air Minister - D.D. to keep in touch with S.S.C. in case a new Air Minister is appointed in the new Government.
3. S.S.C. Directive - S.S.C. to chase the S.S.C. Directive at present being studied by the Chief Commissioner.
4. Director's Visit to the I.S.C. - The Director visited the C.C. on the 23rd of January, 1947 and discussed starred item in those notes.
5. I.S.C. Assistant Officer - Authority has been verbally given for an I.S.C. Assistant Officer to proceed to Treviso. I.S.C. to arrange an attachment at Udine with S.S.C. for the I.S.C. Officer before he proceeds to Treviso. (Similarly S.S.C. to arrange a visit of Italian Equipment Officer to S.S.C.)
6. American Munition - S.S.C. to arrange for an I.S.C. Officer to proceed to Udine to have a look at the surplus munition held there by the Americans. This officer will then decide whether to accept the American offer of this surplus munition.
7. Visits to Udine - I.R.I. to arrange for an operational control and a signals officer of the I.S.C. to visit Udine as soon as possible to see the T.M. Mobile Operational Room at Udine. S.S.C. to contact C/Control and arrange for this attachment as soon as possible.
8. Training Courses - Air Staff to find out from the I.S.C. the name of the flying training officers they wish to send to England to attend the Training Courses. U.S.C. approval for these officers with Engineer, Signals and Royal Officers who have already been nominated will be forthcoming shortly.
9. Munition - Director informed C.C. that he had demanded 303 munition for the Spitfires even though the I.S.C. had stated that they did not require 303 munition and C.C. agreed the demand (in principle). S.S.C. stated that the I.S.C. had since discovered they did require 303 munition for Spitfire IXs as distinct from Spitfire IXEs of which both the I.S.C. and the I.R.I. have a mixed bag.
10. Baltimore's Target Warning - I.R.I. to arrange for an aircraft to be flown from Udine for the I.S.C. to see with a view to warning up their own gear quickly and effectively. (S/S.C. I might be able to advise as he has just come from Egypt).
11. Plan for the 24th January -

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11. Plan for Use of Airfields - IR I to submit the plan he is preparing for the use of airfields in Italy to the D.C. as soon as possible.
12. Limite Aerodrome - W.D. - O.C., W.D., W.D. to visit Limite Aerodrome and inspect all buildings. To report to W.D. on whether rumors concerning Civil Aviation posters on buildings are authentic.
13. Daily Digest - S.I.C. to find out from the British and American Presses whether they issue a daily Political and Economic Digest and ask whether we may have weekly copies sent to S.I.C. who must comprehensive copy to be asked for regularly.
14. Vicenza C.I., I.I.C. told the Director that they were going ahead with rehabilitating Vicenza. If they do decide to abandon the aerodrome, the buildings will be sold to the civilian population there.

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15. 3 Spitfire types - Types have been downed by S.E.C., and are being collected by Italian aircraft from Treviso on 27 January.
16. Validation - Director asked the C.A.O. to find out how many landings a Spitfire type should make before being worn out (answer 20-30 normally) and to initiate demands for materials if really unobtainable from Italian sources.
17. Ciampino - O.C.IV to find out the position at Ciampino after the force recently has been refitted and the armed forces withdrawn, and inform the Italian Directorate of Civil Aviation.
18. Air Traffic Control - The Italians should shortly take over all Air Traffic Control over Italy. At present S.E.C. units are controlling S.E.C. to S.E.C. to C/O London re air II drift.
19. Tactical Reconnaissance - C.A.O. to ask the I.A.C. for a list of tactical reconnaissance and photographic equipment they require and A.I.I to be asked to earmark aircraft, etc.

A. H. K.
S.E.C. I

Copy to S.E.C. Milan.

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23rd JANUARY 1947.

MINUTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME
ON 21ST JANUARY 1947.

Action by

1. Director's Opening Remarks. The Director stated that the meeting had been called to see if there were any subjects that should be brought to the attention of the Director General of Organisation whom he was meeting that afternoon.

2. Director's Visit to Udine. The Director stated that as a result of this visit to HQ Udine, the following information had been obtained.

(a) Function of the Armed Forces After Signing the Peace Treaty. After the signing of the Peace Treaty the only function of the armed forces in Italy would be to preserve law and order, and that after the 10th of April this responsibility would only apply to the troops stationed in Trieste.

(b) Treviso. The airfield at Treviso may be available for use by the Italians shortly after the Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

(c) Married Families. Married families are to be evacuated from Italy by approx. 12th of April. 10 trains are leaving Udine Area, the last two being reserved for RAF families. Families under Scheme "A" can be evacuated by air; this authority has been given by the A.O.C. and Movements H.Q. The priority to be used is preferential.

(d) Turkish Spitfires. With reference to the Spitfire now being flown to Turkey, no interest is shown by AHQI.

(e) Equipment. The policy with regard to the handing over of equipment to the Italians as stated by A/Cmdr Rankin is to leave all they can in working order and as soon as possible.

(f) Mobile Equipment. Efforts are being made to supply the Mobile Ops. Room and Signals Equipment, but the possibility of obtaining a mobile Flarepath is doubtful.

(g) Training of Italian Personnel. It was suggested that Ops Officer be sent to Udine to study the Mobile Ops Room and that an Armament Officer be attached to Treviso to study Armament Training under S/Ldr Woods. In addition a Senior Italian Equipment Officer should visit A.H.Q.I. to check equipment to be handed over.

(h) Ciampino. The Director stated that when the RAF pull out of Ciampino the Terminal Buildings would be handed over to R.E.A.

(i) Communications. The Director stated that at AHQI the S.A.S.O. suggests that a similar formation to our Air Formation Signals should be set up in the Italian Air Force for use in North Italy. On discussing this it did not appear necessary and it was then suggested that these duties be undertaken by the Civil Postal Authorities.

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3. Spitfire for Italians. W/Cdr. Thompson stated that the Spitfires now in the North of Italy, which it is proposed to hand over to the Italians, were in a very poor condition. 50% of the a/c appear to be 9Es using .303 ammunition, a check should be made to discover the quantity required by the Italians.

4. A.H.Q.I. Organisation was asked to find out if the present site of A.H.Q.I. was formerly an Italian Army or Air Force Base. S/Ldr Salter stated that he believed it previously belonged to the Army.

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Air III (A.S.O.)

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
MILITARY COMMISSION, ITALY

AFSC/358/3/ORG.

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Date: 16th Jan. 1947

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 16th JAN 1947

Action by
S.S.O.
C.T.O.
ORG.IV.
P.A.

1. Gift to the Italian Air Force Club - Plans are being made for the party to be given by I.F.S.O. to the Italian Air Force Club. The tentative date is 15th February. S.S.O., C.T.O., and ORG.IV to decide facts of the party, type of party, whether stag or mixed, where the party will be held, date of the party, and amount to be spent on the gift. Decision on type of appropriate gift was the Marble Head of Tampest. S.S.O. and ORG.IV to plan the inscription for the gift. Hour for the party should be 1830 and presentation of the gift with a speech by the Director at 1900. The I.A.F. was appointed to arrange for new invitations with appropriate wording. I.A.F. to check with Col. Ardower to obtain list of I.A.F. personnel who should be invited. Few mentioned by the Director who should come are the A.A.F. "Unità Aerea", Staff and Unit Commanders, Base Commanders, Director of Civil Aviation, Ex-Ministers, Under-Secretaries, General's Maccentini, Sandulla and Pellerini, Honorable Fiorentino, r. Scialloia, Col. Ramondino, Gasperi and Secretary to Chief of Air Staff. Also invite Lessers. Inter, Bradshaw and Clift. Inform P/L Lord and P/L Watkins of the party. S.S.O. to draft letter with names of A.A.F.C. officers to be given to I.A.F. Club at time of presentation of the gift.

S.S.O.

2. Weekly Staff Meeting - S.S.O. will conduct weekly staff meeting on 29th of January during the absence of the Director away on leave and ensure that he or D.D. attends V.P. meeting on 29-1.

C.T.O.
P.A.D.D.

3. Flight to Uaine - The P.A.D.D. has made arrangements for the flight to Uaine. Scheduled take off is 1000 on 17 January. P.A.D.D. to notify C.T.O. of flight. The Director, C.T.O., S.E.O., SIGS, C.T.O. and P.A.D.D. will take the flight. Probable return of the Director is 20th January. The Director General of Organisation will be in Rome 1930, 20th January. All officers of A.F.S.O. will be present in A.C. The Director General will proceed to Macerata 1900, 21st January.

4. Problems for A.MCI -

(a) C.T.O. bring up turning over of the R.A.F. equipment in the North to the I.A.F. in better condition than was the case at Brindisi.

S.S.O.
ORG.II

Tac/R photographic equipment.

(b) Disposition of PAF equipment and buildings at Ciampino.

(c) Disposition and availability to I.A.F. of practice bombs and link trainers at Capodichino.

(d) Link Training Equipment - ORG.II to check on availability of link trainers at Capodichino.

S.E.O.

(e) Mustang Problems - Any signal coming in on reequipment of Mustangs will be forwarded by 390 to G/Capt. Gore. No reply has been received from War Department, Washington D.C. regarding disposition of the "end-lease Mustangs."

(f) S.I.O. to draft a letter to A.MCI and I.A.F. giving a summary of the situation.

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- (b) Disposition of PAF equipment and buildings at Ciampino.
- (c) Disposition and availability to I.A.F. of practice bombs and Tac/R photographic equipment.
- (d) Link Training Equipment - O.G.II to check on availability of link trainers at Capodichino.
- (e) Ustang Problems - Any signal coming in on reequipment of ustangs will be forwarded by SSN to G/Capt. Gore. No reply has been received from War Department, Washington D.C. regarding disposition of the "end-lease" ustangs.
- (f) S.I.O. to draft a letter to A.M.O. and I.A.F.C. giving a comprehensive list of equipment that will be required to keep operational the 32 Spitfire I's made available recently to the I.A.F.
- (g) S.S.O. raised question on being able to depart from Rome by air travel instead of trains when A.P.F.C. folds up.

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5. Bari and Lecce Airfields - G/C Ollson formerly stationed at Bari has left for England where he is posted to "Staff College". Watkins now at Bari must turn over entire services at Bari to the RAF, pack up all RAF equipment, records and files and report to I.A.P. by 22nd January if possible. ORG.I to check with Gen Monti to make definite assignments of reserve accommodation for British and American personnel remaining at Lecce or Bari overnight.

ORG.I

6. Italian Personnel for English Training Course - Names of Italian personnel whom it is desired to attend an English Training Course in the U.S. have been received. SIGS. has fifteen names with three from the Navy and S.E.O. has three names; Italian personnel concerned speak English. AIR I to check with I.A.P. for names of possible flying training personnel who might desire to attend.

AIR I.
S.E.O.
SIGS.

7. Capodichino - ORG.IV informed that the inspection team from USMST will arrive at Capodichino on 18th January and will start work on 20 January. ORG.II to notify I.A.P. to send a representative with him to Cap. on the 20th of January. The representative to be well informed by I.A.P. what equipment is to be earmarked for I.A.P. ORG.II pick up from S.E.O. a comprehensive list of equipment the RAF turned over when Bari was released to I.A.P. ORG.II to turn the comprehensive list over to the USMST officials to use as a pattern, informing the officials that the RAF turned over Bari intact. And that plans are to turn back Capo as completely operational as possible.

ORG.II

2. Capodichino - I.A.P.
I.A.P. BILGARDNER, CAPT. I.A.P.
ORG. III.

Copy to: A.P.S.O., Milan,
"N.A.U.", Bari.

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

To :- Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Rome.
 Copies: Political Advisor (British).
 Political Advisor (American).

Date:- 19th December, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/353/3046.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND CIVIL AVIATION.

The following extracts from a Weekly A.F.S.C. Staff Conference held in Rome on 13th December, 1946 are forwarded for your information.

"1. Director's Visit to the I.A.M. - The Director opened the meeting informing all officers he had visited the Italian Air Ministry this morning (14th December) with Deputy Director. Various items were discussed.

a) E.I.C.A.O. - To begin with the Director told the Air Ministry that he had written to higher authorities suggesting that Italy should become a member of E.I.C.A.O.

b) Construction of Civil aircraft for sale Overseas - The Director asked the Air Minister if he wished to ask authority to build civil aircraft for sale overseas. The reply was in the negative but the Air Minister said he would let us know later after discussing the matter with his technical advisor.

c) Internal Air Lines - The Air Minister is having a final meeting on the 17th December to determine the details of the introduction of internal civil air lines; these present will include Ministers from various branches of the Government, Industry, Finance, Transport, etc. The main items for discussion will be licences, routes and fares. There are 15 companies to be considered, two of which are semi-state that is the American-Italian and British-Italian Companies.

d) Overseas Routes - The Director told the Air Minister that until Internal Air lines were running satisfactorily and we were satisfied that everything possible was being done for the safety of the passengers and aircraft, no overseas routes will be allowed. The Director emphasised to the Air Minister that the section working on International Safety Measures, that the Italians will have to adopt, should speed up the work and recommend amendments to obsolete laws as soon as possible. The Director also informed the Air Minister that when other countries wish to run air lines to Italy, the Italian Air Minister was within his rights to insist on reciprocal routes for Italy, pending authority to open them.

e) Civil Aviation Board - The Air Minister was informed that the Deputy Director was trying to get full information about the C.A.B. (from E.A.A. Officials in Rome). D.D. to write to the Air Ministry giving them full particulars and stating that the Air Ministry may like to inaugurate a similar thing for civil aviation in Italy.

f) Giampino, Carolichino and Bari - The Director told the Air Minister that as

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c) Internal Air Lines - The Air Minister is having a final meeting on the 17th December to determine the details of the introduction of internal civil air lines; those present will include Ministers from various branches of the Government, Industry, Finance, Transport, etc. The main items for discussion will be licences, routes and fares. There are 15 companies to be considered, two of which are semi-state that is the American-Italian and British-Italian Companies.

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f) Ciampino, Capotichino and Bari - The Director told the Air Minister that as Ciampino is unlikely to accept Italian civil air training by day or by night, Bari is the best place now and soon it would be possible at Capotichino (subject to confirmation) or Bari over on 31st January, 1947. Agreed to reply to 27A in 30/2/47 in that sense. D.B. to send a letter to M.A.A.C. informing them that it is understood that the position at Capotichino is that the American intend to hand back the aerodrome by the end of January '47 as requested and to ask the C.O. that P.S.B. runway and terminal buildings are handed over to the Italians intact. Will M.A.A.C. let us have an official report on what the Americans are going to do so that we may inform the Italian Air Ministry and save them considerable expense repairing buildings on the other side of the aerodrome. D.B. also to inform the Air Ministry verbally that the terminal buildings may be left to them in the near future.

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- h) Genoa - The Air Minister then told the Director that the Municipality propose to build a large airport for land aircraft and seaplanes into the sea at Genoa for International Civil Aviation, he may need British and/or American Consultants advice. It is a long term project estimated to cost 3 milliard lire.
- i) Italian Air Force Re-organisation - The Italian Air Minister said that he had discussed the plan with various Ministers including the Prime Minister, whose attitude is favourable towards it. The Director said that he would signal British Air Ministry London, informing them that the general reaction in principle to the British plan is favourable.
- j) Amendola Project - The Air Minister had already held a meeting with the various Ministers and their reactions towards the taking over of this Base was favourable. A Meeting is due to take place on the 16th or 17th November, 1946 at Amendola. D.D. will arrange American Staff Representation. The Italian plea for taking over is to make it an International Civil Airport. When decision is reached as to what exactly it will be, British and American Embassies should be informed as various International Civil Air Lines with aircraft to large to land at Ciampino are interested in knowing whether they can use Amendola instead. D.D. agreed to inform Caserta with verbal request to stop evacuation of material from Amendola.


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 AIR VICE MARSHAL,
 DIRECTOR,
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AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCE SURVEILLANCE.

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FROM: AIR VICE MARSHAL I.E. BRODIE, O.B.E.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,

ALLIED COMMISSION,

R O M E .

19th December, 1946.

AFSC/358/3/ORG.

With reference to my recent conversation with you and Colonel Willem the following is an extract from the Minutes of the Weekly A.F.S.C. Staff Conference held in Rome on the 13th December, 1946.

"American Air Attaches - Col. GLAWE has agreed that any official visits the Air Attaches make to the Italian Air Ministry or to any Italian Units or Establishments, will always notify us before hand. With regard to civil aviation it has been agreed that any integrated matter they wish to discuss with the Air Ministry they will inform us before hand, but in any discussions of purely national interest they will communicate directly with the Italian Directorate of Civil Aviation. Director will forward this extract to Colonel GLAWE."

Yours



Colonel Glawe,
American Embassy,
R O M E .

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

AFSC/358/3/010.

Date : 13th Dec., 1946.

MINUTES OF AIR FORCE CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 13TH DEC. 1946

AIR FORCE

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d) Overseas Routes - The Director told the Air Minister that until Internal Air Lines were running satisfactorily and we were satisfied that everything possible was being done for the safety of passenger aircraft, no overseas routes will be considered. The Director emphasised to the Air Minister that the committee working on International Safety measures, that the Italians will have to accept, should speed up the work and recommendations to obsolete routes as soon as possible. The Director also informed the Air Minister that other countries wish to run air lines to Italy, the Italian Air Minister was within his rights to insist on reciprocal routes for Italy, pending authority to operate them.

e) Civil Aeronautics Board - The Air Minister was informed that the D.D. was trying to get full information about the C.A.B. (from T.A.C. Officials in Rome). D.D. to write to the Air Ministry giving them full particulars and stating that the Air Ministry may like to inaugurate a similar thing for civil aviation in Italy.

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DIRECTOR.

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2. E.393 - C.A.S. to check the whole position of the D.39 aircraft, how many should be destroyed, etc.. Pass the information through S.S.O. and D.D.

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4. Monthly Conference - Monthly Conference for December is cancelled. The next conference will be held on Friday January 1947.

S.S.O.

D.D.
S.S.O.

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6. Delegation Air Attaches - Col. GRANT has agreed that any official visits the Air Attaches make to the Italian Air Ministry or to any Italian Units or Establishment, will always notify us before hand. With regard to civil aviation it has been agreed that any integrated matter they wish to discuss with the Air Ministry should be referred to the

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D.D.

7. Civil Aviation - Ciampino - D.D. stated that unless Hold harmless agreement is signed civil aircraft should not land at Ciampino. D.D. to inform Ciampino that Centocelle is nearly always unserviceable during winter months and is therefore not suitable for diverting Allied civilian aircraft. C.I.C. pointed out that there were no maintenance facilities there nor facilities for refuelling. D.D. to ask Col. BROWN at Caserta whether it would now be timely to hand Ciampino back to the Italians in view of the heavy commitment of civil aircraft now passing through as distinct from comparatively little military traffic. This would solve the whole problem.

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8. These Past Activities - Director stated that after the various services on this day for American and British Officers of the A.F.S.C. together with their families are cordially invited to drinks at his house (at Noon or directly after Church).

9. Forecasters Met. at Ciampino - Met. informed the meeting that first Italian forecasters under training had commenced duties at Ciampino. Met. NOG to find out position on A.T.C. side of Field.

A. C. SUMNER, S/LM.,
CRA. I.

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IN FORCE SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ITALY.

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Date : 9th December, 1946.

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4th December 1946.

Action.

1. Director's Opening Remarks. The Director announced that S/L Thompson (Br. A.S.O.) would return next day to the British Air Ministry and take up the question of the possible supply of fueling aircraft from Italian sources on a high level and to obtain financial costing estimate for Br. A.S.O. Plan for reconstruction of I.A.A. Any important information received from the Italian Air Ministry will be signalled to Br. A.S.O. by A.P.S.O. /Cdr. Thompson (C.F.O.) will proceed on leave forthwith and assist S/Lr. Thompson at Br. A.S.O. as and when required (Cdr Thompson will probably return to base shortly after Xmas by air).

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6. Area Control - Italy. The A.S.O. to prepare a draft plan for Italian Area Control to be established in Italy based on the plan used by Malta Control. A.S.O. to consult I.A.A. The draft plan will probably have to be referred to HQI and to Air Malta because at the moment Malta covers Italy (inter alia).

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9. Civil Aviation. It was also suggested at this A.P.S.O. meeting that Italian Civil Aviation should have a Civil Aeronautics Board because Italian Civil Aviation resembles American Civil Aviation in many ways. D.D. to obtain information on the American C.A.B. Functions and to suggest I.A.B.

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10. Spitfires to Turkey. S.S.O. to advise I.A.A.C. of the situation before informing the I.A.A.C. of the commitment; the letter to the I.A.A.C. is to be marked S.C.M.T. Approximately fifteen (15) aircraft per month for a few months will be passing through Bari. Aid in refueling and a visual inspection is all that will be expected to the I.A.A.C. C.T.O. to ask British Air Ministry to inform the Civilian Firm flying the aircraft that all major repairs must be made by them.
11. Letters to I.A.A.C. S.S.O. to chase I.A.C. on Jan 249 on Civil Aviation-External in our request for the move of Squadrons to the North, to nothing comes through by the 10 Dec. 1946.
12. Met. Policy. All Met Policy problems requiring an officers help will be referred to Air I to whose duties this commitment will be added.
13. Civil Aviation. S.S.O. to draft a letter to the I.A.A.C., copy to the T.M.C. Company, stating that no authority for their internal Civil Aviation plans can be given until the Italian plans are received in I.A.A.C.
14. S.I.O. to ask the I.A.A.C. intelligence section to help us keep an eye on such things (ie requests out of channel, and newspaper advertisements stating Civil Aviation is starting). S.S.O. to ask Dott. Geronzi to try and locate the person who is giving out false information S.S.O. I.A.A.C. Air Liaison Section.
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16. Clearance of Foreign Aircraft. Org. to aid Dott. Valenti of I.A.A.C. in the clearing of Foreign aircraft and to ensure that Valenti keeps Org. well informed of all requests.
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20. I.A.A.C. Recommendation for Tender Courses. C.S.O. stated that the question of accreditation for I.A.A.C. personnel attending Tender Courses in the North has been arranged satisfactorily. It was agreed that the C.S.O. would

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21. Training of I.A.F. Recruits. Org. I stated that all I.A.F. recruits are called up in the army and given six (6) weeks basic training before being turned over to the I.A.F.

22. Security Control. D.D. stated that highly important and secret information is leaking out somewhere and requested the entire staff to be security minded. It was decided that the D.D., S.S.O., S.I.O. would speak to the American, British and Civilian personnel respectively to instill them with the importance of security.

A.T. REISS, LT., A.O.
OF ORGANIZATION I.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

AFSC/358/3/ORG.

Date: 19th November, 1946.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 19TH NOV. 1946

MINUTE

1. Director's Opening Remarks - Director opened the meeting by stating that several long awaited signals of approval had just been received.
2. I.A.F. Supplies - A Signal from HQS had been received stating that fighter spares etc., should now be made available for the I.A.F. by A.HQ.I. S.E.O. to contact A.HQ to confirm they know contents of signal and to demand the supplies most urgently needed, G.C. tyres SAA and 11 1/2 lb. practice bombs and L.S. carrier equipment. AIR III to inform G-4 of SAA and bombs required.
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ORG. III.

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, Rome

APRO/358/3/ORG.

Date : 30th October, 1946

MINUTES OF TWENTY SEVENTH CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 30TH OCT. 1946

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All Officers.

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All Officers.

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All Officers.

4. Airfield Status - The Director stated that the British War Office wanted information on the Status of Italian Airfields with respect to availability for Civil Aviation etc. They had been advised to contact the RAND Section, Air Ministry for this information. A.S.O. stated that we supply amendments to RAND Section, Air Ministry, regarding any changes in airfield status of Italian controlled airfields. A.S.O. to find out if the War Office's question on the availability of Italian airfields for Civil Aviation is to be construed to mean only those airfields that have Customs and Immigration facilities.

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7. M.A.A.F.I. Complaints - The Director stated that complaints by both himself and Col. Pidsley of M.A.F. had been registered with Lt. Col. TOLLIN of R.A.A.C. regarding the condition of M.A.F. issues. Lt. Col. TOLLIN said he would investigate the matter; improvements should be forthcoming.

RAM officers.

8. AFSC letter to R.A.A.C. - S.I.O. to chase an AFSC letter to M.A.C. requesting the discontinuation of AFSC approval on I.A.F. appointments to the rank of Lt. Colonels.

S.I.O.

9. Welfare I.A.F. - The I.A.M. is appointing a board of three or four officers in the Ministry to deal with Welfare in the I.A.F. -
 ORG. I to draft a letter to the I.A.M. stating the duties of a Welfare officer and recommend a representative from each Z.A.T. be appointed to the Welfare board. A.M. is sending a personal letter to the Director on the duties of a Welfare officer.

10. Col. Di Robilant - PDMA - S.I.O. to find out as soon as possible the reaction of officers in the I.A.M. if Col. Di Robilant (I.A.F.) were appointed to a post at Padua in a capacity similar to that of Col. Brenta here.

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Ref. : AFSC/358/3/CRG.

Date : 23rd October, 1946

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROLE 23RD OCTOBER, 1946

MINUTE

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All Officers.

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All Officers.

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S.P.O.

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STAFF

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ORG. III.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROE

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Date: 17th October, 1946

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MINUTE

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- All Senior Officers.
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9. Re-Organisation of Allied Commission - Effective Monday 24 October, 1946 all Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission, with exception of the three Service Sub-Commissions, will be known as Divisions and come directly under the Executive Commissioner.

10. Transfer of Five Civilian DC-3s to TRIESTE - An Italian Civilian Air Line has requested permission to transport five (5) DC-3s from Capodichino (Naples), to Trieste for modification. S.S.O. to advise them to locate them at another airfield outside of the restricted zone.

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MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 9TH OCTOBER, 1946

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- AIR I
7. Military Courier Treviso - Udine - Air I to expedite approval of proposed extension of Military Courier Service from Treviso to Udine. The Chief Commissioner is anxious that this service be made available as soon as possible.
- PLT/OFF
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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

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All Officers.

9. Signals delays - The Director directed the C.S.O. to investigate the excessive delay in one signal and the non-arrival of another.

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- S.E.O. IO. War Medal - The Director discussed the eligibility of personnel to the war medal as outlined in AWO 544/46, and directed that the adjutant should find the procedure for obtaining authority for personnel to wear the ribbon. S.E.O. stated that he would make the necessary arrangements to obtain sufficient ribbon for personnel of the A.F.S.C.
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Major KILLINGER	AIR II
V/Cdr. REID	S.I.O.
W/Cdr. THOMPSON	C.T.O.
S/Ldr. SALTER	ORG I.
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S.S.O.
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7. Disposition of Fighter Wings. The Director had discussed the move of I.A.F. squadrons to the North with A.V.M. Darvall who favoured the move of two I.A.F. Wings to Bergamo and Vicenza. Respectively the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission also approved and sees no political objections. A signal on these lines has been sent to M.A.A.C. asking for political approval.

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8. Spitfires. The Director requested that on the S.E.O.'s return from Naples, the question of the R.A.F. withdrawing Spitfires spares from Brindisi should be fully considered and proposals forwarded to A.H.Q. whereby the I.A.F. would not be left altogether without spares.
- A.S.O.
9. Air Sea Rescue Exercises. The Director suggested that the A.S.O. should visit G/C Tate at A.H.Q. Ops to discuss combined A.S.R. exercises between the R.A.F. and I.A.F. The A.S.O. is proceeding to Udine on Monday, 2nd September.
- S.I.O.
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Date: 2nd August, 1946.

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Office of the Director, A.F.S.C.
Allied Commission Room at 10.30 hours on Friday 2nd Aug. 1946.

Subject: Interpretation of Interim Policy for Italian Military
and Civil Aviation.

Present:	Air Vice Marshal	L. Darvall	A.O.B., A.R.Q., Italy.
	Air Vice Marshal	L.E. Drodie	Director, A.F.S.C./A.C.
	M. Colwell	F. Marek	Deputy Dir. A.F.S.C./A.C.
	Group Captain	L.E. Jarman	Senior Staff Officer.
	Wing Commander	M. Fisher	M.A.A.C. Secretariat.
	Squadron Leader	N.H.E. Ward	M.A.A.C. Secretariat.

ACTION.

Introduction.

1. The Director stated that the meeting was called to discuss signals
RAF.1103 and JAF.649 examining Military and Civil Aviation and to agree
on their correct interpretation.

Civil Aviation.

2. A.V.M. Darvall considered that there were three main points which
required clarification.

- (i) The policy on Italian Civil Aviation.
- (ii) The clearance of special flights by foreign aircraft.
- (iii) The policy on Italian aircraft construction.

3. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the D/S., S.S.C.,
and the M.A.A.C. representatives should draft a signal from the Supreme
Allied Commander to the Combined Chiefs of Staff stating that the
permissive approval given in JAF.649 is authority for SAC/AFD to approve
the reasonable requests made by the Italian Air Ministry for a limited
amount of private flying, which does not include flying by Flying Clubs
and Glider Clubs. (It was, later in the day, decided to refer the matter
of private flying and aircraft construction to Combined Chiefs of Staff
through SAC/AFD.).

D/S.
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4. The signal was to be drafted in three parts:-

- (i) Dealing with Civil Air Lines.
- (ii) Dealing with other Civil Aviation.
- (iii) Dealing with the construction of Civil aircraft.

Aircraft Clearances.

5. In discussing the problems attached to the clearance of special
flights by foreign aircraft over Italy, A.V.M. Darvall said that the
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 Director, A.F.S.C./A.C.
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 Senior Staff Officer.
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ACTION.

Introduction.

1. The Director stated that the meeting was called to discuss signals NAF.1103 and FAF.649 concerning Military and Civil Aviation and to agree on their correct interpretation.

Civil Aviation.

2. A.V.M. Darvall considered that there were three main points which required clarification.

- (i) The policy on Italian Civil Aviation.
- (ii) The clearance of special flights by foreign aircraft.
- (iii) The policy on Italian aircraft construction.

3. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the D/N., S.S.C., and the M.A.A.C. representatives should draft a signal from the Supreme Allied Commander to the Combined Chiefs of Staff assuming that the permissive approval given in PAR.649 is authority for SAC/AFM to approve the reasonable requests made by the Italian Air Ministry for a limited amount of private flying, which does not include flying by Flying Clubs and Glider Clubs. (It was, later in the day, decided to refer the matter of private flying and aircraft construction to Combined Chief of Staff through SAC/AFM.).

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4. The signal was to be drafted in three parts:-

- (i) Dealing with Civil Air Lines.
- (ii) Dealing with other Civil Aviation.
- (iii) Dealing with the construction of Civil aircraft.

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M.A.A.C.

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- (i) Initial wording of special flights by departure signal or minimum of 24 hours notice.

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(ii) Landings to be made only at controlled airfields.

Aircraft Construction.

During discussion on Italian civil aircraft construction, it was agreed that the A.P.S.C. should be given authority to approve reasonable requests, but that M.A.A.C. should be kept informed. (Later it was decided to obtain approval for limited construction from Combined Chiefs of Staff through SAC/IED, before this decision is implemented). It was also agreed that no design that would allow modification for internal bomb storage should be permitted, nor any design that would permit the aircraft to be easily armed.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ROCF. (Attention C/C JAFM).

Date:- 7th August, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/4215/AFALS.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT A.F.S.C. ON 2ND AUGUST, 1946.

Herewith copy of Minutes of the above meeting for your information.

2. It will be understood that the Minutes are irrelevant after the meeting with Air Vice Marshal Darvall and Air Vice Marshal Brodie.

Maxwell Fisher.

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

Ref.: AFSC/358/3/ORG.

Date: 8th August, 1946.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD IN ROME ON 7TH AUGUST, 1946.

MINUTE

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The procedure to be followed in for the Industrialists to write to the A.F.S.C. requesting permission, the Director will then sponsor them and they would forward their applications to Mr. HENTON, Visas Dept. at the British Embassy.

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Air I. The Italians should send the necessary warning signals to all concerned before the Aircraft leaves Rome.

3. The Director requested that C. 2 prepares a pro-forma showing in tabulated form all Civil Air Lines that have been approved by us, their schedules, types of aircraft, all airfields they land at and any other relevant information. File references and enclosure numbers should be included on the pro-forma.

C.T.O. The C.T.O. is to prepare a pro-forma showing the Aircraft Construction programme approved by the A.F.S.C. Both these pro-formas to be included as appendices the next Monthly Air Report.

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IN NORTH AFRICA COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

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MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME 27TH MARCH 1946.
Date: 27th March 1946.
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1. Air Transport of Foodstuffs. Following action required by Org. I.:

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(b) Draft a note to the Chief Commissioner through the Food Sub Commission on the subject of bringing

pressure to bear on the High Commissioner of Sardinia to permit the signing of a contract for the Sardinian-Rome Air Service carrying perishable foodstuffs.

(c) Draft a letter to Ministry of Transport (copy to the Italian Air Ministry) with a view to removing obstructions to the signing of the Sardinian Contract.

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5. Breda Aircraft under Construction. C.T.C. to scrut-

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C.T.C. to ascertain if it is easily convertible into a Bomber. Question of

continuance of construction to be determined by this criterion.

W.M. BISDEE W/CDR.

Senior Staff Officer.

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AIR FORCES SUP COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

Ref: AFSC/358/3/Org.

Date: 14th March 1946.

MINUTES OF VENTILY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME - 13TH MARCH 1946.

MINUTES

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Action.

1. Handling of correspondence. The Director asked all officers to pay greater attention to recording action taken on notes written on documents, care in cross-referencing of correspondence dealt with of necessity on more than one file, and flagging of correspondence leading up to drafts submitted for approval.

2. Air Transport Schedules. The Director stated that D.O.I.C. were now running a weekly service to Rome from London every Thursday returning to London on Friday; fare 27 shilling; 50% seats available to public. He asked the Deputy Director to inform him of T.F.A. existing schedules and those projected in Europe and particularly in Italy.

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4. Flights by I.A.T. aircraft to London and Paris. The Director stated that he intended to try and obtain permission for the Allied Commission to be delegated the authority for authorizing these flights.

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8. I.A.T. Equipment and Aerofoil Data in Germany (previous-
ly at Guidonia). C.I.O. asked if any steps could be
taken to recover this equipment and research data. The Di-
rector said that authority should not be asked for until the
I.A.T. was officially recognized and aircraft construction
in Italy authorized. He asked C.I.O. to take preliminary
action with S.I.O. to ascertain locations of equipment and
data and more details of the claims of the Italian Air Ministry.

9. Breda Aircraft. C.T.O. stated that 6 Breda trainers
had been discovered near Milan and I.A.M. wished for author-
ity to bring them into service. The Director asked for more
detail and recommendations to be submitted through D.D. before

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he considered further action.

10. Air Sea Rescue Organization at Prindici. S.S.O. to place on the agenda of next Monthly Meeting.

S.S.O.

11. Flying Discipline - Low Flying. Air II to enquire what action has been taken by I.A.M. on M.O. on low flying which was sent to them for information. C.T.O. to draft letter to I.A.M. suggesting the painting of Squadron and aircraft markings on underside of mainplane.

Air II.
C.T.O.

12. Recruit Training. Org. I. stated that it was impossible to obtain satisfactory derequisitioned accommodation in Rome area for a recruit training depot. A.D.D. to inform I.A.M. of approval of interim organisation of centres at each Z.A.T. (Note it appears that the Palace at Caserta will be derequisitioned in about two months time, but we can't tell I.A.M. that yet.).

A.D.D.

14. I.A.F. Contracts. S.E.O. to review the position of contracts to cover work carried out by private firms; for inclusion in agenda for next Monthly Staff Conference.

S.E.O.

15. Drogue Towing Commitment for Italian A.A. and Fighter Training. S.S.O. and A.D.D. to investigate the possibilities of carrying out this commitment with I.A.F. resources e.g. RS143 and to consult M.M.I.

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16. Link Trainers for I.A.F. No further progress to report.

A.D.D.

17. Projected Landplane Service to Genoa. Org. I. stated that there was now a train service running from Rome to Genoa. Col. Reinerio and Lt. Pavano inspecting Novi Ligure as there is some controversy as to its suitability for Courier Service.

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W.M. DISNEY, W/cdr,
Senior Staff Officer.

Ref: AFSC/358/3/Org.

Date: 28th Feb. 1946.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME - 28TH FEBRUARY 1946.

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1. Food Freight Air Service. The Director announced that he had informed the Vice Presidents Meeting the same morning the the Air Service for carrying perishable food from Gardinia into Rome had now been arranged. Air III stated that a further minor hitch had arisen. The Director asked Air III to bring pressure to bear on getting both Gardini, one and Venice-Milan services started. Food and Transport Sub Commissions and Italian Ministry of Transport to be kept in the picture.

Air III.

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4. Barracks at Bari. Org. I. to ascertain what U.S. Unit is occupying the I.A.F. barracks at Bari and inform D.D. for action.

Org. I.

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7. Presentation to I.A.F. Club. The Director suggested that a gift be subscribed by A.F.R.C. for presentation to I.A.F. Club to commemorate the ending of A.F.R.C. as such. S.S.O. to raise the matter at next Monthly Staff Meeting.

8. Baltimore Training Aircraft at Trosinone. Air III to take up the question of withdrawing special flight at Milan. A.D.D. to suggest to I.A.M. loaning of Baltimore from Littorio to mitigate unserviceability at Trosinone.

W.M. BINDER, W/Oar,

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

Ref. 358/3/ORG.

Date 7th Feb. 1946.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 6TH FEBRUARY 1946.

MINUTE.

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1. Possible Transport Command Commitment for I.A.F. The A.O. announced that the Transport Command Wing at Bari was making enquiries about the possibility of the I.A.F. taking over some of the Transport-Command feeder lines in Italy. Air II to investigate the position regarding availability of English speaking Italian Officers for liaison at 4 staging posts in Italy together with those at Elmas and Augusta.

AIR II

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AIR I.

4. G.55 Aircraft. V.S.O. to submit case to M.A.A.C. for authorizing release of 15 G.55 aircraft at Turin for conversion to trainers for the school at Lecce.

V.S.O.

5. Rates on Courier Service. I.A.M.'s proposals for rates of fares to be accepted. Air III to confirm that fare scheme may be accepted.

AIR III

6. Retirement of Senior Officers I.A.F. Org.I to investigate and keep au fait with progress of routine compulsory retirement of senior officers from the I.A.F.

ORG. I.

7. G.212. C.T.O. to instruct I.A.M. to pend their raising of the question of construction of G.212s for a few weeks (till answer is received from C.C.F.).

C.T.O.

AIR II. 8. A.S.R. Organisation in Italy. Matter to be pended till next month.

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of senior officers from the I.A.F.

7. G.212. C.T.O. to-instruct I.A.M. to pend their raising of the question of construction of G.212^s for a few weeks (till answer is received from C.C.3.).

AIR II.8. A.S.R. Organisation in Italy. Matter to be pended till next monthly staff conference 15 February 1946.

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MINUTE OF WEEKLY CONFERENCE

AFGC/358/3/ORG.

6th February, 1946.

ACTION REQUIRED ON DISCUSSION OF IMPLICATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF
SAC/ED'S PROPOSALS TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF, 29 JAN 46.

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6. Air II to make a plan to cover A.T.R. surface craft for Italian.

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W.M. BLODGE, W/Odr,
Senior Staff Officer.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.

REF : AFSC/358/ORG.

20TH DECEMBER, 1945.

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6. German Bombs. S.E.O. to institute inquiries as to why 300 x 2000 kilogram bombs of German type are being sent to San Vito del Normandir from Lecce and how the I.A.F. came to be in possession of such German equipment.

7. Security - Albanian Air Service. O.C., Bari Detachment is taking up with Captain Bisset of the Albanian Mission the question of checking up on cases being sent to Tirane. At present the contents may not be checked by the I.A.F. (Gun running suspected).

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9. Flying Pay. A.O.C. had been told at Unita' Area that the rate of Flying Pay had not been increased with the devaluation of the Lire. Org. 1 to investigate and report.

S.E.O.

10. H.A.L.'s. A.O.C. stated that there is a possibility that the I.A.F. will take over two of the R.A.F. H.S.L.'s in South Italy. He also stated that there were certain Miami HSL's (R.A.F. property) available in that area at present frozen by handing back of the Lease/Lend. S.E.O. suggested (and A.O.C. concurred) that a bid for these boats on behalf of the I.A.F. should be submitted so that when they are officially handed back to U.S. Forces they may be offered to the I.A.F.

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11. Aircraft Safety. A.O.C. stated that the R.A.F. Air Sea Rescue Unit at Brindisi could be wound up and therefore it is intended to link up the Air Safety Centre, Foggia direct with the Seaplane Wing, Taranto. Action when W/CDR CLIFTS letter on this is received.

Air II to arrange for an English speaking Italian Officer to be sent to Foggia and also a draft letter for A.O.C.'s signature to O.C. 249 Wing asking that an Italian Officer may be installed in Control Tower at Bari.

12. Pegasus Engine. S.E.O. to ascertain whether Pegasus Engines are being broken down in Italy, as these are required by I.A.F. if available. A.O.C. Italy thought engines available.

13. GIOLA DEL COLLE. A.O.C. stated that this airfield was unoccupied except by a holding party of "U.S. ites.". Answer from Caserta (S/L Ward) expected on 20th December. Air I to chase after Xmas if no reply meantime.

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21. Ski-ing Expeditions - I.A.F. A.O.C. stated that he had agreed with Units' Area that SM.82 aircraft may be employed to take Italian aircrews to North Italy for Ski-ing exercise.

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of action taken.

W.M. BISHOP, W/CDR
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

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Belgian F/1 turned in this, but are unable to find file copy. Will check with CTO on 13.12.44

AIR III.

AIR FORCES SUM COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.

Reference : AFSO/553/Ork.

Date : 21st November, 1945.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 1945.

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Air II CTO.

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4. Air Line Service. Air II to take action to get complete flight established at Spezia forthwith irrespective of when the telephone link with Bologna is established. S.A.O. to be kept informed.
5. Attachment of Italian Flight to Air Line Service. S.A.O. to announce projected plan for establishing flight of 3 A.L. 30 at Penigiano. S.A.O. to ascertain accommodation position P.O.I. from R.A.F. sources. S.A.O. to arrange circumvention of current regulations which prevent refuelling of Italian aircraft from Allied sources. Flying not to be counted against 6 hours per month per pilot.
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9. Radio and Link Transmitters. A.D.D. stated that section could be expected within a fortnight.

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Reference : AFSC/558/3/Ors.

Date : 16th November, 1945.

MINUTES OF AIR FORCES STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 14TH NOV., 1945.

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MINUTE.

1. A.O.C.-in-C's Visit. A.O.C. announced the arrangements for the 18th/19th had been postponed till 24th/25th. The Monthly Staff Meeting would be held at 1000 hrs on 26th.

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C.T.O. 5. S.M. 75 Aircraft. C.T.O. announced that he had recently inspected the Prime Minister's SM75 at Littorio, C.I.O., to take action to have this Aircraft at Centocelle for A.O.C.-in-C's inspection if available, SO to discuss with D.C.A.S. the possibility of ordering SM75s in lieu of the

S.S.O. 6 SM 82s authorized during October.

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6. Intelligence Officers Conference. S.I.O. informed the A.O.C. that he intended to hold a conference of A.F.S.C. Intelligence Officers on 19th November.

7. Baltimore Special Flights. Air III stated that he was trying to prevent redundant special flights by Baltimore which were being laid on without reference to the Courier Service. In future no special flights of any I.A.F. Aircraft are to be laid on without reference to Air III on this deputy.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROLE.

Reference:- AFSC/352/3/ORG.

Date:- 8th November, 1945.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROLE ON 7TH NOV. 1945

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1. BZ. 309. C.T.O. stated that he had inspected the partially completed aircraft and considered it was likely to be an exceptionally good aircraft. ^{in draft form for MARC to AOC} C.T.O. to submit these views ^{to A.C.} in extension of previous correspondence on the subject. S.I.O. to arrange ^{check-up} that no work is being carried out on this aircraft.

2. Seaplane Bases. Wing Commander Clift reviewed the situation at Vigna di Valle, Genoa, Spezia and Orbitello. Limiting factor to starting courier service to the North is supply of boats and crash equipment. Spezia is likely to be available sooner than Genoa. Air III to ascertain whether it is considered worth running a service to Spezia before the service to Genoa can be inaugurated. C.S.O., S.MET.O and Air III to investigate requirements of Met and Communication Services in connection with opening bases at Genoa and Spezia and running Courier Services.

3. Air Sea Rescue. Recommendations have been made by Wing Commander Clift in his report (at present in course of translation). He stated that Orbitello was a suitable base for basing an A.S.P. detachment.

4. Establishments. S.S.O. and Air I to examine Establishments of A.F.S.C. ^{S.S.O. 1st Dec.} with a view to recommending amendments to fit it to future requirements. ^{Re-} view to be completed within a fortnight.

5. Monthly Staff Meeting - November. S.S.O. to take action to amend date and time of the next Monthly Staff Meeting to Monday, November 19th at 1430 hours in order to fit in with the A.O.C.-in-C's visit.

6. Organisation - I.A.P. Org 1 to investigate what action has been taken ^{by Ministry and}

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ORG I 6. Organisation - I.A.F. Org 1 to investigate what action has been taken in formation of Air Council and reorganisation of Unita Area. Have administration services been transferred to No. 2 A.T.S., and to what extent in terms of the strength of Unita Area?

7. Lightenings for I.A.F. Colonel Brenta and Captain Rogers to go to Capodi Cino to examine the problem of erection of Lightenings in case their purchase by the I.A.F. is arranged.

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W.A. BISDEE, W/CER.
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

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Date:- 1st November, 1945.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 31ST OCTOBER, 1945.Minute.Infor,
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S.E.O.

1. Scrap Aircraft. S.E.O. to redraft minute of ^{min} Staff Conference on disposal of scrap aircraft.

S.S.O.

2. Movement of Units in Lecce Area. S.S.O. to discuss with A.C.A.S. future policy for moving flying units in Southern Italy and the use of Gioia del Colle if it becomes available.

3. Social function and Display on 18th November. The A.O.C. announced that arrangements were being made for the ACC-in-C to attend a social function in the Palazzo Volpi with American and Italian Officers on the 18th November, 1945 and a display at Centocelle by the I.A.F. on the 19th November, 1945. Stato Maggiore is submitting detailed plans for the air display which is to be carried out with normal I.A.F. Allocation of P.O.L.

All
Officers

4. Movement of Files. The AOC asked that all Officers who took files direct to AOC or were given files by the AOC to notify these irregular file movements to the AOC's personal secretary.

S.S.O.

5. Aircraft Construction. S.S.O. to chase action of Executive Commissioner on AFSC letter on subject of SM.95 and EZ. 303 aircraft.

S.E.O.

6. Scores for SM.72 S.E.O. to investigate the justification for sending an aircraft to Cairo to obtain stocks of these ^{from} from M.E. and report to D.D.

S.S.O.

7. Sale of Civilian Aircraft. It was decided that the sale of civilian aircraft in Italy is in order but that the I.A.M. must keep track of all civil

aircraft by registering their airframe and engine numbers and movements by road. S.S.O. to notify this decision to I.A.M.

S.I.O.
D.D.

8. Sale of American Aircraft to Italian Public. S.I.O. to check up on report on the sale of U.S. "Piper Cub" aircraft. D.D. to take this matter up with M.A.A.C. if this report proves correct.

D.D.

9. Construction of G.212 aircraft. D.D. to ascertain that I.A.M. in fact wish for G.212 aircraft to be built in lieu of G.12.

D.D.

10. Purchase of F.3 aircraft by I.A.F. D.D. to ascertain what aircraft the

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available.

11. Squash Raquets. Org 1 to ascertain who is interested in Squash in A.F.S.C. and to see what equipment can be obtained from No. 2 Base Area.

D.C.F.O.

12. Lightning Aircraft. D.C.F.O. to obtain adequate number of maintenance schedules for P.38 aircraft. Also to prepare plan for the taking over and erection of these aircraft by I.A.F.

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13. Petro Rome Area. It was agreed that in order to verify constant Italian allegations for inability of Units based in Rome Area to carry out flying commitments as physical check of P.O.L. stocks held in Rome Area be made by A.F.S.O. personnel. S.E.O. will arrange for flying return from these airfields. S.E.O. stated that he was informed of all P.O.L. stocks entering the airfields. After the check has been made therefore it will be possible to verify whether the Italian allegations are true and if justified take appropriate action to have situation remedied.

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WING COMMANDER,

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WING COMMANDER,

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AIR CES SUB COMMISSION A.C. M.F.

DATE : 24TH OCT. 1945

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 24 OCT. 1945

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C.T.O.

AIR I X

1. Elind Flying. Air I in conjunction with C.T.O. to plan maintenance and instruction organization to deal with Link Trainers. Each link to have a pilot instructor, and electrical officers and maintenance personnel to be established as necessary. Mobile radio range has been asked for. If not available the trained I.A.F. instructor will have to work on a free-term basis.

ADJUTANT

2. A.F.S.C. Staff - Interpreters. O.C. Unit to scrutinize AFSC strength at Frosinone with a view to further reduction. Extra interpreters required by S.E.O. for three weeks.

D.D.

3. I.A.M. Proposal to send I.A.F. Personnel to Ciampino. D.D. to discuss with U.S. Embassy and O.C. Ciampino the question of I.A.F. Personnel being assigned to Ciampino for air transport handling instruction. Do the A.T.C. intend to replace Americans? D.D. also to investigate procedure adopted in bringing the matter up, which appear irregular.

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D.D.

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C.T.O.

6. Lightening. C.T.O. to submit to D.D. a list of F.5. parts required for P.39 spares in case F5s are not allotted complete.

C.T.O.

S.I.O.

7. Aircraft Strength. C.T.O. and S.I.O. to check up on a/c strength at time of the liberation of the North and as at present. Report to be submitted to the A.O.C. S.I.O. to write

this aspect in future (taken away from C.T.O.)

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C.S.O. 8. Signals - International Safety Procedure. C.S.O. to investigate international tie up on aircraft safety signals procedure (departure and arrival etc.), and make necessary recommendations to improve existing state of affairs. This has particular reference to France.

9. I.A.F. Signals Personnel - Milan. C.S.O. to write to A.F.S.C. Milan submitting the case of the I.A.F. personnel maintaining transmitters being used by the Staging Post there. A.F.S.C. Milan should support policy of I.A.F maintenance personnel remaining.

AIR II 10. Air Firing Range. AIR II to check on derequisitioning of the range proposed for the I.A.F. and submit findings in file to A.O.C. as ammo for rudery to M.A.A.C.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

DATE : 17TH OCT. 1945

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 17 OCT. 1945.

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1. Ground training - I.A.F. Reports so far have revealed a total absence of any ground training organization in the I.A.F. It was felt that various aspects should be considered such as synthetic training, general service training, training in administration and technical training. Deputy Director stated that he thought that Col. Worden should be assigned the duty of starting training in the I.A.F.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF

REF. 358/3/ORG

DATE 11TH OCT. 1945

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 10 OCT. 1945MINUTE.

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1. Fighter Squadrons. The A.O.C. announced that he had given the Assistant Chief of Staff verbal permission for No. 12 (Fighter) Squadron to be folded up instead of No. 9.S.S.O. to write to I.A.M. confirming this decision.

2. Captured enemy war material. The A.O.C. announced that a new directive on the disposal of captured enemy war material had been received and asked S.E.O. to check up and report on how it affected the work of the A.F.S.C.

3. Seaplane Courier - Genoa. S.S.O. to write to W/Cdr. Clift asking him to make a reconnaissance of Genoa as soon as possible.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, CMF.

REF. 358/3/ORG

DATE 4TH Oct. 1945

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 3 OCT. 1945

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1. *Letter with WFA*
Letter D.D. Local Defence. D.D. to write to Italian Air Ministry to authorize I.A.F. convoys to be armed. A.O.C. ruled that officers should in future be armed when travelling or moving about at night. S.S.O. to arrange for Italian automatics to be issued to personnel not in possession of personal weapons.

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9. *Letter* Orthopter. S.S.O. to take action to inform I.A.M. of Sub Commission Policy with regard to the Orthopter.

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9. Orthopter. S.S.O. to take action to inform I.A.M. of Sub Commission Policy with regard to the Orthopter.

W.N. Biddle W.C.

W.M. BISDEE W/C
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, CEF.

REFERENCE : AFSC/358/3/085

DATE : 1 Oct, 45.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME ON 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Inform

or

Action

Minute.

S.E.O.

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Air Staff

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7. Winter Plan. S.S.O. to check that this is being carried out by I.A.M. *if official letter to I.A.M. not yet sent, send one.*

8. Civil Aviation. D.D. to arrange for a report on private flying from an airfield near Turin to be investigated.

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- Inform or Action. S.S.O.
9. Request from French Sub-Commission. S.S.O. to draft a letter for Executive Commission's signature forwarding French Sub-Commission's application for regularisation of French Military Aviation in Italy.
10. Ground Training. Air Staff Officers to investigate what ground training is being carried out by Italian Flying Units at Littorio and Centocelle.
11. Link Trainers. S.S.O. to give file (with relevant correspondence flagged) to D.D. for further action with regard to getting four Link Trainers for the I.A.F. Priority to be Lecce, Guidonia, ^{Trapani} ~~Trapano~~, Centocelle. C.T.O. to ^{write I.A.M.} ~~write I.A.M.~~ informing them of Link projects and ^{to prepare an outline} ~~outline~~ scheme of maintenance and training of personnel.
12. Orthopter. S.S.O. to write to I.A.M. agreeing to ^{test} ~~test~~ but accepting no responsibility as regards ^{the test. Result of tests to be reported to AFSC.} ~~future policy for Orthoptic development.~~

W.N. Biddle W/C.

W.M. BIDEEN W.C.
AIR I.

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AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

REF: AFEO/358/3/ORG.

Date: 31st August, 1945.

MINUTES OF GENERAL STAFF MEETING HELD AT ROME 29 AUG 45.

Present - A.O.C. A.V.M. I.E. BRODIE CDR.
D.D. Lt. Col. C.J. EUGSTAFF
AIR I. W/CDR W.H. BISHOP
S.E.O. W/CDR A.H. KNOWLES
C.I.O. W/CDR T.G.N. PEARCE.
AIR II. MAJOR SASS.
ORG. I. S/CDR F.L. BRADSHAW.
S.E.O. F/Lt L.J. MITCHELL.
SIGS. I. F/Lt O'CONNOR.
S.M.T.O. F/Lt T.G. DAVIES.
ENG. I. F/Lt J.W. ADAMS.

Action by. Minute.

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S.E.O.
Air II.
Air I.

3. P.O.L. Contonella. Difficulties with P.O.L. being experienced by I.A.F. at Contonella. Difficulties of collection from NAVES. S.E.O. to investigate and take necessary action.

Air II.
Air I.

4. Flying Central Instruction. No instructor at present available from R.A.F. sources. Air II to inform LEOCE. (Air I. to chase HEME about 15 Sept).

Air II.

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Air I.

6. I.A.F. Aircraft Crews. Air I. to ensure that I.A.M. Ops. staff issue orders that personnel of aircrews in multi-seater aircraft and kept together as crews.

A/D.D.

7. Guidonia. A/D.D. to arrange for airfield inspection by Italian Works & Bricks if necessary.

Air I.

8. Winter Plan. Air I. to chase CASEREA for approval of already submitted to HEME for re-deployment of I.A.F. Squadrons winter.

P.D.

9. Re-Equipping with Q 12 Aircraft. A/D.D. and S.S.O. to be in touch with Contonella or alternately.

S.M.O. P/L J. J. MITCHELL.
SUGS. I. P/L O'CONNOR.
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Air II.

10. Aircraft Safety. Air II. to ensure that necessary instructions to the wearing of safety belts in Italian aircraft are in I.A.M., and to ask for copy of I.A.M. instructions. S.E.O. arrange provision of safety belts and hasten provision of Alala Leaps already demanded, if necessary.

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11. ash Equipment. S.M.T.O. to into question of supply of fire tenders and cranes in conjunction with S.E.O. S.E.O. to write to MEDIE asking for required equipment from British or U.S. sources.

12. Crash Drill. Air Staff Officers visiting Italian airfields to call for crash drills during their visits, and to arrange for drills to be carried out regularly.

13. Frosinone. Personnel of FROSINONE Detachment to remain until move of school is completed. Org I. to inform M.C.O. 1/c Detachment of this decision.

14. Movement of Training Units. Air I. to obtain information whether move of LEVERANO to LEONE has been ordered by I.A.M. or started. Move of FROSINONE to be held up until winter plans approved.

15. Italian aircraft G 212. C.T.O. to obtain firm letters from I.A.M., who should be asked whether or not I.A.M. agrees for one or two to be constructed instead of G 128. Then to consult with C.I.C. as to submitting details to to MEDIE for intelligence purposes. D.D. then to make his recommendations to MEDIE (ALS 2 copies)

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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

REF: AFSC/358/3/ORG.

DATE: 9th August, 1945.

MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING HELD AT AFSC AC. 1500 HRS 8/8/45

Present - A.O.C. A.V.M. I.E. BRODIE. OBE.
D.D. Lt.Col. C.J. EGGSTAFF
AIR I. W/CDR. W.B. ROYCE DFC.
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Minute.

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ALL OFFICERS.

AIR I.

C.SIGS.O.

ENG.

S.E.O.

Information submitted
from C.T.O. 11/12/45

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SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

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22	11	INDIAN.	
23	11	PAINTS.	
24	11	GLASS.	

DATE: 10/15/95

~~ATTACHED TO MEMORANDUM ON CONFIDENTIALITY AND AN A.F.B.C. HIGH
AT 9.10 PM. 10 JAN. 45.~~

* This A.C.C. authorized W/C Silasen to use his discretion regarding limited use of C-119 aircraft for leave purposes to the North for Italian personnel.

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The A.A.C. agrees that one Curt. 2 1007 aircraft per month may be flown to E. Italy to collect spores etc. W/C Gillison is to use his discretion in authorizing A.A.C. personnel on leave to travel in this aircraft.

L. R. JAMES, G/UNIT
CENTRAL BOARD OF CONTROL

**AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION
AND COMMISSION, C.M.S.**

Ref:- AFHQ/350/3/ORG.

Date:- 20th. July, 1945.

MINUTES

**MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT A.P.S.O. ROOM
AT 14.30 HOURS ON 19th. JULY, 1945.**

Present:-

A.O.C.	A.V.M. I.E. Brodie GBE	S.M.T.O.	S/L D.O.F. Tott.
D.D.	Lt. Col. C.J. Bigstaff.	C. SIGS	C. SIGS
S.D.O.	Cp. Capt. L.E. Jarman	W.P.	W.P.
ORG 1	S/Ldr. F.L. Bradshaw.	W/L	W/L
S.E.G.	Wg. Cdr. A.H. Knowles	O.C.	O.C.
C.I.C.	Wg. Cdr. T.G.N. Pearce	O.C.	O.C.
C.T.O.	Wg. Cdr. J.H. Clackson.	O.C.	O.C.
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Action by. Minute.

**A.O.C. letter
to MAAP**

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All officers

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4. Expansion of Carrier Service.

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 D.D. Lt. Col. C.J. Eggestaff. C. SIGS C S/L G.T. CHAMMAN.
 S.S.O. Sp. Capt. L.S. Jernan WFO. Aircraft Safety S/L Ruffell.
 CAG 1 S/Ldr. P.L. Bradshaw. Met. P/L S.P. Davies
 S.E.O. Wg. Cdr. A.M. Knowles C.C. Cpt. Leese Gp. Capt. S.C. Ollason
 C.I.O. Wg. Cdr. Y.G.N. Pearce C.C. " Bari Wg Cdr. K.B. Royce.
 C.F.O. Wg. Cdr. J.H. Gladstone. C.C. " Naples Wg. Cdr. W.L. Hinton.
 S.M.T.O. P/L L.J. Mitchell C.C. " Taranto Wg. Cdr. V.H. Clift.
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C.F.O. stated that there would be six SH 52s available in the north shortly.

G/C Ollason
W/C Royce

G/C Ollason and W/Cdr. Royce to prepare a draft letter to MAAP concerning transport of Albanians from Italy and ex P.O.W. Italians from Albania.

S.E.O.
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The A.O.C. authorized G/C Ollason to use his discretion regarding limited use of ex 1007 aircraft for leave purposes to the North Sea by Italian personnel.

Sigs Staff
Officer.

The Signals Staff Officer was to contact Air Ministry and rush the fitting of S/T to carrier aircraft.

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5. Petrol Storage.
S.E.C. and M.T.S.O. to investigate the use of immobilized tankers at GENTOCHELLE for storage of petrol and raising petrol direct to GENTOCHELLE instead of through Giampino from which GENTOCHELLE is experiencing trouble in obtaining petrol.

6. Training.
AIR I to report progress on the Administrative courses to A.E.
Aircraft Safety Officer to proceed to LECCE and render program report on flying Control and Aircraft Safety Courses being started there and to start them off himself.
S/L Dismant. to investigate supplies of navigational equipment for LECCE.

S.S.O. to contact Italian Air Ministry concerning reuniting of straight Air Runners to either V/Opa. or Flight Engineer trades.
C.T.O. to prepare an engine handling course in conjunction with S/LR. Hester and to have an individual record kept of pilots petrol consumption and a draft letter to I.A.E. for A.C.C.
C.T.O. to prepare a plan for the transfer of CR 42 aircraft from the North to Lecce. (Some of them may be required for Net. flights.)

S.S.O. to give permission for completion of one ²⁰ ~~30~~ (and) one C. 50 in Sardinia and arrange transfer to LECCE.

7. Mail Runs.
S.S.O. to contact Air Ministry with a view to using fighter aircraft as fast mail carriers.

8. Air Report.
The A.C.C. stated that the Air Report was very late and too long. O.C.'s detachments and Heads of Sections were to ensure that their reports were ready for posting by the 3rd. of each month.

9. I.A.E. Cadet Academy.
A.C.C. will hasten reply for reply concerning a new course of 10-15 cadets.

10. Moves of Officers.
C/C Ollason stated that he re-tired V/Lt. Lawrence at LECCE. It was decided that V/Lt. Lawrence was to proceed to Bari for a fortnight and then render a report on the advisability of having an equipment officer at either Bari or Lecce.

11. The next monthly Staff Conference will be held in LECCE on 15th. August, 1945.

L.B. Roper
Sgt. L. B. ROPER
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION CMF.

Reference.....

Date, 11th July 1945

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF MEETING
HELD AT ROME ON 11th JULY, 1945

Action by :

MinuteAll
Officers

to the fact

The A.O.C. drew the attention of all present that the weekly staff meeting was normally scheduled to take place every Wednesday afternoon, and he requested that all officers made their arrangements in such a way as to allow them to attend this meeting.

All
Officers

2. Security. The A.O.C. asked all present to effect a tightening up on security. Secret files and documents should on no account be left lying about on desks at night.

All
Officers

3. Criticism of I.A.F. No document containing adverse criticism of IAF personnel or Units should leave the AFSC except under the A.O.C.'s signature.

Air 1

4. Vigna di Valle. Air 1 ascertain when Vigna di Valle will become available to the IAF., and arrange for the British Army authorities to ask for I.A.F. guards a week before the station is due to be handed over.

S.D. to ascertain
Col. Pisk has a directive, and if so, whether it can be
obtained for information of AFSC at Rome, Milan & Padua.
S.S.C. to inform all concerned about the Detachment of
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S.E.C.

6. Equipment in North. S.E.C. to take up the question of obtaining replacements for the officers withdrawn by the Austrian Commission. HQ. MAAT to be approached in the first instance, then Austrian Commission.

S.S.C.

7. Flying Control. S.S.C. to write to the Italian Air Ministry in order to get them to commit to paper their intention and proposed schedule of installing proper flying control set-up at Littorio and Lecce.

For AIR VICE MARSHAL

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
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5TH. JULY, 1945.

MINUTES OF A.F.S.C. GENERAL STAFF MEETING AT HOME 4TH. JULY, 1945.

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PRESENT.

Air Vice-Marshal, I.E. BRODIE	CBE	A.O.C.
Group Captain I.E. JARMAN	D.F.C.	S.S.O.
Wing Commander W.M. BISDEE		AIR I.
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Wing Commander J.H. GLADSTONE		C.T.O.
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3. A.C. POLICY PROPOSALS.

All heads of branches to see Admiral Stone's report.

AIR I

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5. SAN DEMO. In view of GENOA being unusable as a flying boat

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6. I.A.F. SALVAGE PARTIES. S.E.O. to examine with Col. Remondino the possibility of placing I.A.F. salvage parties under command of A.F.S.C. MILAN. Any decision to be confirmed by action in writing.
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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME.AGENDA FOR A.F.S.C. A.C. STAFF MEETING
1430 HOURS WEDNESDAY 4th. JULY, 1945.

1. Review of recent A.F.S.C. events.
2. Disposal of I.A.F. armament and bombs. Details of British and Italian stocks.
3. Disposal of obsolete spares and equipment.
4. Disposal of Fiat G.55 components.
5. Leave and Rest Villa - Lake Maggiore.
6. Unita Area.
7. Effectiveness of Salvage Parties in N. Italy.
8. Discipline and punishment of Italian O.Rs particularly with regard to faulty maintenance of aircraft.
9. Redisposal of A.F.S.C. personnel.

L. E. Jarman
L. E. JARMAN, G/CAPT.
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

3rd. July, 1945.Distribution:-All Staff Officers - A.F.S.C. ROME.

W/C
 S.O.
 Lt Col Eggstaff
 W/C Bladstone

W/C Biddle *WOB*
 W/C Pearce
 W/C Knecht
 W/C Sasso *ex*
 W/C Bradshaw
 W/C Chapman
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A.F.S.C. ROLE ON 22nd JUNE, 1945.
(FOR AGENDA SEE APPENDIX A).

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Action by. Minute.

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- Decision. It was decided that instructions should be sent to Lecce for the immediate preparations of accommodation at Lecce to house the Refresher Flying School. Move to be effected by degrees as accommodation and transport became available.

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3. Derequisitioning of Allied Airfield - Requests by I.A.F. for Advanced Information. The I.A.F. are interested in obtaining such information to prevent pilfering by civilians when the Allies withdraw. Deputy Director to ascertain from MAAF whether their policy required such information to be made available, and whether advance information of derequisition would in future be made available to A.F.S.C.

4. C.T.U. Frosinone - Policy. A.O.C. stated that he had scolded Col. Remondino about the cessation of Baltimore training and conversion of the school to training on SM 79s and 82s and Cent 1007s, but no decision had yet been reached. W/C. Royce stated that two new Baltimores had recently been allotted to Frosinone. S.E.C. to check this allotment and cancel if aircraft not yet delivered. S.S.O. to draft a letter to the Italian Air Ministry in line with policy suggested by A.C.C. above, Baltimores being transferred to the 3 Squadrons

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 S.S.O. Cpt. L.E. Jarman, DFC.
 AIR I. Wg.Cdr. W.N. Bisdice.
 ORG I. S/Ldr. F.E. Bradshaw.
 S.E.C. Wg.Cdr. A.H. Knowles.
 C.I.O. Wg.Cdr. T.C.N. Pearce.
 C.T.O. Wg.Cdr. J.H. Gladstone.

S.M.T.O. W/L. L.J. Mitchell.
 S.E.E.O. S/L. E.C.F. Tott.
 O.C. Det. Lecce. Cpt. W.C. Ollason.
 " " Bari. Wg.Cdr. W.B. Royce.
 " " Naples. Wg.Cdr. W.L. Winter.
 " " Taranto. Wg.Cdr. V.H. Clift.
 " " Milan. S/Ldr. E.G.E. Diamant.
 Eng. Officer Lecce. S/Ldr. H.R.C. Hester.

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S.S.O. to draft a letter to the Italian Air Ministry in line with policy suggested by A.O.C. above, Baltimores being transferred to the Squadrons as Italian training aircraft are taken in. *(Not. will discuss with A.W.R. Baker)*

5. Limitation of Flying Times. This is at present in force by A.P.S.C. orders. S.E.O. stated that it would soon be divested by limitations of fuel allowed to the I.A.F. envisaged in a IAAF directive not yet issued.

6. Employment of Baltimore. W/C. Royle suggested that the Baltimore be constituted into a special A.F.S.C. Courier Service. The A.F.S.C. stated that they could always be used for A.F.S.C. purposes as it was, and decided that when the Baltimore were converted as freight carriers they should be taken over by the ordinary Courier Service as backing. It was also decided that two Baltimore should be stationed at Milan for use by A.F.S.C. Milan. Letter to be written to Italian Air Ministry stating that A.F.S.C. must have an option on Baltimore when required for their own purposes, such aircraft to be available to be flown by A.F.S.C. pilots if qualified.

7. Air Sea Rescue - Folio. It was decided that the two Seaplanes at present stationed at Verona be moved to Venice as soon as possible. S.S.O. to write to I.A.A. accordingly; but clear & subject to instruction from NAAF. Venice is first check with NAAF.

8. Seaplane Courier Service. It was decided that the Seaplane Service from Sardinia be flown to Lake Bracciano instead of Misina (Naples) as from 2nd. July next. W/Cdr. Clift stated that the target towing commitment for the Italian Navy would keep Misina at a reasonable standard of efficiency, and expressed the hope that the opening of the new terminal within supervisory reach of A.F.S.C. would eliminate the obvious existing abuses of the service by unauthorized passengers.

9. A.S.R. Conference. S.S.O. was asked to get A.L.S. to expedite information of the results of the A.S.R. Conference of June 3th.

10. Establishment - Sgt. Intervetura. It transpired that a surplus of Sgt. Intervetura was held at Bari and Lecce, and it was decided that certain of these were to be transferred to assist the A.F.S.C. in the North, and the Austrian Mission personnel working there for A.F.S.C.

11. Certificates of Service for I.A.F. Personnel. A discussion took place as to assessment level for the proposed certificates of merit for the Italian Services. No conclusion was reached as to whether they should be considered equivalent to M.I.D. or British Empire Medal. S.S.O. to consult S.T.S.O. at HAF. Heads of branches to submit HEADS OF BRANCHES recommendations for personnel in the I.A.F.

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L. E. PRODE,
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APPENDIX "A".

AGENDA FOR FULL STAFF CONFERENCE TO
BE HELD AT A.F.S.C. ROME 22nd JUNE,
1945.

1. Review of situation in North Italy by Senior Intelligence Officer.
2. Review of Engineering facilities in North Italy by Senior Engineering Officer.
3. Review of available Equipment in North Italy by Senior Equipment Officer.
4. Review of Signals equipment and organisation in North Italy by S/Ldr. CHAPMAN.
5. Review of M.T. facilities and repair organisations in North Italy by S.M.T.O.
6. Review of training policy for the I.A.F.
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7. Suggestions for operating Baltimore aircraft.
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME OFFICE
ON 13TH JUNE, 1945, TO REVIEW THE ORGANISATION OF
THE ITALIAN COURIER SERVICE IN RELATION TO ALLIED
AIR SERVICES IN ITALY. FOR AGENDA SEE APPENDIX A.

Present:

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Lt. Col. C.J. EGGSTAFF	D.D., A.F.S.C.
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Col. R.M. ROBERTSON	H.Q. Cndt., A.C.
Gp. Capt. H.Mc.L. REID	A.L.S., M.A.A.F.
Wg. Cdr. DUNNING	216 Group
Major H.J. BIRCH	Communications, A.C.
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Action By

Minute.

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2. Working of Existing Schedules. Major BIRCH stated that the existing schedules were working well as regards punctuality, but that bookings had risen to a point where it was necessary to employ larger aircraft on the Northern Service at least once a week. Complaints of unauthorised personnel and freight, overloading of aircraft and smoking in aircraft had been received. In each case

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investigations had been made and rectification achieved as far as was practicable with available supervisory staff. Abuses appeared to be mainly due to Allied Officers at intermediate stopping places. The A.O.C. asked if Staging Posts and M.A.T.S. liaison officers could advise and supervise Italian Air Traffic, and after discussion he asked Colonel BROWN and W/Cdr. DUNNING to endeavour to arrange this, and inform A.F.S.C. of any action taken. Colonel ROBERTSON and Major BIRCH confirmed that the Courier Services to the North are most useful and that the Italians seem to be doing their utmost to make them a success without abusing them.

Col. BROWN
W/C DUNNING

Schedules - Proposed Amendments.

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- d) As soon as petrol is available at MILAN, two services will be flown daily; one to MILAN and TURIN, possibly via PISA, and the other to TREVISO via BOLOGNA instead of the existing Round flights alternately East and West about.
- e) In cases of much urgency and insufficient space on scheduled services, special flights to be arranged, provided the scheduled services are not jeopardised.

S.E.O.

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4. Southern Routes. S.S.O. to ask Italian Air Ministry whether the ROME-PALERMO service should pick up at NAPLES, as it was understood that officials at NAPLES were anxious that the service should be available to them. S.S.O. also to investigate the possibility of curtailing the frequent service to LECCE, possibly by calling there only two or three times a week. The Italian Air Ministry to be consulted.

S.S.O.

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Letter taken by W/C
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4. Southern Routes. S.S.O. to ask Italian Air Ministry whether the ROME-PALEOMO service should pick up at NAPLES, as it was understood that officials at NAPLES were anxious that the service should be available to them. S.S.O. also to investigate the possibility of curtailing the frequent service to LECCE, possibly by calling there only two or three times a week. The Italian Air Ministry to be consulted.

S.S.O.
Letter taken by
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12. Feeder Services. The A.O.C. suggested that the I.A.F. might take over from M.A.T.S. some of their feeder air services. Col. BROWN undertook to investigate such a possibility and suggested that an officer from A.F.S.C. should attend the next M.A.T.S. monthly conference on June 19th and 20th. A.O.C. ruled that S.S.O. or Air I should do so.

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Distribution:-

2 - H.Q. MAAF (A.L.S., #16 Gp. Rep.)
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L.E. JARMAN, Gp. Capt.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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W/C DUNNING

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prefers Americans
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of progress of R.A.F.

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APPENDIX "A"

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, C.M.F.

AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE ON ITALIAN COURIER SERVICES
1500 HOURS WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE, 1945.

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Ref.: AFSC/24/AIR
Date: 13th June, 1945

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. BARI

15th June 1945

Dear Bisdée

Further to our telephone conversation of to-days date re:
extracts of Minutes of previous Staff Meeting.

- Min: 5 Owing to the Geographical position of Lecce and Brindisi, I asked G/C Ollason to visit the Regia Aeronautica Academy and report on their activities. G/C OLLASON is forwarding his Report direct to Rome in the course of the next few days.
- Min. 6 As no evidence of ab initio training at Leverano was discovered during visits there, Major Sass was informed by telephone. Flying times by name of pilots and hours flown per type of aircraft have been requested, it is hoped to be able to judge from these figures whether in fact ab initio training is taking place.
- Min.10 On return to Bari, G/C Smythe was contacted by telephone and stated that the Italian Air Force Mechanics with the R.S.U. at Biferno belonged to the two Baltimore Squadrons and there was therefore no question of them not moving with the Squadrons. This information was telephoned to S/LDR BRADSHAW on the same day and no further action was taken.

YOURS SINCERELY

L.B. ROYCE

W/C W.H. BISDEE
A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME

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FROM : W/C BISDEE A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME

12TH JUNE 1945

REF. WMB/DO

Dear Royce,

Further to our conversation of 7th May herewith three extracts from the minutes of the last Staff meeting but two which the A.O.C. asked me to remind you of:

"Min. 5 W/C ROYCE is to report on the Regia Aeronautica Academy. He is to recommend whether this Academy becomes the responsibility of O.C. Bari, Taranto or Lecce.

Min. 6 There are reports of ab initio training at Leverano. W/C ROYCE is to investigate and report.

Min. 10. There are a number of Italian Air Force mechanics working with the R.S.U. at Biferno. They are under the control of B.A.F. W/C ROYCE is to contact G/C SMYTHE at B.A.F. HQ. to see if they can be released.

2. It is therefore requested that you will forward the results of your investigations as soon as possible.

YOURS SINCERELY

SGD. W.M. BISDEE

W/C ROYCE
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. BARI

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Weekly Meetings File

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: H.Q. M.A.A.F.

Date: 12th June, 1945

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A300 121030B JUNE 45 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

REQUEST AN AMERICAN OFFICER ATTEND A MEETING AT 1500
ON 13 JUNE AT THIS HEADQUARTERS (.) SUBJECT OF MEETING
IS COORDINATION OF COURIER PLANE SCHEDULES IN ITALY (.)

TO BE ENCYIPHERED
IF SENT BY W/T

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E.J. BASS,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
For AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, D FORCES COMMISSION, C.M.F.

MINUTES OF WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME ON 6TH JUNE, 1945.

Present:

A.O.C. A.V.M. I.F. PRODIGE. ONE.
A.S.S.C. W/C W.H. BISHOP.
C.I.C. W/C F.C. W. FRASER.
ORG.I. S/L F.L. BRADSHAW.
M.T.S.O. F/L L.J. MITCHELL.
A.L.C. PROSINONE. W/C H.E. POSECK.
S.S.C. W/C A.H. KNOWLES.
C.T.O. W/C J.H. CLADSTONE.
O. COMMANDANT. W/L D.C. WHITE.

Minute.

1. Establishments. Camp Commandant stated that five replies had been received to date to the request for establishment recommendations sent to heads of sections and liaison staffs. A.O.C. said that all replies should be submitted to G/C Jarmah on his return.

2. A.T.O. Courier Schedule. The A.O.C. asked that this be obtained for him from Deputy Director by the afternoon of 7th June.

3. Lecco. A.S.S.D. stated that authority had now been received for opening an air firing but not bombing range near Lecco. Org.I. stated that he had now seen authority for the I.A.F. to receive Lecco on a lodger basis. Org.I. to take action to inform A.F.S.C., Lecco.

Org.I. also to investigate what has taken place with regard to proposed move of Flying School at Laverano to Lecco and to order UK man to port (with repair shops) if practicable.

4. Petrol at Milan. S.S.C. stated that W/C Dunning had signalled for 6,000 gallons of petrol a month at Milan for use of I.A.F. Courier Service. S.S.C. to inform Air.I. as soon as this is laid on in order that Turin may be inserted in Courier itinerary in lieu of Bologna.

5. Courier Schedule in North. C.T.O. brought up various criticisms of the existing schedule and working efficiency of the Courier Service in the North - late starts - long stops and irregularity. A.O.C. ruled that a conference should be held provisionally on Thurs June 14th, with Major Birch, S.S.C., C.T.O. and an Italian officer present to investigate the possibility of improving the service. S.S.C. to arrange.

6. Industries Sub Commission. After discussion it was decided that it would be advantageous to have an A.F.S.C. officer on the Industries Sub Commission. Org.I. to discuss with Industries Sub Commission and prepare a draft request to HAF.

7. O.C. Bari Detachment. A.S.S.C. to chase A.L.O. for ~~view~~ views about responsibility for Cadet School.

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Camp Commandant.

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stated that the
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Lecco is given by
A.S.S.C.

Org.I. To move
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flying times, as petrol charges to Italian Government were involved.

11. Tour in North by C.T.O. & M.T.S.O. A.O.C. asked for copies of C.T.O.'s report to be made for the heads of interested branches in A.F.S.C. and MAF. C.I.O. to write to S/A. Hiamant to countermand order given by C.T.O. to fly on 31/7 to Rome. M.T.S.O. said that 200 tons of auto spares released to Fiat by AMOT. were being sent to civilian agents in the South. A.O.C. ADDED THIS TO manuscript copy of C.T.O.'s report in order to inform MAF.

12. I.A.P. Organisation in Milan. Org. I. to approach P Staff Italian Air Ministry to indicate that A.F.S.C. considers that the I.A.P. Headquarters, Milan, is overstaffed by senior officers, and discuss their policy for the future in this respect.

13. Equipment in North. S.I.O. to make written request from M.A.A.P. for assistance from Austrian Commission on equipment commitment in North. S.E.C. C.I.O. and M.T.S.O. to call on Austrian Commission and discuss commitment with interested staff officers, and work out a prospective directive to Austrian Commission Officers likely to be co-opted. No executive action till MAF authority obtained.

14. Equipment in S.M.A.P. areas. C.I.O. to ascertain if MAF have committed themselves to guarding I.A.P. aircraft found in their areas.

15. VIIIth Army Communication Aircraft. A.S.S.O. to investigate VIII Army's request for exchanging the Saiman 202.

16. Lake Bracciano. A.S.S.O. to endeavour to arrange for the Jolly Joker to land at Lake Bracciano on Monday next at 11.30 in order to drop off the A.O.C. and enable officers from Taranto to reconnoitre Lake Bracciano.

17. SM. 30 Detachment. Air.I. to visit Cortocelli the next time an 82 is due to take off there, and investigate the validity of the I.A.P. claims to move this detachment to Guidonia.

18. Release of A.F.S.C. Staff. C.I.O. suggested that it was important that P Staff give consideration to the effect of the release scheme in removing key personnel simultaneously. A.O.C. directed that Camp Commandant submit a list of all officers and their release groups to M.A.A.P. in order to provide for release.

19. Wing Training Flight. Flight to be moved from Posimone to Lecce on 15th June. A.S.S.O. to instruct Italian Air Ministry copy to Sec 2 Commission A.O.C.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
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Explanation
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S.E.C. M.T.S.O.

C.I.O. Staff have
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A.S.S.O. V.B.
Authority given for
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C. Commandant.

A.S.S.O. V.B. Instruction issued.

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NOTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE HELD ON
30TH MAY, 1945

1. A.O.C. said he thought it was time that the Italian Air Ministry was informed what the new policy was going to be. It was suggested that Group Captain REID should ask A/V/M BAKER whether A.F.S.C. could ~~not~~ do this on the basis of the minutes of the M.A.A.F. conference held on 24th May. *C of S suggests this himself 2/6*
2. Some amendments are necessary to the minutes of the conference regarding the Italian Air Force held at H.Q. M.A.A.F. on Thursday 24th May 1945. The A.O.C. pointed each one out to G/Capt. REID and S/Ldr. CONROY, and they were discussed.
3. Establishment A.F.S.C. A.O.C. informed A.L.S. representatives that the Heads of Sections, A.F.S.C. had been asked to submit their establishment requirements to the Rome Office, and when these have been scrutinised with a view to reduction, a letter will go forward to M.A.A.F. showing a suggested establishment. M.A.A.F. will then be asked to send an Establishments Officer to A.F.S.C. Rome to discuss and agree.
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11. W/Cdr. OLLASON to be asked what he thinks the fighter training programme (both air and ground) should be at LECCE, and what facilities he will require. W/Cdr. OLLASON should be informed that as a basis, the policy is to keep the fighter pilots in flying practice at the previous hostilities level. *Don 21/5*

12. On the subject of the derequisitioning of LECCE airfield, S/Ldr. CONROY said that he had the matter in hand at M.A.A.F. and was at present awaiting a reply to a minute which he had put out on the question. S/Ldr. CONROY said he would

report to A.F.S.C. immediately he had any news. Meanwhile the Fighter Squadrons are being withdrawn from CANE to IECCE and empty buildings are being taken over.

13. The question of material in the North of Italy was discussed. It was decided that immediate action should be taken to try and secure the release of materials essential to the Italian Air Force; at the moment it appears obscure as to who would give the necessary release. The following lines of action were decided upon:

- (i) Army and Navy Sub-Commissions to be approached as to what they are actually doing as regards equipment in the North, i.e. as to whether they are getting the material as soon as it has been released by the F.I.U.'s. *Defence*
- (ii) Take up with Allied Commission Austria as to whether they can spare any bodies to form salvage parties to go to the North to help list material. A.O.C. seeing C/Capt. GREENWELCH, A.C.A. on Thursday 31st in connection with this.

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NOTES OF STAFF CONFERENCE HELD ON
23RD MAY, 1945.

1. This meeting held in the A.O.C.'s office at 15.00 hours 23/5/45, was attended by all Rome Headquarters Staff Officers, and W/Cdr. ROYCE.
2. The A.O.C. discussed the points he intended to raise at the M.A.A.F. conference on 24/5 when the policy of the future employment of the Italian Air Force would be settled.
3. It was suggested that a representative from C.M.S.O. branch be stationed in North Italy to expedite the release of spares and equipment essential for the operation of the courier services. A.O.C. would bring up this point at the M.A.A.F. conference.
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6. There are reports of ab initio training at LEVERANO. W/Cdr. ROYCE is to investigate and report.
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NOTES ON STAFF CONFERENCE HELD ON
10TH MAY, 1945.

1. Until further instructions are received, fighter personnel are going to be started on administration and Moral Leadership courses. Syllabus for Moral Leadership course already to hand. P/Lt WHITE has a syllabus on the Junior Admin Course, R.A.F. - *action by S.S.O.*

2. W/Cdr GLADSTONE asked that the P.39's at FROSINONE might be moved to LECCE. S.S.O. to speak to W/Cdr POOCK on this. BALTIMORES to be left at FROSINONE.

3. SM.82 aircraft to go back to LECCE when they have finished their present duties with D.A.F., after which they will be based at LITTORIA. A plan to be prepared to move them to LITTORIA on approximately 17th May. Major maintenance of the SM.82's will still be done at LECCE. *action S.S.O.*

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11. A.O.C. gave information of the approval of H.Q. M.A.A.F. for three W/Cdr's on A.F.S.C. establishment. It is proposed to use one in MILAN, one in PADUA, and base one on ROME for liaison with units in the area.

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2. H.Q. M.A.A.F. to be approached as to whether we should treat the Bayley report as a guide rather than a directive.

MET FACILITIES AT LECCE.

3. S/Ldr TOTTT said that at present the I.A.F. is getting information from 334 Wing. A.O.C. asked S/Ldr TOTTT to contact LECCE to see what additional equipment will be required if 334 Wing personnel should be withdrawn. *& personnel*

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25TH APRIL 1945.

1. The question of the promotion of F/O DE BENEDEUCCI was brought up. It was stated that W/Cdr ROYCE should not inform this Officer of this pending promotion as there was doubt (a) of there being an established vacancy, and (b) of the pending approval of M.A.A.F. Intelligence. Action by W/Cdr FEARCE.

2. S/Ldr BRADSHAW was to approach, through A.C. channels, the question of requisitioning premises for 4 Officers of the Sub-Commission in MILAN and PADUA on liberation.

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5. S/Ldr TOTT asked if there was any likelihood of the ceiling of the I.A.F. being increased as the Met service would certainly have to be enlarged and it would mean that civilians would have to be employed if they were unable to increase the Met Staff from Service sources. The question arose "Were Meteorological parties prepared for moving to the North on liberation" and "Had permission been obtained for these parties to proceed". A letter should be put up to appropriate authority if this has not already been done under paragraph 3 above.

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