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MONTHLY STAFF MEETINGS, AFSC
MAY 1945 - JAN. 1947

January. S.E.O., Sigs possibly C.T.O. P.A.D.D. will accompany Director. All heads of section to prepare brief for Director - of points to take up with either AMQI or DGO.

2. C.T.O.'s Report. - The Director in the absence of C.T.O. (sick) discussed the CTO's report on his visit to the British Air Ministry in London recently. The report is being circulated through all the sections concerned.

3. Reduction of RAF Strength in North Italy. - The Director covered "Reduction of Forces Under Command of Air Headquarters, Italy", discussing the reduction of RAF and disposition of surplus aircraft and equipment. AMQI Administration Instruction No.82 is in circulation. Subject not to be discussed with Italians.

4. Re-equipment of IAF. - SEO stated that authority had been given for 32 Spitfires IXs to be made operational from Spares in Italy, Medme or U.K. if necessary. He stated the IAF was very short of target equipment. The Director expressed desire that surplus RAF Tac/R photographs equipment, together with practice bombs be turned over to the IAF. The SEO noted the IAF did not want the surplus 303 ammunition that is available since it is only used in the few pure flying training aircraft. The SEO to arrange with IAM. Lecce for a comprehensive list of spares required immediately, if necessary staff officer with I.A.M. officers to visit Lecce urgently so that list is ready by 17th January - to take to Udine.

SEO.

5. Italian Civil Aviation. - ORG. IV stated that Charter Taxi Services, and private aircraft plans were being kept separate from the internal civil air lines plan, instead of being incorporated as previously thought. The CTO on his return from London brought several useful bulletins on Picao Civil Aviation rules and agreements which ORG. IV has forwarded to the Italian Air Ministry. The British Air Ministry will send detailed plans on the Civil Airlines problems (e.g. Navigational aids) to AFSC thru the usual channels. The Chief Commissioner has expressed his desire that the Airlines Plan be settled as soon as possible. Director will visit Air Minister on 14 January with ORG. IV. There seems to be very little trouble with the Charter and Private Services. Concentration is being made chiefly on the Internal Airlines. The main hitch at present is the Rome Pisa Milan route which should be decided on the 10th February.

DIRECTOR.
ORG. IV.

6. Future use of Southern Airfields. - (i) Amendola will probably be used as a commercial base. (ii) Capodichino is going to be turned over to the IAF this month for their disposition probably for Civil Aviation. (iii) Lecce - one of proposed bases for the IAF Navigation School, together with the whole of the flying training school - Brindisi is an alternative for the Nav. School. (iv) Bari - one of the proposed and most probable base for the two Lightning Squadrons. (v) Gioia - The Director suggested that Gioia be turned back to agriculture. The airfield is not too suitable because of its poor location and cambered runway. (vi) Frosinone - suggestion will be to use it for ground training by the IAF. the airfield back to agriculture. (vii) Pomigliano - has been turned over to the IAF who in turn are passing it back to the owner Alfa Romeo. (viii) Bergamo - AFSC Det. Comdr at Milan to visit Bergamo and report its activities. (ix) Since it would be impossible for the IAF to operate all the airfields in Italy, the Director noted that a large number of bases could with advantage be closed. However in the Gonth, Amendola, Lecce, Bari, Capodichino, would be the most important to remain open and possibly Brindisi.

DET. CMDR.
MILAN.

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AIR I.

Air I to formulate plans for future use of the airfields.

7. Navigation School. - The IAF Navigation School presently located at Frosinone will probably move to Lecce. Col. Remondino expresses belief Lecce is the desired base.

8. Lightning Squadrons. - The two Lightning Squadrons now at Lecce will probably move to Bari through there is a rumour that the Italians would prefer to move them to Capodichino. The Director believes Bari would be most suitable strategically & is averse to suggesting having lighter squadrons on an airfield likely to be used a good deal for civil aviation e.g. Capodichino.

9. Bari. - Bari Airfield has been taken over by the IAF. All services are running smoothly. Only a small handful of RAF personnel remain at Bari & will shortly be withdrawn.

ORG. I

10. Flight Clearances. - (i) In the past, the French have been evading many regulations regarding flight clearances. Org. I to draft a strong letter for signature of the Director to the French clarifying procedure on flight clearances. (ii) Org. II stated the flight to Lisbon of the Opera Team had been scrubbed again. (iii) Air I reminded AFSC of the new ruling that when Allied aircraft reach their destination no signal of arrival is made to the airfield of departure. When Allied aircraft land at a prearranged Italian airfield or Italian aircraft land at a prearranged Allied base, no arrival signal will be sent to the base of departure. If that flight is late (one hour or more) in arriving at its destination, the intended station will signal the station of departure. I.A.M. has been informed so as to avoid unnecessary overdue action.

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16. Monthly Conference. - Due to withdrawal of detachments it was decided that there would be no more monthly meetings. The weekly meetings will cover all pertinent problems. The Director expressed desire for all detachment C.O.s outside Rome to attend one of the Weekly Meetings per month (Wednesdays at 1115 hrs). The Air Report will continue as usual.

ALL OFF.

H.A. BAUGARDNER, Capt. A.C.
ORG. III

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.
ALLIED COMMISSION. ITALY.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE
HELD AT ROME - 15TH. NOV. 1946.

Action.

1. Director's Review. - The Director stated that several matters of importance that had been sent to M.A.A.C. a considerable time ago were in the process of being actioned.

(i) The extension of the Courier Service to Udine has been approved by G.H.Q. and C. of S. and a signal to that effect is being despatched by M.A.A.C. to us on Monday. OEG I to arrange with Col. Gusseni a visit to Udine early next week to settle the accommodation and make final arrangements so that the extension may commence as soon as possible after the signal giving us authority is received.

ORG I.
AIR II.

(ii) Move of Squadrons North. - No more news to date.

(iii) Re-organisation of the I.A.F. - Has now passed through all Staff channels at Caserta. W/C Hamilton is hoping to give us more news next week. Thus the equipping of Squadrons will at least be able to take place. S.E.O. to enquire A.H.Q. (in anticipation of an early reply next week from M.A.A.C.) with regard to Ammunition - Equipment for Baltimore Towing a/c - Bombs.

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AIR II.

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i) S.E.O. to draft a policy which should be adopted by R.A.F. (or M.T.O.U.S.A.) as to when those airfields are taken over by the I.A.F.

ii) Catania. - S.E.O. to inform the I.A.M. what is happening with regard to specialist vehicles etc., they should send an officer down to Catania to study the whole problem of equipment. S.E.O. to send a signal to A.H.Q. Malta, asking them for lists of Aerodrome equipment, including signals equipment, they intend to leave behind.

AIR II.
S.E.O.

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iii) Bari. - S.E.O. to find out from A.H.Q. the policy in connection with the handing over of equipment to the I.A.F. at Bari. Disposal instructions should be obtained for aerodrome signals, Navigation Briefing equipment they intend to leave to the I.A.F. C.T.O. to arrange with A.H.Q. to have ground handling notes for all aircraft likely to land at Bari during the next 6 months. The same procedure applies to Fies.

4. I.A.F. Grosinone and Lecce Provision of Navigational Equipment. - AIR II to find out what sort of equipment the I.A.M. require. S.E.O. stated a demand had been sent on Wednesday for some items of equipment. When the information has been received a representative from the Italian Air Ministry should attend a conference with Air I and II to discuss the matter e.g. What the I.A.F. already have and what they should be provided with by the Allies. Air I to co-ordinate.

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6. Xmas Cards. - Adjutant to get in touch with the I.A.M. and ask them if they can supply Xmas Cards for the A.F.S.C. The design to be discussed with the S.S.O, D.D. and the Director. American Air Force Badge and R.A.F. Badge to be on the top of the Card. Adjutant to send lists round to all ranks asking for numbers required.

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iii) Trainees to be selected for keenness and steadiness and in addition, mechanics to have sound basic knowledge of radio and electricity and operators to be of more than average intelligence.

iv) That two very carefully selected I.A.F. Officers, English speaking, be sent to each site a few days before the start of the first course. One officer to be a radio expert and the other to be trained as Controller, preferably a pilot or navigator of experience. These officers will attend the first course and will remain at the RADAR sites throughout the remaining courses to supervise the Italian personnel, and eventually to instruct under R.A.F. supervision. Maggiore Pelosi agreed that it was of the utmost importance that these officers should be most carefully selected.

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v) Instruction on the type 6 A.M.E.S. to be given at Grado. Three days, towards the end of the course, will be sufficient. There is no early warning set, type 9 A.M.E.S. at Precinico or Dese, but basic principles are the same as for type 8 or 15 A.M.E.S. It was agreed that one of the type 9 A.M.E.S. handed over at Caserte, should be taken north when serviceable, for instructional purposes. To obviate the necessity of visiting Grado for type 6 A.M.E.S. instruction it was agreed that a type 6 A.M.E.S. should also be sent north when serviceable.

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vi) After passing out I.A.F. personnel will operate the installations at Precinico and Dese for a few days under R.A.F. SUPERVISION.

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AIR I.

10. Supply of Petrol to Allied and Foreign Civil Aircraft on Italian Controlled Airfields. - The Director asked the S.E.O. to draft a policy after discussion with AIR I on the question of Allied and Foreign Civil aircraft using I.A.M. Petrol. S.E.O. to make sure that refuelling of such aircraft by the I.A.M. does not involve any loss of petrol or money to I.A.M.

AIR I.

11. Tronina, Anelfi and Savello Rest Camps. - have all been handed back to the Italians.

12. Terminillo Ski-in Rest Camp. - Accommodation has been arranged for officers and OAs, and ladies. Full particulars will soon be made available through AIR I by Welfare Officer R.A.M.C.

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13. M.T. Petrol and Maintenance difficulties when on Tour-Servicing from I.A.N. or C.I.F. - S.E.O. stated that petrol will be issued by C.I.P. depots on receipt of a Form M.T.S.O. 656. Director asked M.T.S.O. to make a Staff study and initiate a staff instruction.
14. Pisa - Flying Naval Cadets. - D.D. to take up with A.T.C. S.S. and enquire why they object to the use of Pisa Airfield for this very limited Cadet Training and to try to obtain agreement to the project.
15. Urbe Aerodrome. - All the Baltimore and the Fairchild to be moved from Urbe as the Aerodrome will probably be flooded in the event of further rain fall.
16. Welfare. - The Director said he had sent a copy of the P.A.F. Welfare Manual to the Air Minister with a letter expressing satisfaction that the Air Minister shows such a keen interest on Welfare matters. The Air Minister thanked us and will inform us of progress. D.D. was asked to obtain P.S.A.A.F. Special service information for transmission to I.A.M.
17. Monthly Meeting. - The next Monthly Meeting was arranged for 17th December, 1945 at 10.00. hrs.
- All-Officers.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Sections and Detachments.

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17th October, 1946.

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HELD AT ROE - 17TH OCT. 1946

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All officers.

1. Director's Opening Remarks - The Director opened the meeting by announcing that the D.D. was not able to attend as he had two important American Conferences.
2. Future of Allied Commission - There is no further news concerning the future of the Allied Commission, except that as from Monday 21st October, the Sub-Commissions other than the three Service Sub-Commissions would be called "Divisions". The Divisions will be Displaced Persons, Legal, Public Safety, Economic, Transportation, Communication, Archives, Executive Offices, British and American, Industry and Utilities, Captured Enemy Material and Commerce. New Executive Commissioner replacing Brigadier Lush who has gone to Germany, is Brigadier Carr.
3. Meeting with the Italian Air Minister - The Director visited the Air Minister on the 15th October, 1946, with D.D. and ORG.I. After discussion it was decided that the new post of Secretary General was similar to our member for Supply and Organisation. He will direct and co-ordinate a number of purely independent Directorates and his appointment will be purely military. The Air Minister stated he will not be having an appointment equivalent to the RAF Permanent Under Secretary and he also stated that the Supreme Air Council when formed would be an Executive Body with the Air Minister himself as President. The Director told him he was extremely pleased he had made this decision and agreed in principle to the institution of the post of Secretary General.
4. Italian Officers Flying - The Director told the Italian Air Minister that it had come to our notice that certain Senior Officers in the Italian Air Force had not flown for considerable length of time, neither had they travelled on the Italian Military Courier Service. S.S.O. to prepare a letter to the Italian Air Ministry pointing out the bad effect this has on the morale of Junior Officers and also, by not keeping in flying practice these Senior Officers were not in a position to assist and advise their Juniors under them when they were so lacking in flying experience themselves. The gist of the recent British Air Ministry's letter concerning flying practice of Senior Officers should be stated.

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1. Director's Opening Remarks - The Director opened the meeting by announcing that the D.D. was not able to attend as he had two important American Conferences.
2. Future of Allied Commission - There is no further news concerning the future of the Allied Commission, except that as from Monday 21st October, the Sub-Commissions other than the three Service Sub-Commissions would be called "Divisions". The Divisions will be Displaced Persons, Legal, Public Safety, Economic, Transportation, Communication, Archives, Executive Offices, British and American, Industry and Utilities, Captured Enemy Material and Commerce. New Executive Commissioner replacing Brigadier Lush who has gone to Germany, is Brigadier Carr.
3. Meeting with the Italian Air Minister - The Director visited the Air Minister on the 15th October, 1946, with D.D. and ORG.I. After discussion it was decided that the new post of Secretary General was similar to our member for Supply and Organisation. He will direct and coordinate a number of previously independent Directorates and his appointment will be purely military. The Air Minister stated he will not be having an appointment equivalent to the RAF Permanent Under Secretary and he also stated that the Supreme Air Council when formed would be an Executive Body with the Air Minister himself as President. The Director told him he was extremely pleased he had made this decision and agreed in principle to the institution of the post of Secretary General.
4. Italian Officers Flying - The Director told the Italian Air Minister that it had come to our notice that certain Senior Officers in the Italian Air Force had not flown for considerable length of time, neither had they travelled on the Italian Military Courier Service. S.S.O. to prepare a letter to the Italian Air Ministry pointing out the bad effect this has on the morale of Junior Officers and also, by not keeping in flying practice these Senior Officers were not in a position to assist and advise their Juniors under them when they were so lacking in flying experience themselves. The gist of the recent British Air Ministry's letter concerning flying practice of Senior Officers should be stated.
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6. Civilian Air Lines - Commencement of Internal Civil Aviation in Italy is allegedly being held up because the British Italian Company had not yet submitted the required details to the Italian Air Ministry. The Director stated that T.W.A./Italian Company was probably starting in November and the British-Italian Company in late December or January. In which case, the Italian Military Courier Service will probably continue most of the Winter.

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7. Ex-Republican Air Force - The Air Ministry had asked us for permission to re-employ a Senior Colonel of the Republican Air Force. We informed them that we do not like the idea and have asked them to reconsider it. The responsibility is entirely their own but such officers must first be cleared by epuration.
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All Officers.

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16. Bergamo - ORG. I to ask Col. GUSSONI re possibility of using Bergamo instead of Milan during the winter months, or at least to organize so that either Milan or Bergamo can be used at short notice e.g. spare aircraft to be based on Bergamo. Signals Officer to contact the Italian Air Ministry and ask them to install an efficient R.T. Service at Bergamo for Italian American and British Air Traffic there when Milan is w/s due to fog etc.

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- S.E.O.
ORG. II
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A.S.O.
All Pilots.

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8. Pension Terms.

New Pension Terms for the Italian Air Force was brought to the attention of Detachment Commanders. A lot of efficient officers are leaving the service as the future of the I.A.F. is so obscure. The Director suggested to the Italian Air Minister that a letter be sent out to all officers in the I.A.F. informing them the conditions of service would improve in the I.A.F.

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O.C. TARANTO.

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29. The next Monthly Staff Meeting was arranged for 10.00 hrs. on 19th September, 1946. The meeting closed at 12.55 hrs.

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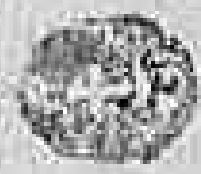
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Minutes of Weekly Staff Conference
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6. Pay. The Air Minister promised that this question would be brought up to the Council of Ministers and expressed the hope that action would be forthcoming. It was hoped that an offer of better terms of service could be made shortly so as the IAF should not lose their best men under the new retirement terms which are very favorable.

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Air Force feel that this commitment should be met by Italian Army personnel and in conjunction with M.M.I.A., the Director and Org. 1 should investigate the position.

Air II

15. Courier Services. Major Kepplinger stated that new and semi-permanent schedules for the courier services will become operative on 5th August. It will then be possible for through passengers to cut-out the night-stop in Rome. Instructions have been issued that courier services will run on time and Major Kepplinger will travel on as many lines as possible checking on flying discipline and organization. In conjunction with F/Lt. Reid, Major Kepplinger will prepare a Pro-Forma in the form of a report on crew discipline, to be filled in by all staff officers who travel by Courier Services.

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F/Lt. Reid

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17. Inspection of IAF, Venice. During his recent visit to Venice, the Director noted; (1) That extra accommodation could be supplied for the IAF in the San Nicola fort at Lido airfield now held by the Navy. (2) There is a certain amount of scrap metal at St. Andrea which could be collected. (3) Certain unserviceable motor launches might be fitted with Ford V8 engines. F/Lt. Reid to prepare draft letter to Italian Air Ministry on points observed during visit.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission.
To : All Staff Officers of A.F.S.C. Rome.
Date : 25.7.46.
Ref : 358/4/ORG.

MONTHLY CONFERENCE.

1. The next monthly Staff Conference will be held at this Headquarters at 1000 hrs. on Friday 16th. August, 1946.
2. Subjects for the Agenda are to be submitted to G/Cpt. L.E. JARMAN not later than 1200 hrs. on the 12th. August, 1946.

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SECRETMINUTES OF MONTHLY STAFF
CONFERENCE

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2. The future of the Allied Commission is largely dependent on the Armistice Terms. The Director stated that the three Service Sub-Commissions would probably operate as at present under a different name and under a Military Director. The Civil Affairs Section would probably be entirely separate. This information is SECRET.
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9. Delete Government last word. Insert "Air Ministry".
10. After sanctioned insert "in principle".
14. After Augusta insert "and Elmas".
11. Insert after last word "and to run all Services as a result of the Introduction of Fare Paying.

These minutes are to be treated as Secret.

A.C. Salter

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ALLIED COMMISSION - ITALY

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11th July, 1946.

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HELD AT ROME - 11th July, 1946

MINUTE

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7. Movement of Flying Training Schools Lecce-Brindisi. The Director stated that the Flying Training Schools will be transferred from Lecce to Brindisi.

S.S.O.
C.T.O.
O.C. Lecce.
Training Off.

8. Assembly of P.38 and Spitfire IX Aircraft. Lt. Favano stated he did not know whether they could convert the photographic P.38s for use as Fighters. A shortage of Bomb racks Cameras and Practice Bombs were the main snags in connection with the assembly of spitfire IXs. There were now 20 P.38 and 23 Spitfire IXs

assembled. S.S.O., C.T.O., O.C. Lecce to make a staff study on the P.38 modifications and report to the Director as soon as possible.

9. Sale of Aircraft Tools to Italian Government. Col. Marek reported that A.R.A.R. could no longer buy aircraft Tools on behalf of the new Government. The Director suggested that O.F.L.C. should sell direct to the Italian Government.

Training D.D.
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10. Civil Aviation. The Director made a brief survey of the position at the present time. Internal Civil Aviation in Italy had been sanctioned but S.A.C. Med were still awaiting the Italian Government proposals as to how they intend to operate etc.

Air Taxi Services and Private Flying were under consideration but are not allowed to operate as yet. Gliders and Flying Clubs are definitely not permitted. The D.D. brought up the question of American and British Military Personnel Flying in Italy in private aircraft, the Director suggested the matter be referred to M.A.A.C.

D.D.

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All Officers.

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All Officers.

16. Fare Paying. Org. 1, stated the Fare Paying Scheme on the Italian Military Courier Service was in full operation. Care should be taken by A.F.S.C. Detachment Commanders to ensure that passengers travel at the correct rates as laid down in the Fare Paying Schedules.

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17. Time Table Courier Service. A new Time-Table has been brought into operation, extra busses have been procured by the Italian Air Ministry and it is anticipated, weather permitting, that there will be little delay in the departure of aircraft in the future.
18. Honours and Awards R.A.F. The S.S.O. requested that any recommendations for Honours and Awards should be submitted to him before the 12th July, 1946.
19. Married Families R.A.F. As from July 1st Married Families would pay for their accommodation, rations electric Light, Water, etc. As soon as instructions are received from AHQ with regard to the Methods of payment all Officers will be notified.
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FROM : AIR FORCE'S SUB COMMISSION, A.C. REME.

TO : ALL DETACHMENTS.

DATE : 20th JUNE, 1946.

REF. : AFSC/350/4/100.

MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE.

It is notified that the next Monthly Staff Conference will be held at A.F.S.C. Rome on Thursday, 11th July, at 14.30 hours.

Items for the agenda are to be submitted to reach this Headquarters before Wednesday, 3rd July.

It is expected to hold an A.F.S.C. dance in the Palazzo Volpi on Friday 12th July. All A.F.S.C. officers from detachments and their wives will be invited, but further details and invitations will be issued later.

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24th May, 1946.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE

HELD AT ROME - 23rd May, 1946.

MINUTE

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Action:

All
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3. Rationing of I.A.I. It was announced that the Italian Government would be responsible for the rationing of the Italian Navy and Air Force as from the 1st of June 1946.

A.A.O.
Lecce Det.

4. Supply of Spitfires and P-51's to I.A.I. The negotiations to transfer 57 Spitfire IX's from R.A.F. Station Brindisi to the I.A.I. is almost complete. S.I.O. proceeding to Brindisi to arrange final details. Director announced that while in U.K. authority had been given for fourteen P-51's plus one year's spares to be purchased by I.A.I.

Air II.
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6. Tactical Reconnaissance Training. Lecce Detachment to report on the present status of the two I.A.F. officers attached to R.A.F., D.A.F.. Report on the Course to be obtained from the Senior of the Italian Officers. C.T.O. to make enquiries on the possibility of obtaining the Polish Tac/R aircraft from D.A.F. when that unit disbands. S.S.O. to investigate the possibility of an Italian Air Force photographic officer being attached to D.A.F.
7. P-30 aircraft. C.T.O. stated that the Italians were short of ground equipment for assembling the P-38's at Asst Train. Capodichino. Air I. to take this matter up with the American O.P.D. to enable the I.A.F. to have the necessary equipment. Lt. Taveno to arrange storage space on Capodichino for surplus aircraft.
8. Transfer of R.A.F. Safety Centre duties to Italian C.A.V

P.C.O. stated that change over had been effected smoothly. Sigs. Officer to visit Ciampino to check if R.A.I. aircraft personnel are conversant with and using these new Italian facilities.

9. Air Sea Rescue. S.E.O. to enquire at Brindisi and from 114 S.S.U. for any spare Air Sea Rescue equipment, particularly the provision of Lindholme dinghies.

10. V/V/D/V and V/V/M for I.A.F. Sigs officer to enquire which of these facilities the I.A.F. can take over from the R.A.I. in preparation for the new set up of the Italian Fighter Squadron.

11. Meteorological Services, Italy. Met. Assistant announced that the Italians will be taking over most of the British Met. services which are now closing due to lack of manpower. P.C.O. to confirm if the G.A.V. Centocelle is moving to Ciampino. Org. I. to check with Senior Met. officer, Caserta concerning the employment of Italian Met. officers in British Met. Stations.

12. Target Towing Aircraft. C.E.O. to arrange for the immediate conversion of one Baltimore aircraft for target towing duties.

13. L.I.5 aircraft for A.O.P. Flight duties. P.T.I. to draft letter to Italian Air Ministry for A.O.C. signature on the preparation of prototype L.I.5 for A.O.P. duties with recommendations. C.E.O. to enquire on the possibility of obtaining L.4 engines for the L.I.5 aircraft.

14. Present for I.A.F. Officers Club. It was decided that this project should remain in abeyance for the time being. However Air I. to continue enquiries for a suitable present at some future date.

15. S.M.85 aircraft in U.K. Air I. stated that the hold up was due to lack of authority from Air Ministry London, S.M.82 aircraft all ready to leave and Air I. to arrange for its departure from Ciampino.

16. Destruction of German aircraft. Director stated that he had ordered all German aircraft to be destroyed by the 11th of June and that A.F.S.C. representatives were to witness same. Lecce and Milan to report when this is completed.

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12. Target Towing Aircraft. C.T.O. to arrange for the immediate conversion of one Baltimore aircraft for target towing duties.

13. L.M.5 aircraft for A.O.P. Flight duties. P.T.I. to draft letter to Italian Air Ministry for A.O.C. signature on the preparation of prototype L.M.5 for A.O.P. duties with recommendations. C.T.O. to enquire on the possibility of obtaining L.4 engines for the L.M.5 aircraft.

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19. Seaplane Repairs. Italian Air Ministry to continue Det. overhaul of C2 506 planes by S.I.A.I. Vergiate and C2 504 by S.I.C.A. Brindisi. Under this arrangement repair of seaplanes at Diaggio will not be required.

20. Reduction of personnel in I.A.A. Org. I. stated that two lows were about to be passed which would reduce the officers strength by 700 and the other ranks by 7000. Org. I. to chase the possibility of the I.A.A. closing down more of their auxiliary head quarters.

21. Training of Signals Personnel. Sigs. officer to discuss with Director and Colonel De Vincenti the possibility of the I.A.A. closing down more of their auxiliary Hq.

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Org. I. 22. A.C. and A.T.A. time tables s. Org. I. to dispatch copies of B.O.A.C. time tables to all detachments. Air I. to obtain B.W.A. time tables if possible.

Org. I. 23. Fish runs. The Director stated that a Sardinia - Milan Det. Rome run had been cancelled because of opposition from the Air Minister and General Pinna. Org. I. stated that the Northern run was static due to lack of liaison between S.T.P.O.L. and the Air Minister. Org. I. to draft a letter to Italian Air Ministry stating the lack of requirements for the Northern fish run now that other transport is available.

1.T.O. 24. Overhaul of Allied engines by Italian factories. Italian Air Ministry to organise the repair of Merlin engines and to discuss with A.T.S.C. where they wish to situate the I.U. for this purpose.

Director. 25. Closing down of A.T.S.C. Detachments. A.T.S.C. to close down and all property to be derequisitioned. S.T.O. to investigate possibility of obtaining I.A. petrol from I.A. units for the use of Lecce and Taranto Detachments. Org. I. to enquire if Bari is likely to remain an Allied Military Headquarters.

A.S.O. 26. Use of A.E. by A.T.S.C. Officers. All Headquarters drivers to carry proper travel permits in order that they may be properly accommodated and fed when in transit. S.S.O. to issue a circular to all units on the use of the car held by No 2 A.A.T. Padua.

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All Officers. 28. Education of R.A.F. children in Italy. The Director stated that the R.A.F. will pay all expenses where there are no schools established.

Org. I. 29. Certificates of merit. Org. I. to enquire from the Naval Sub Commission if they have issued any certificates similar to those issued by R.R.I.A.

S.S.O. 30. Filing System. All files to be checked and arranged in correct order.

Met. Det. 31. Meteorology. Met. Assistant to liaise with Major Bentley on the provision of extra Rome-Naples air courier to cope with the increase commitment on this run. If possible this run should arrive in Rome in time to connect with the Rome-Milan courier.

A.S.O. 32. Forthcoming Elections and Security. S.S.O. to issue

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32. Forthcoming Elections and Security. S.S.O. to issue instructions on security of Allied personnel A.I.S.O. during the forthcoming elections. It was stated that the Allied Military Courier will be closed on the 1st and 2nd June but that a special military service will be run on the 3rd and 4th.

Det. Asst., 3/Lt.

Flying Training Instructor,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE - 23RD MAY 1946

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2. Training Tactical Reconnaissance.
3. Progress report on Construction of P-58 Aircraft and procurement of hangar space for storage purposes.
4. Landing over Spitfires to the I.A.F.
5. Air Sea Rescue Commitments.
6. I.A.F. Met Officers on R.A.F. Airfields.
7. Drogue Towing.
8. Test of LK5 for Observation work.
9. Present for I.A.F. Officers Club.
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21. Continuation of AFSC Bari and Naples Detachments.
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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION - ITALY

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AFSC/358/4/ORG.

Date: 18th April, 1946.

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HELD AT ROME - 18TH APRIL, 1946

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All
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Training
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8. Holding Unit at Gioia del Colle. C.T.O. announced that there are no planes in this holding unit at present. The Director suggested that future use of Capodichino for this purpose should be considered, if Lt. Favano and P/Lt. Watkins succeed in obtaining hangar space there.

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- Met.NCO. 9. Planes for Met.Service. Met. N.C.O. is to try and obtain another radio sound station for the Met. Service to eliminate the use of planes for this work. In the meantime, D.D. is to coordinate the type of planes used as the C.R. 42's are needed at Lecce for training.
- D.D. 10. Contracts for M.T. vehicles. S.E.O. announced that contracts for the repair of M.T. vehicles have been drawn up. S.E.O. to scrutinize these contracts.
- S.E.O. 11. Additional Fighters for I.A.F. D.D. and Director to decide how many Spitfires are required for the I.A.F. Probably ask for 80. C.I.O. and S.E.O. to check progress of present Spitfire request. P/Lt. Watkins, C.I.O. and S.E.O. to have meeting and determine present state of aircraft spares and availability.
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- All officers. 15. Villa Quassa. Announced opening and availability of Villa Quassa to British and American Officers. G/C Jarman to write up standard operating procedures on the use of the villa and to give priority to married families. Personnel planning to stay at the villa must bring their own rations. Restrictions imposed on use of boat due to unavailability of fuel.
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- S.E.O.
C.S.O.
19. Signals Equipment. Signals Officers and S.E.O. to attend Sigs Equipment meeting at Caserta. Check with C/C Paine on necessity of procuring I.P.F. C.S.O. to check air-ground signal equipment on courier aircraft, also give Director a paper on radar training requirements.
- Met. MO.
20. I.A.F. Met. Officers on R.A.F. Airfields. Met. N.C.O. to send a letter to 249 Wing to clear up difficulties and request more information on use of I.A.F. Met. Officers.
- C.T.O.
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- Director.
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- S.E.O.
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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE - APRIL, 1946.

1. Announcements concerning future of R.A.F., by Director.
2. Reorganisation of staff due to release of personnel.
3. S. Dunstons.
4. Married families.
5. Villa Quassa.
6. Substitute aerodrome to replace Linate. Removal of I.A.F. installations from Linate.
7. Requisition of I.A.F. building in Milan.
8. Statement by Director on Italian Air Force.
9. A.S.R. reorganisation - Augusta or Marsala for Seaplane Base?.
10. Supply of aircraft and spares from R.A.F. to I.A.F. for Fighter Sqdns and Artillery Observation.
11. Statement on Signals Equipment for I.A.F.
12. Training of fighters.
13. Employment of Italian Service personnel in British Met. Offices.
14. Possibility of moving Regional Centre from Centocelle to Ciampino.
15. Repatriation of Italian Meteorological personnel now prisoners of war in Kenya.

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18th April, 1946.

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AIR FORCE - GUE COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ITALY

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Date: 22nd March, 1946.

MINUTE OF MONTHLY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE
HELD AT ROME - 15TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

Minute

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1. Extension of Service and Overseas Tours - Airmen.
The Director announced that he had been informed by A.O.C. Italy that current Air Ministry policy is to give every encouragement towards extending their service to all personnel without a really good job to go to. Airmen also to be given every encouragement to volunteer for any extension of overseas service irrespective of their probable date of release. O.C. Unit and O.i/c Detachments to inform all concerned - verbally.

R.A.F.
Officers.

2. Applications for Movement Families Overseas. The Director announced that it is at present necessary to have fourteen months overseas service to complete at the time an application is made for it to be approved and passage to be granted. He asked all married officers to see a new letter on this subject which provides for extension additional to one year for the purpose of getting families overseas.

R.A.F.
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3. Visit to MED/ME Cairo by Director. The Director announced that he and the Deputy Director would probably be in Cairo from 7th to about 15th April and asked to be briefed on any matter to be taken up with the staff of H.Q. MED/ME.

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2. Applications for Movement Families Overseas. The Director announced that it is at present necessary to have fourteen months overseas service to complete at the time an application is made for it to be approved and passage to be granted. He asked all married officers to see a new letter on this subject which provides for extension additional to one year for the purpose of getting families overseas.

3. Visit to MED/ME Cairo by Director. The Director announced that he and the Deputy Director would probably be in Cairo from 7th to about 15th April and asked to be briefed on any matter to be taken up with the staff of H.Q. MED/ME.

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7. Target Towing. S.S.O. to ascertain from M.M.I.A. whether they still require air cooperation for the Italian Army's A.A. and suggest their getting the Army to make a request to the I.A.M. S.E.O. to investigate the possibility of obtaining adequate towed target supplies particularly of towing cable which O.C. Taranto Detachment said was in short supply.

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8. Baltimore Flight, Linate. S.S.O. stated that he had already told the new C.O. of the Baltimore Wing that the continuance of the Baltimore detachment at Linate was at his discretion. Air III to consult with Major Bentley and Col. Guaroni and make it clear that A.F.S.C. is indifferent to the continuance or withdrawal of this flight.
9. Repair of S.M. 95 at Farnborough. S.S.O. to ascertain what action has so far been taken in this connection and develop the matter further. Milan Detachment to be kept informed. C.T.O. to scrutinize progress in modification to military version and ascertain whether this aircraft can be used to transfer spare engine to Farnborough.
10. M/T Recovery. S.E.O. to take action to obtain release of spares and wheels for A.F.S.C. Italian type cars from S.A.B.O.s. It was suggested that S.E.O. might ask I.A.M. to be allowed to see the draft of the proposed contract with S.A.B.O.
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13. Linate V.H.F. Frequencies. C.S.O. to ascertain policy from Caserta.
14. Disposal of Allied Surplus War Material - I.A.F. Priority. S.E.O. to put up case for I.A.F. having equal priority to U.N.R.R.A. coordinating with Land Forces and Navy S/Os.
15. Accuracy of I.A.F. Aircraft state. C.T.O. to take action to obtain a comprehensive up to date aircraft state that could be used by I.A.F. in Italy (excluding civilian owned tourist aircraft).
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17. Authority for Allied Military Personnel to travel on Courier Service. O.C. Naples Detachment reported that Air Movements, Caserta had stated that they had ordered that no Allied personnel were to be routed on the Courier Service. Air III to make some notes for a D/C letter from the Director to A.O.C. Italy quoting relevant passages from A.F.S.O. Priorities Board regulations which were approved by Caserta on this subject.

18. Visits to Sicily and Sardinia. It was agreed that C. Naples and Taranto should pay periodical visits to Sicily and Sardinia to deal with I.A.F. affairs ~~and~~ in

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particular O i/c Taranto in respect of seaplane base.

19. Cioia del Colle. Autonomous Squadron have now moved in. Nothing further to report on question of pavements by I.A.P. for occupation rights. C.F.O. to report in whether any stores have been taken to place any aircraft in the projected aircraft holding unit there and what types.

20. Seaplane Overhaul. Two seaplanes have now been sent to Anna (A. Calendi). O.O. Taranto investigating possibilities of repairs at Pignolo's (Marine Pisa) and to report to H.Q. Rome.

21. Next Monthly Conference. 18th April 1420 hrs.

V.M. BISHOP, V/cdr,
Senior Staff Officer,
A.F.S.O. Italy.

Distribution:
All sections (15) and detachments (5).

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C.I.C. to report to E.A. Rome.

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UNIT CORRESPONDENCE.

1. In order to complete the records in this Office it will be appreciated if the following may be forwarded as apparently it had previously not been sent :-

ref. 358/4/Org. Minutes of Monthly Staff
Conference held in Rome -
February 1946.

L.G. Watkins

(L.G. Watkins)

Flight Lieutenant, Commanding
Air Forces Sub Commission
Naples Detachment



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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE - MARCH 1946.

Air Staff.

1. Aircraft re-equipment of Lecce Flying School.
2. Air Sea Rescue Organization. Implication of new A.R.C. policy decisions.
3. Landplane Courier Service to Genoa (Novi Ligure) to replace seaplanes.
4. Introduction of fare paying on Courier Service.
5. Progress of scheme for transporting perishable food stuffs.
6. Special Baltimore flight, Milan. Future policy.
7. S.M.95. What progress has been made in sending engine to Farnborough.

Organization.

8. Re-organization of I.A.M. Functioning of Air Council.

Equipment.

9. Making and honouring of contracts by I.A.M. to cover work by civilian firms.
10. Ration Supply Organization. Difficulties at Milan.
11. Gift from A.F.S.C. to I.A.F. Club.
12. Project for phone calls to U.K.

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Ref : AFSC/358/4/ONG.
Date: 18th February, 1946.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE
HELD AT ROME - 15th FEBRUARY, 1946.

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MINUTE.

All Officers. 1. Navigation aids. The A.O.C. announced that two I.A.F. officers were about to go to London on the invitation of the British Embassy to attend some demonstrations of British navigational aids being arranged there. Two U.S. officers were expected in Rome shortly on a tour in which they were examining the possibility of turning over U.S. navigational aid installations in Europe at cheap prices.

All Officers. 2. Possible handover of Staging Posts. A party of British officers who are touring Europe to examine the possibilities of handing over British Staging Post facilities in expected in Rome shortly.

Air II. 3. High Speed Launches. O.C. Taranto detachment confirmed that 14 H.S.L.S. would be required by the Italians to provide an adequate A.S.R. service around the coast of Italy assuming 3 detachments.

D.D. 4. Advanced Trainers. D.D. to take action, to ask M.A.A.C. for authorization for I.A.F. Flying School (Lecce) to use 4.55 aircraft from Fiat (Turin). Number to be determined after study of recommendations in paper by O.C. Lecce Detachment and F.C.I. (A.D.R. to advise).

A.D.D. 5. Tac/R training. The A.O.C. announced that he had visited D.A.F. in company with A.D.D. to make preliminary plans for Tac/R training. Plan arranged requires two officers to be sent to Udine to meet an officer from one of the Tac/R squadrons in Austria as soon as A.F.3.C. receives instructions to go ahead in training the I.A.F. Subsequently this specialist officer will do an attachment with A.F.3.C. to assist in training the Italian squadron concerned, which will probably be equipped with Spit IXs. O.C. Lecce Det. to examine suitable Squadron Commander and recommend which squadron should be trained in this role.

Air III. 6. Visit by C.C. Transport Command Wing, Bari. The A.O.C. announced that Group Captain Howie was going to visit A.F.3.C. on 20th Feb. with a view to discussing possible use of I.A.F. transport aircraft on a service at present operated by Transport Command in Italy involving 135 fly-in hours a month.

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7. Genoa Courier Service. O.C. Taranto Det. suggested that the seaplane service to Genoa could more conveniently be substituted by a landplane service to Novi Ligure. Consideration to be given by Air III.

8. Lightning Aircraft. A.D. I. announced that the purchase of 1.50s and Link Trainers was still held up over a phrase in the proposed contract between the American and Italian Governments. It was decided that two Macchi 202 Squadrons should be re-equipped with Lightnings. A.D.D. to go into the question of supply of publications and to chase sale of aircraft and trainers.

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9. Gioia del Colle. I.I.D. to try and obtain an answer regarding necessity of paying rent as quickly as possible, as otherwise it will be necessary to abandon this airfield. No policy instructions can be issued to the I.A.F. until this answer is received.

10. Mirafiori Air Service. O.C. Luco Detachment together with Org. I and Air III to consult Colonel Rothengill as to any desirable action that should be taken to allow this service to operate again. Recommendations to be made to the A.O.C. by Org. I.

11. 23 A.A.S.V. It was decided that the air training of the Italian crews for this unit should be carried out at Prosinone. D.D. agreed to try and arrange for subsequent operations to be carried out from Giampino (together with the ground training of mechanics).

12. Air Sea Rescue. Air II to ascertain what policy has been formulated by A.A.S. as regards Vigna di Valle, and inform them when the base could become operational. Will Vigna di Valle Detachment replace Warwick at Roniglione? Edgar Manning-Lover and W/Oar Clift coming to Rome on Friday 22nd for conference on I.S.R. organization in S. Italy.

13. S. Andrea Scaplane Base, Venice. O.C. Taranto Detachment to consult with the I.A.F. on future of this base and whether bases will be retained at both S. Andrea and Tre- port.

14. Camouflage. O.C. to bring forward problem of camouflage regulations for I.A.F. in 6 weeks time.

15. Perishable Food Air Service. Org. I announced that the arrangements for operating the Bardian Service would probably be finalised on 16th Feb. and the service started on 20th Feb. Arrangements for Northern service between Traviso and Milan to be expedited.

16. Recruit Training. The Italian Army have agreed to train 1600 I.A.F. recruits in return for the hand over of barracks at Bari. Air III who was visiting Florence shortly arrived to have a look at the I.A.F. buildings there with a view to their being used for recruit training when vacated by the Allies.

17. Transformation of Units: Aves sent into Comando area because the Italian Air Ministry said that there was insufficient accommodation for the personnel moving from Bari to Rome. A.O.C. suggested the use of the Fighter, Tactical School next to the old Air Ministry building. Org. I to in-

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18. Aliding. O.C. Milan Det. to warn General Biffi that it was unlikely that Galdini would be permitted under the peace terms.

19. Visits by Service Personnel of Nations other than J.I. and U.S. Only to be permitted by Detachment Commanders when authorized by A.A. I.A.M.C.O.

20. Signals. It was agreed that any-fly signals could be sent through I.A.M. channels provided it could be established that such signals were passed out of Air Ministry promptly and without fail. C.S.O. to go into this.

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question of priorities of phone calls on civilian lines
Sentry made by I.A.N. in connection with aircraft movements.

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21. Seaplane Maintenance Policy. C.T.O. to chase
I.A.N. in formulating a policy to cover seaplane main-
tenance at Toronto and possibly S. Anna (by S.I.A.).

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22. English Speaking Classes. A.O.C. asked all detach-
ment Commanders to report on the progress of these classes.

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23. Substitution of knots for K.I.I. Air II to ascer-
tain whether such a policy has been recommended and if not
draft a letter to I.A.N. for A.O.C.

O.C. A.T.S.O. Unit.

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AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION
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AGENDA FOR WEEKLY STAFF CONFERENCE FOR FEBRUARY 1946.

Air Staff.

1. Aircraft readjustment programme - G.55, P.38, G.46.
2. Status of Stipa del Colle and interim plan.
3. Suspension of Air Service to Tirana.
4. Accommodation and operation of P.38, G.46.
5. Courier line - to Southern Albania service.

Training.

6. Progress in obtaining Link Trainer and radio range.

Aircraft Safety.

7. Air Staff Security Organisation in E. Italy.
8. Future of Landing Base at S. Andrea, Venice.

Technical.

9. Camouflage - policy.

Organisation.

10. Investigation of air transportation scheme for perishable food-stuff.
11. Recruitment training arrangements.
12. Future of Civil Aeronautics.

Intelligence.

13. Aircraft construction - E. Italy. Light aircraft and glider club.
14. Request for information or visits by service representatives other than those of U.S. and U.K.

Signals.

15. Communications and Mail Services - E. Italy; Allocation of landlines to I.A.F. generally.

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15th February, 1946.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
ITALY.

Ref:- 350/V/ORG.
Date: 19th January, 1946.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT ROME
ON 16th JANUARY, 1946.

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1. London Conference. The A.O.C. outlined the proposals submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the future of the Italian Air Force. He asked all heads of branches to study the implications of these proposals being accepted. The possible future of Civil Aviation in Italy was also considered under this heading. All heads of branches to produce paper on implications by p.m. 22/1.

All
Officers.

2. Channels of Communications - Higher Authority. The A.O.C. announced that HQ Italy had been authorized to deal directly with Air Ministry on Italian Air Force affairs except in matters of major policy which have to be referred to A.O.C. in C., MED/IE.

Married
Officers.

3. R.A.F. Families. The A.O.C. stated that whilst at the A.M., he discovered that the applications from A.F.S.C. personnel desirous of getting their families to Italy had not yet been received at the Air Ministry, though on his return he understood from A.M.C. that application forms had been despatched. Action has been taken to rectify this. Families proceeding to Southern and Central Italy will probably proceed by sea, and those bound for the North by MED/LOC travel arrangements. It is thought that families may arrive about the end of February.

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4. Villa Quassa. The A.O.C. stated that he saw no objection to families of officers using this Villa if it still remains in our possession.

S.S.C.

5. Ciampino. MED/IE have given approval to employing I.A.F. personnel to run No. 25 A.A. Towing Flight at Ciampino. Action to be taken to inform I.A.M. and submit detailed proposals to A.M.C.

All
Officers.

6. Introduction of fares on Courier Service. Air III stated that authority had now been obtained for the I.A.F. to charge certain classes of passengers travelling on the courier service. He outlined the substance of a directive prepared on this subject. Fares would be paid individually by business men travelling in the interests of rehabilitation, or interdepartmentally by those travelling on behalf of a government department. Allied and Italian Service personnel will travel free, and special reductions will be made for families of serving personnel. The A.O.C. asked Air III to check with A.M. because the Italian

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W.M. BISSILL, W/Odr.,
Senior Staff Officer,
A.T.S.C. ITALY.

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LOOSE SHEET

TO : All Heads of Sections.

As requested by the A.C.C. during the recent monthly Staff Conference, all Heads of Sections are to submit to S.S.S. by 17.00 hrs, 22nd January, a paper setting out the implications to their branch of Mac/Ed's proposals being accepted by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

W. N. Binder W/COR.

S.M. PIRNEY, W/COR,
S.S.S.

22nd January, 1946.

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FORCES DES COMBATTANTS
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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY GENERAL STAFF CONFERENCE - JANUARY 1946.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

1. London Conference.
2. Communication with British Air Ministry - direct from A.H. on routine matters.
3. Mailies coming to Italy. 100 allowed, 85 applied.
4. Villa needs - requisition and wives. Thatta.

GENERAL SERVICE.

5. Take over of Lineta.
6. Introduction of fares for certain categories of passengers: directive.
7. Future employment of S.A.S. - Carrier - Fish - Romigliano - thising.

AIRCRAFT SAFETY.

8. Air for Rescue and Aircraft Safety Centre - Romigliano, Leg-
gio, Brindisi, Taranto.
9. S.A.S. and Aircraft Safety Centre - overlapping - future
planning.

ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT.

10. Fighter Serviceability at Lecce.
11. Replacement aircraft for Flying School at Lecce - Disposal of
S.A.S.
12. Re-equipment of Fighter Squadron.
13. Glider del Colle - Development of Holding Unit - No Ju 87s.
14. Intelligence Report by S.I.G. and reports from detachments.
15. Honours and Awards.

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15th January, 1946.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMM. (ROME)

TO : A.F.S.C. c/o A.M.G. VENEZIA REGION (R)
AIR FORCES SUB COMM. (MILAN)

UNCLASSIFIED P. 177 ./ T.O.O. 161230 JAN. 1946 ./
F/LT L.W. UNDERWOOD TO REPORT TO ROME OFFICE FRIDAY 18TH
JAN. FOR MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE ./ IMPORTANT THIS OFFICER
ATTENDS AND EVERY EFFORT TO BE MADE TO REACH ROME ./

R. Cartner

R. CARTNER F/O
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME
TO : A.F.S.C., ALCOM, MILAN
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A.F.S.C., TARANTO, (W/Cdr. CLIFT), c/o 54 P.T.C., R.A.F.
A.F.S.C., LECCE, c/o No 8 A.R.T.D., S.A.A.F., C.M.F.
A.F.S.C., PADUA, c/o AMG, VENEZIA REGION.

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FORTHWITH (.)

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W.M. BISDEE, W/CDR,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ARMED COMMISSION, ITALY

Ref. 358/4/Org.
Date 29th Nov. 1945

MINUTES OF MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE FOR NOVEMBER HELD
AT ROME ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 1945.

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all officers and interpreters in A.F. C.

A.O.C. 10. Flying Displays. A.O.C. announced that he and the Deputy Director, Acting Deputy Director and F/Lt. Hart together with A.O.C. AHQ Italy would attend flying displays at Lecce and F/Lt. Hart Taranto on or about 10th and 11th December.

X A.O.C. 11. Project for increasing Courier Commitment. The A.O.C. announced that he would attend a conference at Caserta on 5th December together with D.D. and Air III to discuss taking over some of the Allied Air Transport commitments in the theatre.

X O.C. Milan 12. Diversions Airfields - Milan. O.C. Milan Detachment to inform all concerned when diversionary airfields at Bergamo and Venegono become serviceable. Also explore possibility of getting I.A.F. to improve the runway at Linate possibly in conjunction with the Milan Municipal Government.

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SENIOR STAFF OFFICER
A.F.S.C. ROME

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ITALY

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION HELD AT ROME ON THE
27th OCTOBER, 1945.

Present:-

A.O.C. ADM. I.E. BRODIE, OBE.
D.D. BRIG. GEN. W.L. LEE
S.S.O. W/C. W.M. BISDEE
AIR I. LT. COL. F.E. HAREK
AIR II. MAJOR F.E. SASS
AIR III. MAJOR J.W. GILDAY
S.E.O. W/C. A.H. HUGHES
C.T.O. F/LT. J.W. TURNER
ORG I. S/LDR. F.L. READSHAW

ORG II MAJOR R.M. SANSING
C.S.O. S/LDR. A. JENNINGS
S.M.T.O. F/LT. T.F. DAVIS
S.I.C. F/LT. SMITH
C. TRG. O. COL. R. WARDEN
CC. MILAN DET.G/C. L.E. JARMAN, DFC.
CC. LECCE DET.G/C. W.C. OLLASON
CC. NAPLES " W/C. W.L. MINTER
CC. TARANTO W/C. V.H. CLIFT.

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4. Town of Lecce. O.C. Lecce Detachment stated that the accommodation formerly belonging to the F.T.C. was in dispute between the Ministry of Finance and the I.A.F. Arrangements had been made that this accommodation would not be handed over to an authority other than the I.A.F. without further reference to AFSC Detachment. The accommodation in the former NAATI was not suitable for use by the I.A.F.

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5. Moves of Units at Lecce. The majority of the refresher flying school at Leverano had now moved into winter quarters at Lecce. There is still a substantial portion of the Night Stormo left at Lecce. O.C. Lecce to check up on allocated rail loads-ups and report when move is likely to be completed.

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Seaplanes.

6. Courier Service to Genoa. Reconnaissance of Vigna di Valle Spezia and Genoa to be carried out by O.C. Taranto Det. forthwith. Bi-weekly service to be started with RS. 11s when additional seaplanes to the one already converted can be made available for courier work. Spezia to be the servicing base in the North, seaplanes stopping at Genoa only to set down and pick up passengers and freight. W/C. Clift to ascertain what land transport will be available from Spezia to Genoa when sea conditions preclude landing at the latter. Also to report when he estimates that this service can be started.

7. Air Sea Rescue - Lake Bracciano. AOC announced that A.F.S.C. had reopened the question of taking over the A.S.R. commitment in the Gulf of Genoa and Tyrranean Sea with Seaplanes based on Lake Bracciano also that we have reopened the question of the I.A.F. taking over some R.A.F. High Speed Launches.

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Training.

9. Blind Flying. Air II to ascertain whether "Ghibli" a/c are available and suitable for blind flying training.

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11. Aircrew Training Generally. Establishment of Leaders in Squadrons for training various categories of aircrew in the I.A.F. to be considered. Navigation making of flight plans and Met briefing to be considered and checked up on i/c Train-Courier Units.

12. Technical Training. O.T.C. to investigate trade training in the I.A.F. - promotion exams, trade tests etc. also to investigate standard of parachute maintenance in the I.A.F. and if necessary to submit proposals for training. Service

13. General Service Training. Establishment of I.A.F. General/Training School to be hastened. Priority to be given to training of instructors for this school.

General.

14. Welfare. S.E.O. to press on with arrangements for distributing MAATI allocations to I.A.F.

15. A/C Safety Equipment. S.E.O. in conjunction with C.T.O. and S.M.T.O. to arrange for fire tender at Gallarate to be allotted to an airfield in use and deficient of a fully serviceable one.

16. Tyres. S.E.O. reported that the position with regard to allocation of tyre stocks to the A.F.S.C. by 214 Group was obscure and liable to give cause for concern as effecting future requirements. Letter awaited from 214 Group clarifying position.

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Air II Air Training. Air II also to forward details of existing status of Gallipoli firing range to I.A.M. pending receipt of draft orders and schedules from O.C. Lecce Det. Target towing for Lecce could be carried out by Cant 501 Seaplanes which are already fitted with drogue-towing apparatus.

S.S.O. Aircrew Training Generally. Establishment of Leaders in Squadrons for training various categories of aircrew in the I.A.F. to be considered. Navigation making of flight plans and Met briefing to be considered and checked up on i/c Train-Courier Units.

12. Technical Training. C.T.O. to investigate trade training in the I.A.F. - promotion exams, trade tests etc. also to investigate standard of parachute maintenance in the I.A.F. and if necessary to submit proposals for training. Service

S.S.O. General Service Training. Establishment of I.A.F. General Training School to be hastened. Priority to be given to training of instructors for this school.

General.

S.E.O. Welfare. S.E.O. to press on with arrangements for distributing MAFT allocations to I.A.F.

S.F.O. A/C Safety Equipment. S.E.O. in conjunction with C.T.O. and S.M.F.O. to arrange for fire tender at Gallarate to be allotted to an airfield in use and deficient of a fully serviceable one.

S.E.O. Tyres. S.E.O. reported that the position with regard to allocation of tyre stocks to the A.F.S.O. by 214 Group was obscure and liable to give cause for concern as effecting future requirements. Letter awaited from 214 Group clarifying position.

S.S.O. Air Sea Rescue Organisation - Italy. Overalls organisation for operating Italian A.S.R. Squadrons in Italy requires to be set out on lines of current operation instruction for Seaplanes at Venice. This ties up with future A.S.R. policy in the theatre. S.S.O. to take up with O.C. Taranto Det. and A.M.Q. Italy. Two English speaking Italians will be required at Taranto to relieve British personnel if other suitable arrangements with Air Safety Centres cannot be made.

S.I.O. Gliding. S.I.O. to look up letter written by A.O.C. to I.A.M. after his last visit to the North. Also to draft letter to I.A.M. for AOC's signature giving latest intelligence about glider construction and activity in Italy and requesting that all gliders be impounded. D.D. through the Chief Commissioner to draft letter drawing AFHQ's attention to the necessity of considering the implications of permitting gliding in the Italian Peace Terms.

D.D.

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- Inform, or Action.
19. Christmas Cards. All detachments command to inform S.E.O. of detachments requirements of A.F.S.C. Christmas Cards.
20. Fuel for H.S.Lc. O.C. Taranto Detachment to take up with S.E.O. the question of fuel shortage for H.S.Ls which has been affecting operational efficiency adversely.
21. Disbandment of 12th Fighter Squadron. O.C. Lecce Det. could not confirm the truth of I.A.H.'s statement that the 12th Fighter Squadron has already been disbanded, in lieu of the 9th Squadron which was in excess of authorized establishment of flying units. W/C. Gillson to check and report to A.F.S.C. Headquarters.
22. A.S.R. Exercises - Venice Gearlane Detachment. S.S.O. to make further investigation of S.A.S.O. (AHQ. Italy's) complaint that operations were being prejudiced by insufficient flight tests resulting from inadequate P.O.I.
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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING OF AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
HELD AT ROME ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1945.Date: 24 Sept, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/553/4/Oct

Present: A.O.C. L.E. BRODIE OBE,
D.D. BRIG. GEN. WM. L. LEE,
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A.D.D. (future) LT. COL. E. E. MAREK,
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S. E. O. W/CDR. A. E. KNOWLES,

S.S.O. G/C L. E. JARMAN, DFC,
ORG. L. S/L E. L. BRADSHAW,
C.S.O. S/L C. T. CHAPMAN,
AIR. II. MAJ. E. J. SASS,
MESO. F/LT. L. J. MITCHELL,
C.T.O. F/LT. J. W. TURNER,
O.C. LECCE DET. G/C W. C. OLLASON,
O.C. TARANTO DET. W/C V. H. CLIFT,
O.C. MILAN DET. S/L R. G. E. DIAMANT,
NAPLES DET. F/L L. G. WATKINS.

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Minute.

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2. Engine Handling, C.T.O. to take steps to get the Italian Air Ministry interested in promoting efficient engine handling among Italian pilots.

3. Keeping Air Crews Together, Officers visiting CENTOCELLE and GUIDONIA to check that SM 82 and 79 Stormos are obeying instructions to keep aircrews together as far as possible.

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7. L.A.F. MT. Recovered in N. Italy, S.E.O. to write to the Italian Air Ministry for lists of M.T. recovered in N. Italy. (Also priority of disposal list)

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10. Signals Officer for Italian General Staff, C.S.O. to take action to insist that Major Tatta (IAF) be ordered to ROME for duty as Signals Service Liaison Officer to the General Staff.

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- Camp Commandant, Camp Commandant to arrange for adequate organization to prevent files being left about in offices. Offices to be visited by duty clerk just before cease work (morning and evening), and files taken to registry unless officers wish to undertake locking them up. Offices to be inspected by Duty Officer for the week, after cease work.
- Air II, Air Firing, Permission for I.A.F. to use the range at GALIOPOLI has been requested by Air II, who is to send out appropriate instruction if permission is obtained. S.E.O. to ascertain whether Allied Stocks of S.A.A. are being destroyed, and if so make a bid on behalf of the Italian Air Force for training purposes in fighter units.
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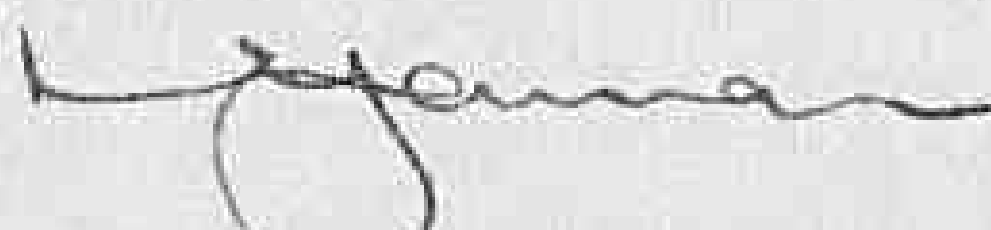
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 ITALY (.) PROGRESS OF DRIVING SCHOOL (.) PROGRESS OF C.A.V., VENICE (.)
 FITTING B.5 ON B.M.79 - 82 (.) SECURITY - FILES (.) USE OF FIGHTERS, MAIL
 AIR FIRING, NEW TYPES (.) WINTER PLAN FOR COURIERS.

W.M. BIRDAI, W/CHIEF,
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 Air Officer Commanding.

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Date : 8th September, 1945.
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MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE

Herewith Agenda for the next monthly staff conference to be held
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L. Carter
P. CARTER, F/O,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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AIR FORCE'S SUB-COMMISSIONAGENDAMONTHLY STAFF MEETING - FRIDAY 21ST SEPT. 45

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| (1) | | Recovering of M.T. in No. Italy. |
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| (3) | | Progress of C.A.V. Venice. |
| (4) | SIGNALS | Fitting B5 on SM 79 - 82. |
| (5) | INT. | Security - Files. |
| (6) | DD. | Use of Fighters |
| | | (Mail
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New types) |
| (7) | AIR 1. | Winter plan for Couriers. |

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
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AVM BRODIE	
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W/C CHANDLER	
W/C PEARCE	24/25
W/C BILDEE	24/25
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S. MED. C.	S/L B. O. F. FORT.		

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1. The A.C.C. announced that the Chief Commissioner had appointed Brigadier General MAU of A.F.C. as Deputy Director of the Rehabilitation Commission.

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2. The use of A/T was fitted in several of the Coupler aircraft
was to be checked and report submitted on the general coordination.

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3. The barrels from LATVINS were to be sent to CHENGOJAN as soon as serviceable.

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4. To arrange for a Flying Control Officer (FCO) to be attached to the Flying Control School at Llang.

Legend:

5. No report on progress of engine testing courses and submit results of initial competition was pilot school.

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6. As an airline grows big. Recruiting 12 pilots and engineers could not be found like ours, each pilot flying always with the same engineer, 1/4 operator and navigator or second pilot.

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7. On 4-20 released from North, earlier to requirements will be stored at 47 VPO DE (BUREAU) and an Airman's Holding Unit stored there. 47 VPO DE to supervisor 47 and when the 4-20, is stored.

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3. O.D.B. to check that the plans for using Pightone as mill conversions are sent to A.F.B.U. 120311, and to inform A.O.C. of I.A.B. reactions.

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D. Air II to submit plan for using 8 Bn on certain routes of Courier Service and report on need or otherwise for such fact.

16. U.S.O. to detain as officer to inspect and report on GUINILLA (as an informant) and arrange for Italian Radio and Veritas to work the ground where if necessary.

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11. Air Safety Expert to call for a progress report on the closing of nuclear bases and installation of nuclear bases for air defense.

Summary

1. The A.C.O. advised that the Chief Commissioner had appointed Brigadier General HAU of A.C.O. as Deputy Director of this sub-Commission.

2. The use of 1/2 ton fitted in several of the courier aircraft was to be checked and report submitted on the ground organization.

3. The business from LAURENTO were to be sent to COMMISSIONER as soon as serviceable.

4. To arrange for a Flying Control Officer (HAF) to be attached to the Flying Control School at LAMIA.

5. To report on progress of engine training courses and submit results of petrol consumption per pilot check.

6. To enquire from Col. Karamitris if pilots and engineers could not be found into even, each pilot flying always with the same engineer, 1/2 operator and Navigator or second pilot.

7. CR 42s returned from Malta, enquire to requirements will be required at ST VITO DI MARINO and an aircraft holding unit formed there. 1/2 Air Chief to supervise if and when the A.H.U. is formed.

8. A.C.O. to check that the planes for using Pigeons as mail couriers are sent to A.H.U.C. ITALIA, and to inform A.C.O. of 1.A.H. reactions.

9. Air II to submit plan for using 3 CRs on certain routes of Courier Service and report on need of alternatives for extra lift.

10. S.C.O. to detail an officer to inspect and report on GUDRIA airfield (as an airfield) and arrange for Italian taxis and trucks to work the ground there if necessary.

11. Air Safety Officer to call for a progress report on the fitting of safety belts and provision of paper bags for air sickness.

12. S.C.O. to discuss with Italian Air Ministry their plans for use of CR 42 aircraft. Orders to be issued that no Allied personnel are to be carried in them and 3 CRs to be used for the trips to TRINIA.

13. H.T. officer to ensure that the H.T. schools at ROMA, MILANO and GORIZIA each get a copy of his (tentative) syllabus as soon as possible.

14. MILAN is to try to obtain while coming up to air in rubber and air fire burners. A.C.O. stated there was a fire engine at MILANO. (Even German vehicles).

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ALP *Aluminum Phosphate*

15. Air Safety Council to arrange Czech party bells at COMMEMORATION and all other national, A.O.C. would transport on his visit to GERMANY in the near future.

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15. A.O.O. instructed all non P.O. Officers to consider the new Air Ministry order of Extended Service Commissions very carefully - in view of the large number of officers who, until on the rocks' after one year through being over station to be unutilised.

17. The question of the advisability of withdrawing the six Turkish H.C.O.s from PROSECUTION was discussed - Decision not made.

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ATTN: PURCHASER: MR. COLEMAN, A.G. FORM.

ATTENTION: TO AGENDA FOR STAFF MEETING 1. 1235 WEDNESDAY
12TH AUGUST 1945.

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SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

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AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.AGENDA FOR A.F.S.C. A.C. STAFF MEETING 1430 HRS WEDNESDAY
15TH AUGUST, 1945.

1. Review of recent A.F.S.C. policy towards the I.A.F.
2. Booking for Courier Flights, priorities etc.
3. I.A.F. M.T. establishments.
4. Flying Control School - Lease (Progress)
5. Administrative Course (Progress)
6. M.T. School (Progress)
7. C.A.V.s (Progress)

7th August, 1945.

S. B. Rogers
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P. L. E. JORDAN, C/COM.
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

Distribution:

All Staff Officers, ROME.

C.C. A.F.S.C. DETACHMENTS.

A.F.S. ROME.

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM - A.F. SUB-COMM (ROME)

TO: - A.F. SUB-COMM (BARI)
A.F. SUB-COMM (NAPLES.)
A.F. SUB-COMM (TARANTO)
A.F. SUB-COMM (LECCE)
A.F. SUB-COMM (MILAN)54 P.T.C. PLEASE PASS.
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C/O A.C. LOMBARDIA REGION.

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MONTHLY STAFF MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL 19TH. JULY (R) 19TH. JULY (.)

PRIORITY ROUTINE.

J.G. WHITE M/LT.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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AGENDA FOR FULL STAFF CONFERENCE TO
BE HELD AT A.F.S.C. ROME ON 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. CHAFFIN. ✓
5. Review of M.T. facilities and repair organisations in North Italy by S.I.T.O. ✓
6. Review of training policy for the I.A.F. ✓
 - (a) Aerodromes to be used. *FRS, Lignano*
 - (b) Allocation of aircraft to school.
 - (c) Flying limitations.
7. Suggestions for operating Belliniere aircraft. ✓
8. Employment of compliances - A.S.R. and Courier Services. ✓
9. Establishment of A.F.S.C. H.Q. & Detachments - (review by Squadron Leader BRADSHAW.) ✓
10. Awards to I.A.F. ✓

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I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 21st June, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/350/4/ORG.

Distribution:

AIR VICE-MARSHAL I.E. BRODIE.
GROUP CAPTAIN L.E. JAHMAN.
LT/COL. C. EGGSTAFF.
WING COMMANDER W.E. ROYCE.
WING COMMANDER G.L. HILMER.

WING COMMANDER A.H. KNOWLES.
MAJOR E.J. SASS.
WING COMMANDER T.G.N. PEARCE.
SQUADRON LEADER F.L. BRADSHAW.
SQUADRON LEADER G.T. CHAFFIN.

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. CHAFFIN.
5. Review of M.T. facilities and repair organisations in North Italy by S.W.T.O.
6. Review of training policy for the I.A.F.
 - (a) Aerodromes to be used. *FHS, etc, etc*
 - (b) Allocation of aircraft to school.
 - (c) Flying limitations.
7. Suggestions for operating Melbourne aircraft.
8. Employment of seaplanes - A.S.R. and Courier Services.
9. Establishment of A.F.I.C. H.Q. & Detachments - (review by Squadron Leader SPANGLER.)
10. Awards to I.A.F.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 21st June, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/358/4/CRC.

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IE/COI. C. EGGSSTAFF.
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WING COMMANDER W.L. HUNTER.
WING COMMANDER V.H. CLIFF.
WING COMMANDER J.H. GLADSTONE.
WING COMMANDER W.H. BISHOP.

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SQUADRON LEADER F.L. BRADSHAW.
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SQUADRON LEADER B.O.F. TOTT.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT L. MITCHELL.

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FROM:- AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, A.C. FORM.

TO:- ALL A.F.S.C. D. (CH) UNITS.

DATE:- 30th. MAY, 1945.

REF:- AFSC/373/4/CWG.

MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE.

Officers Commanding Units are to note that the Monthly Staff Conferences arranged for 1430 hours Wednesday 20th. June is postponed until 1430 hours Friday 22nd. June. This postponement is to allow Staff Officers to attend, if they wish, the Air Force Sub Commission dance at Palazzo Volpi on Saturday 3rd. June.

J. C. White

J.C. WHITE, E/LT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY A.F.S.C. STAFF CONFERENCE
HELD AT POME ON 16TH MAY 1945.

Present:

AIR VICE-MARSHAL I.E. BRODIE.
GROUP CAPTAIN L.E. FARLAN.
WING COMMANDER W.B. ROYCE.
WING COMMANDER W.L. MINNIE.
WING COMMANDER V.H. CLIFF.
WING COMMANDER J.H. GLADSTONE.
GROUP CAPTAIN W.C. OLLASON.
WING COMMANDER A.H. KNOWLES.
MAJOR E.J. SASS.
WING COMMANDER M.E. POOCK.
WING COMMANDER T.C.H. PEARCE.
SQUADRON LEADER P.L. BRADSHAW.
SQUADRON LEADER C.R. CHAFFIN.
SQUADRON LEADER B.O.F. TOTT.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT L.J. MITCHELL.

1. The move of a/c will take place shortly, and will be carried out in the following rotation:

FAVINGHOPE to LITTORIA (Possibly by S/L 82's - Italian Air Ministry to be contacted on this.)

FIGHTERS to LEOCE.

FIGHTERS FROM PROSITONE to LEOCE.

A/C and MAINTENANCE now at LEVERANO to LEOCE.

2. W/Cdr POOCK said he would arrange for a trial landing on LITTORIA airfield by a FAVORITE and report to G/Capt JAPAN. This test will take place this week. GUDONIA was suggested as an alternative to LITTORIA; A.O.C. said this is in hand (W/Cdr DUMFRIES Transport Col and later W/Cdr FISHER A.I.S.)

3. A.O.C. said courier services to the North had commenced. The Northerly extension of the Seaplane Services will start when LIE BRACILLO becomes free.

4. The fighter pilots are at present doing a little flying, and are waiting to start Admin. and Moral Leadership Courses. W/Cdr ROYCE said he would chase Fritts down concerning an Admin publication believed to be at BARI. It was decided to try and get an English speaking Italian Officer onto a Royal Air Force Admin Course, and then he would be able to act as instructor to others.

5. When the squadrons move from BIERNO, it is suggested that G/Capt. OLLASON should look after Ltn Z.A.A. at BARI, and W/Cdr. ROYCE should go North.

6. G/Capt OLLASON was requested to go ahead with the formation of a Flying Control School as soon as installations are ready. Italian Air Ministry to be told to post in certain officers as pupils. About 10 at a time can be instructed.

7. F/Lt. MITCHELL gave information of the formation of an S.A.T. Column at POE - i.e. the Italian equivalent. Premises 1 1/2 miles out of ROCE on Highway 7 have been viewed, and the Italian Air Ministry is to be approached with a view to requisitioning. There will be a small detachment of the S.A.T. Column at RIFLES

1. The move of a/c will take place shortly, and will be carried out in the following rotation:

LANDING to LITTONIA (Possibly by SH.62's - Italian Air Ministry to be contacted on this.)

RIGHTS to LEOCE.

RIGHTS from PROSPORE to LEOCE.

A/C and LITTONIA now at LITTONIA to LEOCE.

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4. The fighter pilots are at present doing a little flying, and are waiting to start Admin. and Moral Leadership Courses. W/Cdr ROYCE said he would chase UNITA down concerning an Admin publication believed to be at ERI. It was decided to try and get an English speaking Italian Officer onto a Royal Air Force Admin Course, and then he would be able to act as instructor to others.

5. When the squadrons leave from LITTONIA, it is suggested that G/Capt. OLLISON should look after 4th Z.A.A. at DANI, and W/Cdr. ROYCE should go North.

6. G/Capt OLLISON was requested to go ahead with the formation of a Flying Control School as soon as installations are ready. Italian Air Ministry to be told to post in certain officers as pupils. About 40 at a time can be instructed.

7. F/Lt. MITCHELL gave information of the formation of an S.A.T. Column at ROE - i.e. the Italian equivalent. Provides 14 miles out of ROE on Highway 7 have been viewed, and the Italian Air Ministry is to be approached with a view to requisitioning. There will be a small detachment of the S.A.T. Column at NINES and DANI, and later on, probably in the North.

8. Mechanical transport at present held at A.P.S.C. was considered inadequate. F/Lt. MITCHELL to go to NINES to ascertain the full position of transport from units which have been rolled up in recent weeks. A.P.S.C. W/T establishment when deficiencies are made up, is adequate.

9. The following are to go to the North of Italy in the near future:

WING COMMANDER GILSTONE (C.M.O.)
SQUADRON LEADER CLIFTON (S.S.C.S.O.)
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT MITCHELL (U.S.S.O.)

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10. W/Cdr HARRIS was asked to find out who is going to release material in the North. (F.I.U.'s?)
11. A copy of A.C. (Courier Service) instructions concerning indemnity of insurance of passengers to be sent to all detachments.
12. C/Capt OLLASON said he would like to get some barbed-wire with which to make a compound at LECOE; he was advised to try and get it locally through HAPI Equipment Officer.
13. C/Capt OLLASON spoke of certain damage but walls at LECOE which he would like to remain there, but which he feared might be taken down. Col. MADRICE to be asked to look into this.
14. W/Cdr. DOCK said he was getting short of e/c at PROSHORE. Replacements have been asked for from 137 M.U.
15. A.C.C. announced that the next Full Staff Conference would be held on 20th JUNE 1945.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 18th May, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/550/4/CAG.

L.E. JARVIS, C/CAPT,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

FROM:	Date:	TO	INT.	DATE
AVM. BUSCARLET BRADIE.				
G/ C. M. DEMPY JARMAN.		See	y	17/5
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LT. COL. M. BALDRIDGE				
W/CDR. A. H. KNOWLES.				17/5
MAJ. E. J. SASS.				17/5
W/CDR. T. PEARCE				
S/LDR. F. L. BRADSHAW.				
S/LDR. B. TOTT.				18/5
F/LT. MITCHELL.				21/5
S/LDR. J. WILKS				
S/LDR. B. DEMPY				
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