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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL UNITS
JAN. 1945 - JULY 1947

MAAF/4203/ALS.

Minute 1.

To:- Colonel/CTS.

1. Please see Encls. 8 and 9. Is there any possibility of M.A.C.A.F. taking over the Italian Flying Boat Base at Brindisi. In view of Encl.9., it is thought that the transfer should not take place unless it is essential.

2. Your views would be appreciated.

(C. Conroy), Squadron Leader,
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

31st. Mar. 1945.

MINUTE 2.

To: ALS.

1. Reference your Minute 1, this matter has been referred to SASO, MACAF, who states that he has no knowledge of a request being made for the Italians to vacate the Flying Boat Base at Brindisi.

2. There is no operational requirement for this Base to be vacated, and it is recommended that you refer the matter back to whoever made the original request from MACAF, and ask them to discuss it further with their SASO.

P.R. STABLEFORD,
Colonel, SAAF,
G/C Operations.

2nd April, 1945.

Minute 3. 1873

To. Aircraft Safety Section

Please see Encl 28. Will you please make the necessary enquiries & inform this Section of the results.

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one place unless it is essential.

2. Your views would be appreciated.

C. Conroy Sqn.
(C. Conroy), Squadron Leader,
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

31st. Mar. 1945.

MINUTE 2.

To: AIE.

1. Reference your Minute 1, this matter has been referred to SASC, MAAF, who states that he has no knowledge of a request being made for the Italians to vacate the Flying Boat Base at Brindisi.

2. There is no operational requirement for this Base to be vacated, and it is recommended that you refer the matter back to whoever made the original request from MAAF, and ask them to discuss it further with their SASC.

R. Hartleford
R.R. HARTLEFORD,
Colonel, SAAF,
G/C Operations.

2nd April, 1945.

Min 3. 1573

To. Aircraft Safety Section

Please see Encl 28. Will you please make the necessary enquiries & inform this Section of the results.

for A/C

C. Conroy Sqn
Allied Liaison Section.

26.6.45.

Min 4

To ~~aircraft S~~
Command marine craft officer.

Please see min 3 above and enclosure 28. I think you are more familiar with location and other details of Italian marine craft than I am. Therefore I am referring the matter to you.

a.o. Rescue officer for Sqn Ldr i/c

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M.5.

A.L.S.

Ref. Mf 3 & 4 and encl. 28. None of the craft have been under the control of H.Q. M.ACAF. I suggest you enquire from the Command Marine Officer, H.Q.M.E. as it is in his teritory.

see Enc 29

Squadron Leader.
C. Marine C.O.

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To Cm.Co.

6.

Please see Enclosure 42. If you consider this Enclosure would be better on your files, please extract it.

Chauncey. Sqn.
ALS 15.6.45.

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ALS

Reference minute 6. I have extracted 42 from this file. I assume the contents have been approved by your section.

D Walker Sq
Maint Plans.

16.6.45.

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From : NAAF Allied Force Headquarters

To : G-4 [illegible]
HQ RAF MEDAF
AFI HQ ITALY (for CIO)
Air H Italy (for Org)

Date : 31 July 1947

Ref : NAAC/4203/RAFIO

Italian Air Force Strength

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location state of the Italian Air Force as at 1 June 1947.

E.J.B. [illegible]
Wing C
Secretary
Mediterranean

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From : MAAC Allied Force Headquarters

To : G-4 MTOUSA
HQ RAF MEDME
AIR HQ ITALY (for CIC)
AIR HQ ITALY (for Org)

Date : 27 June 1947

Ref : MAAC/4203/RAFLO

Italian Air Force Strength

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location state of the Italian Air Force as at 1 June 1947.

S.J.E. Hamilton
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee

FROM :- [illegible], U.S.A., [illegible].

TO :- A.A.C.C. SECRETARIAT, C/O [illegible], LONDON.

DATE :- 23rd June, 1947.

REF. :- 429/160/3'GRO.

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength Sheets as at 1st June 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

[signature]

[illegible], USAF, [illegible]
for Air Commodore, Director
Air Forces Branch, [illegible]

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From : MAAC Allied Force Headquarters

To : HQ MTOUSA
HQ RAF MEDME
AFHQ ITALY (for CIC)
AFHQ ITALY (for Org)

Date : 11 June 1947

ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1 May 1947.

H.J.B. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
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To: [illegible]. Ref: [illegible].

Subject: [illegible]. Date: [illegible] 1947.

Please find herewith enclosed No. [illegible] Copies of the Italian Air Force Strength Scale as at 31st May 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

[illegible]
For: [illegible],
Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section.

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M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT, A.F.H.Q. LEGHORN.

AFE/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. STRENGTH STATE.

23rd MAY 1947.

Please find herewith enclosed No. 5 Copies of the Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st May 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

for A.T. NEISS, 1ST.LT.A.C.,
Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Forces Branch,A.F.H.Q.

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From : MAAF Allied Force Headquarters

To : HQ MTOUSA
HQ RAF MED/MR
AHQ ITALY (For CIO)
AHQ ITALY (For Org)

Date : 28 April 1947

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1 April 1947.

S.J.E. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee

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From : MAAC Allied Force Headquarters

To : HQ MTOUSA
HQ RAF MED/ME
AMG ITALY (For CIC)
AMG ITALY (For Org)

Date : 28 April 1947

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1 April 1947.

S.J.B. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
~~Italian Military Affairs Section~~
Air Forces ~~Sub-Section~~ Branch
APO 794

To: INTERNATIONAL ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE - SECRETARIAT LISBON.

Ref: AFH/369/3/ORG.

Subject: I.A.F. Strength State.

Date: 26th April, 1947.

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st April, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

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A. T. PEISS, Lt., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

~~Italian Military Affairs Section~~

Air Forces ~~Sub Section~~ Branch

APO 794

To: MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE - SECRETARIAT LEGHORN.

Ref: AFB/360/3/ORG.

Subject: I.A.F. Strength State.

Date: 24th April, 1947.

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st April, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. T. WEIRS, LT., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

~~Italian Military Affairs Section~~

Air Forces ~~Sub-Section~~ Branch

APO 794

To: MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE - SECRETARIAT LAMBERT.

Ref: AFB/360/3/ORG.

Subject: I.A.F. Strength State.

Date: 24th April, 1947.

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st April, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. T. MEIN, LT., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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173.

From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C.Med.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 3rd April, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1947.

(C.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. Med.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters, R.A.F., MEDI/M.E.

Date :- 3rd April, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. Med.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
(For C.I.O.)

Date :- 3rd April, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFAL3.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with A.A.C.Med.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
(For C.I.O.)

Date :- 3rd April, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C.Med.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
(For Organisation)

Date :- 3rd April, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
~~Italian Military Affairs Section~~
Air Forces ~~Sub-Section~~ Branch
APO 794

Ref: AFB/380/3/CRO.

To: E.A.A.C. Secretariat, A.H. (Rear) Caserta - ITALY.

Date: 26th March, 1947.

Subject: I.A.F. Strength State.

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st of March, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. G. SALMON, S/Ldr.,
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

Allied Liaison Section
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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 27th February, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February, 1947.

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(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters R.A.F. MEDME (Cairo), M.E.F.

Date :- 27th February, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFAIB.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy, C.M.F.
(For C.I.O.).

Date :- 27th February, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

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(S.J.R. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Headquarters, RAF Italy, C.M.F.
(For Organisation).

Date :- 27th February, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/APAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February, 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
APO 794

To: Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat, Air Headquarters (Rear) Caserta - ITALY.

Ref: IMAS/360/3/CRE./A.F.

Subject: I.A.F. Strength State.

Date: 24th February, 1947.

actioned 165, 166, 168 & 167 [illegible]

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st February, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. T. Meiss Lt.
A. T. MEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
Air Headquarters (Rear) Caserta - ITALY.

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I.A.F. Strength State.

24th February, 1947.

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2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. T. Meiss, Lt.

A. T. MEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
Air Headquarters (Rear) Caserta - ITALY.

IMAS/360/3/ORG./A.F.

I.A.F. Strength State.

24th February, 1947.

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A. T. Neins Lt.

A. T. NEINS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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LOOSE MINUTE

TO :- ORGANISATION (through AIR STAFF)

INTELLIGENCE, AIR HEADQUARTERS, ITALY, C.M.F.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st January 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND

MAAC/4203/AVAL3

27th January 1947

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat
R.A.F. Liaison Section with R.A.C. MED
A.F.H.Q., CASERTA. C.M.F

To :- Headquarters R.A.F. MEDME (Cairo)M.E.F

Date :- 27th January 1947

Ref :- MEDME/2203/[illegible]

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st January 1947.

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Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C.M.E.D.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To : Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date : 27th January 1947.

Ref. : MAAC/A203/AFAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st January 1947.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat, A,HQ (Rear),
CASERTA - ITALY.

Date : 21st January, 1947.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

Author 163, 164, 162.
See 164, 162.

I.A.F. STRENGTH STATE

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st of January, 1947.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. G. Salter, S/L

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

Allied Liaison Section
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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. HQ,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 9th January, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st December, 1946.

(B.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From :- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section,
RAF Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters R.A.F. MEDME (CAIRO) M.E.F.

Date :- 9th January, 1947.

Ref :- MEDME/4203/APAIS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st December, 1946.

(P.B.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader
RAF Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., CASERTA, C.M.F.

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LOOSE MINUTE

TO:- ORGANIZATION ALLIED (through AIR STAFF)
MEDITERRANEAN, AIR HEADQUARTERS, ITALY, R.A.F., C.M.F.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st December, 1946.

(P.J.B. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND)

MAC 6/7203/APAIS.

2th January, 1947.

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

To : H.A.A.F. Headquarters, A.M. (Rear)
CASERTA - ITALY.

Date : 3rd January, 1947.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/GEO.

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See 157, 158, 159

I.A.F. STRENGTH STATE

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st of December, 1946.

2. Please acknowledge receipt. — Done on 9/1 by Yarm 247 ← Sgt

A. G. SALMON, S/Ldr.,
WING-CDR WING MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

United Events Section
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LOOSE MINUTE

TO:- ORGANISATION ADVANCED (through AIR STAFF)
INTELLIGENCE, AIR HEADQUARTERS, ITALY, R.A.F., C.M.F.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st November, 1946.

(for E.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

MAAC/4203/APAIR.

4th December, 1946.

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From :- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. M.E.D.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters R.A.F. MEDME (CAIRO) M.E.F.

Date :- 3rd December, 1946.

Ref :- MEDME/4203/AFALS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st November, 1946.

(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C.M.E.D.
A.F.H.Q. Caserta C. M. F.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. M.A.D.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Bres.

Date :- 3rd December, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4205/AFALS.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - ORDER OF BATTLE

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/ORG dated 24th October, 1946, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of November, 1946.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. M.E.D.,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 3rd December, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/APAIR.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st November, 1946.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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See 152, 153, 154 & 155

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

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat, A.M. (Rear)
CASERTA - ITALY.

Date : 23rd November, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. STRENGTH STATE

Please find herewith enclosed Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st of November, 1946.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

for A. T. MEISS, Lt.A.C.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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TOP SECRET.

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

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
R O M E .

20th November, 1946.

AFSC/367/2/ORG.

I am sorry to worry you again, but I am afraid I misunderstood Lt/Colonel Hewitt with regard to the statement made in my letter of even reference dated 8th November, 1946, last paragraph on the first page, which I would be glad if you would delete and substitute :-

"I am informed by Lt/Colonel Hewitt (American) of G.3. Ops. at A.F.H.Q. Caserta that all concerned had begun to take an interest in the quality of the equipment being supplied the Italian Army in the same way the War Department was taking an interest in the quality of the aircraft being supplied the Italian Air Force. The United States War Department has expressed no opinion, so far as is known here (Caserta), on the Italian Army equipment nor has there been any suggestion, again in so far as is known here, of supplying the Italian Army from United States European sources."

for I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Air Commodore W.A.D. Brook, C.B.E.,
Air Ministry,
King Charles Street,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Copy to: A.V.M. Durvall, A.H.Q., R.A.F., Italy.
" " W/Cdr. Hamilton, M.A.A.C.
" " L/Col. Hewitt, G.3., A.F.H.Q.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Command Headquarters.

To:- Headquarters U.S.A.A.F.

Date:- 25th October 1946

Ref:- MAAC/A203/AF3R

ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

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(S.J.R. [illegible])
Wing Commander
Secretary To The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND

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LOOSE ATTACH

SUBJECT: ALLIED COMMISSION ADVANCED (through AIR STAFF)

Italian Air Force - Strength State

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the strength and location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st October, 1946.

(G.D.E. UNGLEBY)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

MAC/1203/AIR/1

29th October 1946

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From:- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section, [illegible] Detachment, Rear AFHQ Italy, CMF.

To:- Headquarters R.A.F. [illegible] (MALTA) M.E.F.

Date:- 29th October 1946

Ref:- [illegible]/A203/APOLS

Italian Air Force - Strength State

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st October 1946.

([illegible] WALSHAW)
Squadron Leader,
For Air Commodore Commanding
[illegible] MEDITERRANEAN, ITALY.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Command Secret Staff

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,

Date:- 27th September, 1946

Ref:- MAAC/A203/FAIS

Italian Air Force Order of Battle

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Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/GIS dated 24th October 1946, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of October 1946.,

for S.J.B. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMISSION

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

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee,
Air Headquarters Near Caserta - ITALY.

Date : 24th October, 1946.

Ref. : MAAC/360/5/OSG.

I.A.F. STRENGTH STATE

Please find enclosed herewith Italian Air Force Strength Books, as at 1st October, 1946.

Please acknowledge receipt.

A. C. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
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L. M. STRAND.

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CHIEF OF AIR STAFF.

SECRET

I. A. P. ORDER OF BATTLE
AT 29TH AUGUST, 1946.

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The attached letter from the Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome reference AFSC/360/3/Ops. dated 30th August, 1946, is forwarded for information and retention.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND.

MAAC/1205/AFALS.
27th September, 1946.

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

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee's Secretariat, A.HQ, ITALY.

Date : 30th August, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE
AT 29 AUG. 1946

FIGHTER GROUP - LECCE:

4' WING.	9' SQUADRON	73 Flight 96 Flight 97 Flight	No. of Pilots 57 Lightning A/C P.38 - - - 19 P.39 - - - 16
	10' SQUADRON	84 Flight 90 Flight 91 Flight	
5' WING	8' SQUADRON	92 Flight 93 Flight	No. of Pilots 68
	101' SQUADRON	209 Flight 239 Flight	Macchi 205 A/C - - - - - - - 25 Macchi 202 A/C - - - - - - - 16
	102' SQUADRON	203 Flight 239 Flight	
51' WING	20' SQUADRON	356 Flight 360 Flight	No. of Pilots 70
	21' SQUADRON	351 Flight 386 Flight	Spitfire 9 A/C - - - - - - - 34
	155' SQUADRON	361 Flight 378 Flight	

BOMBER AND TRANSPORT GROUP - GUIDONIA:

BALTIMORE Wing (Urbe Airfield)	132' SQUADRON	253 Flight 281 Flight	No. of Pilots and crews 29
	28' SQUADRON	13 Flight 260 Flight	Baltimore B.187 A/C - - - 24

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NIGHT WING (Guidonia Airfield)	1' SQUADRON	1 Flight 3 Flight	No. of crews 44 S.82 A/C - - - - 27
	88' SQUADRON	190 Flight 265 Flight	
TRANSPORT WING (Centocelle Airfield)	2' SQUADRON	102 Flight 103 Flight	No. of crews 55 S.73/S.75/S.79/S.83/S.84
	98' SQUADRON	240 Flight 241 Flight	S.95/G.12 A/C - - - - 40
SEA PLANE GROUP -			
	82' SQUADRON (Taranto)	139 Flight 149 Flight	No. of crews 16. Cz.506/TB - Cz.506/C - - - 7
	83' SQUADRON (Brindisi)	141 Flight 147 Flight	No. of crews 14 Cz.506 - Cz.501 - - - - - 10
	84' SQUADRON (Vigna di Valle)	140 Flight 288 Flight	No. of crews 19. Cz.506/TB - Cz.506/S - - - 8
	85' SQUADRON (Taranto)	183 Flight 287 Flight	No. of crews 11. Cz. 501 - R.S.14 - - - - -12

2. The Fighter Pilots of both Spitfire and P.38 Squadrons are now fully trained on their types. No operations have been carried out to date. The Baltimore crews are fully trained to operational standards for reconnaissance and photography. The Night Wing at Guidonia is composed of obsolescent Italian S.M.82 Aircraft, these crews are not in Night Flying practice.

3. Airfields and Sea Plane Bases:

Only Airfields and Sea-Plane Bases actually being used by the I.A.F. are shown hereunder: -

a) Those controlled by I.A.F. - Bracciano, Centocelle, Frosinone, Levarano, Monserrato, Misida, Perugia, Urbe, Taranto, (sea planes) Turin, Venice, Bologna, Brindisi, Cagliari (sea Planes), Guidonia, Lecce, Milan, Linate, Palermo, Pomigliano.

b) Allied Bases used by I.A.F.- Bari, Elmas, Trevino, Ciampino, Capodichino.

4. Training Schools:

a) Frosinone. There is a navigation school at Frosinone. Courses last for three months and are attended by 36 Officers Pilots on each course. Pupils are either navigators or pilots. The standard of training is quite good, photographic exercises and land Recce reporting are good, but D.R. navigation over the sea, square

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b) Lecce. There is a refresher flying school at Lecce, where Macchi 200 and 202 Aircraft are used. Training is on a separated primary and secondary bases.

c) Cadet College. This is a purely academic training college and is in process of moving to Florence.

5. Strength of Italian Air Force:

This is shown in the Secret Publication " Italian Military Air Force Strength State", issued by the Italian Air Ministry on the 1st of each month.

6. Fighter Aircraft Spares:

Except for breaking down of other aircraft there are no spare available for the P.38 or P.39 aircraft. The position as regards Spitfire is also very unsatisfactory. There are certain amount of spares on hand for the Italian Fighters.

7. Transport and Sea Plane Aircraft Spares:

The transport spares(apart from the Baltimore aircraft) position is normal. The Sea Plane spares position is very unsatisfactory and the majority of the machines are awaiting complete overhaul.

8. General.

Only 16 P.38s are fitted with guns, the remainder of this type being photographic reconnaissance aircraft; 14 of the Baltimore A/C have been converted to passenger carrying. Further it must be noted that since May, 1945 no operationally serviceable aircraft have been handed over to the Italians, while of the 57 Spitfire IX aircraft recently handed over it is anticipated that approximately 40 only will be made serviceable, i.e. engines and airframes. No guarantee was given as to the condition of ancillary equipment, i.e. radio gear etc. No calibrating gear has been handed over to the Italians.

9. In the event of the Italian Air Force being called on to carry out any operational roll, it is felt that from an equipment point of view they would be little or no assistance on active operations. At the present moment although re-equipping is being carried out with Spitfire aircraft, the bulk of aircraft issued have already had a long life and require considerable overhaul. For this work although the R.A.F. promised a considerable spares backing i.e. about one year's maintenance, all of which equipment was authorised for issue, and is at present being collected, we are now informed that it will almost a hundred per cent be required back by the R.A.F. within the next 2 or 3 months. This leaves the Italian Air Force with 57 aircraft all of which require overhaul, and there-

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A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

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

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee's Secretariat, A.M., ITALY.

Date : 30th August, 1946.

Ref. : AF30/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE AT 29 Aug. 1946

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Allied

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

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

Date:- 27th September, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/APAL3.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/ORG dated 23rd September, 1946, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of September, 1946.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To :- Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date:- 27th September, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/APALS.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE - STRENGTH STATE

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S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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From:- Allied Foreign Air Liaison Section, MEDME Detachment, Near AFHQ Italy, C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters R.A.F. MEDME (CAIRO) M.E.F.

Date:- 27th September, 1946.

Ref :- MEDME/1203/AFALS.

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(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Commodore Commanding,
Rear Air Headquarters Italy.

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LOOSE DRAFT

TO : ORGANISATION ADVANCED (through AIR STAFF)

Italian Air Force - Strength State

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S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND

MAAC/1203/AVALS.

27th September, 1946.

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

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat, A.HQ (Rear)
Caserta - ITALY.

Date : 23rd September, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

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STRENGTH STATE I.A.F.

Please find enclosed herewith Italian Air Force Strength Books, as at 1st September, 1946.

We await for your kind acknowledgment of receipt.

for AC Neiss Lt. MBE.
A. T. NEISS, LT., A.C.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE SECRET

FROM: MAIN XIII CORPS

TO : AFHQ INFO: AIR HQ ITALY 2 A/A BDE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: O-960 15 September 1946

Subject is AACU for 2 A/A Brigade.

Reference Air Headquarters signal AHQI/360(?)149(?)/10/5/AIR dated 10 September.

May we please be informed how this matter now stands.

ACTION: G(SD)

INFORMATION: G-3(AFHQ) ARTY SEC AIR HQ REAR MAAC

Inf. Action for

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W/C ops.
M.A.A.C.

Liaison Section
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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 24TH August 1946

Ref:- MAAC/1203/AFAIR.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/OBI dated 20th August 1946, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of August, 1946.

(S. J. B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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ADV. MSE MINUTE

ORGANIZATION (THROUGH AIR STAFF).

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st August 1946.

(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader
for(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the.
MED. ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

MAAC/4203/AVALS.
24th August 1946

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To:- Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date:- 24th August 1946

Ref:- MAAC/4203/AFALS

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Italian Air Force - Strength State.

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(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

ENCLOSURE 1

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From:- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section, MEDME Detachment, Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy, (Rear)

To:- Headquarters, R.A.F. MEDME (Cairo) M.E.F.

Date:- 24th August 1946.

Ref:- MEDME/4203/AFALS

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(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

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

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat -
AHQ, ITALY.

Date : 21st August, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

STRENGTH STATE I.A.F.

Herewith Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st August, 1946.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

Allied Control Commission
Date 28/8 4203

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From:- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section, MMAM Detachment, Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy, (Rear).

To:- Headquarters, R.A.F. MMAM (Cairo) M.E.F.

Dated:- 24th July, 1946.

Ref:- MMAM/4203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st July, 1946.

(P.S.F. WALSHLEY)
Squadron Leader
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

ENCLOSURE 1:

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To:- Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date:- 24th July, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/4203/AFAIS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st July, 1946.

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

ENCLOSURE 1.

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LOCAL MINUTE.

ORGANIZATION (TURKISH AIR STAFF).

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st July, 1946.

(P.S.P. [illegible])
Squadron Leader
for ([illegible])
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the,
MED. ALLIED AIR COMMISSION.

MAM/4233/KPAIS.
24th July, 1946.

COPY TO: BRELLINGTON.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 24th July, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle.

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/OTG. dated 20th July, 1946, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of July, 1946.

(MAXWELL FLETCHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat,
AHQ, ITALY.

Date : 20th July, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

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See 129-132

STRENGTH STATE I.A.F.

Herewith Italian Air Force Strength State as at 1st July, 1946.

2. All previous Strength States of the Italian Air Force are hereby cancelled and should be destroyed.

3. Please acknowldge receipt by return.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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FROM AIR FORCES SUB COMMISION A C ROME 181630B

TO HQ NEDME -- AHQ MALTA -- MAAC SECRETARIAT

4235 UNCLASS. ONOE SEVEN ONE NINE PD SUBJECT IS SUBSTITUTION OF RAF BY ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AT ELMAS SARDINIA PD AS FIRST STEP TO SAVING RAF MAN POWER SUGGEST ITALIAN AIR FORCE UNDER SUPERVISION OF AIRFORCES SUB COMMISION TAKE OVER ANTI MALARIAL COMMITMENT OF NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR FIVE ANTI MALARIAL FLIGHT DETACHMENT PD ITALIAN AIR FORCE ARE EQUIPPED WITH BALTIMORE AIR CRAFT ANDCAN PROVIDE GROUND AND AIRCREWS PD IF APPROVED REQUST ITALIAN AIR FORCE TAKE OVER ON LOAN THE TWO BALTIMORE S FITTED FOR SPRAYING ALSO GROUND EQUIPMENT AND SPRAY MIXTURES TO COVER CURRENT SEASONAL COMMITMENTS .....

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Command Secretariat.

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

Date:- 5th July, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/1203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle.

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/1/Gen. dated 27th June, 1946. and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of June.

Bdl.

([illegible])
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND.

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MEMO.

TO: Organisation (through Air Staff).

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st June, 1946.

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the,
HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN AIR COMMAND.

M.1801/1,203/AP.A.3.
5th July, 1946.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat

To:- Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date:- 5th July, 1946.

Ref:- MAAC/4203/AP/33.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st June, 1946.

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

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From:- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section, [illegible] Detachment, Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.

To:- Headquarters, R.A.F. M.E.T.O. (Cairo) M.E.L.F.

Date:- 5th July, 1946.

Ref:- [illegible]/4203/APAD.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st June, 1946.

(B.K. de [illegible])
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

Encl:

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat, AHQ, ITALY, C.M.F.

Date : 27th June, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE

One copy of the a/m document for the month of May has been forwarded to you under separate cover.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Allied Liaison Section
G.H.Q.
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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Forces Headquarters.

To : Air Force Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date : 25th May, 1945.

Ref : MAAF/4203/AFAIM.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle. 117

Reference is made to your AFHQ/360/3/Org., dated 21st May, 1945, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of May.

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(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES.

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TOP SECRET.

To: Demobilisation. (through Dir Staff).

Italian Air Force -- Strength Stats.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the strength and location stats of the Italian Air Force as at 1st Nov, 1946.

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(GEORGE TRUMP)
Wing Commander,
Allied Forces Air Liaison Section.

[illegible]/A20/A[illegible].
26th Nov, 1946.

Copy to: Intelligence.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To : Headquarters, N.A.T.O.A.F.S.A.

Date : 25th May, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/1203/AFAIR.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the strength and location state of the Italian Air Force as at 1st May, 1946.

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

Encl:

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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From : Air Headquarters, P.A.V. Italy (A.T.A.I.S.)

To : Headquarters, Malta, Cairo.

Date : 25th May, 1945.

Ref : [illegible]/A.205/APAIR.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st May, 1945.

~~(T.T. de TURNI)~~
~~Flight Lieutenant,~~
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, P.A.V. ITALY.

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

TO : MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT.

DATE : 21st MAY, 1946.

REF. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE.

Five copies of the a/m document for the month of April have been forwarded to your office under separate cover.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A.G. SALTER, S/LDR.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

ALLIED LIAISON
H.Q. B...
DATE ... 29/5
FILE ... 1203

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

TO : MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT.

DATE : 21st MAY, 1946.

REF. : AFSC/360/3/ORG.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

Reference your letter MAAC/4203/APALS. dated 17th May, 1946, concerning the Italian Air Force strength booklets as at 1st April, 1946.

2. The Italian Air Force strength is 22.000; the Italians working with the Allies ie British Its and American Its numbered 9.000 at the beginning of this year, these numbers are gradually being reduced as Units close down, and the correct figure as at 1st April was 5.253, making a grand total of 27.253.

3. The phrase in para 32 of the monthly Air Report "including those being paid at home" is explained as follows:

4. When the ceiling of 31.000 personnel on the active list was laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff", they did not take into consideration the Italian law which compells the Italian Air Ministry to administer approximately 11.526 inactive personnel. These personnel are being paid even though they are not in the active strength of the Italian Air Force, which in effect raises the ceiling of the Italian Air Force to a figure in excess of that laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff".

5. The Chief Commissioner has sent a letter to the Italian Prime Minister urging that legislative action be taken to abrogate the current laws and that new laws be enacted authorising the separation of surplus personnel from the Italian Air Force.

A.G. SALTER, S/LDR.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

Allied Control Section
U.S. M.A.F.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

Reference your letter MMAC/4203/APALS. dated 17th May, 1946, concerning the Italian Air Force strength booklets as at 1st April, 1946.

2. The Italian Air Force strength is 22.000; the Italians working with the Allies ie British Its and American Its numbered 9.000 at the beginning of this year, these numbers are gradually being reduced as Units close down, and the correct figure as at 1st April was 5.253, making a grand total of 27.253.

3. The phrase in para 32 of the monthly Air Report "including those being paid at home" is explained as follows:

4. When the ceiling of 31.000 personnel on the active list was laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff", they did not take into consideration the Italian law which compells the Italian Air Ministry to administer approximately 11.328 inactive personnel. These personnel are being paid even though they are not in the active strength of the Italian Air Force, which in effect raises the ceiling of the Italian Air Force to a figure in excess of that laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff".

5. The Chief Commissioner has sent a letter to the Italian Prime Minister urging that legislative action be taken to abrogate the current laws and that new laws be enacted authorising the separation of surplus personnel from the Italian Air Force.

A.G. SALTER, S/LDR.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.T.
DATE 24/5
FILE 4203

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., R.M.A.

TO : MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT.

DATE : 21st MAY, 1946.

REF. : AFSC/300 3/ORG.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

Reference your letter MAAC/4203/AFALS. dated 17th May, 1946, concerning the Italian Air Force strength booklets as at 1st April, 1946.

2. The Italian Air Force strength is 22.000; the Italians working with the Allies ie British Its and American Its numbered 9.000 at the beginning of this year, these numbers are gradually being reduced as Units close down, and the correct figure as at 1st April was 5.253, making a grand total of 27.253.

3. The phrase in para 32 of the monthly Air Report "including those being paid at home" is explained as follows:

4. When the ceiling of 51.000 personnel on the active list was laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff", they did not take into consideration the Italian law which compels the Italian Air Ministry to administer approximately 11.328 inactive personnel. These personnel are being paid even though they are not in the active strength of the Italian Air Force, which in effect raises the ceiling of the Italian Air Force to a figure in excess of that laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff".

5. The Chief Commissioner has sent a letter to the Italian Prime Minister urging that legislative action be taken to abrogate the current laws and that new laws be enacted authorising the separation of surplus personnel from the Italian Air Force.

A.G. SAUNER, S/Ldr.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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FROM : AIR FORCES COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.

TO : MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND SECRET BIG.

DATE : 21st MAY, 1946.

REF. : APRO/360 3/GEO.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

Reference your letter [illegible]/4203/[illegible], dated 17th May, 1946, concerning the Italian Air Force strength bulletin as at 1st April, 1946.

2. The Italian Air Force strength is 22,000; the Italians serving with the Allies ie British Its and American Its numbered 5,000 at the beginning of this year, those numbers are gradually being reduced as Units close down, and the correct figure as at 1st April was 5,253, making a grand total of 27,253.

3. The phrase in para 32 of the monthly air report "including those being paid at home" is explained as follows:

4. When the ceiling of 31,000 personnel on the active list was laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff", they did not take into consideration the Italian law which compels the Italian Air Ministry to administer approximately 11,328 inactive personnel. These personnel are being paid even though they are not in the active strength of the Italian Air Force, which in effect raises the ceiling of the Italian Air Force to a figure in excess of that laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff".

5. The Chief Commissioner has sent a letter to the Italian Prime Minister urging that legislative action be taken to abrogate the current law and that new laws be enacted authorising the separation of surplus personnel from the Italian Air Force.

A.C. SAUNDER, S/Ldr.
PRO AIR MOVE MOVEMENT
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES COMMISSION, A.C.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

REF. : APIC/360 3/sec.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATS.

Reference your letter [illegible]. dated 17th May, 1946, concerning the Italian Air Force strength booklets as at 1st April, 1946.

2. The Italian Air Force strength is 22.000; the Italians working with the Allies ie British Its and American Its numbered 5.000 at the beginning of this year, these numbers are gradually being reduced as units close down, and the correct figure as at 1st April was 5.253, making a grand total of 27.253.

3. The phrase in para 32 of the monthly Air Report "including those being paid at home" is explained as follows:

4. When the ceiling of 31.000 personnel in the active list was laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff", they did not take into consideration the Italian law which compels the Italian Air Ministry to administer approximately 11.328 inactive personnel. These personnel are being paid even though they are not in the active strength of the Italian Air Force, which in effect raises the ceiling of the Italian Air Force to a figure in excess of that laid down by "Combined Chiefs of Staff".

5. The Chief Commissioner has sent a letter to the Italian Prime Minister urging that legislative action be taken to abrogate the current laws and that new laws be enacted authorising the separation of surplus personnel from the Italian Air Force.

A.G. MAISTER, S/Ldr.
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR MATERIEL AND OPERATION, A.C.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

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

Date : 17th May, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/1203/AFAM.

Italian Air Force Strength State.

Your attention is drawn to your Monthly Air Report No. 10, dated 23rd April, [redacted] reference AFSC/25/1/Air, and to the I.A.F. Order of Battle booklet showing strengths and locations as at 1st April.

2. In para. 32 of the Air Report it is stated that the actual active strength of the I.A.F. is approximately 22,000 whereas in the Order of Battle booklet it is given as 27,253, a discrepancy in the region of 5,000 personnel.

3. It would be appreciated if an explanation of the variance in these figures could be given, and also the meaning of the phrase in para. 32, "including those being paid at home".

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F/Lt

on behalf of (MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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TOP SECRET

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Anti Atomic Demonstration.

Your unconfirmed signal dated 12th April, 1946 refers.

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1. You will have seen my letter [illegible] dated 16th April, 1946, to the Air Council [illegible] concerning the subject matter. Pressed to state really in which, it would appear, that they have now reached their decision, the matter has further considered this headquarters, and decided that it is irreconcilable.

2. I would be grateful if you would let us know whether [illegible] which we do take any further action.

Maxwell Fisher.

(Maxwell Fisher)
Air Commodore,
Secretary to the
[illegible] AIR COMMANDER.

[illegible]/AVIA.
26th Apr. 1946.

Copy to Chief of Air Staff.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Committee
Secretariat.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

Date : 7th May, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/4.203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force Order of Battle.

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/Ops. dated 22nd March, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of April.

B. del.

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

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MAIN SUBJECT.

(S) Orientation.
(through Air Staff).

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and intention is a copy of the strength and locati n state of the Italian Air Force as at 1st April, 1946.

Bdel

(.F. . de TOTTI)
Flight Lieutenant
for Air Commodore,
A. I.(b) (MEDIT) AND DIRECTOR MEDIT. I.

Copy for Intelligence.

MEDIT/2203/AVIAT.
7th May, 1946.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To : Headquarters, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date : 7th May, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/4203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st April, 1946.

Bdel

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

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From : Air Headquarters B.A.F. Italy.
(Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section)

To : Headquarters MEDME Cairo.

Date : 7th May, 1946.

Ref : [illegible]/4203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st April, 1946.

Bdel

(D. S. De [illegible])
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, B.A.F. ITALY.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.
To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.
Date : 29th April, 1946.
Ref : AFSC/33/Air.

TOP SECRET.

TARGET TOWING UNIT. (ITALIAN AIR FORCE)

Reference your MAAC/4203 AFALS, dated 15th April 1946, concerning the provision of Italian Cant aircraft for target-towing operations.

2. Investigations have been made by this Sub Commission on the adaptability of Italian aircraft for this work. It is thought that the Cants are not suitable, due to their unserviceability rate. Also they are not ideal for fighter co-operation activities, as they have not the necessary manoeuvrability.

3. Regarding single engine aircraft, the I.A.F. does not possess any type which can be readily adapted for target-towing.

4. We suggest the possibility of re-forming a target-towing unit similar to the one recently operated by 23 A.A.C.U.

5. It is suggested that the Vengeance aircraft formerly belonging to this unit, might be operated entirely by the Italians in the form of a mobile unit. This unit could then travel around fulfilling both Allied and Italian target-towing commitments both for anti-aircraft and fighter co-operation purposes.

6. We would appreciate your views on the possibility of such a project.

for

A. Hart F/Lt
A. HART, F/Lt,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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

To : M.A.A.C.

Date : 23rd April, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

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Acknowledge
Done 110-113
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I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE

Five copies of the a/m document for the month of March have been forwarded to your office under separate cover.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

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FILE 4203.

A. G. CARTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Top Secret

From : Mediterranean Allied Air Command Secretariat.

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

Date : 15th April, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/1203/Ops.S.

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See 106

Anti Aircraft Co-Operation.

Allied Force Headquarters have intimated to this Secretariat that there is likely to be an urgent and important need for a Target Towing Unit in the near future.

2. Wing Commander Tiedee during the telephone conversation with the Senior Air Staff Officer, A.F.C. Italy stated that should the R.A.F. be unable to provide aircraft for this flight, that the Units which are used primarily for Air Sea Rescue duties can be made available.

3. This Secretariat would like to accept this offer and would appreciate how many aircraft up to 4, you could let us have at Venice, without seriously interfering with the Air Sea Rescue commitment.

4. It would also be appreciated if these aircraft and crews could be made available within a month, bearing in mind the fact that they would have to be fully prepared to tow drogues.

Discuss with Mr
Pleas of Italian
anything transfer
on these specialists
c/4

Maxwell Fisher.
(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

Copy to C.A.A.F. AFC Italy.

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TOP SECRET.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

TO: AFAIS.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT CO-operation.

As you will remember 23 A.A.C.U. was disbanded while it was in the process of being Italianised. It was then thought that all need for such a unit had disappeared. A.F.H.Q. have now intimated that there is likely to be an urgent and important need for such a unit in the near future.

2. I have spoken to W/C Bisdee A.F.S.C. Rome, who said that if we were unable to provide aircraft with which to start another A.A.C.U., the Cants used primarily for A.S.R. could be made available for Target Towing.

3. Will you therefore please approach Bisdee officially and say that we should like to accept his offer and would he let us know how many aircraft - up to four - he could let us have at Venice without seriously interfering with the A.S.R. commitment. Also could he do this within a month - bearing in mind that the aircraft have to be fully prepared to tow drogues.

GROUP CAPTAIN.
OPERATIONS.

12 April 1946.

Allied Liaison Section
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
Date 13/4
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Ref only

From :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy, C.M.F.

To :- A.S.C. A.C. Rome.

Date :- 30th, March 1946.

Ref :- AHQI/S.3000/24/Org.

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Bdel.

I.R.A.F. - STRENGTH STATE.

Reference is made to the Italian Royal Air Force Strength State for February.

2. On Page 26 are shown:-

18 Italians	-	14 Signals Centre.
77 Italians	-	40 P.T.C. (Villa Torlonia).

3. Please amend to read :-

100 Italians under the control of No.2 Base Area detailed as follows :-

2 Officers	- 2 S.N.C.Os.	64 O.Rs.	Villa Torlonia.
	1 S.N.C.O.	24 O.Rs.	Ciampino Airfield.
		7 O.Rs.	Hotel Reale.
Total.... 2 Officers	3 S.N.C.Os.	95 O.Rs.	

United Nations
M.A.F.
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V. V. Pavlovic F/Lt.

(V.V.Pavlovic)F/Lt.
for Air Commodore,
Air Officer i/c Administation,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy

Copy to:- A.F.A.L.S.
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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

Date : 26th March, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

Read. Note this on present copies & f/c for check when next book received!

Date. B/F 26/4. Addl

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE

With reference to your MAAC/4203/AFALS, dated 11th March, 1946.

2. Your query was passed to the Italian Air Ministry who inform us that the units listed in your appendix "A" are made up of military personnel and are therefore not shown in the Italian Air Force Strength State.

3. They also stated that all units carrying the serial numbers 1 - 23 are made up of military personnel and will not be included in Italian Air Force strength returns.

Allied Liaison Section
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D. R. G. SMITH, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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From. Air Headquarters R.A.F. Italy.
(Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section)

To. Headquarters MEAME Cairo.

Date. 27th March 1946.

Ref. MXDMEF/4203/AFALS

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March 1946.

B.E. de Tonch.

B. E. de TONCH.
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS R.A.F. ITALY

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From. Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To. Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date. 27th March 1946.

Ref. MAAC/4203/AF.LS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March, 1946.

(MAXTED FISHER)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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LOOSE MINUTE

To. Organisation.
(Through Air Staff)

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st March 1946.

B.E. de Tough

B. E. de TOUGH.
Flight Lieutenant,
ALLIED & FOREIGN AIR LIAISON SECTION.

Copy to Intelligence.

27th March 1946

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From. Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To. Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission Rome.

Date. 27th March 1946.

Ref. MEMAE/4203/AFALS

Italian Air Force Order of Battle.

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/Org. dated 22nd March, and receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above document for the month of February.

LANCELL FISHER
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

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

TO : M.A.A.C.

Date : 22nd March, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

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I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE

Five copies of the a/m document for the month of February have been forwarded to your office under separate cover.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

D. H. G. SMITH, S/LDR.,
for AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

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

Date:- 11th March, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/APHLS.

Italian Air Force Strength State

Your attention is drawn to the totals of US ITI's shown in the February statement.

2. These figures have been checked with the American authorities and it was discovered that the personnel as shown at APPENDIX "A" are also employed by the Americans.

3. The February statement shows a grand total of 2323 US ITI's, but in actual fact, it would appear the figure is nearer 4200!

4. Whilst it is appreciated that the figures will have changed from the date of issue of the February statement, you will appreciate that there is a discrepancy of some 1000 bodies.

5. Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

Note See Blue book (C.K. page 21) for source of information of Appendix A

P. Maxwell Fisher

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX "A" TO LETTER FROM MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER MAAC/4.203/AFALS DATED 11th MARCH, 19

U N I T	LOCATION	ACTUAL STRENGTH OFFRS.	OR'S	N O T
1st Air Group H.Q.	BARI	13	48	
1st Air Service Company	PANTELLA	5	154	
3rd " " "	FOGGIA	6	150	
7th " " "	STORNARONE	6	125	
8th " " "	CASTEL LUCIA	4	115	
14th " " "	STIGNANOLA	6	150	
15th " " "	SAN GIOVANNI	8	137	
3rd Air Group Headquarters.	NAPLES	16	76	
2nd Air Service Company	POMIGLIANO	5	157	
4th " " "	NAPLES	5	162	
6th " " "	FUNGILA	5	131	
8th " " "	NAPLES (CAPODICHINO)	6	159	
9th " " "	CERCALI	7	151	
10th " " "	CASERTA	5	166	
16th " " "	NAPLES	5	163	
	TOTALS	102	2024	2126.

The above figures are in addition to the totals shown on page 31 of the Strength Statement for February, 1946.

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LETTER FROM MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER MAAC/4203/AFALS DATED 11th MARCH, 1946.

	LOCATION	ACTUAL STRENGTH OFFRS.	OR'S	NOTES
	BARI	15	48	
ny	PANTELLA	5	154	
	FOGGIA	6	150	
	SERRAZONI	6	125	
	CASTEL LUCIA	4	115	
	STIMATOLA	6	150	
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	CERCALI	7	151	
	CASERTA	5	166	
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Copy to Air Staff
" " A.F.I.S.

Air Force Intelligence
DATE 8/3
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INCOMING MESSAGES.

FROM HQ MTOUSA.
TO AHQ ITALY APSC ALLIED COMMISSION ROME.

O 705 6 MARCH . UNCLASS. YOUR A 839 MARCH 1 AGREE DISBAND)
MMIZ CF NO 23 AACU WITH EFFECT FROM 15 MARCH. SEE MTOUSA POSTERIOR
56908/ORG. DATED 28 FEBRUARY. SICHAL WHETHER YOU REQUIRE 2
ADDITIONAL A/C ESTABLISHED ON AHQ ITALY COMMUNICATION SQDN MAR-
CIANESE TO COVER REMAINING ARMY REQUIREMENTS.

ACTION: AIR.
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ALLIED LIAISON
H.Q. M.
DATE 7/3
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From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To :- Headquarters M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date:- 1st March, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4203/AFALS.

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Italian Air Force - Strength State

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February, 1946.

Maxwell Fisher.

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

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: A.H.Q. ITALY.
COPY: NO.23 A.A.C.U.

DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

REF: AFSC/33/AIR.

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NO.23 A.A.C.U. - OPERATIONS BASE.

With reference to my conversation with Air Vice-Marshal Fogarty and Wing Commander Fisher, it is understood that the U.S.A.T.C. Headquarters in Paris has informed the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U. through the American Commanding Officer at Ciampino that the aircraft of No.23 A.A.C.U. are to cease operating from Ciampino, and that consequently the aircraft of this Unit have been grounded pending further instructions.

2. It is understood that some time last summer an agreement was reached between the R.A.F. and American Air Force authorities at Caserta that the Flight should be withdrawn from Ciampino in about August 1945, but action was apparently not taken. The question of the move of this flight from Ciampino was not again raised until it was recently decided that the Flight should be operated by the Italian Air Force under the operational control of the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U.

3. In anticipation of a possible veto on the flying of this unit from Ciampino, action was taken by this Headquarters with the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U. for the conversion training of the Italian pilots to be done at Frosinone, but even this is now temporarily held up because the aircraft of the flight are at present not permitted to fly in and out of Ciampino to Frosinone; also the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U. has visited the only other three aerodromes around Rome which might have been suitable as an operating base, but he is not prepared to accept the responsibility at Centocelle, Littorio or Guidonia. The only other alternative aerodrome which is suitable is Frosinone, but this adds 90 miles extra to each flight; the British A.A. Batteries for whom this unit flies are situated between Ostia and Civitavecchia.

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4. There appear, therefore, to be two alternative courses of action:-

(i) To persuade the U.S.A.T.C. H.Q. in Paris that it is a military necessity for this Flight to continue to operate (as distinct from training) from Ciampino and limit the number of flights to approximately three per day.

(ii) To move No.23 A.A.C.U. to Frosinone.

5. The second alternative would appear, at this juncture, to be uneconomical because it is believed that the A.A. Batteries are likely to fold up in the near future, and, therefore, it is suggested that pressure be brought to bear on the U.S. authority to allow the Flight to continue from Ciampino until such time as the Batteries are withdrawn. In this connection we are of the opinion that Ciampino as an airfield is now less busy than it was last summer when it was agreed that the Flight should be withdrawn.

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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2. It is understood that some time last summer an agreement was reached between the R.A.F. and American Air Force authorities at Caserta that the Flight should be withdrawn from Ciampino in about August 1945, but action was apparently not taken. The question of the move of this flight from Ciampino was not again raised until it was recently decided that the Flight should be operated by the Italian Air Force under the operational control of the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U.

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(ii) To move No.23 A.A.C.U. to Frosinone.

5. The second alternative would appear, at this juncture, to be uneconomical because it is believed that the A.A. Batteries are likely to fold up in the near future, and, therefore, it is suggested that pressure be brought to bear on the U.S. authority to allow the Flight to continue from Ciampino until such time as the Batteries are withdrawn. In this connection we are of the opinion that Ciampino as an airfield is now less busy than it was last summer when it was agreed that the Flight should be withdrawn.

I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: A.H.Q. ITALY.
COPY: NO.23 A.A.C.U.

DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

REF: AFSC/33/ITY.

NO.23 A.A.C.U. - OPERATIONS BASE.

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2. It is understood that some time last summer an agreement was reached between the U.S.A.F. and American Air Force authorities at Caserta that the Flight should be withdrawn from Ciampino in about August 1945, but action was apparently not taken. The question of the move of this flight from Ciampino was not again raised until it was recently decided that the flight should be operated by the Italian Air Force under the operational control of the O.C. No.23 A.A.C.U.

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(ii) To move No.23 A.A.C.U. to Frosinone.

5. The second alternative would appear, at this juncture, to be unconvincing because it is believed that the A.A. Batteries are likely to fold up in the near future, and, therefore, it is suggested that pressure be brought to bear on the U.S. authority to allow the Flight to continue from Ciampino until such time as the Batteries are withdrawn. In this connection we are of the opinion that Ciampino as an airfield is now less busy than it was last summer when it was agreed that the Flight should be withdrawn.

(Sgd) I.E. Brodie,
Air Vice-Marshal,

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5. The second alternative would appear, at this juncture, to be uneconomical because it is believed that the A.A. Batteries are likely to fold up in the near future, and, therefore, it is suggested that pressure be brought to bear on the U.S. authority to allow the Flight to continue from Ciampino until such time as the Batteries are withdrawn. In this connection we are of the opinion that Ciampino as an airfield is now less busy than it was last summer when it was agreed that the Flight should be withdrawn.

(Sgd) I.E. Brodie,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

3 copies M.A.A.C. for information.

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FROM: AIR POWER SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: A.M.G. ITALY.
COPY: NO.23 A.A.C.U.

DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY, 1946.

REF: APSC/33/AIR.

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(Sgd) I.E. Brodie,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM: AOC, RAF ITALY. D.T.G. 01 1130A.

TO: MOMS (R) A.F.H.Q. A.O. ROME. also see 94.

A.839 (.) 1 MARCH 1946.

Ref. a by 4pr Bell

UNCLASSIFIED (.) A.F.H.Q. HAVE INFORMED THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT THE COMMITMENT FOR NO. 23 A.A.C.U. NO LONGER EXISTS (.)

PER. TWO (.) INTEND DISBANDING THAT UNIT W.E.F. 15 (R) 15 MARCH (.) REQUEST YOUR ORDER (.)

Group Captain. ROUTINE.

Ref. AA2/301/18/AIR.

Internal Distribution.

A.V.A.T.S.
GRO.
C.SUP.O.

Air Force Section
H.Q. M.T.A.F.
DATE 1/3
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Loose Minute

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TO : ORGANISATION

Italian Air Force Companies & Co-operators

1. Reference is made to the Italian Royal Air Force Strength State for February, 1946:

2. Your attention is drawn to pages Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29, as it is desired to know for what particular Royal Air Force unit, the Italians there shown are working.

3. On Page 26, it will be seen that 18 Italians are shown as employed by No. 14 Signals Centre, and a further 77 at the Villa Torlonia, whereas, it is known, that both No. 14 Signals Centre and No. 40 P.T.C. at the Villa Tortonia have been disbanded, and thus it is not understood why these figures are shown.

4. May we have your comments, please ?

P. Walmsley

(P. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader,
Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section

28th February, 1946.

MEDMF/4203/AFALS.

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.
(Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section)

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, HQRS.

Date : 28th February, 1946.

Ref : [illegible]/4203/AFALS.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Reference your AP[illegible]/360/3/Org., dated 23rd February 1946.

2. Receipt is acknowledged of five copies of the above mentioned document for the month of January 1946.

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B. del

(B.C. de [illegible])
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.
(Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Sect)

To : Headquarters, MEDME, Cairo.

Date : 28th February, 1946.

ref : MEDME/4203/AFAL.

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the Strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February 1946.

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(B. . de IONGH)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

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SECRET MINUTE.

To: Organisation, (through Air Staff)

Italian Air Force - Strength State.

Attached for your information and retention is a copy of the strength and Location State of the Italian Air Force as at 1st February, 1946.

B del.

(A. E. de [illegible])
Flight Lieutenant,
ALLIED & FOREIGN AIR LIAISON SECTION.

[illegible]/4203/[illegible].
26th February, 1946.

Copy to: Intelligence.

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

To : M. A. A. C. Sec, Canada

Date : 23rd February, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Ore.

Bdel

Please - acknowledge & distribute

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE

Five copies of the a/m document for the month of January, have been forwarded to your office under separate cover.

2. Please acknowledge receipt. Done Sec 91

	Enc.
Copies distributed to:- Air Ad. Section MTOUSA	95
H.Q Medme.	90
Org (Through Air Staff)	89
Intelligence	89
AFALS (Maxwell Field)	—

J. W. GILDAY,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

AIRFORCE LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.A.T.
DATE 26/2.
FILE 4265

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.
(A.P.A.I.S. Maine Detachment)

To : H.Q. R.A.F. MEDM/MT.

Date : 8th February, 1946.

Ref : MEDMS/4203/AP.LS.

Location of I.A.F. Units.

Attached for your information is a copy of Establishment Location of Flying Units of the I.A.F., as at 31st January, 1946.

2. Changes of Location and Establishment will be passed to you as and when they occur.

B. de I.

(B. de IONGH)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air-Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, RAF. ITALY.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

To: Organisation; Air Plans.

Location of I.A.A.F. Units.

Herewith attached for your information and retention a copy of Establishment and Location of Flying Units of the I.A.F., as at 31st January 1946.

2. Changes of Location and Establishment will be passed on to you as and when they occur.

Sgd.

(B. de Iongh)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Wing Commander,
Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section.

REDF/4203/AFAL.S.
8th February, 1946.

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

To : M.A.A.C.

Date : 4th February, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/353/Org.

See 8681, Bdel

LOCATION OF I.A.F. UNITS

Herewith three copies of Establishment and Location of Flying Units of the R.A., as at 31st January, 1946, for information.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : M.A.A.C.

Date : 30th January, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE ORDER OF BATTLE

Reference your MAAC/4203/AFALS, dated 18th January, 1946, and our AFSC/360/3/Org. dated 22nd January, 1946.

2. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Italian Air Force Order of Battle.

3. This information has been extracted from the Italian Air Force Strength State Book and is in the form of a "Family Tree".

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee - Secretariat.

Date : 22nd January, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

I.A.F. ORDER OF BATTLE

Reference your letter MAAC/4200/2/AFALS, dated 18th Jan.1946.

2. The four copies requested have been despatched to you containing the latest strength of the I.A.F.

3. Further to your MAAC/4203/AFALS, dated 18th January, 1946, in connection with the I.A.F. Order of Battle. Referring to S/L. Bradshaw's telephone conversation with Org. 4, AHQ, the information requested was for Units, Location and strengths only.

4. The I.A.F. Strength State Book is produced regularly on the 20th of each month and is promptly forwarded to your Headquarters. This Book contains a complete up to date order of battle for the I.A.F. and as stated above is amended monthly.

5. The operational units are all under the control of Units' Areas (pages 7 & 8 on January issue) and before complying with your request, it is pointed out that such amendments are more often that not a month old before they could reach your H.Q., and as the book is issued promptly, it is felt that in this, there is more accurate and up to date information.

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Command Secretariat.

To : Air Ground Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date : 30th January, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/4203/AGS. on 4203/9/Ops

I. O. B. - Order of Battle.

Reference is made to your letter AGSC/360/3/Ops., dated 22nd January 1946. Telephone conversation between W/Cdr Glades, G/Capt Bradshaw and the writer hereof also refers, and the instructions contained in this Section's letter reference MAAC/4203/2/AGSIB, dated 18th January 1946, are to be put into operation forthwith.

(E. W. L. [illegible])
Squadron Leader,
for Air Commodore,
Secretary to the
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMAND

Copy on: MAAC/4203/2/AGSIB.

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From:- Allied and Foreign Air Liaison Section,
MMAC Detachment, Air Headquarters ITALY.

To :- Headquarters MMAC, Cairo.

Date:- 28th January, 1946.

Ref :- MMAC/1200/1/A.F.L.A.

A.F.L.A. Monthly Air Reports and Italian
Air Force Strength & Location Statements

Reference is made to this Section's letter MMAC/1200/1/A.F.L.A dated 15th January, 1946.

2. Herewith Monthly Air Reports Nos. 21 - 37 (September 1944 to December 1945) with the exception of No. 31 - already forwarded to you, and No. 33 for the month of September 1945, which will be forwarded to you in due course. It will be noted that the next month (October) is numbered 35. This was due to an error in typing.

3. Prior to September 1944, no extra copies of Air Reports were made by the Air Forces Sub-Commission, on the instructions of Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, then Air Officer Commanding.

4. With reference to Para. 3 of this Section's above quoted letter, herewith copies of the I.A.F. Strength and Location Statement for October, November and December, 1945.

(P. WALKELEY)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Headquarters ITALY.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

TO : ORGANISATION (THROUGH AIR STAFF)

81

Strength and Location - I.A.F.

Herewith attached is a copy of the above-mentioned return as at 1st January, 1946.

2. All operational units are given on pages 7 & 8, under "Units Areas".

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(P. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader.
for Wing Commander.
Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section.

MEMOYB/4203/AFALS.
26th January, 1946.

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From : Air Headquarters, Italy, (Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section, MAAF Detachment)

To : Headquarters, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, United States Army.
Headquarters, Mediterranean & Middle East Command, G.H.Q.

Date : 26th January, 1946.

Ref : MTOUSA/A203/AHALS.

Strength and Location - I.A.F.

Herewith attached for your information is one copy of the Italian Air Ministry's monthly strength statement for the month of January, 1946.

2. All operational units are given on pages 7 & 8 , under "Units' Areas".

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(P. SADLEIR)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Headquarters, Italy.

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

To : M.A.A.C. - CASERTA. 4 copies
AHQ, 'Int. Section'. 1 copy

Date : 21st January, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

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Original forwarded to - [illegible] See 79780 [illegible]

STRENGTH AND LOCATION STATE - I.A.F.

Enclosed are copies of the strength and location state of the Italian Air Force as at January, 1st, 1946.

2. All operational units are given on pages 7 & 8, under "Unita' Aerea".

AFSC told to send all 5 copies. Item for distribution [illegible]

F. L. Bradshaw.
F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
ADTE 24/1
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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : M.A.A.C.

Date : 18th January, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

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STRENGTH AND LOCATION I.A.F.

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Your letter MAAC/4203/ALS, dated Jan. 16, is acknowledged, and henceforth four copies of the IAF strength return will be sent as requested.

2. The copies for October, November, December are being forwarded under separate cover.

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F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
ADMIN 23/F
FILE 1223

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From:- Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.

To:- 23 A.A.C.U.
Copy to :- 149 Staging Post.
249 Wing.
2 Base Area.
Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.

Date:- 15th January 1946.

Ref:- AHQI/S.3001/79/1/ORG.

INTERVENTION - 23 A.A.C.U.

In order to save British manpower it has been agreed that the personnel of 23 A.A.C.U. are to be replaced by Italians. The unit will remain an R.A.F. unit and will be supplied from R.A.F. sources with P.O.L. and all necessary spares and equipment. An Equipment Officer and an R.A.F. G.D. Officer will remain with the unit for liaison purposes and to supervise and instruct the Italians.

2. Accommodation for the Italians is to be arranged in conjunction with O.C. 149 Staging Post and the Air Forces Sub Commission.

3. You are to notify this Headquarters expeditiously any British personnel become available for disposal.

AIR COMMODORE,
AIR OFFICER I/C ADMINISTRATION,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

Internal :-

S.P.S.O.
A.L.S.
AIR STAFF.
S.E.S.O.
S.ENG.S.O.

ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. N.A.A.F.
DATE 17/1
FILE 865

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee. Secretariat.

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

Date : 18th January, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/4203/AFALS.

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Strength & Location and Order of Battle

Reference is made to your AFSC/360/3/Org dated 27th October, 1945, the contents of which are noted.

2. It has today been noticed by the writer hereof that no reply was ever made to your letter.

3. Whilst it is agreed this publication is a useful one it cannot be agreed that the returns made in connection with the Order of Battle can be terminated.

4. You are requested therefore, to continue to furnish particulars of any change in Italian Air Force Order of Battle as before (your AFSC/353/Org refers)

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander.
Secretary to The
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.

Copy to : File MAAC/4200/2/AFALS.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

From : Air Headquarters, Italy, (Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section MEI/MS Detachment)

To : Headquarters, MEI/MS Cairo.

Date : 15th January, 1946.

Ref : MEUMF/4200/1/ALS.

Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
Monthly Air Reports.

With reference to your letter S.74864/AFALS. dated 2nd January, 1946 forwarded herewith is a copy of Report No. 31 - July 1945, which is the only spare copy to hand.

2. A request has been made to Air Forces Sub-Commission for whatever copies they can supply which will be forwarded when received.

3. With regard to your request per paragraph 3 thereof the Air Forces Sub-Commission have now arranged for the Italian Air Ministry to publish a location and strength report monthly as from October 1945 and back copies of this and all future copies will be sent to you as a normal distribution.

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(F. W. E. WARD.)
Squadron Leader.
for Air Vice-Marshal.
Air Officer Commanding.
Air Headquarters, Italy.

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Copy to File MeSme/4203/ALS.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date : 16th January, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/4203/AIS

Strength and Location - I.A.F.

With further reference to this Secretariat's letter of even referencedated 2nd January 1946, it is now requested a further copy of this statement be sent in future (making four copies in all) for disposal to A.F.A.L.C. Headquarters, MED/ME Cairo.

2. Please forward one copy for October, November and December 1945.

Maxwell Fisher.

(MAXWELL FISHER)
Wing Commander.
Secretary to The
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.

Copy to File MAAC/4200/1/AIS.

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY (Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section MEDMEC Detachment)

To : Headquarters, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, United States Army.

Date : 12th January, 1946.

Ref : MEDMEC/4200/ALS.

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Strength and Location. I.A.F.

Herewith attached for your information is one copy of the Italian Air Ministry's monthly strength statement for the month of December.

(F.W.E.WARD)
Squadron Leader.
For Air Commodore.
Senior Air Staff Officer.
Air Headquarters, ITALY.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

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TO : ORGANISATION.

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Strength and Location - I.A.F.

Herewith attached is a copy of the above-mentioned return as at 1st November, 1945 for your information and retention.

(F.W.E. WARD)
Squadron Leader.
Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section.

MOD(R)/4203/ALS
12th January 1946.

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

To : M.A.A.C.

Date : 7th January, 1946.

Ref. : AFSC/360/3/Org.

STRENGTH FIGURES - I.A.F.

1. In reply to your letter MAAC/4203/ALS, dated 2nd January, the request contained therein is noted.

2. The additional copies for Nov.Dec. are being sent as requested.

to Org

to MAAC/A

F. L. Bradshaw

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

H.Q. M.A.A.F.
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LOOSE MINUTE. SECRET.

To : AIR STAFF.
ORGANIZATION.

Strength and Location. - I.A.F.

Herewith attached is a copy of the above-mentioned return as at 1st December, 1945 for your information and retention by Organization Branch.

(F.W.B.WALL)
Squadron Leader.
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

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2nd January 1946.

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Commit Secretariat.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date : 2nd January, 1946.

Ref : MAAC/1420/3/AIS

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Strength and Location - I.A.F.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/360/3/Org dated 27th October 1945 and it is requested that in future three (3) three copies of the statement be sent to this Secretariat for disposal as follows:-

1 Copy - H.Q. MTOUSA
1 Copy - M.A.A.C. Secretariat
1 Copy - A.H.Q. ITALY - various and final retention of Organisation.

2. It is requested copies be sent by return as under:-

1 Copy of return for November.
1 Copy of return for December.

(MAXWELL FERRIER)
Wing Commander,
Secretary to The
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.

Noted for Org
Noted for M.T.O.U.S.A.

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From :- Allied Liaison Section, Air Headquarters, R.A.F., ITALY.

To :- Air Advisory Section, M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 22nd. November, 1945.

Ref :- PEMS/4203/AIS.

STRENGTH AND LOCATION - I.A.F.

Herewith attached for your information is one copy of the Italian Air Ministry's monthly strength statement:-

ITALIAN ROYAL AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

(P. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader.
For Air Commodore,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

DATE : 8TH NOVEMBER 1945

REF. : AFSC/48/AIR

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DISPOSITION OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE FLYING UNITS

Confirming conversation between A.O.C. and Senior Staff Officer of A.F.S.C. and A.C.A.S. Italian Air Ministry on 6th November 1945 the following decisions were made:

(a) The Refresher Flying School formerly at Leverano to remain at Lecce through the winter;

(b) The Light Bomber O.T.U. at Frosinone to remain at its present location through the winter;

(c) I.A.F. General Service School to be established at Frosinone with minimum delay;

(d) Plans for establishing the Aircraft Holding Unit at Gioia to be made. Target date 20 Nov. A.F.S.C. expects to be able to give the executive permission for occupation about 10th November.

Awaiting information on this are file W.O. 3/11 and 14/5 (Pro) 16/11

W.M. Bisdee W/Cdr

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

Copies No. 3 to : M.A.A.C. for information
SECRETARIAT,
Caserta

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Liaison Section
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
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From :- Allied Liaison Section,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

To :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy (Org. 3.)
Air Advisory Section M.T.O.U.S.A.

Date :- 5th November, 1945.

Ref. :- MRDEB/L203/AIR.

STRENGTH AND LOCATION - I.A.F.

Herewith attached for your information is one copy of the first issue of the Italian Air Ministry's monthly strength statement :-

ITALIAN ROYAL AIR FORCE STRENGTH STATE.

2. This publication will in future be produced on the 20th of each month.

B.E. de Iongh.

(B.E. de IONGH)
Flying Officer,
for Air Commodore,
Senior Air Staff Officer,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

To : A.L.S. M.A.A.C., Caserta

Date : 27th October 1945

Ref : AFSC/360/1/Org

S E C R E T

STRENGTH AND LOCATION - I.A.F.

1. At the suggestion of this Sub Commission, the Italian Air Ministry is now producing monthly a strength statement, of which ~~three~~ Two copies of the first issue are included.

2. These will be produced in future on the 20th of the month, and it is suggested that this publication could will replace the previous Order of Battle, for which changes are advised to you from time to time, by duplicate postagram.

3. Your agreement to this is requested.

4. Certain obvious printers' errors in spelling will be corrected in the next issue.

ALLIED LIAISON
H.Q. M.A.A.C.
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F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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Loose Minute

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TO : C.I.O.

J.I.C. STANDING ASSOCIATION OF ITALY

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1. Reference is made to your Loose Minute MEDIT/S.6061/1/Int dated 23rd October, 1945.

2. Forwarded in file MEDIT/4200/1/AIS on which, as Enclosure 3 you will find the latest report received from the Air Forces Sub-Commission which will give you a full picture of the Italian Air Force.

See 4200/1

(N. W. WARD)
Squadron Leader,
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

24th October, 1945.

MEDIT/4203/AIS.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

Send on last air report

To : A.L.S.

It is proposed by the Joint Intelligence Committee to bring up to date the J.I.C. Standing Appreciation on Italy.

To assist in the preparation of our draft, which is required by 26th October for inclusion in the above, it will be appreciated if your Section could provide the latest detailed Order of Battle, with locations, of the Italian Air Force, together with a general estimate of capabilities, offensively and defensively, if any.

B.H. Erhard

B.H. Erhard,
for Wing Commander,
Senior Intelligence Officer,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F. ITALY.

23rd October 1945.
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Loose Minute

TO : C.I.O.

1. Reference is made to your Loose Minute MEDME/S.6861/1/INT dated 15th August, 1945.

2. Attached is the latest report received from the A.F.S.C. which will give you a full and up to date picture of the Italian Air Force, this copy may be retained by you if it is needed.

3. As far as the R.H.A.F. is concerned, the latest progress report report is to be found in the accompanying file (MEDME/4110/ALS) at Enclosure 20. Will you kindly return this file as soon as possible.

(C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader,
for Group Captain,
Allied Liaison Section.

18th August, 1945.

MEDME/1203/ALS.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

To: A.I.2.

At the last Meeting of the Joint Intelligence Committee (Allied Force) it was decided to maintain a standing Intelligence Appreciation covering all countries within SACMED'S responsibilities.

2. To assist in the preparation of our Air Intelligence paper as directed, it will be appreciated if your Section could provide the detailed Order of Battle, with locations, of the Italian and Greek air forces, together with a general estimate of their capabilities, both offensively and defensively (if any).

3. May this matter be treated as urgent, please.

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D.J. WISEMAN, Wing Commander,
for Air Commodore,
Chief Intelligence Officer.

15th August, 1945.

MEDME/S.6861/1 /INT.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME. UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS MEDME. ROUTINE

U.595 UNCLASSIFIED - ROUTINE 14th August, 1945

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YOUR T.365 JULY refers (.)

MONACO visited by Engineer Officer who was unable to locate aerodrome(.)

Monaco Police state no aircraft located in district(.)

Request further details(.)

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4203/AIS (C. CONROY) SQUADRON LEADER.

C Conroy Sq. Ldr.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES

MSG STR NO: DATE: 13 AUG 45

PRECEDENCE: --- SECURITY: UNCL.

TO: MEDME

FROM: 87 GROUP
MSG ORIGINATING CITE: Q 167 13/8

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UNCLASSIFIED :

REFERENCE HQ MAAF SIGNAL U505 DATED 9 JULY MONACO VISITED BY ENGINEER OFFICER WHO WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE AERODROME. MONACO POLICE STATE NO AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN DISTRICT. REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES

MSG CTR NO:

DATE: 13/8

PRESEDENCE: KKK/MXM

SECURITY:

TO: AAF/MTO (ATTN A-5) (R) RAF MEDME (FOR INFO)

FROM: A.F. SUB COMM (ROME)
WHEN ANSWERING CITE: A.574 13TH AUGUST

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UNDERSTAND GUIDONIA WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR OCCUPANCY BY I.A.F. AS AUTHORISED IN LETTER MAAF/4203/ALS. REQUEST PERMISSION COORDINATE DATE AND EXTENT OF OCCUPANCY WITH M.A.T.S. BASE COMMANDER.

ACTION: A.L.S.
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TOO: 131045B
TOR: 131715B

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TO A.F.S.C. MILAN FOR A.V.M. BRODIE 146 S.P. PASS (R) HQ. MAAF A.L.S.

FROM: ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME.

WHEN ANSWERING CITE A. 427 15/7

SECRET: REFERENCE YOUR A. 358 13/7.

ASSURED A.S.C. WILL BE AT BOLOGNA (ITALY).

DISCUSSION IN PROGRESS AT HQ. M.A.A.F. RE. THE ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ POSITIONING OF SUPERIOR FORMATION (AREA CONTROL) AT MILAN/LINATE. NOT POSSIBLE FOR C.A.V. TO UNDERTAKE FUNCTIONS OF AREA CONTROL NOR AT PRESENT OF A.S.C.

ACTION:- AIR STAFF.
INFO:- A.L.S.

NOTE. ~~A. 358 RECEIVED FROM 146 S.POST - NOT TO A.L.S.~~

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HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

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DATE: 11/7/43.

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT.

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TO: BR.UNPARA. CY.
HQ MAAF ALS.,AFSC ROME.

FROM: AFSC MILAN.

WHEN ANSWERING CITE:

A.358. JULY 13.

FROM A/V/M/ BRODIE.

UNDERSTAND COMPLETE RAF ASC WILL BE MOVED IN TO 1|6 SP MILAN, - IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL STAGING POST SIGNALS AND METEOROLOGICAL SECTIONS 249 WING SIGNAL A 231 OF 14TH JUNE TO HQ MAAF REFERS.AFSC HAS PLANNED TO PLACE AN ITALIAN CAV WHICH IS (CORRUPT GROUP) SIMILAR? TO RAF ASC. ITALIAN CAV'S WERE IN FULLY EFFICIENT OPERATION AT MILAN AND ELSEWHERE COVERING ALL ITALY BEFORE THE WAR.THERE APPEARS TO BE (CORRUPT GROUP) OVERLAPPING.SUGGEST ITALIAN CAV MOVE IN TO MILAN AND RAF ASC BE DELETED IN ORDER TO SAVE RAF MANPOWER AND SAME APPLIED (END OF PART 1 PART 2 FOLLOWS)

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ACTION. ~~ALS.~~ OPS

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, MOMF.

Date:- 14th July, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/AS.

GUIDONIA AIRFIELD.

1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/22/AIR dated 10th July, 1945.

2. It is the intention to de-requisition the above-named airfield, and it will, eventually be handed over to the Italians, meanwhile it has been assigned to the AAFSC/MTO.

3. Authority is given for the Italian Air Force to have Lodge Status during the period pending requisitioning action.

(C. CONNOY)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF.MedMF.

Copy to Organisation 1. (for inform)

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF SERVICE COMMAND, MTO, APO 528 12 JUL 1945

THRU: Commanding General, AAF/MTO, APO 650

TO: C-in-C, MAAF, CMT
(Attn: Squadron Leader C. Conroy)

1. This headquarters concurs in the use of Guidonia Airfield by the Italian Air Force during the period pending derequisitioning action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

G. R. Browne
G. R. BROWNE
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F. A.L.S.

DATE: 10TH JULY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/22/AIR.

GUIDONIA AIRFIELD.

It is believed that the American, and possibly British, Glider Units now stationed on Guidonia airfield will shortly be withdrawn, and that the airfield will, therefore, become vacant if it is not required for some other Allied purpose. It is requested that consideration be given to the aerodrome being derequisitioned when it is finished with, and handing it over to the Italian Air Force.

2. It was, before the war, the Experimental Establishment (equivalent to R.A.E. Farnborough,) and it had permanent buildings, although now most of them are destroyed, and the landing ground is said to remain fit practically throughout the Winter, whereas the landing grounds at LITTORIA and CENTOCELLE which are now occupied by Transport Italian Units, become unserviceable fairly often.

3. It is not intended at this moment to suggest any long-term policy as regards the aerodromes to be used by the Italians around ROME, although this might well have to be determined in September, and the decision will depend on the amount of air traffic and policy at CIAMPINO.

4. Your early approval is, however, requested to allow of an Italian Air Force guard being placed on GUIDONIA airfield at a very early date in order to safe-guard the buildings that have been renovated against the depredations which are to be expected when the Allied Units move out; on this matter COL. TOWERS the C.O. of the American Glider Unit is in favour of having Italian guards provided.

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

What on earth is he talking about?
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See Amf Sub SS

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From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.

Date :--11th. ~~May~~ July, 1945.

Ref :- MAAF/1696/ORG. Enc: SECRET.

Establishment of Italian Air Force.

1. With reference to your letter AMC/351/ORG: dated 23rd. June, 1945, the Chief of Staff of this Headquarters has ruled that no further assistance is to be given by this Headquarters to the Italian Air Ministry in the preparation of establishments for the Italian Air Force until its policy regarding organisation and employment is settled.

2. The opportunity is taken to request that the Order of Battle of the Italian Air Force submitted by the Air Forces Sub-Commission to this Headquarters should be submitted in English so that the changes in organisation can be more easily recognised. As a guide an old copy of a Desert Air Force Order of Battle (Serial No. 20 dated 31st. May, 1945 (copy No. 2)) is enclosed herewith. This has been down-graded to secret, but should not in any way be communicated to the Italian Air Ministry, and it is requested that its receipt may now be acknowledged and that it may be returned to this Headquarters as soon as possible.

3. With regard to paragraph 2 of your letter, to facilitate the appreciation of Italian Air Force establishments, it would have been necessary to peruse a similar organisation chart which, in addition, would have needed to show the maintenance organisation and various administrative headquarters, e.g., ZAPS, supporting the operational Units. For instance, in the Desert Air Force Order of Battle one can roughly assess the size of the Air Stores Parks, appreciating the ranges and numbers of aircraft that they serve. Similarly, the Order of Battle of the Italian Air Force, if required for review of establishments as a whole, would need to show the various maintenance Units and their commitments.

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for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer i/c. Administration,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

Copy to :- A. I. 3.
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S.H.A.E.F. (Air Components) FRANCE

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HEADQUARTERS MA.A.F.

ROUTINE.

U.505 UNCLASSIFIED - ROUTINE. 9 July 1945

Unconfirmed reports state 3 FIAT G.12 aircraft at MONACO AERODROME(.)

2. Request you confirm or otherwise and inform us of the serviceability of aircraft.

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A.I.S.

4203/ALS (C. CONROY) Squadron Leader.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

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MSG CTR NO. 94512 DATE: 3 JULY 45

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE SECURITY: ---

TO: ALLIED LIAISON SECTION MAAF

FROM: AFSC ROME
WHEN ANSWERING CITE: T.365 TOO 021200B JULY 1945.

UNCLASSIFIED: UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE 3 FIAT G-12 AIRCRAFT AT MONACO AERODROME. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OR OTHERWISE BE OBTAINED FROM SHAEF.

Ebo

3 copies

S/L Cooper - Immediate attn #512

G/C confirmed

Are we to buy the Fiat G-12 for the Italian A/C for the Italian Air Force

ACTION - ALS

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- AAFSC/MTO.
(copy to : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome)

Date:- 4th July, 1945.

Ref :- MAAF/4203/ALS.

OPERATING BASE FOR SM.82 AIRCRAFT OF No. 1 SQUADRON OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

It is understood that Guidonia Airfield, when de-requisitioned, will be passed over to the Italian Air Force.

2. Meanwhile, it is requested that lodger status be given to the Italian Air Force on Guidonia Airfield.

(C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff RAF /MeAM.

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

TO : HQ. M.A.A.F. C.M.F. (Attention A.I.3.)

DATE: 26th June, 1945.

REF : AFSC/42/1/Air.

AIRCRAFT SAFETY I.A.F.

Reference is made to the Interim Report on Italian Air-Sea Rescue forwarded under cover of our AFSC/41/Air dated 16th June, 1945.

In this report, there are statements which are not quite accurate and the corrections are listed below.

Para. 3. Centrale Assistenza Volo (CAV) Brindisi.

The flying assistance centre at Brindisi is not in full operation because it has no satellite HF. D/F station reporting to it. Investigations are proceeding at this moment in an endeavour to obtain the full C.A.V. organisation.

Para 6 (a) This is a dawn to dusk watch, not 24 hours.

Para 6 (c) (iii) Tests made with the I.A.F. R65 and R30 were satisfactory. This equipment is suitable for flying control work.

Para 6 (f) Allied Radio Aids are used by Italian aircraft. Appendices E and F of the Regia Aeronautica Signals Instruction are devoted to Allied Aids.

Where possible, work on the recommendations given on Page 3 is in hand.

L.E. Jarman

L.E. JARMAN, G/CAPT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters MAAF CMF.

To:- AAF/MTO, Allied Force Headquarters.

Date:- 25th. June, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/A.S.

Operating Base for SM 82 Aircraft of
No.1. Squadron, I.A.F.

1. It is considered that the location of the above Squadron, at Lecce, is uneconomical, now that there is considerable traffic for heavy freight to and from North Italy, and it is proposed to move it to the Rome area. The most suitable airfield would be Guidonia.

2. As it is understood that the American Glider Unit at this airfield is departing, your authority for its release to the Italian Air Force would be appreciated.

(H. R. McLaren Reid),
Group Captain,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF, MedMR.

Copy to:- D/D. Ops. MAAF.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME

TO : HQ. N.A.A.F. (Attention of AIS)

DATE : 25th JUNE 1945

REF. : AFSC/22/AIR

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OPERATING BASE FOR SM 82 AIRCRAFT

Savoia Marchetti 82 aircraft of No.1 Squadron I.A.F. operate from Lecce. The location of this Unit, now that there is considerable traffic for heavy freight to and from North Italy is uneconomical and it is proposed to locate them in the Rome area.

2. The most suitable airfield, for supervision and for accomodation, is Guidonia; it is understood that the American glider Unit, now in occupation is leaving; and your authority for its release to the I.A.F. is requested.

3. If this authority is given the move will take place when the S.I.A. firm at Milan is able to undertake major overhauls of SM 82 aircraft, probably in about three weeks time.

L.E. Jarman

L.E. JARMAN G/CAPT
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters RAF CMF.

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

Date:- 23rd. June, 1945.

Ref:- RAF/4203/AIR.

Italian Aircraft - Camouflage.

1. Reference is made to your letter AFS:/48/Air dated 20th. June, 1945.

2. There is no objection from this Headquarters to the proposal that Italian aircraft should be re-doped with aluminium dope.

(C. Conroy),
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF, MedME.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME

TO : M.A.A.F. F.A.F. C.M.F.
Attention A.I.3.

DATE : 20th JUNE 1945

REF. : AFSC/4P/AIR

ITALIAN AIRCRAFT - CAMOUFLAGE.

All Italian aircraft are camouflaged a mottled green finish and marked to war time standards.

2. It is requested that these aircraft, particularly those used on the courier services be re-doped with an aluminium dope when they are returned to the depot for major overhauls.

3. Aircraft now in a partially complete stage in the Northern factories should be treated in a similar manner.

4. This will facilitate identification and render Italian aircraft more conspicuous when flying in the aerodrome circuit and when on the ground.

5. Aluminium dope from Italian sources only will be used.

L.S. JARMAN G/CAPT,
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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OPERATIONAL MESSAGE
US NAVY

TO: Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.S. (M.T.O. (Z) NAVAF
Naples, US NAVAF

A 65N SECRET 19 June, 1945.

Your S 8 dated June 15 refers (.) No objection to your amending original NAVAF Instructions for Italian Air Force except that these instructions are out of order, and no further editions are being published in view of no need NAVAF commitments (.)

Para 2 (.) Bulk of information in original NAVAF Instructions has been incorporated in latest edition of AMG Guide (.) Letter Instructions will form the basis of future air and rescue commitments in the Mediterranean (.) A copy of the new Guide is being airmailed forthwith (.) Amendments will also be forwarded shortly, meanwhile, requests per Italian Air Force Ordnance in Italy will control and are extended in Central Mediterranean in the future (.)

REFERENCE: LANGLEY (.)

T.A. DRUMMOND WING.,
Air Force's Secretary

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US Secretary (2)
U.K. CCS
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✓ Allied Control Commission

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 12th. June, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/ALS.

Recovery of Marine Craft of the Italian Seaplane Wing.

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1. With reference to your letter AFSC/27/AIR dated 22nd. May, 1945, information has been received from Headquarters RAF Middle East vide their letter S.57620/MARINE dated 7th. June, 1945, to the effect that the only craft known in that Command is HSL Rama No.1622, which has been renamed H.S.9., at the authority of Air Ministry.

2. The above mentioned craft is at present unserviceable without said, but will be serviceable within the next month, after which you will be given further instructions as regards disposal.

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(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF, Medme.

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From:- Headquarters, Royal Air Force, Middle East.

To:- Headquarters, M.A.A.F. G.A.F.

Date:- 7th June, 1945.

Ref:- S.57020/RAFME

JUN 1945

Recovery of marine craft of the Italian Seaplane Unit.

Reference your letter [illegible], and dated 26th May, 1945.

2. The only craft known in this command is I.S.U. Zona No.1022 which has been remarked M.A. 9 by authority of Air Ministry.

3. The above mentioned craft is at present unserviceable at Port Said, but will be serviceable with the next month, after which it will be available for your disposal.

W. Morell
A. F. MORELL,
Wing Commander,
For Air Marshal,
Commanding-in-Chief,
R.A.F., Middle East.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 10th. June, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/ALS.

Reggio Calabria Airfield.

1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/22/AIR dated 25th. May, 1945.

2. AFHQ have intimated there is no intention, on their part, to use this airfield for a German P.W. Camp, and it is also stated that there are no operational requirements thereto.

3. Permission can, therefore, be given for the use of this airfield as an emergency landing ground.

(F. WARD),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/MAAF, MEDME.

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MAAF/S.44/1/ IN.

	To	From		
1.	A-4 & Allie Liaison Section. In Turn.	MAAF Ops.	7 June. '45.	1. Referring to your loose minute of 3rd. June. enclosure 2/A, our records do not disclose that Reggio Calabria Airfield was ever assigned by this H.Q.. 2. There is no operational requirements for subject airfield.

(SIGNED)
T.C. DARCY,
Brigadier General USA.
Director of Operations.
and Intelligence.

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2. ~~Allied Liaison A-4. Section.~~

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2.	Allied Liaison Section	A-4	8/June	Forwarded.

MILTON M. TURNER,
Colonel, GSC,
Asst C/S, A-4.

Inclosure: File, Italian Air Force, Utilization of, Part III

3.	D.D.Ops.	Allied Liaison Section.	10 June.	1. Thank you. I will now inform Air Forces Sub Commission that there is no objection to their use of Reggio Calabria airfield as an emergency landing strip.

(F. WARD),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Group Captain.
Allied Liaison Section.

MAAF/4201/LS.

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Loose Minute.

To:- Organisation.

Order of Battle.

1. Reference is made to your loose minute M.O.P/1643/1/ORC dated 6th. June, 1945.

2. The I.A.F. Squadrons enumerated in para.1. should be shown in the Order of Battle as coming under the Operational Control of the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and the Administrative Control of the I.A.F.

3. The Seaplane Squadrons will for the time being remain under the Operational Control of H.Q. M.A.C.S.F. and the Administrative Control of the Italian Air Force.

4. The future policy of all the I.A.F. Squadrons is still under review.

(P. WARD),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Group Captain,
Allied Liaison Section.

Date:- 6th. June, 1945.

Ref:- M.O.P/1203/AIR.

Copy to:- Operations. - Air Plans.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

TO: A.L.S.
Copy to Operations.
Air Plans.

MAAF/1643/1/Org.

ORDER OF BATTLE.

Reference conversation to-day between S/Ldr. Conroy and F/Lt. Bird, it is proposed to show the following I.A.F. Squadrons in the Order of Battle under the operational and administrative control of the Italian Air Force.

10, 12, 20, 102, 155 S.E.F. Fighter Squadrons.
1, 28, 88, 132 T/B. Squadrons.

2. A.L.S. are requested to confirm that there is no objection to the above action and are asked to state the future policy, operational and administrative control of the following seaplane squadrons at present under H.Q., M.A.C.A.F.

82, 83, 84 and 85 Squadrons.

3. An early reply is requested as the Order of Battle should be in preparation by the 9th June, 1945.

J. O'CALLAGHAN. S/Ldr.
Organisation 3.

6th June, 1945.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

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To :- D/D.Ops.

1. The Italian Air Force are anxious to make use of the runways of REGGIO CALABRIA airfield as an emergency landing strip.

2. It is requested that a ruling on this subject be given to this section.

3. It is understood that this airfield is located on the Straits of Messina.

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(C. OGILVY)
Squadron Leader,
for Group Captain,
Allied Liaison Section.

Date:- 2nd June, 1945.

MSP :- HQAF/4203/AIS.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

6251/Q(Maint)

Tel:- FREEDOM 392

SUBJECT: Reggio Calabria Airfield

31 May 45.

TO : Allied Liaison Section, HQ MAAF, CMF.

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Reference your MAAF/4203/ALS dated 29 May 45.

There is no intention on the part of this Headquarters to use any part of the Reggio Calabria Airfield for a German PW Camp.

L. Whiston Major

L. WHISTON, Major,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

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Copy to:- G-1 (Ir)

Check
I have been w/ Lt Col Hill, G-5 for permission for TAF to use the airfield

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

SECRET.

AFSC/46/AIR.

30th May, 1945.

Dear

Whilst on the way up to UDINE on Monday with the C-in-C he asked me some questions about the Italian Air Force vis-a-vis Balkan Air Force. During the course of conversation I incidentally suggested that it might be a good thing, in view of the political situation, particularly around MILAN, that a British Fighter Squadron should be stationed there, at least temporarily, and he thought it quite a good thing - he asked me whether I had suggested it to you, and I replied that I had not, but I do so now for what it is worth.

2. If your Headquarters decides that no British squadron shall be stationed at MILAN, it might be a good thing to put an Italian fighter squadron up there, preferably the Spitfire squadron. This is a very tentative suggestion, and no plans have been considered and nothing has so far been put on paper, but I believe that there would be sufficient accommodation at MILAN (LINATE) for one squadron.

3. I would be grateful if you would let me know the reactions of your H.Q. to the above suggestion, and would you please keep A.L.S. informed.

Yours

Air Commodore J.H. Edwardes Jones, CBE, DFC, AFC,
S.A.S.O.
Headquarters,
M.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

Copy for S/L Conroy (ALS) ✓

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. G.M.P.

To:- Allied Force Headquarters, (G-Maint.).

Date:- 29th. May, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/LS.

Reggio Calabria Air-Field

1. The Italian Air Ministry through the Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome, state they are informed that the above airfield may be used by the Allies to accommodate German Prisoners of War.

2. This airfield is located on the Straits of Messina and it has been ascertained that the Italian Air Ministry are only desirous of using the airfield as an emergency landing ground and providing an emergency strip can be made available, they will be happy.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, if this Headquarters be given further details as to the intended use of this airfield and if this fact is confirmed, whether it would be still possible for the Italian Air Ministry to make use of the runways.

(F. [illegible]),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/MAAF, MGMB.

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From: Air Cross Sub Commission, Rome

To: H.Q. M.A.A.F., (A.T.S.)

Date: 25th Sep, 1945

Ref.: ACSC/72/AIR

MECCO CALABRIA - INFIRED

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Italian Air Ministry. Could you please give us the information requested.

E.J. SASS,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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28 Sep

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COPY

From: Italian Air Ministry

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

Date: 20th May, 1945

Ref.: 14345/3092 Coll

REGGIO CALABRIA AIRFIELD

We are informed that REGGIO CALABRIA airfield might be used by the Allies to accomodate German Prisoners of War.

2. Could this Ministry be given further details about this project.

3. If this fact is confirmed, would it still be possible to make use of the runways?

Signed: Col. M. FORNI
for Capo di Gabinetto

Major General
G. Main

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/28/AIR.

21st May, 1945.

SECRET

N/T

Dear Baker,

With reference to your GB.85 dated 17th May, I am sorry that you are in disagreement of the introduction of Moral Leadership Courses into the Italian Air Force, and that it was too late to stop information being given to the Italian Air Ministry.

2. When I got back from my visit to you in which you suggested that the Italian Air Force fighter squadrons should begin administration courses, I had an after-thought that it would be a good thing for them to do Moral Leadership Courses as well, largely to inculcate a Christian Spirit into those men who should be fitted to lead others in the correct way of living, which very briefly is, I think, the object of these courses, and at any rate, in my view, should be part of the training of an officer.

3. I had a long conversation with GROUP CAPTAIN O'CONNELL, the Senior R.A.F. Roman Catholic Chaplain at your Headquarters, before the leaflets were sent to the Air Ministry, and, in fact, O'CONNELL thought the idea a good one, and he gave me the leaflets personally; he had intended to contact the Senior Chaplain to all the Italian Fighting Services on this matter, but I am not sure whether he in fact was able to do so.

4. I hope to see you on Thursday, 24th May, when perhaps we can discuss this matter, and meantime no further information will be given to the Italian Air Ministry by this Headquarters.

Assistant Adjutant General
Date 27/5
No. 4203

Yours sincerely

L. P. Rhodes

Air Vice-Marshal

Air Vice-Marshal G. Baker, CB, CBE, MC,
Headquarters,
M.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Headquarters, R.A.F. Middle East.
(attention Command Marine Officer)

Date:- 26th. May, 1945.

Ref:- WAF4203/ALS

CONFIDENTIAL.

Recovery of Marine Craft of the
Italian Seaplane Wing.

1. In view of present and future Air Sea Rescue commitments for the Italian Seaplane Wing, an effort is being made to trace all Seaplane Tenders and Motor Boats which were interned, requisitioned or abandoned at the time of the Armistice on 8th. Sept. 1943. The attached list shows the last known dispositions of these craft.

2. M.L.A. MAS No.1022 was a new boat of latest design and is urgently required in accordance with the new policy to replace a British M.L.A. for Air Sea Rescue service in the Adriatic. The remainder, if traceable, are all useful craft and even though possibly damaged, can be utilised for spare parts.

3. It is requested that enquiries may be made with a view to them being located and ultimately returned to the Italian Seaplane Wing. Please advise this Headquarters of the results.

(G. Mooney),
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF,HQ,MEC

Encl: 1.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.

TO : HQ, M.A.A.F., GEN.

DATE: 29th May, 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL.

REF : AFSC/27/Air.

RECOVERY OF MARINE CRAFT OF THE ITALIAN SEAPLANE WING.

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3. It is requested that enquiries may be made with a view to them being located and ultimately collected for use by the Italian Seaplane Wing.

L.E. Jarman

L.E. JARMAN, G/CAPT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

S/L Conroy.
Refer to Inquiring Cont'l Officer
& ascertain if he has any
knowledge of whereabouts of these
boats
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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DATE: 21/5/45

TO:

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FROM: HQ CAF (R) HQ MAAF, AF SUB, COMM (BARI) HQ 254 WING RAF PLEASE PASS AFSC DETACHMENT 4 PTC DETACHMENT RAF LECCE PLASE PASS W/CDR OLLASON FROM AF SUB-COMM (ROME)

WHEN ANSWERING CITE

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REFERENCE YOU SRB/76 19TH MAY NOT TO OTHER ADDRESSEES. HAVE GIVEN ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY INSTRUCTIONS TO MOVE 1 BALTIMORE SQDN FROM VITERBO TO LITTORIO FORTHWITH. THE OTHER BALTIMORE SQDN WILL MOVE AS SOON AFTERWARDS AS PRACTICABLE.

SUBJ AIRCRAFT FROM LECCE WILL ASSIST IN MOVES ALSO 12 3 TON TRUCKS FROM AUTO GRUPPO DI MANOVRA DIOVINAZZO.

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OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE.

To:- H.Q., Balkan Air Force (R) M.A.A.F. Algiers: 211 Group: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (Rome): M.A.C.A.F. (by hand).

From:- H.Q., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

1,306. 22nd May, 1945.

SECRET (.) Further to this Headquarters' signal MA.54563 May 19 to Balkan Air Force only (.)

2. Fighter Liaison Section is to be disbanded w.e.f. 15th June (.)

3. Immediate action is to be taken in accordance with letter MAAF/8065/2/EGS dated 11th May, 1945, to forward nominal rolls of R.A.F. personnel on strength to No. 6 R.P.C. for airmen (ground personnel) who will issue the necessary draft notes, posting the personnel (.)

5. In addition, separate nominal rolls to be prepared and forwarded to S.P.S.O., M.A.A.F. for R.A.F. aircrew and other officers, showing trade or aircrew category, married or single, date of tour expiry and in the case of aircrew only, the number of operational hours flown on present operational tour, age and service Group number (.) Under heading of age and service groups for both officers, aircrew and ground personnel, an annotation to be made against each individual volunteering to defer release, stating period of deferment (.)

5. Italian personnel are to be disposed of by Balkan Air Force in conjunction with A.F.S.C. (Rome) (.)

6. All posting action to be completed by date of disbandment (.)

7. All equipment and M.T. to be disposed of under arrangements to be made by Balkan Air Force and 211 Group (.)

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ADMIN.

Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration.

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Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

DATE: 21/5

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TO: HQ MAAF ALSO

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME

WHEN ANSWERING CITE AFSC/353

CHANGE IN ORDER OF BATTLE.

SECRET: IAF PAGE 5 AERONAUTICAL GARRISON CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO RETURNED FROM POZZUOLI. AERONAUTICAL GARRISON AT PASSIGNANO SUL TRASIMENO RETURNED FROM TUORO PAGE 3 DELETE CENTRE AFFLUANZA E RIORDINAM TERLIZZI NOW DISBANDED.

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LOOSE MINUTE

To : War Org. Ref: MAAF/3.40/3/Air.

Copies to : Admin. Plans II.
A.F.L.S.
Org.2.

Fighter Liaison Section.

Your loose minute MAAF/1580/Org of 20th May 1945, refers.

2. Air Staff instructions for the disbandment of the F.L.S. were given in our signal MX-54663 of May 19th. A copy of this signal was passed both to you and to A.F.L.S.

C.E.F. GODE,
Wing Commander,
for D. D. of Operations.

21st May, 1945.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 19th. May, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/ALS.

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I.A.F. Administrative Course.

1. Reference is made to your letter AFS/28/AIR dated 6th. May, 1945.

2. The A.F. 837, as requested, is not to be given to the Italians, and any administrative courses must be the concern of the Italian Air Force.

(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF, MedMK.

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Loose Minute.

To:- Wing Commander H.M. Fisher.

1. At Encl.14 on this file, you will observe that the A.F.S.C., have instructed the Italian Air Ministry to:-

(a) Permit the Italian Fighter Squadrons to allow each pilot to fly 6 hours per month, except at the O.T.U., where conversion course should continue.

(b) Co mence administrative and Moral Leadership Courses for officers and N.C.O.s. A syllabus as used in the RAF is to be forwarded to the Italian Air Ministry.

2. As far as (a) above is concerned, whilst in principle this is no doubt sound, it does not fit in with the instructions issued by this Headquarters (i.e. that the I.A.F. initiate a Courier Service limited to essential needs).

3. Regarding (b), there could be no objection to the Italians schooling their personnel, neither could there be objection to the supplying of a syllabus for a Moral Leadership Course. The question of such a syllabus being given as far as the administration as taught in the RAF, is, however, a different matter.

4. In order to put this matter on a sound administrative basis, I would like you to ascertain whether the Chief of Staff has given his blessing, verbally, to these proposals, and whether, as regards the syllabus of administration (the A.F.S.C. have already asked for A.F. 857 for this purpoee), it is agreed that we should supply such information.

(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Allied Liaison Section.

16th. May, 1945.

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1. At Encl. 14 on this file, you will observe that the A.F.S.C., have instructed the Italian Air Ministry to:-

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(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Allied Liaison Section.

16th. May, 1945.

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ROUTINE

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G.E.F GOODE

WING COMMANDER

19 MAY 1945

HQ MAF (R) AF SUB COMMISSION ROME (R)
AF SUB COMMISSION BARI

From: MAAF

YOUR PETER ONE SEVEN OF MAY SEVENTEEN FD SINCE THERE IS NOW NO REPEAT NO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE FIGHTER LIAISON SECTION CMA IT MAY BE DISBANDED FORTHWITH FD

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A[illegible] MINUTE. SECRET.

To:- Operations.

Copies to:-
Admin. Plans II.
A.L.S.
Org. 2.

Ref:- MAAF/1580/Org.

Date:- 20th May, 1945.

Fighter Liaison Section.

A verbal message has been received from H.Q., Balkan Air Force that the Fighter Liaison Section is to be disbanded.

2. If this is correct will you please send a signal covering the Air Staff angle, and we will follow up with administrative instructions.

Group Captain,
Organisation.

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From:- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, M.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

Date:- 20th. May, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4203/ADS.

Italian Air Force - Policy.

1. Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Italian Air Ministry, copy to this Headquarters, reference 3250/28/AIR dated 5th. May, 1945.

2. It is noted that in para.1.(i) the Italians have been instructed to restrict flying to a minimum of six hours per pilot per mensum, except at the C.A.C. Frosinone, where the conversion course will continue.

3. As you are well aware, the Italian Air Force, (apart from the Courier Service), ceased to exist when the hostilities in Europe ended, and your instruction is inclined to amend the present policy. You are therefore requested to inform this Headquarters where permission was obtained for such a ruling to be given.

4. You are reminded that, on matters of policy, it is the province of this Headquarters to make such decisions. Should, therefore, you consider that the policy requires alteration, it is your duty to prepare a case to support your recommendations, for consideration by this Headquarters, who will be in a position to give a specific ruling.

Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff,
Royal Air Force/Med.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE C.R.

MSG. CTR. NO. (For file use) 62827 DATE 18 MAY 45.

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TO: HQ MAAF ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME.

WHEN ANSWERING CITE 0.246 MAY 17TH.

SECRET: CHANGE IN ORDER OF BATTLE ITALIAN AIR FORCE. PAGE 3 TRANSFER 1ST IAF RECOVERY DEPOT FROM GALLIPOLI TO LECCE. PAGE 4 ADD 111 ZAT 8 IAF DEPOT FORMED IN ROME AND MSA DEPOT FORMED IN FLORENCE AND AERONAUTICAL GARRISON FALCONARA FORMED AT FALCORONARA. PAGE 6 DELETE MILIS AIRFIELD NOW ABANDONED.

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H.Q. MAAF
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Loose Minute.

To:- Wing Commander H.W. Fisher.

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4. In order to put this matter on a sound administrative basis, I would like you to ascertain whether the Chief of Staff has given his blessing, verbally, to these proposals, and whether, as regards the syllabus of administration (the A.F.S.C. have already asked for A.P. 837 for this purpose), it is agreed that we should supply such information.

(C. CORBETT),
Squadron Leader,
Allied Liaison Section.

16th. May, 1945.

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(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Allied Liaison Section.

16th. May. 1945.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE: 6TH MAY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/28/AIR.

With reference to our letter of even reference dated 5th May, 1945, please insert in paragraph (1) after the words "maximum of 6 hours per pilot" "PER MONTH."

Amended
Date 10/5

T.R. BROOKE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copy:
H.Q. M.A.A.F. A.L.S.
A.F.S.C. A.C. Lecce.
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section. (2 copies)

Date : 6th May 1945

Ref. : AFSC.28/AIR.

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Further to the copy letter our reference AFSC/28/AIR, 5th May regarding the commencement of courses for grounded R.A.F. pilots, your permission is requested to apply to Air Publications for a copy of R.A.F. "Manual of Administration" A.P. 837, as desired in para 2 of above mentioned letter.

F.L. Bradshaw S/Ldr

F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,AC. Rome.

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 6th May 1945

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F.L.Bradshaw S/Ldr
F.L.BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Loose Minute

Lieut. Col. Commander Fisher.
Allied Liaison Section.

Training Flying Control Officers - Italian Air Force.

1. A loose minute has been received from the Aircraft Safety Section, suggesting that Italian Air Force officers should be trained in Flying Control Duties.

2. In support of this it is stated:-

"As long as RAF Flying takes place in the Mediterranean theatre the elementary principles of Flying Control must be adhered to, and the routes over which return flying takes place, a complete system should be in existence. Therefore, it would benefit all aircraft if Flying Control Stations were set up in Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece.

"The undertaking of this training is considered to be of permanent value in that some sort of Flying Control over Europe is bound to be in operation after the war, for civil aircraft, and probably service aircraft also.

"Italian officers could be trained at Brindisi or Bari and it is suggested that it would be of great advantage if the I.A.F. could set up Flying Control at Jesse".

3. This argument appears perfectly sound as far as flying generally is concerned, it does, however, require a ruling from the policy angle.

4. If this is put into effect it will mean that we are assuming that the I.A.F. will be existant after the war, and to some extent, depending upon its assistance to control flying during the post-war period.

5. Furthermore, there is the equipment point of view, and should this be sanctioned it will mean that we must back up the I.A.F. by supplying them with the equipment necessary to carryout this project.

6. I would appreciate your guidance on this matter.

(O. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
for Allied Liaison Section.

27th. Apr. 1945.

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TO: HQ MAAF ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME.

WHEN ANSWERING CITE: ORG 160 15 APRL

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H.Q. M.A.A.F. R.A.F. C.M.F. ROUTINE.

U. 188. 5 APR.

SECRET (.) Reference your A 138 of 29 MAR. (.)

1. M.A.C.A.F. state they have no intention of asking the ITALIANS to move out of BRINDISI but had heard that they were and wanted their accommodation if this were so (.) Have informed M.A.C.A.F. ITALIANS not (R) not leaving BRINDISI (.)

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4203/ALS. (H.W. Fisher) W/Cdr.

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HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

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MSG CTR NO: 26227

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE: 29 MAR 45

SECURITY: SECRET

TO: HQ MAAF CMF

FROM: AIR FORCES SUBCOMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

WHEN ANSWERING CITE: A 138 TOO 291600A MARCH

SECRET:

YOUR U.174 MARCH 28.

1. FLYING BOAT BASE AT BRINDISI COULD TRANSFER TO TARANTO WITH ASSISTANCE RAF IN RESPECT MT AND PROVIDED MACAF AGREE THEIR PRESENCE BRINDISI NO LONGER ESSENTIAL FOR AIR SEA RESCUE.

2. ANTICIPATE STRONG PROTEST FROM ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY AS IT DOES SEEM VERY LATE STAGE IN THE WAR TO TURN ITALIANS OUT OF LONG ESTABLISHED STATION.

3. ATTENTION ALSO DIRECTED TO FACT THAT THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS IAF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AT BRINDISI TO HELP ALLIES RUN THE STATION AND THESE WILL STILL NEED ACCOMMODATION.

4. DO NOT RECOMMEND THIS ACTION UNLESS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. S.A.C.

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Informed MacArthur by phone

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME.

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H.Q. M.A.A.F. R.A.F. C.M.F.

ROUTINE.

U. 174

28 MAR.

SECRET (.)

1. H.Q. M.A.C.A.F., have approached this Section, as to the possibility of the ITALIAN FLYING BOAT BASE, moving from BRINDISI, as H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. are anxious to take over the accommodation (.)

2. Will you please inform this H.Q. as to the intentions in this direction (.)

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4203/ALS.

(C. CONROY) S/Ldr.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
ALLIED LIAISON SECTION.

DATE: 26TH MARCH, 1945.

REF: AFSC/355/2/ORG.

I have had a large number of reports from BARI that the U.S. Army is going to make an attempt to evict the I.A.F. from their Stores Depot at MONGIVACCA. There is no doubt that there is some move of this sort in progress.

2. As you will realise the effect of this on the I.A.F. would be quite catastrophic, and I really cannot see at this stage of the war why it should be necessary to take such a drastic step.

3. Such a step would be in complete violation of A.F.H.Q. circular No.21 dated 9th December 1944.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

M.A.A.F. CMF
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From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, N.A.F., C.M.A.

To :- Allied Force Headquarters, (Main).

Date :- 28th March 1945.

Ref :- [illegible]/1301/Ops.

Accommodation - Ex. No. 4 Base Italian Air Force Depot, Bangkwood.

Reference is made to [illegible] signal [illegible] dated 23rd March, and to Air Force Sub Commission's signal Q.130 dated March 26th both addressed to your headquarters and referring to a request by Adriatic Depot to take over H. No. 4 Base Italian Air Force Depot at Bangkwood.

2. It is confirmed that it is the desire of this headquarters that the Italian Air Force should retain in possession of the premises at Bangkwood, as the operational and other needs of Italian Air Force working with the N.A.F. are supplied from this Depot.

3. Moreover, continuing telephone conversation Major Whitton - Wing Cdr. Harley, the N.A.F. through Air Forces Sub-Commission have definite responsibilities in relation to the Italian Air Force; and would require to be fully consulted before any re-allocation of premises took place.

4. It is understood, however, that there is little likelihood of Adriatic Depots request being agreed at your headquarters; but in the event of reconsideration being given to their application it would be appreciated if this headquarters were afforded an opportunity for making a detailed case for the retention of the Bangkwood Depot by the Italian Air Force.

A.T. Harley Sqn Ldr
(A.T. Harley)
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration.

Copies to:- Air Forces Sub Commission, MAAF.
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HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

DATE MAR 26 45

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TO: Q MAINT AFHQ, CMSO MAAF AFSC AG BARI DIST 3.

FROM: AF SUB COM ROME (~~PASS 3RD ADDRESSEE 12 SIGS GEN PASS 4TH ADDRESSEE~~)

WHEN ANSWERING CITE Q 130 MAR 26

UNCLASSIFIED: REFERENCE LAST ADDRESSEE'S QG 3779 MAR 24 NOT TO 2ND ADDRESSEE CONCERNING ADRIATIC DEPOT'S REQUEST FOR REQUISITION OF ITALIAN AF DEPOT MUNGI VACCA WOULD URGE MOST STRONGLY THAT ALTERNATVE ACCOMMODATION BE FOUND. MUNGIVACCA IS THE MAIN IAF DEPOT AND MAINT SCHEME FOR IAF NOW BEING FORMULATED HINGES ON ITS FURTHER DEVOLOPMENT. REQUISITION OF THIS DEPOT MIGHT WELL LEAD TO BREAKDOWN OF ENTIRE SUPPLY SYSTEM. REQUEST 2ND ADDRESSEE CONFIRMS ABOVE TO 1ST ADDRESSEE DIRECT AND ENDEAVOURS TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE DECISION.

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DATE: 2 MAR 45

MSG CTR NO. 5563

SECURITY: SECRET

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

TO: AFSC BARI (R) FLS 281 WING - MAAF

FROM: HQ DAF

WHEN ANSWERING CITE 0.567 MAR 2

SECRET:

REF MY 0.549 27/2/ CAN NOW ACCEPT NO.10 ITALIAN AIR FORCE SQUADRON TOGETHER WITH B PARTIES OF NOS. 12 AND 20 SQDNS WING? MAINTENANCE AND STORMO HEADQUARTERS AT CANNE. REQUEST MOVEMENT BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDINGLY AND A PARTY OF NO.10 SQDN PROCEED SOONEST IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SQDNXX AIRCRAFT. FLS TO MOVE CANNE AND NOT NUOVA.

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HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE C/R

DATE 18 FEB 45

MSG STRUCTURE 94632 SECURITY SECRET

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

FROM AF SUB COMMISSION ALCOM HQ ROME (R) HQ MAAF AGHQ (HQ MAAF PLS PASS)

TO AIR VICE MARSHAL BOWEN-BUSCARLET AT 63 SP ELMAS

INFO ADDRESSEE(S) 541

SECRET: YOU ARE TO CONTACT CHIEF OF STAFF ITALIAN AM AND INFORM HIM THAT WORK IS BEING HELD UP AT ELMAS THROUGH LACK OF TRANSPORT. MY TRANSPORT OFFICER HAS INVESTIGATED SITUATION IN ISLAND AND STATES THAT OF ABOUT 40 VEHICLES 24 COULD BE SPARED TO WORK ON ELMAS AIRFIELD, REMAINING VEHICLES ARE EITHER UNRELIABLE OR ARE EMPLOYED ON ESSENTIAL DOMESTIC RUNS. REQUEST HIM TO GIVE ORDERS FOR TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF SALVAGE AND OTHER WORK SO THAT AT LEAST 24 LORRIES CAN BE USED FOR URGENT OPERATIONAL COMMITMENT. THIS IS TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL AFHQ CG MAIA RELEASE LORRIES ALREADY PROMISED.

M/C PLEASE PASS TO AFHQ

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. S.M.F.

To:- A.D.S.T. A.F.H.Q. (att. Lt. Col. Bean).

Date:- 29th. January, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/1203/218.

Location of Italian Air Force Squadrons.

1. On the request of W/Cdr. Bright the following is the location list of Italian Air Force Squadrons, forwarded for your information.

No.1.	Sqdn.	Lecce.	No.83	Sqdn.	Brindisi.
No.2.	Sqdn.	Lecce.	(detachment at Elmas, Sardinia).		
No.9.	Sqdn.	Vesuvius.	No.84.	Sqdn.	Taranto.
No.12.	Sqdn.	Canne.	No.85.	Sqdn.	Taranto.
No.20.	Sqdn.	Canne.	No.88.	Sqdn.	Lecce.
No.28.	Sqdn.	Biferno.	No.102.	Sqdn.	Lecce.
No.82.	Sqdn.	Taranto.	No.132.	Sqdn.	Biferno.
			No.155.	Sqdn.	Lecce.

(C. Conroy)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q.

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INCOMING MESSAGE 2630

HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE C.R.

DATE: 8 JAN 45.

MSG CTR NO: 63804

SECURITY: CONF.

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY.

TO: MAAF (R) AF SUB COMM ROME ATTN WING CMDR ROYCE.

FROM: MATAF SIGNED CANNON.

WHEN ANSWERING CITE: TWACT D.3704.

CONFIDENTIAL: LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AF SUB COM ROME REQUESTING THAT TROOP CARRIER AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT 12 LOADS OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES FROM PARIS AREA TO NAPLES. ENGINES ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY ITALINAN AF UNITS OPERATING WITH BAF. TROOP CARIER AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE AND WILL BE DESPATCHED ON ABOVE LIFT UPON . 'HORIZATION FOR THE FLIGHT TO FRANCE BEING RECEIVED FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

DATE: 3RD MAY, 1945.

REF: A230/28/ADM.

SECRET.

Until further instructions are received, it is requested that the following action be taken in respect of Italian Fighter Units which are withdrawn from operations under Royal Air Force Operational Control:

(i) In order to conserve petrol and oil, flying to be restricted to a maximum of 6 hours per pilot, except at the O.T.U. FERMIGNANO, where the conversion courses should continue.

(ii) Flying to be restricted to local areas only, i.e. within approximately 100 kilometers from base, and South of the Northern limits of the Provinces of VITERBO, RIETI and TERAMO. It is undesirable that flying entailing the landing at an aerodrome other than the home base, should take place without the authority of the Senior R.A.F. Officer on the spot - for example, GROUP CAPTAIN CHEASCU at IESOLO.

(iii) In order to occupy Fighter Pilots, administration courses to be begun for Lots. Officers and N.C.O's.

2. As regards these administration courses, the object is to have the opportunity of giving Officers and N.C.O's a greater knowledge of administration, discipline and Officer-like qualities. A syllabus as used in the Royal Air Force will be forwarded as soon as it is available, for your guidance.

3. In addition to administration courses, it is suggested that you should begin what we call, in the Royal Air Force, Moral Leadership Courses which would assist in the formation of Officer-like qualities and good behaviour. Specimen syllabuses for Roman Catholic and Protestant courses will also be forwarded as soon as possible, for your guidance.

4. Further instructions concerning the further employment of the Fighter personnel will be forwarded as soon as they are determined.

I.R. MORRIS,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy:
H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F. Allied Liaison Section.
Col. Baldrige, Deputy Director, A.F.S.C. A.C. Rome.