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103	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/377	10 Jun 44	Air For Sub-Com Buscarlet	Question of continuance courses Cadet College App a- Ltr AF SC 11/AIR 5 Jun ACC
104	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/381	10 Jun 44	Buscarlet	Unfortunate reduction ration of fighting people
105	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/388	12 Jun 44	Army Sub-Com	Send small Ital mil comm to Rome incl Naval & Air representati
106	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/391	12 Jun 44	HQ AAI	Circumstance Italians not to use fire-arms against Allied personnel Incl 1 - Ltr Ar SC AQ/6 7 Jun ACC with App a & b
107	Ltr Orlando	14 Jun 44	MacFarlane	Cordial greetings & thanks on leaving Ministry of War
108	Ltr Messe 13611		MacFarlane	Choice of personnel for PBS
109	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/389	12 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Repatriation surplus officers of Ital Garaibaldi Division Incl 1 - Ltr Infante 13443 3 Jun
110	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/392	12 Jun 44	Gen Browning	Advise against Messe's proposal if approached App a - Ltr Brcwning G-6-1 6 Jun
110a	Ltr Buscarlet 11/AIR	21 Jun 44	MAAF CMF & ACC	No objection examinations or continuance courses Cadet College
110a	Cbl AFHQ F61329	19 Jun 44	AAI & ACC	Demobilization of Ital Troops releasing them civilian occupation

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90	Ltr MacFarlane 169/15/CA	22 May 44	Gen Robertson	Reply ltr AAI/5001/9/CAO 11 May re mistake article "Risergimento"
91	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/325	23 May 44	Messe	Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta impossible for combat purposes ref 12980 11 May
92	Ltr Army Sub-Com G/6/1/F	23 May 44	Chief Comm	Employment Ital Army Units & personnel with British Forces Incl I - HSD/424 16 May AFHQ ltr Incl II - HSD/424 8 May AFHQ ltr
92a	Meeting HQ MAAF 25	May re Equip & organ IAF		
92b	Cbl AFHQ F 50324	24 May 44	See Dist	
93	Memo Slaughter	26 May 44	Army Sub-Com	Passing of attached corresponden Incl I - 103185/AV fr Infante to Stone Billeting Ital troops Campania
94	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	28 May 44	Gen Infante	Italian Enlistment in French Foreign Legion App a - Ltr Infante 23 May EWS ref No. 41080/B/PM
95	Ltr Capt Stone	1 June 44	Gen Infante	Employment of 24th Railway Engineering Company App a - Ltr Infante 13393/OP 31 May
96	Ltr Messe 13375/OP	30 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Further Ital participation in operations (Nembo Division)
97	Ltr MacFarlane CC 000.1	3 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Talk with Badoglio re poor quality of officer cadets Mil Academy
98	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	3 Jun 44	Gen Infante	24th Railway Engineering Company transferred fr PBS to Mil Railway Service for technical duties only
99	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	4 Jun 44	G-5 AFHQ	Repatriation of Alessandro Zantonelli & Besis Francesco personal servants of Gen Solderelli
100	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/358	2 Jun 44	MMIA (Browning)	No prospect doing anything for Cremona Division near future
101	Memo Densmore	11 Jun 44	Maj Doe	Attd ltr for Gen MacFarlane's signature by Col Campbell Incl 1 - Ltr FNMM CC 091.711 10 Jun repatriation Col Manno to HQ AAI Incl 2 - Ltr Infante 13363/OP 30 May to Maj Campbell same subject

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81	HQ AAI Robertson AAI/5001/9/CAO	11 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Policy of calling up of classes for Army Italian article in --- Risorgimento --- 9 May App a - Ltr same HQ 3074/A/(O) 20 Mar on same subject to 8th Army App b - Particulars of all Ital personnel male employed
82	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	16 May 44	Army Sub-Com ACC Main HQ (MMIA)	Ref AQ/12/1 28 Apr re furnishing Military Academy number of bedsheet to be issued etc. App a - Ltr Gen Infante to Capt Stone 13055/OP 13 May same as above
83	Ltr Marshal Messe 12980	11 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta" establishment & use Incl I - Ltr Gen Browning SD/2/1/5 5 May on same subject
84	Ltr Gen MacFarlane CC/G/290	13 May 44	Gen Browning	Question of motor transport for Ital Army & our demand animals fr their sources in Sardinia
85	Ltr Gen MacFarlane CC/G/291	13 May 44	HQ AAI	Question of employment of Nembo Division as reserve for C.I.L.
86	Ltr Capt Stone	18 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Question of complaints of treatment of men in 637th Ital Pioneer Company Bari Incl I - Ltr Stone 18 May to Gen Dapino Incl II - Ltr Dapino 147 8 May to QuinSmith Incl III - Ltr Gen Robertson 2 Apr 3072/1/A(O) to AFHQ & ACC
87	Ltr Gen Browning	19 May 44	Chief Comm	Italian Army - Calling up of Classes functioning quickly App a - Ltr FNMM CC/G/310 20 May to Navy Sub-Com & Air Force SubCom App b - Ltr Gen Hemblen AAI/3074/ A(O) 12 May to ACC App c - Ltr HQ AAI same ref No of 11 May see distribution App d - Ltr HQ AAI same ref No of 4 May see distribution
87a	HQ AAI Admin Inst No. 24	20 May 44	List	Issue Allied supplies & stores Italian Armed Forces

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68	Air For Sub-Com Bari 1/AIR	29 Apr 44	Gen MacFarlane	Re forming by Ital Air Force of battelion of Arditi which does not fit into organization for It Ar
69	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/262	3 May 44	Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet AF SC	Piacentini replacing Sandalli as Air Minister therefore set-up shoul be straightened out easily 1/AIR is ref of 29 Apr
70	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/257	3 May 44	Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet AF SC	Ref 02330/AV 13 Apr reply Army SubCom billeting Ital troops in Campania under Ital troops Allied Command & Ital administration App a - AC/12 Ar SubCom Main 26 Apr to QS ref QS 267 18 Apr on same sub App b - QS 267 QS 18 Apr to Ar Sub Com Main on same subject
71	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	4 May 44	Gen Infante	Ref F 39346 29 Apr Ital Security Police & Fire Brigades considered not Effectives for supplies It Ar
72	Hq Allied Ar Italy Memo	3 May 44	See Dist	Ref AAI 02653 4 May re Sardinia visit will ring you Visit to Sardinia to investigate Alleged Diseffection Nembo Div Browning leaving for Sardinia & I agree move Nembo Div continue
73	MMIA GR40 Cbl 0377	4 May 44	ACC MAIN	Naples depot full additional spa ce found awaiting instructions and sailing to Taranto supplies It Ar
74	HQ AAI GR113 Cbl 02653	4 May 44	MMIA & ACC	Disposal of 228 Ital Off Cuneo Division disembarking Taranto 4th Ital mil authorities 190
75	ACC MAIN M183 Cbl	5 May 44	HQ AAI	See 72 for subject this is transmittal of that message in memo
76	Cbl ACC Main 4378	5 May 44	MMIA for Finch	Ref 3110/A(O) & 3074/A(O) 17 Mar & 20 Mar re Ital Army Calling up of Classes App a - 3110/A(O) 17 Mar same subj App b - 3074/A(O) 20 Mar same subj
77	Ltr Quinsmith QS 375	4 May 44	CC Main HQ ACC	
78	Cbl ACC Rear 2724	8 May 44	FOTALI	
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57	Ltr CC/P/219 MacFarlane	2. Apr 44	Gen Browning.	Am generally in agreement with you. Hope we can get together soon to iron out policy on demands new gov't is likely to make on us.
58	Cbl MMIA 7921	24 Apr 44	AAI	Bed sheets held by Ital Army Issue restricted to medical units CC 19 Mar reply to ltr MMIA AG/ 12/1 12 Mar authorization
59	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/232	26 Apr 44	AFHQ att: MGS	Ref MGS 201 repatriation Col Lederchi expedite a decision App a - MGS 201 5 Apr on same sub as above info coming
61	Cbl Fatima 3880 Sec Gen	27 Apr 44	MMIA	Re bed sheets CC authorized exception to policy provided Royal Military Academy App a - Cbl AG 1013 fr MMIA to AAI same subject as above restricted to medical units auth ACC
62	Air Forces Subcom 7/3/AIR	29 Apr 44	HQ ACC	Question of Battalion of Arditi admin by Regia Aeronautica discussed with Gen Browning
63	Freedom F 39346	29 Apr 44	MMIA ACC	Security Police & Fire Brigades not effective Ital Troops within limitations Combined C of Cs
64	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/254	1 May 44	HQ AAI	No intention increasing ceiling Ital Combat Div fixed 14,000 Incl I - 12722/OP 29 Apr fr Messe Ital participation in operations
65	Ltr Quinsmith Q-360	2 May 44	Marshal Messe	Col Manno not to return because reported pro-German, Fascist & anti-British App A - G/6/1 25 Apr fr MMIA Main Hq on same subject as above
66	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 091.711	4 May 44	Gen Infante	Request number bedsheets required by Royal Military Academy App a - AG/12/I 28 Apr furnishing Military Academy with bedsheets

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47a	Ltr S/506/Sigs Air Forces S-C	3 Apr 44	CG AAI	Request for invest. & return of Ital Air Force equipment illegally taken at time of Armistice. Need.
47b	Cbl Force 226	7 Apr 44	ACC: OXILIA suplys	Ready to see Oxilia, but his
48	Cbl Fatima M143 MacFarlane	9 Apr 44	Bari (for Balkan) (det It Army)	requirements better handled by other men in this Commission.
49	Memo QS 231	10 Apr 44	Densmore	Ref CAS 10579 of 28 Mar: you already have answer. APPENDICES: cbl referred to and QS replies in effort to find out how It casualties are reported.
50	Cbl Fat Rear 2614	13 Apr 44	MMIA	C S request Col Manno be included in surplus Cuneo Div O's repat.
51	Memo DSG FJS	15 Apr 44	Col. Quin-Smith	Please prepare reply to this for DCC'S signature. ENCLOSURE: 102338/AV of 13 Apr fr Infante to Captain Stone: re Billeting of troops in Campania Province.
52	Ltr QS 260 Col. Quin-Smith	18 Apr 44	Messe	Ref 11762/OP, situation of It troops in Montenegro. Plans for dropping supplies. APPENDIX: Ltr 11762/OP 14 Mar 44. Messe to ACC. Subject as above.
53	Ltr G/6/1/41 Army Sub-Comm Main Hq	19 Apr 44	C of S SHAEF etc	Policy - Italian Army. Ref G/6/1/35 of 6 Apr, ration strength of 341,170 must not be exceeded.
54	Ltr DCC 091.711 Captain Stone	19 Apr 44	Gen. Infante	Ref 102338/AV of 13 Apr, will get a reply for you soon. Re: Billetting of troops in the Campania Province.
55	Cbl Hq AAI G 4193	21 Apr 44	MMIA	Ref 0353: no change on ration issue until word fr Freedan comes. APPENDIX: Cbl AQ 978 (MMIA 0353) Fr Browning to AAI re ration ques.
56	Ltr DCC 091.711 Captain Stone	21 Apr 44	Gen. Infante	Ref ur ltr 12442/OP, issue of bedsheets for Royal Mil Acad is approved. APPENDICES: A) Memo EMS to FMMI, 19 Apr, asking ruling on issue; it is "Yes". Inclosure: Cbl AQ 978 fr MMIA to Filpot, 17 Apr, sheets avll B) Ltr 12442/OP 16 Ap Infante to Stone requesting sheets.

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14e	Ltr CC/G/146 MacFarlane	21 Mar 44	COGS Hq AAI	Re your 8653/1/EGS. No comment except that Piceno & Mantova Divs probably will never go into the line. Re Dapino Brig: we must have nec troops brought over from Sard. immediately. Please apply pressure.
32d	Ltr 218/RP Messe	24 Mar 44	Gen MacFarlane	Reply to yours 091.711 of 18 March: Re proceedings on Italian deserters. All trials suspended while matter being considered by Marshal Badoglio.
43	Cbl Fatima 2884	2 Apr 44	8 Army Main	Messe requests Bn San Marco Marines "Bafile" be put with UTILE Gp for battle experience.
43a	Cbl 8 Army Main #SD 2835	3 Apr 44	Fatima	Opn reasons make this impossible now (ref your 2884 of 02) but will make approaches.
43a(1)	Ltr QS 190 Col Quin-Smith	3 Apr 44	Army S/C, Lequile	Use of Battalion of San Marco Regiment. Messe wants them placed with Utile group.
43a (2)	Ltr QS 190 Col Quin-Smith	4 Apr 44	DCC	Ref QS 190 of 3 Apr: Messe upset but only way to get unit under Utile is to have CC approach CG ACC
44	Ltr CC/P/166 MacFarlane	1 Apr 44	Air Vice Marshall Foster, Malta	Thanks for final report on Ital. Air Force. ENCLOSURE: Foster's note & report of 27 Mar 44.
45	Publication Hq AAI 1605/50/3/1/G	3 Apr 44	AFHQ	Ref your AG 400-1 GS(R)GM of 14 Mar 44: EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY.
46	Memo Col. Densmore	4 Apr 44	Col. Young	Ref #1651 30 Mar 44 & ltr 3 Apr from Prunas: What is status of case on ACAMPORA?
43a(3)	Memo Gen MacFarlane	6 Apr 44	Captain Stone	Ref yr note to QS's of 4 Apr: Views of Ital Army presented to AAI with request to pass to 8 Army.
47	Publication Army Sub-Comm Main Hq G/6/1/35	6 Apr 44	C of S, Stato Maggiore	POLICY--ITALIAN ARMY. Ration strength to be limited to 341,170 excluding Carabiniere & Finanza. 3 Appendices.

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39	Col Brig Noams	12 Mar 44	ACC cc: ACMF	Stocks of Bed Sheets held by Ital armed forces & possible future uses
2m	Cbl Fatima 1986	12 Mar 44	MMIA	Re supplies to Ital trcops must have justification & CCS approval
2n	Cbl Fatima 1895	12 Mar 44	MMIA	Paraphrase Freedom 63314 11 Mar Ref AQ737 10 Mar changeover subsistence stocks Ital Mil in Sicily Sardinia & Mainland on 24 Mar
37	Bol Kerr SD/2/1/11	12 Mar 44	ACMF & MacFarlane	Designation Ital Combat Div - "Del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione" request approval
6h(4)	Capt Stone	16 Mar 44	Gen Infante	No reply employment of Cuneo Div as yet writing Messe on matter
6h(5)	Capt Stone	16 Mar 44	Marshal Messe	Ref memo 11395/OP 26 Feb regret earlier decision disposal Cuneo Div still stands due to equipment & supply
26	Cbl Fatima 2224	17 Mar 44	MMIA	Paraphrase Freedom 65558 expectation publication HQ draft directive instructions responsibility for supply Ital Army (Action?taken)
38	Cbl Simmons Falcon WM 899	17 Mar 44	MMIA Fatima Flambo Freedom	Mules requested by Allies awaiting next lift to Duko
8e	Cbl MMIA AQ 787	18 Mar 44	Flambo Fatima	Ref S899/18857 25 Feb - Call up of unskilled illegal absentees 1923 class also trained truck dvrs
32c	Gen MacFarlane CC/091.711	18 Mar 44	Marshal Messe	Ref lttr 5 Mar re trial Ital deserters adher to regulations in lttr 13 Feb request instructions
39a	Maj Doe	19 Mar 44	MMIA	Ref lttr 12 Mar AQ/12/1 stop issue bed sheets to Ital Mil HQ
40	Ltr 2030/12/Q2 Hq AAI (Adm)	18 Mar 44	G(SD) AAI Info - ACC	Atchd is ltr fr G3 It Army re move of Hq & accommodations. 1 ENCLOSURES: Ltr 4422 9 Mar, fr Gen Basso, asking for school in Pagani for It Army Hq, now occupied by Brit Ambulance unit. PENCILLED NOTE-- Brig Duchesne, tell BASSO NOT TO BUTT IN. FNMM.

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24b	Prunas No. 977			
35	Capt Stone	7 Mar 44	Marshal Messe	Comm AFHQ request matter security & sanitation transport Ital troops Sardinia to Italy
6g(2)-	Gen Gammell	7 Mar 44	ACC	Disposal of Ital Cuneo Div - CC/G/116 29 Feb decisions already made must stand
35a	Marshal Messe 11674/OP	9 Mar 44	Capt Stone	Behavior of Ital troops during journey transfer from Sardinia to Italian Mainland bad
36	Gen MacFarlane	9 Mar 44	Gen Nares	Ref A108 6 Mar - proposal McCaffrey Hq at Bari with 9th Corps sound Italians but prefer Santo Spirito villa and buildings for Hq
21	Cbl NACG 61914	9 Mar 44	Fargo	Cancell Natousa cable 56511 25 Feb equipment issued on loan basis and withdrawn cease employed operational role (supplies limited)
24c	Capt Stone	9 Mar 44	Prunas	Ack receipt lttr 977 2 Mar re Col Acampora matter further investigated report in future
6h	Commando Supremo P.M. 151 (Infante)	11 Mar 44	Capt Stone	Gen Soldarelli ready go Palestine see Div let me know something in relation lttr 11395/OP 27 Feb
6h(1)	Capt Stone	11 Mar 44	Gen Infante	Reply lttr PM 151 lttr referred to above forwarded to C of S of CINC no reply received yet will advise later
6h(2)	Cbl Fatima 2462	11 Mar 44	Freedom	Ref 50285 31 Jan Soldarelli ready to go to Palestine see Div - Messe inquires action taken memo 26 Feb covering memo 29 Feb

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JUNE 19/1023

DECISION TO RECOMMEND A MAXIMUM. A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF 444300 ITALIAN TROOPS AS EFFECTIVE. SIGNED FHCIC CITE FHGDS AND FHGOT FOR HAMBLEN. REFERENCE OUR F 58747 OF 13 JUNE. INCLUDED IN MAXIMUM TOTAL IS 75000 FOR ITALIAN NAVY LEAVING 369300 ITALIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE. THIS WILL REQUIRE DEMOBILIZATION OF ITALIAN TROOPS SINCE RATIONS WILL NOT NOW BE FURNISHED IN EXCESS OF NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES. REQUEST ACTION BE TAKEN TO DEMOBILIZE ITALIAN TROOPS AND RELEASE THEM TO CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS. NOT BEYOND 31 JULY WILL RATIONS BE PROVIDED IN EXCESS OF NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES.

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" MINISTRY.

DATE:- 21st June 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secy Gen
Rec'd 24 June 1944
By

With reference to my letter 11/AIR of the 5th June 1944 addressed to H.Q. Allied Control Commission, I have now received a reply from General Mason Macfarlane to the effect that he has no objection to the competitive examinations being held, nor to the continuance of courses at the Cadet College.

2. On the other hand he points out that a question of higher policy is involved as the continuance of this Cadet College would certainly give the impression that the Allies contemplated allowing Italy to possess an Air Force after the war. He suggests that you take it up with the S.A.C. at A.F.H.Q.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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12th. June. 1944.

Thank you for your C/6/1 of 6th. June.

I agree that if approached you should advise against Marshal Mosse's proposal.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner. .

Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
DIRECTOR, ARMY SUB-COMMISSION,
L E Q U I L E.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
L'AQUILA (LACCC)
G-5-1

6 June 1944.

My dear General,

1. Reference your CC/G/358 of 2 June - for information I would mention that :-

(a) 5 Corps Group (which now has Combat Div under command) is putting proposals to AAI which would involve a large increase over the figure of 44,100 proposed by General ALEXANDER. The object of 5 Corps Groups' proposals is to make Combat Div into a "reasonably mobile" and properly administered fighting force.

(b) If AAI approve this or any other increase in Combat Troops, it will be at the expense of the remaining categories of the Italian Army.

(c) The CCS may not authorise the full figure for Italian Army requested by General ALEXANDER.

(d) Combat Troops have broadly speaking to fight with captured Italian stocks on the Mainland, which are not very large. It is the policy that except for a few items, Allied arms and equipment will not be issued to Italian Combat Troops.

(e) In view of the above and despite Italian aspirations it seems unlikely that AAI will approve of a further formation such as CREMONA Div being created for Combat.

2. I think you know most of the above. This is merely a recapitulation. AAI will, of course, decide but if I am asked, I should advise against Marshal MAISSE'S proposal.

Yours very sincerely

(sgd) LANGLEY BROWNING

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Lt. Gen. Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secy Gen
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Answered 12/6. MMM

CC/P/242

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1. Reference your CC/G/358 of 2 June - for information I would mention that :-

(a) 5 Corps Group (which now has Combat Div under command) is putting proposals to AAI which would involve a large increase over the figure of 14,100 proposed by General ALEXANDER. The object of 5 Corps Groups' proposals is to make Combat Div into a "reasonably mobile" and properly administered fighting force.

(b) If AAI approve this or any other increase in Combat Troops, it will be at the expense of the remaining categories of the Italian Army.

(c) The COS may not authorise the full figure for Italian Army requested by General ALEXANDER.

(d) Combat Troops have broadly speaking to fight with captured Italian stocks on the mainland, which are not very large. It is the policy that except for a few items, Allied arms and equipment will not be issued to Italian Combat Troops.

(e) In view of the above and despite Italian aspirations it seems unlikely that AAI will approve of a further formation such as CREMONA Div being created for Combat.

2. I think you know most of the above. This is merely a recapitulation. AAI will, of course, decide but if I am asked, I should advise against Marshal Mason's proposal.

Yours very sincerely

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(sgd) LANGLEY BROWNING

Lt. Gen. Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

HQ MGC, AFO 394
Secy Gen
Rec'd 10 Jun 1615
BY D.P.E.

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Ref. CC/G/389.

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12th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: A.F.H.Q.
(ATTENTION: G5.).

13443 of 6 June

I enclose copy of a letter from the Comando Supremo on the subject of repatriation of surplus officers of Italian "Garibaldi" division. If the request of the Comando Supremo is approved will you please initiate the necessary action and let me know what reply I should give to General Infante.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner

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Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time 15 June 1025
Via AG M/C
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By D.T.E.

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TRANSLATION NO. 630 June 6, 1944 R.Romano

Supreme Command, 1st Division office of operations

File No. 13443 Mil. Post 132, 5 June 1944

TO: A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of the surplus officers of the Italian Division "Garibaldi".

On reorganizing the Italian Division "Garibaldi", fighting in Montenegro at the orders of the II Partisan Corps, 29 officers were considered surplus. These officers would be of the greatest use in Italy.

The Division Command therefore, following instructions from the Supreme Command, gave notice on 10th April last to the competent Corps and of the Popular Jugoslav Army of Liberation, for the purpose of obtaining, the authorisation for these officers to repatriated with the Italian airplanes returning, as soon as the sick and gravely wounded had been brought back.

Since up to date we have had no reply from the Jugoslav Army, nor has any officer been repatriated, we take it that a final agreement could not be reached on the subject.

In consideration of the moral and material discomfort which these officers are suffering and who as early as September, 1943, decidedly turned their forces against the Germans, we beg you to request the Allied Forces Command of the Middle East to try and obtain a favourable solution of the question, through Marshal Tito's Command.

We include for such purpose a list of the officers to be repatriated, set out in the order of preference with which their repatriation would be desirable.

The General of Division

(Adolfo Infante)

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See CC/G/389
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Annex G/6/1 of 8 June.

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SUPREME COMMAND

I Unit - Operations Office

No. 13611

To: General Sir Noel MacFarlane
President of the A.C.C.

DSJ HST
16 JUN 1944

Subject: Choice of personnel for P.B.S.

From the Chief of Staff of the Army, I am informed that General Basso--Commander of the FF.AA. in Campania--is to go to Sardinia to accompany General Wilson, Commander of the P.B.S. and to assist him in the choice of the personnel to be transferred to the continent.

General Basso--who left the command of the Armed Forces of Sardinia many months ago--cannot be well informed regarding the situation of the island inasmuch as a large number of forces have been taken away after his departure.

The troops on the island are under the orders of General Magli who, with his better knowledge of the situation, could furnish all the necessary information to General Wilson.

The fact remains, however, that the program relative to the transfer of the personnel to the continent was drawn up in common agreement among the Italian Staff, the ACC Sub-Commission of the Army, and the Chief of the Allied Military Mission of Sardinia. Therefore, every direct or one-sided intervention in favor of one of the enti for which the personnel of Sardinia is destined creates a crisis in the execution of the agreed program and harms the other enti (Allied or Italian) which should receive units and complements from Sardinia.

It would be desirable, however, to prevent the direct intervention of General Wilson in the choice of the personnel destined to P.B.S.; however it would be useful on the whole that General Wilson be the direct superior of the present Military Commander of Sardinia, General Magli who knows better than General Basso the program concorded with the ACC Sub-Commission and is perfectly aware of the situation of the personnel existent in Sardinia and its anticipated use.

At any rate, I will be very grateful if you will issue directives so that in the choice of the personnel necessary for P.B.S., no cuts will be made to those divisions ("Cremona"--"Friuli"--"Bari") which, on the basis of the program concorded, must be destined for tasks of security in the communication lines and for public order and consequently, must remain intact.

The Marshal of Italy
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

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The Marshal of Italy
Chief of the Supreme Genral Staff
(Giovanni Messe)
/s/ G. Messe

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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By D.F.E.

TRANSLATION

Salerno, 14 June 1944

THE MINISTER OF WAR

16 JUN 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

Upon leaving the Ministry of War, I would like to send you my cordial greetings and thanks.

Two ideals have supported my work as Minister--you know it--the infinite love for my Country and the decisive will to bring the cooperation with the Allies to its highest expression of complete dedication of every effort in the common purpose: to oust the secular enemy from my Country.

In so doing, I knew that I was also respecting one of the fundamental laws of the art of war: victory belongs to he who knows how to converge upon the enemy all efforts to their maximum expression.

At a moment in which I leave my post of responsibility, I wish to extend to you, dear General, and all of the Control Commission, the deepest expressions of my grateful feelings and my thanks.

All that I have been able to do for the Italian Army and for my Country I owe to the fine understanding and the direct and indirect assistance which you, Dear General, General Browning and the entire Army Sub-Commission under every circumstance have given me, supporting me in my difficult work.

With a heart of a soldier and an Italian, I wish to say to you that my appreciation is infinite for all that you have done and will do for my Country.

Believe me,

Very affectionately yours,

/s/ General Taddeo Orlando

To: General Noel MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Salerno

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EM/rj

Ref. CC/G/391.

12th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

Reference attached memorandum from Army Sub-Commission.

1. This is the first that I have heard of this most objectionable order which goes against General Alexander's ruling last autumn that under no circumstances would Italian troops use fire-arms against Allied personnel.

2. I approve General Browning's action in his para 3..

3. I leave para 4. to you but I am inclined to suggest that any order issued on this subject should be confined to a directive to Italian service personnel to be particularly careful to avoid incidents of any sort with Allied service personnel.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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12 Jun 44

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COPY

Subject; Behaviour of Italian Military.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6
7 June 44

AAI (through ACC)

1. On 27 March General Berardi, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, issued an order to Italian troops. This order was copied in AFHQ PWB 'Report on Conditions in Lib-erated Italy No. 19' dated 2 May, and the textof the translation has caused comment from Allied Commanders.

2. (a) Gen. Berardi was asked to furnish a copy of his order and the translation of this is attached as Appendix 'A(. This is considerably toned down compared with the text reported by P.W.B. (see Appendix 'B')

(b) Nevertheless, there are potentialities for trouble even in the toned down version, particularly in the sentence "ready to make use of arms if necessary" in the third paragraph (App 'A').

3. I have therefore ordered Gen. Berardi to:-

(a) cancel his order pending approval by you.

(b) submit a draft in future of any order which may affect relations with Allied troops.

4. I should be glad of your decision as to:-

(a) what alterations should be made to the order (App 'A() before issue by Gen. Berardi.

(b) whether it is necessary or advisable to issue such an order at all.

(signed) L. Browning,
Major-General,
Army Sub-Comm ACC.

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Appendix 'A' to AG/6 dated 7 Jun 44

COPY TRANSLATION

Chief of Gen Staff to all Corps Comds
Area HQs
Reorg Camp

Cases are being reported to me with a certain frequency of assaults by Allied tps, more often than not in a state of drunkenness, at the expense of our tps, who have been ill-treated and have received wounds, which at times have been quite serious.

It is desirable that our soldiers avoid any occasion which might lead to an incident of this kind.

If, however, they should unavoidably find themselves in situations in which attacks might be expected (at night, in the neighbourhood of billets or camps of Allied units, or casual meetings with groups of soldiers under the influence of wine) they should proceed with the necessary caution, watchful and alert, and ready to make use of arms if necessary. There must be no provocation; but if they are faced with acts of violence or abuse they should react for their legitimate defence with firmness and decision, and see to it that they are not overpowered.

The above should be brought to the notice of the troops - with proper discretion - so that all may know what the bearing of an Italian should be under such circumstances.

(sgd) Berardi
Chief of General Staff.

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APP A

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Appendix 'B' to AG/6 dated 7 June 44

Text of Order issued in para. 21 P.W.B. 'Report on conditions in liberated Italy No. 19. dated 2 May 44.

There have come to my knowledge frequent instances of aggressive acts on the part of Allied troops, for the most part drunk, against our soldiers, who have been man-handled and occasionally seriously hurt.

Our troops must avoid all occasions that might give rise to incidents of this nature.

Where our soldiers may expect to find themselves the victims of aggression, (after night-fall, vicinity of their quarters or billets to settlements of Allied troops, casual encounters with Allied troops under the influence of drink), they should proceed with accustomed caution, ready to make use of arms if necessary.

Italian soldiers must not use provocation, but in the event of violence they may react in their own defence with firmness and decision, putting themselves in such a position that they do not get the worse of the encounter.

The above instruction should be brought to the attention of the troops - in the accustomed manner - so that all may know what the attitude of the soldier should be in such circumstances.

(sgd) Chief of the General Staff
BERARDI

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Ref. CC/G/388.

12th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

To: Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
LAQUILA

DSB 1167
16 JUN 1944

1. Will you please arrange with Italian General staff to send a small Italian military commission, including Naval, and Air representatives, to Rome to "vet" the many Italian officers and other ranks now in the city and desirous of joining their appropriate services. An officer of your Sub-Commission should accompany the Commission.

2. I have discussed this with Marshal Messe and arrangements will have to be made to evacuate all personnel found suitable to Italian base establishments for incorporation.

3. Please make arrangements direct through AAI for the provision of any accommodation required in Rome by the commission.

4. A.A.I. have approved.

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[illegible] MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Reference your D.C. letter No. [illegible]/691/1/EQ of 6th. June.

2. I agree with you that it is very unfortunate that a reduction in the ration of your fighting people should be taking place.

3. The letter from M.A.A.F. seems to be a difficult hurdle to surmount.

4. I suggest that the only course open to you is to interest Air Chief Marshal Slessor or some other senior Air Force officer in the question and get him to fight it with A.F.H.Q..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref. cc/o/377.

10th. June. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

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

DSA 1164
16 JUN 1944

Your No. 11/AIR of 5th. June.

1. As far as the A.C.C. is concerned there is no objection to the proposal in your Para 1..

2. Neither is there any control objection to the continuance of courses at the Cadet College.

3. On the other hand a question of higher policy is involved as the continuance of this Cadet College would certainly give the impression that the Allies contemplated allowing Italy to possess an Air Force after the war. As far as I know no decision on this question as yet been taken.

4. I suggest, therefore, that this is a question for M.A.A.F. to take up with the S.A.C. at A.F.H.Q..

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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10 JUN 44

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FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:- HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.M.F.
COPY:- HEADQUARTERS M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
COPY:- MINISTERIO.

DATE:- 5th June 1944.

REF:- 11/AIR.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE - BRINDISI.

I have been approached by the Italian Air Ministry for permission for competition examinations to be held for the entry of a new batch of cadets into the Italian Air Force Cadet College at Brindisi.

2. The school was formed at the time of the Armistice, and was made up of 15/20 pupils (now full Officers) who escaped from Caserta, where the college was situated at that time. These pupils had finished their course and were ready to begin practice flying. As this was not possible the graduates were dispersed among various Italian Air Force Units in occupied Italy. It seems to be the intention to reassemble these graduates at Laverano for flying training - when opportunity offers. From the above it will be seen that no flying is done at the college at the moment.

3. The present number of pupils is :-

169

Course 1	-	1
Course 2	-	35
Course 3	-	38

The 35 pupils of Course 2, having taken their final examinations, are to be dispersed among I.A.F. Units.

4. The intention is to admit 25 pupils for the next course and 10 pupils for the succeeding course.

5. I have been unable to find any policy laid down for their institution, but presume that permission must have been given for it continue its activities by the Allied Control Commission.

6. It is requested that I may be informed as to whether there is any objection to these examinations being held, which would imply also that if permission is given, we would also agree to the continuance of the courses at the Cadet College.

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7. In so far as this Sub-Commission is concerned, it is recommended that permission should be given.

(103) APP A

(sgd) W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

See CC/G/377 of 10 June 44.

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DCC 091.711

13 June 1944

DSU 83-2
13 JUN 1944

Dear General Infante:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 41101/3/PM of 7 June, reference "Enlistment of Italians in the French Foreign Legion".

Action by this Commission is being withheld pending receipt of further information as indicated by the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours very truly,

KELLEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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13 Jun 44

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

Unit I - Information Office
"Bonsignore" Section

DSD 1116
13 JUN 1944

Prot. No. 41161/B/PM

PM.135 7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Italians in the French Foreign Legion.

TO: Allied Control Commission,
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.

With reference to letter DCC 091.711 dated 28 May 1944 from the Allied Control Commission, I can now inform you, pending further information, of the following:

1) Recruiting for the French Foreign Legion has occurred particularly in Campania and in Puglia, insofar as it has concerned soldiers belonging to the Royal Army.

It happens that the center for the instruction and organization of soldiers sworn into the Foreign Legion is located in Bagnoli on the premises formerly belonging to the now defunct Fascist district group "Cesare Battisti. The recruiting office can be found in Bagnoli, and is probably located next to the Cumana railroad.

Two Italian soldiers have had occasion to report to their respective headquarters that they were approached by ranking soldiers of the French army who offered them enlistment in the Foreign Legion with compensation of 120 lire per day. Of the two, one enlisted. When, with the* 150 Italian soldiers, he was about to be transferred to Bari, he jumped from the automobile in which he had taken a seat and presented himself before his proper comander to relate the facts of the case.

2) Concerning the parent unit of the Italian soldiers who left Naples on 15 May 1944 and their new destination in Bari, I shall undertake to give a fuller report as soon as further information is available.

/s/ Illegible for:
ADOLFO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, FGS

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* Translator's Note: literally translated.

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

41161/B/PM
7 Jun 44

COMANDO SUPREMO

1° REPARTO - UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI
SEZIONE "BONSIGNORE"

OSS 111 b
13 JUN 1944

Protocollo n. 41161/B/PM.
Risposta al n. ..... del .....

P.M. 135, li 7 giugno 1944.

OGGETTO: Arruolamento di Italiani nella Legione Straniera Francese.-
Enlistment of Italians in the French Foreign Legion

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Ufficio del Vice Commissaario Capo -
A. P. O. 394

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Riferendomi al foglio DCC 091.711 data 28 maggio u.s. di Cotesta Commissione di Controllo, con riserva di maggiori notizie, sono in grado di precisare:

1°- Il reclutamento per la Legione Straniera Francese avviene in modo particolare nella Campania ed in Puglia nei riguardi di militari appartenenti al R.Esercito.
Risulta che il centro d'istruzione e di inquadramento dei militari ingaggiati per la Legione Straniera ha sede in Bagnoli nei locali già appartenenti all'ex gruppo rionale fascista "Cesare Battisti".- 166
L'ufficio di arruolamento si troverebbe in Bagnoli a fianco della ferrovia Cumana.-
Due militari italiani ebbero a suo tempo a riferire ai rispettivi Comandi da cui dipendono di essere stati avvicinati da graduati dell'Armata francese che offrirono loro l'arruolamento nella Legione Straniera con un trattamento economico di 120 lire al giorno.-
Dei due uno si arruolò; quando insieme con i 150 soldati italiani stava per essere trasferito a Bari, si gettò dall'autocarro su cui [illegible] presentandosi al proprio comando per riferire.-

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2°- Circa il reparto di appartenenza dei militari italiani partiti da Napoli il 15 maggio u.s. e la loro nuova destinazione in Bari, sarà mia cura darne notizia non appena perverranno le segnalazioni relative.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
-Adolfo Infante-

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11 June 1944

To: Major Doe

The attached letter for General MacFarlane's signature wad drawn by Lt Col Campbell, Army Sub-Commission, and has been checked by Captain Stone. Copy of relative correspondence attached.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to DCC

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11 Dec 44

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CC 091.711

10 June 1944

OSAG 1103
11 JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Colonel S. M. Manno

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy

1. It is requested that the case on the release of Colonel S. M. Manno be reconsidered for the following reasons:

a. Colonel Manno evaded capture by the Germans, and, with the help of the Intelligence Service succeeded in reaching Cyprus, was transferred to Egypt with General Carta and Colonel Negroni who had also succeeded in leaving Athens. General Carta and Colonel Negroni were transferred to Italy while Colonel Manno was interned in a PW Camp and treated as such, although not a PW. It is possible that being treated as a PW and not transferred to Italy as were his companions caused Colonel Manno to protest angrily against such treatment, and thus give rise to the impression that he was a fascist and anti-British.

b. The Comando Supremo has made special application to again examine the case stating that Colonel Manno is of a noble Piedmontese family, an officer of great valor, deeply devoted to the House of Savoy and to the old military institutions. He is temperamentally against meddling in politics and is extremely devoted to duty and military honor.

c. General Lapine, Deputy High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, stated that he would stake his honor on Colonel Manno's integrity.

2. I appreciate that in certain cases it may be undesirable to convey to the Italian Government facts concerning PW which show cause for non-repatriation. In this case, a confidential report to me would be of great help.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission

(Draft prepared by Major Campbell, Army S/C)

cc/091.711/
10 June 44

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

I Section - Operation Office

P. M. 135 30 May 1944

File No. 13363/OP

Subject: Repatriation of Col. Manno.

DSB 1164
11 JUN 1944

Dear Maj. Campbell,

Following the conversation held by us yesterday, May 29, I wish to submit to you the case of Col. Manno, who is now interned in Camp 308 M.E.F. in Alexandria.

I do not know this officer personally; however, according to what has been told me by superior officers, collegues and inferior officers, who know him very well, Col. Manno is a member of a noble Piedmontese family; he is an officer of great valor, deeply devoted to the House of Savoy and to old military institutions. He is temperamentally against meddling in politics, and is extremely devoted to his duty and to military honor.

At the time of the armistice Col. Manno was Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the 11th Army in Greece.

In order to evade capture by the Germans and to be faithful to his oath, he succeeded, with the help of the Intelligence Serive, in reaching Cyprus, and from there he was transferred to Egypt. General Carta and Col. Negroni who succeeded in leaving Athens, and in reaching Egypt by the same means were transferred to Italy, while Col. Manno was detained, to be later repatriated; although he was not a POW he was interned in a POW camp and treated as such.

We believe this treatment must have cause great sorrow to Col. Manno, who probably has made aprotest against it.

In reference to the above-mentioned question I should very grateful if you would examine again this officer's position, especially because what has been attributed to him in letter Q.S. 360 of May 2, if confirmed by facts, might have the most serious consequences on the officer's future.

Cordially youre,

/s/ A. Infante.

TRANS/ No. 609-Lt. Gerardo/ajp.

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Ref. CC/G/358.

2nd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

D 1036
6 JUN 1944

TO: M.M.I.A.
(ATTENTION: Maj-Gen. L. Browning)

13375/40P

I send you herewith copy of a letter from Marshal Messe.

I am going to talk to A.A.I. on this question but as far as I know, there is little prospect of our doing anything for the Cremona Division in the near future.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Hq ACC. Secy Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 4 June 1015
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DSJ 224
5 JUN 1944

DOC 091.711

4 June 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Alessandro Zantonelli and Bosio Francesco

To : G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. The Deputy Chief, General Staff of the Italian Army, requests the return of Infantryman Zantonelli Alessandro and Artilleryman Bosio Francesco, presently serving with the Division Headquarters of the "Cuneo" Division.

2. These men, were respectively the personal servants of General Scidarelli, former Commander of the Division, and Lt. Col. Gandioso, his Chief of Staff, both of whom have been repatriated and are serving in Italy. At the time of the repatriation of the above officers, the two men referred to would have accompanied the officers had there been sufficient room on the aeroplane.

3. In view of the facts of this case a favourable decision is recommended.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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3 June 1944

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OSW323
4 JUN 1944

Dear General Infante:

I find on investigation that the 24th Railway Engineering Company was transferred from FBS to the Military Railway Service about the 15 May 1944.

The Military Railway Service is entirely technical and the Company should now be employed only on technical duties.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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2. I spoke to Ambassador Lane again on the subject of the loan policy of the officer candidate at the recently reopened military academy. My information is that many of them are of a type which is unlikely to produce good leaders.

3. Ambassador Lane has taken up the question as above, but I understand that Washington has not definitely for [redacted] is already behind schedule.

[redacted]
Assistant General
Chief Commissioner

[redacted]

Original for:

Dutch Economic Minister
American Political Adviser
Cable Co.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

SUPREME COMMAND

I Dept - Operations Office

P.M. 135, 30 May 1944

To: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission

4 JUN 1944

No. 13375/OP.

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations.

With the coming of the "Gembo" Division into the line, there are practically no Italian units at disposal, ready to go into action.

For this, not only are the units lacking, but the means (armaments, means of transportation, communication materials) adequate for use in modern warfare.

There are rather some large units which, if suitably armed and equipped, would be in position within a very short time to participate in operations, which is the warm desire on the part of the Italians. Whenever the Allies consent to authorize an increase of our contribution to the fight, such authorization would meet with our full satisfaction.

It would then be necessary to distribute to these units at least a part of the above means for the necessary training of the personnel.

In such an event I would intend, in agreement with the views of the Army Chief of Staff, to destine as the first large Unit of these new troops, the "Cremona" Division, which morally and materially is the most advanced in readiness.

I do not emphasize the value which such authorization and help would have because it is well known. Kindly take this proposal under favourable consideration and furnish me some indication so as to keep me informed as to the preparation of the mentioned units, and in particular the "Cremona", at the present time stationed in Sardinia.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

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30 May 44

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DSG-316

2 JUN 1944

1 June 1944

Dear General Infante:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 13393/OP of Prot. dated 31 May 1944 relative to employment of the 24th Railway Engineering Company. This matter has been referred to the military authorities concerned.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

Section I, Office of Operation.

File No. 13393/OP of Prot.

P. M. 135, 31 May 1944

DSC-973
12 JUN 1944

Subject: 24th Railway Engineers Company.

Dear Commander Stone:

I am informed that the 24th Railway Engineering Company (3 Officers & 90 EM), recently arrived in Campania, is employed by the Command of the P. B. [illegible] in non technical work for which some other unit not composed of specialized personnel could be used.

Besides, it would be most desirable, as the Ministry of Communications has pointed out to me, that this particular unit be placed under the 2nd Railway Engineers Group and assigned to urgent repair works on the network of the State Railways.

May I beg you, dear sir, to look into this matter in order to meet the needs of the Ministry of Communications and thus suitably employ the members of the 24th Railway Eng. Co., who are specialists?

Very sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante,
Division General, F. G. S.

To: Captain Hilary W. Stone,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Comaission.

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Sub. Commission for Necessary
Action this date. 2 JUN 1944

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31 May 44

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P.M. 135, 30 maggio 1944

D56-973

COMANDO SUPREMO

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

N° 13393 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : 24ª compagnia genio ferrovieri.

Caro Comandante Stone,

mi viene segnalato che la 24ª compagnia genio ferrovieri (3 ufficiali - 90 truppa), di recente giunta in Campania, è impiegata dal Comando della P.B.S. in lavori di manovalanza, per i quali potrebbe essere utilizzato anche un altro reparto, non composto da personale specializzato come tale compagnia.

D'altro lato sarebbe molto opportuno, secondo quanto mi segnala il Ministero delle Comunicazioni, che tale reparto venisse messo alle dipendenze del 2° Raggruppamento Genio Ferrovieri per essere adibito a lavori urgenti di riattamento sulla rete delle Ferrovie dello Stato.

Posso pregarLa, caro Comandante Stone, del suo cortese interessamento al riguardo, per venire incontro alla necessità del Ministero delle Comunicazioni ed utilizzare anche convenientemente gli elementi della 24ª compagnia genio ferrovieri, che sono degli specializzati ?

Molto sinceramente

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Molto sinceramente

Adolfo Infante
Generale di Divisione f.g.s.

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Al Capitano di Vascello
Ellery W. STONE
Vice Presidente della
Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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EWS/hjp

DSJ 384
28 MAY 1944

DCC 091.711

28 May 1944

Subject: Italian Enlistment in French Foreign Legion

Dear General Infante:

Replying to your letter of May 26th, File No. 410.1/B/PS, it would be helpful if you could supply the Commission with more specific information as to the charge that French military authorities have solicited enlistment of Italian soldiers in the French Foreign Legion.

With specific reference to the second paragraph of your letter, can you advise us from what Italian unit the "150 Italian soldiers were taken into the French Foreign Legion"? Also can your authorities at Bari advise us where they are now quartered?

As I think you know, we are most anxious to cooperate but it is important that we be given specific information in order that such a practice, if true, can be stopped.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Italian Government

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND
Military Intelligence Service
Bonsignore Section

File No. 41080/B/PM P.M. 135 23 May 1944

Subject: Enlistment of Italian soldiers in the foreign legion effected through the efforts of the military belonging to the DeGaullist French Army.

To: ACC, Salerno

And, for information,

To:	Presidency of the Council of Ministers	Salerno
	Ministry of War	P.M. 107
	General Staff of the Royal Army	P.M. 151

For some time the military of the DeGaullist French Army have been actively engaged, besides among civilians, also among the military of the Royal Italian Army, inciting them to desert in order to enlist in the French Foreign Legion.

As a result of this propaganda about 150 Italian soldiers were taken into the French Foreign Legion, dressed in American clothing and sent toward Bari, on the 15th of this month.

This matter constitutes a grave menace to the composition and the discipline of the Italian Army and we are forwarding this information to the Allied Commission for the necessary urgent steps which may be taken, and so that soldiers of the Royal Italian Army who have enlisted thus far may be returned to their units.

The General of Division
Adolfo Infante

/s/ A. Infante

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C O M A N D O S U P R E M O
SERVIZIO INFORMAZIONI MILITARE
- Sezione Bonsignore -

n.41081/B/PM. P.M.135, li 23 maggio 1944.

OGGETTO: Arruolamento di militari italiani nella legione straniera ad opera di militari dell'Esercito francese degaullista.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO — SALERNO
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI — SALERNO
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA — P.M. 107
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE DEL REGIO ESERCITO — P.M. 151

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Da qualche tempo militari dell'esercito francese degaullista svolgono attiva propaganda oltre che fra i civili, anche fra i militari del Regio Esercito italiano incitandoli alla diserzione per l'arruolamento nella legione straniera francese.-

In seguito a tale propaganda sono stati arruolati nella legione straniera francese circa 150 soldati italiani che il 15 corrente mese, vestiti con indumenti americani, sono partiti, con una colonna di circa venti autocarri, alla volta di Bari.-

Quanto sopra costituisce grave minaccia alla compagine e alla disciplina dell'Esercito italiano e pertanto se ne informa cotesta Commissione Alleata per i necessari urgenti provvedimenti che saranno ritenuti opportuni e perchè i militari del R.Esercito italiano, finora arruolati, siano restituiti ai loro reparti.-

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COMANDO SUPREMO * I. M. *

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
-Adolfo Infante-

A. Infante

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26 May 1944

MEMO TO: Army Sub-Commission

DSJ 457
28 MAG 1944

Captain Stone has seen the attached correspondence, and has instructed that it be passed to you for necessary action.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General.

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26 may 44

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

1st. Division
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs.

DSI 95-4
28 MAG 1944

File No. 103185/AV

Subject: Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania

To: Allied Control Commission,
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner,
APO 394.

Reference: DCC 091.711 of 4 May 1944.

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My dear commander Stone:

I am pleased to be able to furnish you with the information requested in the letter in reference.

The military school in Naples has been open since the 1st February last, as a normal, civil, intermediate or high-school.

Second and third year high-school courses are conducted, with about forty pupils; the soldiers frequent the school in civilian clothes and as day students.

The Allied authorities have left a few rooms at the disposal of the schools as well as the library and the physics and science laboratories.

The Army Sub-Commission of the ACC was asked as long ago as February last by the Ministry of War to put at the school's disposal the other rooms necessary to completely resume the school's activities.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
Division General. f. g. s.

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TO: TO ACMAR FOR CCS AND TO USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEATED TO SHAEF, HQ MAAF AND ACC MAIN, FAIRBANKS, UNITY LONDON FOR INFORMATION

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 14/25

FROM: SECRET FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: F 50324

PRECEDENCE: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 24/2051

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHAIR

PARA ONE. YOUR FAN 358. THIS IS N709. AIR CINC MEDITERRANEAN CONSIDERS THAT THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE CAN MAKE A WORTH WHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY IF IT IS EQUIPPED AND ORGANIZED AS BELOW. PARA TWO. THE IAF CAN MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS:-(A) FIGHTERS: AND ALLIED TYPES-THREE SQUADRONS, ON ITALIAN TYPES-THREE SQUADRONS. (B) LIGHT BOMBERS: ON ALLIED TYPES-TWO SQUADRONS ALL THE ABOVE ON BRITISH WAR ESTABLISHMENTS OF 16UE AIRCRAFT. PARA THREE. AND IN ADDITION THE TRANSPORT AND SEAPLANE WINGS CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON ITALIAN TYPES FOR SOME TIME BUT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED LONGER THAN THEIR PRESENT EQUIPMENT WILL LAST. PARA FOUR. AIR CINC PROPOSES TO RE-EQUIP THE FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRONS SELECTED FOR ALLIED TYPES AS DETAILED IN PARA TWO ABOVE WITH P-39'S AND BALTIMORES RESPECTIVELY. TFKNS ARE BOTH TYPES WHICH ARE IN COURSE OF BEING SUPERSEDED IN US AND BRITISH SQUADRONS IN THIS THEATRE AND THE NECESSARY STOCKS AND SPARE PARTS TO MAINTAIN T THE SQUADRONS ON THESE TYPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE THEATRE. THIS REEQUIPMENT WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING, CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE ARE COMPLETE. PARA FIVE. ALL ITALIAN AIR FORCES UNITS WILL OPERATE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE APPROPRIATE FORMATION HEADQUARTERS OF MAAF. THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING THE AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ACC WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ADMISTRATION, ORGANISATION, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ALLIED TYPES. PARA SIX. IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS DECISION IS WHOLLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY EVENTUAL DECISION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE IAF AFTER THE END OF THE WAR.

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EQUIPMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE

MEETING AT P... H.A.A.F. 25th May 1944.

Air Marshal Slessor
Lt-General Mason Macfarlane
Air Marshal Linnell
Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet
Air Vice Marshal Broadhurst
Air Vice Marshal Aitken
Brigadier D. Patton
Air Commodore Lindberger
Group Captain Sevastopulo
Group Captain Chapman
Wing Commander Case
Wing Commander Orme

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 30 May 1550
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1. MAF.70 and Italian Air Ministry. General Mason Macfarlane said that since he understood the replacement of Marshall by Stagliano was acceptable to SAF, he would take the opportunity of the proposals made in MAF.70 to put in Badoglio's request on the grounds that he knows the determination required to supersede the I.A.F. and re-equip it's squadrons with allied types of aircraft. General Mason Macfarlane said he would inform Marshall Badoglio accordingly at once, when he would also give formal notification that the decision to re-equip part of the I.A.F. with allied types was made without prejudice to any eventual decision about the status of the I.A.F. after the end of the war.

2. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet confirmed that he would be able to collect a suitable complement for Piacentini at C.A.S. He would make it clear that the functions of the C.A.S. related to administration, supply and training, and the control of operations would rest solely with the Commander of MAAF to which I.A.F. units were allocated, and that no political activities would be permitted in the I.A.F. (see Allied context). He was confident of obtaining the complete full collaboration in this policy and in the measures he proposed to take in order to retire unsatisfactory officers.

3. It was agreed that it would be acceptable for the Air Ministry and Air Force HQ of A.C.C. to be in Rome provided no move were made before telegraph and telephone lines were available between Rome and the operational Command at Bari. Brigadier Patton undertook to have non-operational communications provided which he estimated could be done within the period of two weeks after the fall of Rome before which General Mason Macfarlane said it was not intended to begin any move of Italian ministries to Rome. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet was authorised to make the necessary arrangements through A.C.C. for accommodation of the Air Force HQ in Rome. It was agreed that a small section of the Air Force HQ and an I.A.F. operations liaison officer would be attached to the operating Command at Bari.

4. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet in reply to a question from General Mason Macfarlane confirmed that the Italian Aid Factory and Repair Depots would be kept informed of all I.A.F. new or types of Italian factories.

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Cutella. Two R.A.F. fighter squadrons, three I.A.F. P-39 squadrons, 352 (Partisan) squadron. All under an R.A.F. wing, to be formed.

Trigno. Two R.A.F. fighter squadrons, two I.A.F. fighter squadrons (1½ Macchi + 1 202's so long as this type is available, afterwards the second squadron to be completed with Macchis). All under a R.A.F. wing, to be formed.

Canne. Available for use as an Italian R.S.U.

7. Landlines. Brigadier Potter noted that speech and teleprinter would be required between the three operational aerodromes, H.Q. 'C' Force, D.A.F. and 242 Group.

8. A/c communications. Deputy Air C. in C. confirmed that there should be no re-equipment of Baltimores or Macchis with V.H.F. and that Macchis should not be fitted with I.F.F.

9. P-39 training, maintenance and supply.

(a) Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet undertook to examine the suitability of CAUDO as a training aerodrome for both P-39 and Baltimore crews. D.A.D. O.s undertook to arrange for experienced Italian pilots to be familiarised with the P-39 after which it was considered that these pilots would be able to undertake the training of the remainder required for three squadrons.

(b) C.M.S.O. representative was instructed to arrange for up to sixty I.A.F. maintenance personnel (selected by Air Force SC) to receive instruction on Allison engines at 113 M.U.

(c) It was noted that airframe maintenance could not be provided by R.A.F. A.O.A. would therefore request AAF/MTO for the temporary loan of a small instructional party which should be sent to the aerodrome selected for squadron training (see 9 (a)).

(d) Supply of aircraft. Deputy Air C. in C. said that since there was no storage capacity available for P-39s in Italy, A.O.A. should request AAF/MTO to allocate and hold for the I.A.F. P-39s up to a total of 120, the aircraft to be ferried from North Africa to Italy as and when indicated by Air Force SC.

(e) Maintenance. On completion of training, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet said that he considered the I.A.F. would be competent to handle, under supervision, all maintenance in the three squadrons and the R.S.U. at Canne.

10. Baltimore training, maintenance and supply.

(a) It was agreed to develop I.A.F. Baltimore maintenance in the same way as the P-39 organization outlined above; Italian maintenance personnel would be sent to 242 R.S.U. for training as arranged between Air Force SC and C.M.S.O. representative.

(b) Air training. It was decided that one squadron should be converted

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would be required between the three operational headquarters, H.Q. 'C' Force, D.A.F. and 242 Group.

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(b) C.M.S.O. representative was instructed to arrange for up to sixty I.A.F. maintenance personnel (selected by Air Force HQ) to receive instruction on Allison engines at 11th M.U.

(c) It was noted that airframe maintenance instruction could not be provided by R.A.F. A.O.A. would therefore request A.A.F/MTO for the temporary loan of a small instructional party which should be sent to the aerodrome selected for squadron training (para 9 (a).

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10 Baltimore training, maintenance and supply.

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(a) It was agreed to develop I.A.F. Baltimore maintenance in the same way as the P-39 organisation outlined above; Italian maintenance personnel would be sent to 232 R.S.U. for training as arranged between Air Force HQ and C.M.S.O. representative.

(b) Air training. It was decided that one squadron should be converted at a time, and that A.O.A. should inform M.E. that 32 Baltimores (Mk. IV or V) should initially be sent to CAMPO together with a small I.A.F. instructional party. A.O.A. also undertook to inform Middle East that three or four I.A.F. pilots (who were to be selected by Air Force HQ) were to be given a short course of instruction to enable them to train other Baltimore pilots. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet said he would arrange for these pilots to be flown to and from Middle East in an Italian transport aircraft.

(c) Supply.

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(c) Supply. It was agreed that aircraft for the three squadrons' U.E. and replacements should be ferried as necessary from stock in M.E. . A block allocation of aircraft is not required.

11. D.D.Ops undertook to examine the possibility of carrying two 500 lb bombs on the F-39.

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Army Units and Personnel with British Forces

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
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G/6/1/F
23 May 44

Chief Commissioner A.C.C., NAPLES.
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm ACC, SALERNO.

Herewith, copy of AFHQ letter HSD/424 dated 8 May, subject as above, requested in Adv HQ Army Sub Commission signal 2796 of 22 May 44.

Also attached, copy of AFHQ letter HSD/424 dated 16 May.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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16 May 1944

FILE NO : HSD/424

SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

COPY NO : 62

TO : HQ AAI (Copies 1 - 5)

The following amendment is made to HSD/424 of 8 May 1944 :-

Delete : Last sentence of Para 4 Establishments

and Substitute

"The War Establishment Committee of this Headquarters will be the authority for all cases of amendments where a British WE is affected except in so far as the amendment is within the powers granted to the War Establishment Committee of Headquarters Allied Armies in ITALY".

For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

J.A.H.GAMMELL,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of Staff.

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The priority of employment of units of the Italian Army will be :-

(a) to complete the existing British Order of Battle requirements.
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For all S.D. matters, Italian Army Units (except for those in Italian formations), and units diluted with Italian personnel serving with British Forces, will be treated in a similar manner to units of the British Army.

4. Establishments.

Where whole units of the Italian Army are employed, the Italian War Establishment or its equivalent will be used for those units as far as is possible. Where no suitable ITALIAN Establishment exists for a body which is to be entirely ITALIAN, ACC is empowered to produce in conjunction with ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND a suitable organization, which need only be submitted to AFHQ for approval if it involves the provision of vehicles or equipment from Allied sources. In the case of a unit diluted with Italian personnel the British W.E. will invariably be used.

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(b) All British Commanders of units diluted with Italian troops are given power of command over all such personnel, and all British Officers, W.O's and NCO's in such units are given power of command over Italian personnel of equal or lower rank.

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(c) All personnel of the ITALIAN Army will remain subject to ITALIAN Military Law which will be administered by ITALIAN Officers in accordance with the ITALIAN code.
Where there is no ITALIAN Officer competent to deal with the case with the diluted unit and where it is not desirable or legally possible to deal with an offender under Sec 176 (9) or (10) Army Act by BRITISH Court Martial the offender will be sent with a short statement of the offence in ordinary English and brief statements of witnesses to the nearest ITALIAN Unit for disciplinary action to be taken. Arrangements will be made for the ITALIAN Officer dealing with the case to report his action to the Commanding Officer of the diluted unit.

6. Arrest.

British Service authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody ITALIANS alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by ITALIAN Law, and any offence against BRITISH Military Law, although such offence may not be an offence against ITALIAN Law.

Italian personnel will not be arrested by other than C.M.P. except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. C.M.P. to include Military, R.A.F., and Naval Police.

7. Leave.

If and when possible, ITALIAN personnel, whose families are located in the occupied territory, may be permitted leave of furlough to their homes, provided that they receive not more than 7 days in every 6 months, and that only 5 per cent of the ITALIAN personnel of a unit are absent at any one time.

8. M.S. Matters.

Power to remove an Officer is dealt with in para 5 (a) (i) above, and all remaining M.S. matters will continue under ITALIAN Army organization.

9. Reinforcement and Casualties.

(a) Complete ITALIAN Units.

The ITALIAN Military Authorities are to be responsible for maintaining in personnel those complete Units or Formations of the ITALIAN Army who are employed under BRITISH Command. The necessary return will be furnished monthly to this Headquarters by Land Forces Sub Commission of ACC.
This return will be in the form of an Order of Battle showing the strength of ITALIAN Units and Formations serving under BRITISH Command.

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(b) Diluted Units.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon are responsible for maintaining at W.E., those units of the BRITISH Army which are diluted with personnel of the ITALIAN Army holding a status other than that of E.P.W.

(c) Reinforcement Organization.

(i) Base Depot. The ITALIAN Government will undertake to guarantee a sufficient number of personnel for replacing wastage, in a Base Depot to be established for the purpose. This Base Depot will be situated in ITALY so as to facilitate the rapid despatch of reinforcement personnel to units. It will be under command of a BRITISH Officer with a BRITISH Staff, and will be capable of ensuring the qualifications of tradesmen or specialists held, and, where necessary, of ensuring that these men do not deteriorate during their stay in the depot.

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(ii) Method of Demanding Reinforcements. Diluted units will render weekly A.F's W3008 and W3009 as at present, but will show W.E. and strength of British and Italian personnel separately. Returns will be rendered as laid down in the 'Unit Guide to Documentation', and demands for reinforcements made by the Advance Rfts Sec concerned on the Base Depot.

(d) Documentation.

All formations and units with Italian Army personnel (other than E.P.W.), either filling vacancies within the W.E, or attached in excess will render nominal rolls to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon showing :

(1) Number, Rank and Name.

(2) Arm of the Service.

(3) Civil Trade and Army Trade.

(4) Whether within W.E. or att in excess.

All casualties affecting such ITALIAN Army personnel will be reported to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon in exactly the same manner as for BRITISH personnel. The same Army Forms will be used with the exception that the A.F's W3012 A, B and C series will be used for both officers and O.Rs instead of the A.F's W3010 and W3011 series.

(e) Return of Ex Hospital Personnel.

Fit men discharged from medical units will report to the nearest COMMANDO TAPPA Report Centre. Medical units will provide the necessary pass, rations and movement order for the journey.

10. Pay.

(a) Whenever possible, the ITALIAN Government will pay its own troops wherever serving.

(b) Where (a) is impracticable, ITALIAN units will draw bulk advances from the nearest BRITISH Field or Area Cashier.

(c) In diluted units, the senior ITALIAN Officer with the unit will draw separately from the nearest Area or Field Cashier, and such amounts will not appear in the Imprest Account of the BRITISH Units concerned. 1 12

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(e) A list of authorized units will be supplied to the Command Paymaster, No. 8 Command Pay Office, TARANTO, and in the case of diluted units, the BRITISH Commanding Officer, will authorize, by name, the ITALIAN Officer to whom payment should be made.

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Prisoners of War, of whatever nationality, who fall into the hands of ITALIAN Armd Forces, shall be handed over as soon as possible after capture to the nearest BRITISH or AMERICAN Unit, and shall be deemed to be prisoners taken by that unit.

12. Medical.

(a) ITALIAN Military sick (incl CARABINIERI) will be treated in ITALIAN hospitals. Provision will, therefore, be made for ITALIAN hospitals at 6% strength of ITALIAN formations.

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(b) Italian Base Depots of Medical Stores now at NAPLES and BARI will be responsible for the provision of medical supplies to the ITALIAN Forces and for supplying ITALIAN Military Medical Units, which are accepting cases from units to which this directive refers.
Formations will be supplied through the normal ITALIAN Military channels.

(c) The ITALIAN Military Authorities will be responsible for the disposal of patients discharged as unfit for further military service and for the rehabilitation and return to units of all others.

13. Welfare.

(a) In complete ITALIAN units, welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the ITALIAN Government.

(b) In diluted BRITISH units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from BRITISH sources. If conditions allow, canteen facilities, separate to those for BRITISH Troops, will be provided; a quota of indoor and outdoor games equipment will be made available and ITALIAN soldiers will be allowed to attend mobile cinema shows and ENSA concerts if no BRITISH Troops are excluded thereby.

14. Rations.

(a) In Army Areas.

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to RHs. HQ AAI will demand monthly on Army Sub Commission for compensating supplies.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Bounderies.

(i) Diluted ITALIAN units will draw through DIDs.

(ii) For complete ITALIAN units the policy will be :-

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16. Postal.

Separate instructions will be issued in regard to Postal and Censorship Regulations.

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17. Equipment.

Pending the receipt of full and final instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, ITALIAN dilutees employed in British units and Italian units employed in place of British units within the approved British Order of Battle will be issued from British stocks with the personal equipment to the minimum scale necessary to make this class of ITALIAN soldier efficient for his task, if Italian Army stocks are not available.

The C.1098 equipment required to enable the unit to carry out its task will also be issued to the Italian units described above.

For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

J.A.H.GAMMELL,
Lieutenant-General.
Chief of Staff.

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Ref. CC/G/325.

23rd. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Marshal of Italy, Giovanni Messe,
Chief of the General Staff,
Supreme Command.

Arditi Air Force Battalion.

SUBJECT: Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

1. Reference your File No. 12980 of 11th. May.

2. As explained to you when I had the pleasure of meeting you the other day I regret that it is impossible to sanction the inclusion of the Arditi Air Force battalion in the Italian Army for combat purposes.

3. I fully understand that the battalion was not created by your orders and neither my Army Sub-Commission nor I myself were consulted before its formation. These facts undoubtedly led to the unauthorised formation of this unit which for the reasons which I explained to you cannot unfortunately be utilised as desired.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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My dear Brian,

In reply to your letter [illegible] of 11th May, the name Aten appearing in "Hieroglyphic" Index Atoni (on key was left provided by L.H.Q. but, according to my information, by Chief of the F.A.F. Liaison Section. The error of the paragraph, however, is almost completely so far as we are concerned by an error in translation. "Combined Allied" in the translation posted by you is given as "A.M.G."; it should be, of course, "Allied Control".

I think the best solution, from both our points of view, would be to ask H.Q. to print the correct version of the order.

Yours ever,

(Signed) Noel MacFarlane.

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, K.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
A. F. H.

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This ltr prepared by Gen. Com. for his reference.

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20th. May. 1944.

Ref. CC/G/308.

MEMORANDUM:

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24 MAG 1944

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: G.I.)

Letter published 1070 Poz 30 May

Not received

1. Reference your G1/B/2277/A2 of May 5th. and in continuation of my CC/G/278 of 12th. May.

2. I enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum received from General GAZZERA, Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

3. In speaking to Marshal [redacted] in the sense of Para. 4 of your above quoted memorandum I told him that in the meantime I wished only to know whether the Italian Government agreed in principle to (a) and (b). I made it clear that no further action was required in the meantime.

4. As, however, General GAZZERA has now come forward with various concrete proposals I forward them to you herewith.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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Subject:- Issue of Sheets, QS, to Royal Military Academy.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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30 May 44.

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Authority is granted for the immediate issue of Bedsheets, QS, quantity 1,700, to the Royal Military Academy.

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to:- Ministry of War.
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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
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20 May 1944

ADMIN. INSTRUCTION)
:
NUMBER 24)

SUBJECT: Issue Allied Supplies and Stores to Italian Armed Forces.

1. These instructions pertain to the control of stores and supplies which have been or may be authorized for issue to the Italian Armed Forces by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on an Allied basis. They do not apply to stores or equipment which have been or may be authorized by any Allied Nation from its own stocks or depots to equip or maintain Italian units or services working directly for or on behalf of that Allied Nation. It does not apply to Air Force technical stores nor to Naval stores, except as these stores may be common user items furnished on an international basis. These instructions apply equally to the Italian Mainland, Sicily, and Sardinia, and Corsica.

2. The following categories have been authorized and are being furnished on an Internation basis: rations, medical supplies, clothing and fuel (POL). The United States has assumed primary responsibility for rations (subsistence). The United Kingdom has assumed primary responsibility for medical supplies. Joint responsibility has been assumed for clothing. POL products will be furnished thru the normal existing petroleum slate procedure.

3. The Army Sub-Commission (short title MMIA) has been designated as the executive agency for the supervision, distribution, allocation, and accounting for all the supplies and stores presently authorized by the CCS for issue to any or all of the Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force). For all matters pertaining to these supplies and stores MMIA will operate directly under the supervision of Headquarters AAI. No other agency has authority to issue or allocate any of these commodities to any of the Italian Armed Forces.

4. To comply with the directive of the CCS that the nation of ownership shall exercise controlling authority over issues the following will apply, subject to policy control by CAO AAI and DCAO AAI, respectively, for British and United States commodities. The senior British officer at Headquarters MMIA will supervise the supply of medical stores. The senior United States officer at Headquarters MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. They will jointly supervise the supply of clothing recognizing the primary interest of the nation of ownership. POL will continue to be handled as prescribed in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 11 as.

5. At Headquarters AAI, the review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of the CAO (Br.) for stores of British ownership and the DCAO (U.S.) for stores of United States ownership.

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NARS, Date 11-7-11

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4. To comply with the directive of the CCS that the nation of ownership shall exercise controlling authority over issues the following will apply, subject to policy control by CAO AAI and DCAO AAI, respectively, for British and United States commodities. The senior British officer at Headquarters MMIA will supervise the supply of medical stores. The senior United States officer at Headquarters MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. They will jointly supervise the supply of clothing recognizing the primary interest of the nation of ownership. POL will continue to be handled as prescribed in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 11 cs.

5. At Headquarters AAI, the review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of the CAO (Br.) for stores of British ownership and the DCAO (U.S.) for stores of United States ownership.

6. Issues of other common user stores and equipment except those which may be specifically authorized from National depots to Italian forces serving with National troops, will be controlled by MMIA. Repairable salvaged shoes and clothing which are issued under the provisions of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 5, 7 January 1944, will be allocated by MMIA to Italian forces and will not be issued directly by U.S. or British services without prior authority of MMIA. Where practicable such items after repair will be depoted in Italian depots prior to issue. MMIA will report monthly to the Chief Accountant the receipt of such salvage clothing received from Allied services in the theater.

7. MMIA will furnish to the Chief Accountant ACC monthly a state-

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ment (with signed receipts) of the total amount of each subject commodity accepted by the Italian Armed Forces. MMIA will cause records to be maintained which will show all receipts, issues, and stockages in Italian depots and will furnish such information with respect to these matters as may be required by provisioning British or United States Services. MMIA will assure that the minimum stockages are held in Italian formations and units.

8. MMIA will not be responsible for pricing. The Chief Accountant ACC will keep quantitative records. The principles and procedure for pricing will be in accordance with instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to ACC.

9. Scales of supply for all authorized issues have been prescribed. It is the definite responsibility of every Allied and Italian agency involved in the issue of any of the subject commodities to assure that the scale of supply is not exceeded. Over issues will be adjusted at the earliest opportunity by a subsequent withholding. Allied stocks issued from Allied depots will not be repaid unless previous authority has been secured or unless the issue is of such an emergency nature that previous authority was not practicable to secure.

10. None of the supplies or stores may be issued except to those who are bona fide members of the Italian Armed Forces in every sense, and who are borne on the rosters of the Ministry concerned, and who are within the list of those who have been approved as effective by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

11. The MMIA is authorized to deal direct with the Air Force and Naval subcommissions, and with all major agencies (Armies, separate Corps, Districts, Base Section, Allied garrisons, Air Forces, Navies, etc.) to procure information as to strengths, organization and locations of Italian troops working for them or under their administrative control and to procure information as to the importation, issues and status of the commodities covered by these instructions. MMIA will bring to the attention of AAI any irregularities which constitute a violation of the instructions of this or higher authority.

12. MMIA will submit for approval with the least practicable delay Standing Operating Procedure for the receipt storage, issuing and accounting of all commodities whose control is the responsibility of MMIA. This procedure will contemplate that local port commanders will be responsible for the unloading of the supplies and stores earmarked for the Italian Armed Forces and for the movement of these commodities to base depots operated by the Italians. Italian assistance in identify commodities and for furnishing guards enroute to warehouse will be as agreed at each port between MMIA and the port authority. Where arrangements can be made for the Italians to accept accountability for commodities at ship side, such arrangements will be made provided adequate Allied supervision can be provided to prevent theft and unauthorized diversion. Upon approval by AAI this Standard Operating Procedure will be effective within the Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces, and will be issued by the MMIA for action by the Italian Government and Allied commanders concerned.

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s/ A. L. Hamblen
t/ A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
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Subject: Italian Army - Calling up of Classes.

Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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1. I saw Brig. Gen. HAMBLEN about attached today.

2. If you will instruct Army, Navy and Air Force Sub-Commissions that in accordance with HQ AAI letters 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar, 4 May and 11 May exemption procedure for all three services should be carried out as stated, that will meet the request of HAMBLEN in para 5 of his AAI/3074(A(O) dated 12 May.

3. I do not know if all three sub-commissions have got copies of the letters referred to in para 2. The distribution list makes me doubt this. Your Secretary General could check this--and if not, I suggest that copies be typed by your HQ and attached to your instructing letter as in para 2. This would save time in getting copies from AAI and we want to get this exemption procedure functioning quickly.

/s/ L. BROWNING
Maj Gen
Army Sub-Commission, ACC

May 19th, 44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref. CC/C/310. 20th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

I attach for ready reference copies of Headquarters, A.A.I. letters 3110/A(O) of 17 March and 3074/A(O) of 20 March, 4 May and 11 May.

I have been asked by A.A.I. to bring to your notice that the exemption procedure as defined in these letters should be carried out by all concerned in all three services.

Cy Commo. Palmer

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

CA/G/310
20 May 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(Rear Adm Echelon)
APO 400

AAI/3074/A(O)

12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Deferment From Italian Armed Forces

TO: Allied Control Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. It is reported that orders have been issued calling up the class of 1923 - including those who are not illegal absentees. If such is the case it will be necessary to request defermants for certain essential specialists as is now being done for illegal absentees.

2. It is further reported that the Italian Navy and Air Force are likewise calling up certain classes. Similar defermants to those now accorded to Army inductees are essential. The Navy is reported to be refusing to recognize the present procedure for defermants. It is essential that one exemption procedure shall be in use regardless of the service involved.

3. Steps have been taken to limit exemptions to individuals who in fact cannot be replaced without manifest injury to the Allied Forces.

4. Copy of this HQ AAI/3074/A(O) of 11 May 44 is enclosed which deals with these various points and should be read in conjunction with this HQ letters of even reference dated 17 Mar, 20 Mar and 4 May 44. It will be noted that all exemption pro-formas are forwarded to Col NEGRONI, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

5. It is requested that you inform the Italian Government of the requirements of the Allied Forces, and of the necessity of a single exemption procedure.

/s/ A L HAMBLEN

A L HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, USA,
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APP B
AAI/3074/A(O)
12 May 44

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SUBJECT: Italian Army - Calling-up of Classes

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3074/A(O)

11 May 44

Ref this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar 44.

1. It has now been decided that the calling-up of the 1920/24 classes for military service by the Italian Military Authorities will apply to all eligible personnel, and not be restricted to illegal absentees. The calling-up will also apply to the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.
The above-mentioned letters will be amended accordingly.

2. As a result of the above decision exemption may be applied for by employers of the Allied Forces, in accordance with the procedure previously outlined.

3. It is stressed, however, that exemption will only be granted in respect of skilled personnel whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within WE or has been specially authorized. (This HQ AAI/3074/A(O) dated 4 May 44 refers).

4. Application for exemption may also be made on similar grounds in respect of personnel employed by civilian firms doing work of operational importance for the Allied Forces.

5. In the case of Navy and Air Force personnel applications for exemption should be marked accordingly in the top right-hand corner of the form, and otherwise dealt with in accordance with existing procedure.

6. All exemptions granted under this scheme will now be valid only for a period of 3 months w.e.f. date of exemption, and application for subsequent deferments will be made in the same manner except that the form will be marked "Application for Renewal of Exemption," and quote previous authorization.

7. Personnel who are granted exemption and are subsequently released or discharged from their employment will be reported to the exempting authorities who will cancel exemption and inform Col NEGRONI, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

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Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject: Italian Army - Calling up of classes

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3074/A(O)

4 May 44

1. Ref this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar.

2. In order that the requirements of the Allied Forces of Italian Military personnel can be met it is essential that every available Italian liable for calling up under the classes referred to in the above quoted letters should be released.

3. It is also essential to the prestige, authority and morale of the Italian Army that the release of such personnel is not unnecessarily impeded by the Units etc. employing them. Authority for exemption granted under para 1 of the above quoted letter dated 20 Mar will, therefore, be limited to skilled personnel only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within War Establishment or has been specially authorised.

/s/ T. Welch, Lt. Col.
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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18 May 1944

To: General MacFarlane

Reference to attached memorandum No. 147 from Office of High Commissioner for PW dated 8 May, and copy of letter 3072/1/A(G) from General Robertson to AFHQ dated 2 April, both relative to the 637th Italian Pioneer Company, Bari.

Please note para 2 of General Dapino's memo. Prisoners of the 637th Company have complained with respect to the treatment received at the hands of Captain Lane, officer in charge. Perhaps you will want to have an investigation made.

It would seem that question of final disposition of the 637th Company will have to be held in abeyance until the question of PW's in Allied hands is settled.

Delay in transmitting to you information relative to the "complaint of treatment" was due to the fact that it was thought at this Hq that the entire matter had to do with final POW arrangements.

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Dear General Dapino:

Your letter No. 147 of 8 May 1944 addressed to the Army Sub-Commission relative to the 637th Italian Pioneer Company, Bari, has just reached me. This matter is receiving attention from our Naples headquarters.

Yours truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Vincenzo Dapino
High Commissioner for PW
Cava dei Tirreni

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION NO. 407 Bonanni Army Sub-Commission

High Commissioner for PW Cava dei Tirreni 8 May 1944
File No. 147

Memorandum for Col. Q uin-Smith of A.C.C., Salerno.

With letter No. 11 of 18th March 1944 the attention of the Allied Control Commission was called upon the company of Italian prisoners in BARI(637th Italian Pioneer Company). The Commission, with a letter dated 29th of the same month its (signed by General MacFarlane) answered that it had "immediately looked into the question of PW in BARI and that it hoped to send a further communication on the matter in the near future".

We have received information according to which the aforementioned prisoners have complained of the treatment they have received at the hands of Captain La/ne, who is in charge of them.

We have communicated the above so that you may take whatever ~~xxxxx~~ steps you deem necessary. We beg you to kindly lend all your interest so that the question reported in the afore-mentioned letter No. 11 be solved quickly.

For the High Commissioner
(The General Secretary to
General Vincenzo Dapino)

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Subject:- Employment of Italian P. W.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
(Administrative Echelon),
C.M.F.
3072/1/A(O)

2 Apr 44

Allied Force Headquarters.

In our signal Q 11042 of 22 Jan. we drew attention to the fact that 637 Italian P.W. Coy had arrived in ITALY, and that the presence of Italian P.Ws. here creates an anomalous position. We asked your permission to return the Coy to NORTH AFRICA or to disband it.

In your GL/B/2118/A2 of 24 Jan. you replied "the unit in question will be retained by you intact for employment".

Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, has now brought this question up again. He states that it is causing serious difficulties with the Badoglio Government and is complicating the intricate negotiations which he is conducting at the present on the P.W. question as a whole. He further expresses the opinion, which is doubtless correct, that this Coy is being employed under conditions which constitute a breach of the Geneva Convention. He recommends, as we did, that the unit should be disbanded as such, and he states that he is prepared to arrange with the Italian Government that it should continue in its work as an Italian unit paid by the Italian Government.

Our views are entirely in accord with those of the Chief Commissioner. We are aware that an Italian unit is not subject to discipline by British officers, but we are not concerned with this aspect of the matter, at least in so far as this one unit is affected.

If you are unable to agree to our proposal, we shall be glad to know what alternative solution you suggest, or what reply you consider should be returned by the Chief Commissioner to the Italian Government to the objection raised by them.

sd. B. H. Robertson
Maj Gen
For
General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Copy to:- H. Q., Allied Control Commission.

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13th. May. 1944.

Ref. CC/G/291.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. Marshal Messe brought up on Thursday last the question of the employment of the Nembo Division.

The inclusion of the Nembo Division in the C.I.L. would naturally bring the strength of the C.I.L. considerably above the ceiling of 14,100.

Messe hoped, however, that the whole Nembo Division might be kept intact and armed and equipped for combat. This would ensure a permanent and efficient first reserve for C.I.L. and would enable units and formations of C.I.L. to be relieved in the line as necessary for rest or other purposes while not exceeding the permitted ceiling in the line.

2. Should this arrangement be permitted, Messe was most anxious that both C.I.L. in the line and its first reserves should be under the command of one General Officer. He was prepared to nominate General Utile for this appointment in which case in addition to commanding C.I.L. in the line he would also have under his command its first reserves. Alternatively, he was prepared to appoint a General senior to General Utile to the appointment leaving Utile in command of C.I.L. in the line only.

I told him that I would refer both his requests and that he would be given an answer in due course. As regards command, I told him that there could be no question of interposing operationally another Italian Commander between an Allied Army ~~Air~~ Corps Commander and the Commander of C.I.L. in the line.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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COPY TO: Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.
Director, Air Sub-Commission.

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Ref. CC/G/290.

13th. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General L. Browning. CB. OBE. MC.
Director. Army Sub-Commission.

1. In the course of a discussion with Marshal Messe on Thursday last he stressed very strongly the difficult situation which was being created by our demanding so many animals from Sardinia. He contended that if all our demands were complied with it would leave the divisions in Sardinia and also the Mantova and Piceno Divisions almost without transport. M.T. was not available to replace the animals. He quoted as an example the case of No. 116 Pack Artillery Group in Sardinia from which we were taking all their mules.

Messe hoped that we would keep our demands for animals down to an absolute minimum.

2. Messe also raised in general terms the question of the Italian Army's M.T.. He stressed the fact that the situation was rapidly deteriorating and that it was becoming increasingly urgent that the Italian Army should be given M.T. from Allied resources to replace vehicles which were rapidly going off the road.

3. On both the above questions I told him that General Berardi should get together with you and discuss them in detail.

4. Messe also brought up the question of the Italian Air Force Arditi Bat. and pressed very strongly that it should be made available to the Italian Army for combat.

I told him categorically that we could under no circumstances permit this.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

COPY TO: Headquarters. A.A.I.

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SUPREME COMMAND

P.M. 135, 11 May 1944

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

File No. 12980

TO: GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CHIEF OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Additi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

I have received from the R.M. R. Army the attached letter relative to the establishment and use of the Additi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

In regard thereto, I wish to make known that I regret very much what has been stated, because the Battalion was created not by my order, but following agreements made between Commodore Foster, former Chief of the Allied Control Aeronautical Subcommission, and General Ezadalli, Chief of Staff and Minister of R. Aviation.

My sanction to the establishment of the Battalion was given as a result of these agreements, in my capacity as Chief of the General Staff, and namely as coordinator for the use of the three Armed Forces within the limits indicated by the Allied Command.

I think it suitable to recall that with similar arrangements the Battalion "Nembo" of the R. Navy has been established, which already for several weeks has been fighting alongside Allied troops.

Commodore Foster, after having granted the authorization for the establishment of the Battalion, went a number of times, and the last time also with General Ambrosio, who replaced him, to visit this Unit to determine its readiness and assured his full concern with the Allied Authorities for the future use in the line.

Consequently, General Ezadalli, certain of the approval and the interest of Commodore Foster, has assumed with respect to the Battalion a categorical obligation concerning its future participation in the operations.

In view of the above, you will well understand, dear General, what moral repercussions would result, not only in the field of Aviation, but also in that of the other Armed Forces, if this Battalion, eager to fight against the common enemy, were deprived of their use in the line, or were used in assignments not of war character.

Therefore, I ask for your warm interest, dear General, so that the question be clarified and resolved in the sense of confirming the authorization for use in the line of this Battalion, as soon as it is ready.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

f/ Giovanni Messe

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TRANSLATION of C O P Y

SUBJECT: Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C.
SD/2/1/5/
5 May 1944

TO: AERONAUTICAL SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C.

and for information:

TO: CHIEF OF H. M. R. ARMY

1.) The subject battalion has been organized on orders of Marshal BADOGLIO with Aviation personnel. This initiative was taken by Marshal BADOGLIO without obtaining prior approval of the Allied Authorities.

2.) The Supreme Command has proposed that this Battalion be included among the Italian combatant troops under the Allied Command and requests have been received for distribution to the Unit of certain Army equipment to ready it for use in the lines.
These requests have been sent to you, in view of the fact that the matter is under your jurisdiction.

3.) It has been decided that the inclusion of this Battalion among the combatant troops under Allied Command will not be acceptable, and this Unit, therefore, remains available to be assigned to other services by you.

4.) It is proposed that this organic unit be used to substitute for Army Units to which has been assigned now Anti-Aircraft Defense, and I would be glad to confer with one of your representatives in regard to this matter, inasmuch as, as you have agreed, such a task should be performed by Aviation personnel in order to replace Army Units for the program of the A.A.I. Command.

/s/ L. BROWNING Major Gen.

ROYAL ARMY GENERAL STAFF
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

File No. 4900/Ops. P.M. 151, 6 May 44

TO THE SUPREME COMMAND

P.M. 151/A

.....for information

This Gen. Staff would like to learn the opinion of your Supreme Command, as regards paragraph 4.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

/s/ G. b. Oxilia

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SD/2/1/5/
5 May 44

TRANSLATION OF C O P Y

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DSU 291
17 MAG 1944

16 May 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC-091.711

SUBJECT: Furnishing the Military Academy

TO : Army Sub-Commission A.C.C., Main HQ (MMIA),
Lequile (Lecce).

1. Reference is made to letter AC/12/1 of 28 April 44 to the Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. relative to above subject and our file DCC 091.711.

2. Following is information requested:

a. Number of bedsheets to be issued:- 1,700.

b. The time or period within which issue is to be made:- Immediately inasmuch as the Academy has already commenced its functions.

3. May the matter please be expedited.

ELLIOT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc. Army Sub-Commission,
Base Hq. A.C.C.

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DCC-091.711
16 May 44

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TRANSLATION

P.M. 135, 13 May 1944

Supreme Command

Operations Office

File No. 13055/OP

Subject: Housing for the Military Academy.

Dear Commander Stone:

Below are the data requested in your communication DCC 091.711 of 4 May.

a. Number of bedsheets needed by the Royal Military Academy: 1,700.

b. Date of delivery: Immediately inasmuch as the Academy has already commenced its functions.

Thanks.

Most cordially,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
/t/ ADOLFO INFANTE

Division General. f. g. s.

Captain Ellery W. Stone,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
Salerno.

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13055/OP
13 May 44

P.M.135, 13 maggio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N. 13055 /OP. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Casermaggio per Accademia Militare.-

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Caro Comandante Stone,

Le comunico i dati richiesti con foglio DCC 091.711 del 4 corrente:

a) - numero lenzuola occorrenti alla R.Accademia Militare: 1.700;

b) - data della consegna: immediata in quanto l'Accademia ha già iniziato il suo funzionamento.

Grazie. Molto cordialmente

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Adolfo Infante
Generale di Divisione f.g.s.

Al Capitano di Vascello

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Al Capitano di Vascello
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Vice Presidente della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Secty Gen
Rec'd 15 May 0910
By H.D.

Major-General Sir BRIAN H ROBERTSON, Bt.,
Chief Administrative Officer.

H.Q.
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
C.M.F.

AAI/5001/9/CAO

11 May 1944

DSU 226
18 MAG 1944

My dear General,

1. The following is a translation of an extract of an article which I understand appeared in the issue of 'RISORGIMENTO' dated 9 May:

"It has been announced today that exemptions from Military Service for Italian Civilians in the service of the Allies in ITALY have been abolished in consequence of orders issued by AMG. The Officer-in-Chief, Peninsular Base Section has declared that acknowledging the importance of Italian troops and Navy, the measure has been taken to remove all obstacles for the Italian Command in enlisting necessary personnel in the Army. The Italian Command has called up the class 1923 and they forsee that new classes will be called up. The Allied Commander in NAPLES has annulled all the exemptions given to the Civilian employees and ordered that no request will be accepted."

2. As you are aware this is contrary to instructions which have been issued on the subject. I should be very grateful if you could see your way to having the statement corrected and the position represented in accordance with the directions contained in the following letters, copies of which have been sent to you:

3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar, and 3074/A(O) of 20 Mar and 4 May 44.

Yours sincerely,

B.H. ROBERTSON

Lieut-General F N MASON MACFARLANE,
KCB, DSO, MC,

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
CMF.

AAI/5001/9/CAO
11 May 44

SUBJECT: - Italian Army - calling up of Classes

SECRET
HQ AAI ADM ECH,
CMF.

3074/A(O)

20 Mar 44

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L. Welsh, Lt. Col.

for Major-General,
G.A.C.

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etc., etc.

(see over)

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20 Mar 44

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Annexure 'A' to AAI
3074/A(O) of 20 Mar 44

DICHIARAZIONE
(Certificate)

Al Comando del Distretto Militare di.....
(To the Command of the Military District of)

Si Dichiara che il Sig.....(Nome e cognome)
(This is to certify that) (name)

della classe.....presta servizio presso.....(occupazione)
(is employed by) (occupation)

si prega volerlo esonerare dal richiamo alle armi.
(It is requested that he be exempted from Military Service)

Firmato.....
(Signed)

Bollo FF.AA. Campania
(Italian HQ Stamp)

Napoli.....(data)
(date)

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Italian Army-Calling up of Classes

HQ AAI ADM ECH,
CMF.

3110/A(O)

17 Mar 44

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/s/ L. Welth, Lt. Col.
for Major-General,
C.A.O.

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for Major-General,
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PRO-FORMA

PARTICULARS OF ALL ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

by ..... (unit or H.Q. of formation)
and liable for Military Service

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DSM 820 SF
15 MAG 1944

Ref. CC/G/278.

12th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: G.1.)

1. Reference your No. G1/B/2277/12 of 5th. May.

2. I raised this question with Marshal Messe yesterday.

3. He gave me a definite assurance that the Italian authorities would agree to comply with our requirements in Para 4(a) and (b).

4. I would point out that Marshal Messe was greatly surprised at our figure of 60,000. He maintained that a minimum of 400,000 would be nearer the mark.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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12 maggio 44
CC/G/278

Ref cc

S-2348

SECRET

Subject: Italian Army - Calling up of classes

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3074/A(O)

4 May 44

DSU 780
10 MAG 1944

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Harold Laue

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

TW/JLH

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Annexure 'A' to AAI
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Al Comando del Distretto Militare di . . . . . .
(To the Command of the Military District of)

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(It is requested that he be exempted from Military Service)

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SF 93375

4 May 1944

SUBJECT: CUNEO Division (PALESTINE).

TO : Chief Commissioner, Main HQ. A.C.C., NAPLES.

For your information:-

228 Italian officers from the CUNEO Division are due to disembark at TARANTO on 4 May. A.A.I. have confirmed that these officers will be at the disposal of the Italian military authorities. Both the Comando Supremo and the General Staff at LECCE have accordingly been informed.

You will recall that this was the Division that was broken up in PALESTINE and used for service and labour purposes and to which General SOLARELLI returned in order to acquaint them with their fate.

It is also the Division from which MIDEAST excluded the return of Col. MANNO on the grounds that he was anti-Allies, a Fascist and pro-German.

On instructions from the Director this Sub-Commission, I informed Comando Supremo of the latter fact as they had especially asked for his return. It was also pointed out that careful supervision should be given by all concerned to the records of officers before their return was requested.

/s/ G. W. QUINSMITH, Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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INFO ACC FOR GEN MASON MACFARLANE

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(Rear Adm. Ernelon)
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ALH/rjs
3 May 1944

MEMORANDUM:

The following paraphrased radio from AFHQ is published for the information and guidance of all concerned

This is Cite FHGDS and FMGCT, Number F 39246 dated 29 April. Within the limitations prescribed by CCS neither the Italian Security Police nor the Fire Brigades are considered as Effectives. They will not repeat not be furnished any supplies which are earmarked for the Italian armed forces. They will be supplied only thru ACC/MGS channels. This refers to AAI letters dated 3 April and 25 April 1944 dealing with employment of Italian Army.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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In reply refer to:
DCG 091.711

4 May 1944

(51) INCL

Dear General Infante:

With further reference to your letter No. 02338/AV of the 13th of April, a reply has now been received from the Army Sub-Commission at LZOOK the substance of which is as follows:

"1. Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania falls under two headings:
(a) Italian troops under Allied Command.
(b) Italian Administration.

2. The billeting of troops under Allied Command is a responsibility of the Allied Commander concerned and is not a matter for discussion by this Sub-Commission, unless the Italian Command desires to have this Sub-Commission represent any views it may have to the Allied Commanders in those cases where the Italian Command considers the billets alloted to such Italian troops are inadequate in size or otherwise inappropriate.
The majority of Italian troops in Campania are under direct Allied Command.

3. Accommodations in Campania for Italian troops used for Italian Administration can only be considered when the Combined Chief of Staff has decided on the exact number to be allowed, and this has not been decided as yet. Such troops as are alloted to Campania must be within the total ceiling for the entire Italian Army. Obviously the required number will not reach a figure as mentioned by General Infante. Therefore any discussion on this matter is out of place until the decision of the Combined Chief of Staff is received and implemented by

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instructions from the Allied Commander in Chief, who is also the Commander in Chief of the entire Italian Army.

4. Information is requested with reference to the "Military School" mentioned by General Infante. No such school is authorised."

I should be glad to have your reply to the question raised in sub paragraph 4 above.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of the General Staff
Comando Supremo

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SUBJECT: Billeting of Troops in Campania Province

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LSCC2)
AG/12

26 Apr 44

To Lt Col Quinsmith
Adv Hq. Army Sub Comm, ACC
Salerno

Copy to Ministry of War
Chief of Staff S.M.R.E., LO Naples

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Reference your GS 267 of 18 April with inclosure of letter from General Infante.

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(7) Maj. Gen.,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS 267

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Billeting of troops in the Campania Province

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

(51) Duke I 22/4/44

The attached letter from the Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Comando Supremo, to the HQ A.C.C. is forwarded for your remarks in order that a reply may be put up from the Deputy Chief Commissioner to General INFANTE.

The substance of the letter has been passed to Army Sub-Commission L.O. for Campania for information only.

In my own opinion there is little doubt that the Italian Army in Campania, especially in the Naples area, are badly off for accommodation particularly when the question of afurther arrivals from Sardinia is considered.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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Copy to:
Army Sub-Comm. L.O., Naples
(For information)

Incl. as above

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Ref. CC/P/257.

3rd. May. 1944.

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Reference your letter 1/AIR of 29th. April.

2. For very much your own information only. Badoglio tells me that General Piacentini will be replacing Sandalli as Air Minister in the very near future.

3. If Piacentini is in agreement with you this should provide an opportunity of getting the set-up sorted out as you would wish it to be.

4. If you have any difficulty over this it might be a good thing if I asked Badoglio to have a talk with yourself, and myself and Piacentini after he has taken office, at which we ought to be able to induce the Italians to do what we want.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal W.A.E. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Director,
Air Sub-Commission.

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Ref. CC/G/262.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet. CBE. MFC.
Director,
Air Sub-Commission.

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1. Your No. 7/3/AIR of 29th. April.

2. I have discussed this question with General Browning and with C.O.S.. A.A.I..

3. Until I got your memorandum I had no idea that the Italian Air Forces were proposing to produce a battalion of Arditi.

4. Such a battalion does not fit into the organisation to which we are now working for the Italian Army and we have a more than ample supply of combat troops for the very small combat formation which the C-in-C is going to employ.

5. The battalion is not required by the Army and must, therefore, remain an I.A.F. unit or its personnel should be disposed of as you and the I.A.F. authorities think best.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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29th April 1944

1/AIR.

My dear General,

This letter is purely to give you my views on the present set-up at the extreme top end of the Regia Aeronautica. As you know the Minister combines his office with that of Chief of Staff and General Piacentini is merely the head of the Unita Aeree.

In my view this is entirely a wrong set-up. The Minister should be concerned with Political matters and with higher policy, and should not be bothered with the execution of the policy. Similarly Piacentini, who is really the operational Chief, has not sufficient power to cut through the Ministerial red tape which very effectively ties up all the Regia Aeronautica on anything but the operational side.

This represents my views on the matter, which I think you will agree are sound. On the other hand this may be a very inopportune time to suggest any alterations to the Italian Government, in fact the opportune moment may never arise. I would, however, be very grateful to have your views as to this matter, and as to whether a change could be made in the near future, or when any re-organisation in the Government takes place upon the fall of Rome.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ W. A. Bowen-Buscarlet

Lt. General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission
Naples.

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TRANSLATION

Salerno, 24 April 1944

R. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 2589

Dear General:-

As you know, the "Firenze" Division, stationed in Albania on the date of the Armistice, lined up against the Germans after September 8th.

After having suffered serious losses in the battles which took place in the third ten-day period of September, the Division was compelled to withdraw to the mountains and to disperse by logistic necessity into nuclei of a hundred men each who continued to carry on guerrilla warfare in various localities, always under the orders of the Divisional Commander General Azzi.

However, it appears that on February 10th, Gen. Azzi became ill in Corciano and his troops were in serious difficulties as far as food, clothing and ammunition were concerned. After that date there was no news of General Azzi and his troops with the exception of that given by the London Radio on March 27th last that "Italian alpine troops fight side by side with Albanian patriots."

You certainly are aware how much I am concerned in the fate of our Units and I would, therefore, be very grateful to you if you would periodically inform me of any news which comes into possession of the Allied Military Authorities be it in Naples or in Algiers.

In thanking you in advance for your courteous reply, I take this opportunity of expressing again to you, my dear General, my highest esteem.

/s/ BADOGLIO

General
Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Naples

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

4 May 1944

Subject: Furnishing the Military Academy

Dear General Infante:

With further reference to my letter DCC 091.711 dated 21 April 1944, the Army Sub-Commission has requested the following information:

a. Number of bedsheets required by the Royal Military Academy

b. The time or period in which issue is to be made.

Please let me have the above information in order that same may be transmitted to the Army Sub-Commission.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Deputy Chief of the Supreme General Staff,
Comando Supremo.

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Subject :- Furnishing the Military Academy.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/I2/I.
7/ April 44.

Deputy Chief Commissioner A.C.C.
Rear HQ. A.C.C.

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Adv. HQ. Salerno.

I. In your letter DCC 09I. 7II dated 2I April I944 to General INFANTI you approve issuance of bedsheets for Royal Military Academy and instruct Army Sub Commission to arrange issue.

2. It is requested that your approval of request for bedsheets to Royal Military Academy be ammended to include first the number of bedsheets to be issued, and second, the time or period within which issue is to be made.

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Q5360 2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Colonel MANNO.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

See #570

Your Excellency:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30 April, No. 12740.

I am directed to inform you that the reason why Colonel MANNO is not to be brought back from the MIDDLE EAST is that he is reliably reported to be pro-German, a Fascist and anti-British.

In view of the above report from a high authority, the General Officer Commanding this Sub-Commission has directed me to point out that all applications to the Allies for the return of prisoners of war should first be submitted to a careful check in order to ensure their suitability for repatriation in the present circumstances.

It will be appreciated if you would cause this point to be brought to notice of all concerned with the framing of applications for repatriation.

I have today informed the Comando Supremo that 228 Italian officers who are serving with the CUNEO Division will be at the disposal of the Italian authorities on their arrival in ITALY.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Lt. Col.

Copy to: D.C.C. for info.
(The emphasis on suitable checks of applications for repatriation is the result of the attached letter from Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. LECCE.)
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(Sgd) (G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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Subject:- Transfer of Italian Military to ITALY

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
28 Apr 44

Lt Col QUINSMITH (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Comm.
SALERNO

4808

28 Apr.

Further to our G/6/1/44 dated 26 Apr 44.

1. Please ask the Comando Supremo to ensure that they do not apply for the return of unsuitable PW to ITALY, pointing out that they must carefully check all requests before passing them on to the Allies.

2. Col MANNO was described by MIDEAST as "Pro-German, Fascist and Anti-British".

Alf - Re BS with Manno file to D.C.C.

FRS/cc

for Lt Col, Capt
G.S.
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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Ref. CC/G/254.

1st. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A. A. I..

1. I enclose herewith copy of a memorandum received from Marshal Messe.

2. I understand that there is no intention of increasing the ceiling for the Italian combat division which has been fixed at 14,000 men.

3. The total of Italian troops that we can usefully employ in combat depends upon many factors varying from the quantity of material and ammunition available to their fighting value.

4. Viewed from my angle, there are two points which I would like to make.-
(a) So long as we allow the Italian Army to employ in combat so small a proportion of their strength, armed largely with indifferent material, we can never hope to secure enthusiastic and whole-hearted cooperation from the Italian Army and its High Command. (I am making no specific recommendations but I feel that I ought to point out that a decision to arm and equip for combat even e.g. two Corps at two Divisions each with Allied material would make all the difference to the morale of the Italian Army and the quality of its cooperation with us).
(b) It should not be forgotten that in many cases the formations and units taken prisoner by the Allies in North Africa were of better fighting quality than the troops now at our disposal on the mainland and in the islands. These P.O.W. represent a potential reserve of fighting men of better quality than many of those now serving in Italy.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

Operations Department

File No. 12722/OP.

P.M. 151, 29 April 1944.

3a Ops. PM
DFE.

SUBJECT: Italian Participation in operations.

TO: General NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief of the Allied control commission

1. As is known to you, General, the Army Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, by communication C/S/1/39 of the 6th inst., fixed for the Italian combatant unit (Combat Division - Italian Corps of Liberation) a strength of 14,100 men.

This figure is the sum of two: 12,100 men actually participating in operations and 2,000 men complement.

2. I must, however, make known to you that the Italian Army is in position of making a major contribution in combat troops in the fight against the common enemy: there are also units which are ready and which might immediately form part of the Italian Corps of Liberation.

These units ("Nembo" Division, Alpine Battalion "M. Granero", Arditi battalion of the R. Air Corps "Duca d'Aosta", V group artillery of 75/13 etc.) would permit, if admitted to the Italian Corps of Liberation:

- to maintain continually with Italian troops a sector of the Front;
- to permit the necessary rotation of line troops (various units of the 1st Raggruppamento have been in line for nearly three months);
- to take advantage of the particular ability of the Italian soldier in general and of some special units (Alpine, horsedrawn artillery) in particular to operate in mountain territory.

In addition, this would meet the strong desire of such troops, an expression of the will of the Italian People, to participate actively in the fight to drive the German from Italy.

Knowing the Italian soldier, for which I flatter myself after the many years which I have spent in command of units, I must also indicate that I do not consider it possible to keep troops ready for combat and full of enthusiasm indefinitely inactive: therefore, the importance of using them within a short space of time.

3. With such new additions, the Italian Corps of Liberation would reach the figure of about 24,000 men (including complementary units) who could, similar to the 1st Raggruppamento, be armed and supplied with Italian equipment. Allied assistance would eventually be required only for a few types of ammunition which are adapted for our arms (for example, those for the automatic rifle).

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No. 12722/OP, from SUPREME COMMAND, dtd 29 April 1944, continued:

4. And it is precisely the authorization to induct these troops into the Italian Corps of Liberation which I desire to request, General, also because I have reason to believe that such inclusion would be welcome to the present Allied G. U. line Commanders and should not conflict with the general plans of the Allies.

In the meantime, the aforementioned troops could be moved to a point immediately behind the lines of the present Italian Corps of Liberation.

As a soldier who deeply feels the situation of his Country, I have wanted to indicate the above, certain of finding in you, dear General, understanding and support.

I believe that the obstacles to the realization of a major participation in operations, which is the desire of all Italians and particularly of the soldiers of these units, could be overcome with your help.

At any rate I will appreciate your personal interest in the matter.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

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RE CIPHER MESSAGE IN 29 APRIL 44

FROM G-2 FREEDOM SIGNED EGGIC TOO NIL
TO ACTION AAI TOR 0530Z/30
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SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES ARE NOT CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. REF YOUR LETTER OF 2ND APRIL AND 25TH APRIL SUBJECT: "EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMS."
SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES WILL BE SUPPLIED ONLY THROUGH ACC/MGS CHANNELS AND WILL NOT BE FURNISHED ANY SUPPLIES WHICH ARE EARMARKED FOR ITALIAN ARMY.
REQUEST YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIGNAL.

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DSH 713
4 MAY 1944

FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:- HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
NAPLES.

DATE:- 29th April 1944.

REF:- 7/3/AIR+

The question of the Battalion of Arditi which is at present administered by the Regia Aeronautica has been discussed with General Browning. Although these may be known to be the counterpart of the R.A.F. Regiment, their training in fact does not fit them for these duties, and they are far more suitable for employment in a more active role; they would in fact be far better employed under the Italian Army.

2. General Browning expressed himself as willing to accept this Battalion, and their transfer would release another 1,000 places within the ceiling of 32,000 for Regia Aeronautica technicians which could be well employed by the Allied Forces.

3. It is suggested that this Battalion should be transferred at an early date, and it is stressed that their training has been of the Commando type, and it is thought that with a very little additional training they would be fully capable to undertake this type of operation.

/s/ W.A. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Pencil Note by C.C.:

Answered.

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SECRETARY GENERAL

27 APRIL 1944

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REF. 174

ROUTINE

MAJOR R. A. ROE

MEIA RPTD HQ AAI

SUBJECT REF SHEETS PD REFERENCE MEIA ONE ZERO ZERO SIX FOUR ABLE (THREE ONE ZERO ONE THREE) INFO DATED TWO FOUR APRIL PD PARA 1 TO MEIA RPTD FOR INFO TO HQ AAI FROM FATIMA SIGNED MEDFORLANG PARIS CHIEF COMMISSIONER HAS AUTHORIZED EXCEPTION TO POLICY IN ORDER THAT SHEETS MAY BE PROVIDED FOR ROYAL MILITARY AGENCY OTHERWISE POLICY CONTINUES AS STATED IN LETTER ONE NINE MARCH

L. T. MONTANT, JR
2nd Lt, AGD
Adjutant

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Ref. CC/G220

SF bsh 450
29 APR 1944

FNMM/rj

22nd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in Italian Army.

1. Your No. I/112 of 18th. April.

2. I am taking up this matter with Marshal Messe personally. You can so inform Headquarters, No.2. District.

3. In the meantime, you can inform Orlando and Berardi that we are certain that they share our strong disapproval of political activity within the army of this kind and that they will doubtless be hearing from Marshal Messe on the subject. I do not want to issue definite orders on the subject without speaking first to Marshal Messe but you can make it very clear that we disapprove extremely strongly of this type of thing.

I/112/150

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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22 Apr 44

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SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in ITALIAN Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
Leccle (LECCE)
I/112
18 Apr 44

HQ ACC (-)

Copy to (less pamphlet): Adv HQ Army Sub-Commission ACC SALERNO

1. HQ 2 District have referred the matter outlined in paras 2 to 5 below to this Sub Commission.

2. Gen LERICI, GOC 9 Italian Corps, BARI, last year issued instructions that Italian Army personnel would not engage in politics. Copies of these instructions are held by 2 District.

3. On 12 Mar 44 Gen PIRZIO-BIROLI, President of the National League of Reserve Officers, distributed about 100 pamphlets (one example attached) in MATERA when he addressed a meeting of demobilised Italian officers. During his address BIROLI said that at all costs power must not be allowed to fall into the hands of the so-called Anti-Fascist parties, which were recruited from jail-birds and ex-political prisoners. The classes which had risen to positions of responsibility under the Fascist regime, and were still in power, represented the only solid, reliable, political elements inthe country.

4. The pamphlets are a defence of the King against CROCE and SFORZA, and were written about 29 Nov 43 by a Lieut Giuseppe BIROLI as propaganda (apparently not distributed) for 210 Coastal Division.

5. They were permitted to be printed recently by Gen LERICI on an Army printing press in his HQ.

6. HQ 2 Dist in forwarding the matter to us state that they consider it to be undesirable for Italian Senior officers to engage in this kind of political activity.

7. The matter is now referred to you for your instructions. Will you please inform us what action you wish us to take, and what orders, if any, you wish us to pass on to the Italian Army in connection with indulging in this type of political propaganda.

/s/ L. Browning
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm ACC

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FNBM/rj

DS A 631
28 APR 1944

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26th. April, 1944.

Ref. CC/G/232.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: M.G.S.)

(55) APP A

1. Reference your MX3-201 on the subject of repatriation of Colonel Laderchi.

2. I note the reasons for the delay but I hope that you will do your best to expedite a decision.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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26 Apr
CC/G/232

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen
Rec'd 25 Apr 1445
By H.D.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

TBJ/seb

MGS-201 (Laderchi, R.)(Off). 5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Col. Ruggeri Laderchi.

TO : Hq. ACC.

CC/G/23 (1) b
& (1) c

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 13 February concerning the possibility of Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi being made available.

2. The matter was referred to G-2 on receipt of yourletter.

3. G-2 have now stated that they regret they have not been able to reply so far but that the Foreign Office have had to be consulted and a reply is still awaited.

4. As soon as any definite information is to hand a further communication will be sent to you.

For the Acting Chief of Section.

/s/ T.B. JACKMAN
T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

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Answered by CC - (CC/G/232).

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5 Apr 44
MGS-201

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28 APR 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
25 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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SUBJECT IS BED SHEETS HELD BY ITALIAN ARMY. ISSUE OF BED SHEETS WAS RESTRICTED TO MEDICAL UNITS ONLY REPEAT ONLY UNDER AUTHORISATION BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER ACC ON 19 MARCH 1944 IN REPLY TO LETTER MMIA AQ/12/1 DATED 12 MARCH AND REPEATED TO ACSF(ADM ECH). YOUR AUTHORISATION TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. REQUEST ACTION EARLIEST POSSIBLE.

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DSR 607
25 APR 1944

FNBM/rj

22nd. April. 1944.

Very many thanks for your letter of the 19th. putting me on my guard regarding Berardi's reactions to the A.A.I. letter of 3rd. April. I will watch this.

2. Thank you also very much for your confidential note of the 17th.. I was very glad to get this. I have had a very trying time over the political reshuffle and other connected problems but I do hope to be able to visit you at Lequile in the fairly near future.

3. I have only had time to read rather rapidly through your excellent D.O. letter of April 18th..

4. I am very much in agreement in principle right through and we have got to do quite a lot of clear thinking as rapidly as possible.

5. I am pretty certain that we will be up against all sorts of problems in the very near future as a result of the change of government and of pressure from the Russian side.

6. I hope you will be able to come up here again in the very near future. What I want to do is to get together with you, explain to you the way in which I think political and other pressure is likely to affect the Army question in the near future, and to draw up with you a brief statement of the case and our recommendations regarding the line we ought to take. It wont be very easy because we want to ensure its being read in the highest quarters and, as you know, for that purpose about two pages of foolscap is the maximum.

7. To give you something to "chew" on in the meantime, I think there is a strong possibility that the new government may urge a fairly drastic clean-up among existing .....

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existing senior Italian Officers, and I know that there will be strong pressure from certain quarters to reorganise the entire Army on a smaller and largely voluntary basis. Furthermore, there will, I think, be a very strong request to release Prisoners of War from their present status.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenent-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General Langley Browning, CB, CBE, MC.
Director,
Army Sub-Commission, ACC..
LEQUILE.

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DSG-259
P.C. ADC 7/24

EWS/hjp

In reply refer to:
SCC 091.711

21 April 1944

Subject: Furnishing the Military Academy

Dear General Infante:

Replying to your letter, File No. 12442/OP, dated 16 April 1944, on the above subject, your request for the issuance of bedsheets for the Royal Military Academy is approved and the Army Sub-Commission is being instructed accordingly.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

To: Col. Quin-Smith, Army Sub-Commission

Will you please communicate the foregoing to Main Hq Army Sub-Commission so that the bedsheets in question may be issued.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

21 Apr.

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19 April 1944

TO: General MacFarlane

Will you give me a ruling, please?

The attached telegram also refers, but I should imagine not many would be required for the cadets, who number from 250 to 300.

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REFER Q(AE) 4140 SUBJECT SHEETS. LARGE STOCK ORDINARY BUT NOT HOSPITAL SHEETS HELD IN I T I DEPOTS AND FROZEN ON ORDERS CHIEF COMMISSIONER ACC REFERENCE SG/091/711 DATED 19 MAR. SMALL STOCK HOSPITAL SHEETS REQUIRED FOR I T I HOSPITALS. SUGGEST YOU EXAMIN ORDINARY SHEETS. IF SUITABLE AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER CONCURS MMIA CAN ARRANGE AVAILABILITY

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TRANSLATION

F. M. 151, 16 April 1944

Supreme Command

Operations Office

File No. 12442/OP

Subject: Furnishing the Military Academy

Dear Captain Stone:

The Army Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission, dealing with the matter of releasing bedding needed for the Royal Military Academy in process of being formed, has given its approval for all furnishings, except for bedsheets.

In regard to the latter, it mentioned the instructions issued by the Chief Commissioner of Allied Control Commission, according to which bedsheets should only be used for sanitary units.

However, the distribution of bedsheets to the candidates of the Academy has always been a custom of the Royal Italian Army; it does not have the meaning of confort, but rather it tends to keep up (ITALIAN: Not to let down too much) the tone of the institution.

At any rate, the bedsheets needed for the purpose are available in stores.

May I, dear Captain, beg you, who certainly realize perfectly this need, to intervene in this matter and to obtain for us the authorization to draw the necessary bedsheets for the candidates of the Royal Military Academy?

Thank you.

Very cordially,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
/t/ ADOLFO INFANTE
Division General
Deputy Chief of Gen. Staff.

Captain Hilary W. Stone
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
S A L E R N O

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Translation/ Sgt. Parisi/ajp.

APP B

P.M.151, 15 aprile 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N. 12442 /OP. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Arredamento Accademia Militare.-

Caro Comandante Stone,

la Sottocommissione Esercito della Commissione Alleata di Controllo interessata per la cessione degli effetti letterecci occorrenti alla costituenda R.Accademia Militare, ha dato il benestare per tutti i materiali, ad eccezione delle lenzuola.

Per queste, ha richiamato le istruzioni impartite dal Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, secondo le quali le lenzuola dovrebbero essere distribuite solo a reparti sanitari.

Ora, la distribuzione delle lenzuola agli Allievi delle Accademie è stata sempre nelle consuetudini del R.Esercito Italiano: non ha significato di comodità, ma piuttosto tende a non diminuire troppo il tono della istituzione.

D'altra parte le lenzuola occorrenti sono disponibili nei magazzini.

Posso, caro Comandante, pregare Lei che certamente si rende perfettamente conto di questa necessità, di intervenire al riguardo, ottenendo che sia autorizzato il prelevamento delle lenzuola necessarie per gli Allievi della R.Accademia Militare ?

Grazie. Molto cordialmente

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Adolfo Infante
Generale di Divisione
Sottocapo di S.M.Gen. ff.

A. Infante

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Al Capitano di Vascello
Ellery W. Stone
Vice Presidente della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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Reference your 0353 dated 19 April. Our signal to Freedom substantially conforms with your views. Pending Freedom action continue to issue rations to Italian Armed Forces as at present. Security police forces, militarized civilians and fire brigade issues not approved.

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AG 993 (AMMA 0353)

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SAUS WERE INFORMED PERSONAL BY DUCHESNE AND UNDERSTAND PENDING APPROVAL BY COS OF EXACT FIGURES TO RATION STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TURKEY AS AN INTERIM BASIS TO WORK ON IS LIMITED TO 344170 UNDER CATEGORIES RECOMMENDED BY AAI TO AFHQ. THIS NECESSARY IN ORDER NOT REPEAT NOT TO EXCEED THE 500,000 RATIONS CEILING FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES AS NOW IN OPERATION AND BEING SHIPPED FOR THEIR USE. LIMITATION OF ISSUES TO ITALIANS AS PRESCRIBED BY DUCHESNE NECESSARY AS INTERIM BASIS TO WORK ON PENDING DECISION ON THE FIGURES BY COS. CONSIDER ABOVE ACTION DOES NOT REPEAT DOES NOT COMMIT ALLIES TO FURNISH RATIONS FOR SPECIFIC NUMBERS OF ITALIANS ON A PERMANENT BASIS. EXPLAINING SITUATION AGAIN IN WRITING TODAY TO ALL RECIPIENTS DUCHESNE'S G/6/1/35 DATED 6 APRIL

WITH REFERENCE TO 0993 NOTE ORIGINATORS NUMBER NOW CHANGED TO 0353. PLEASE CORRECT.

IN VIEW OF ALL ABOVE SHALL I WITHDRAW DUCHESNE'S LETTER AS DESIGNED BY AFHQ. IF SO ON WHAT BASIS CAN RATIONS CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED TO ITALIANS ARMED FORCES. MY AQ LIEUT COL MOAKES ARRIVES CASERTA TUESDAY 20TH MORNING. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH HIM

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21 APR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

19 April 1944

Subject: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.

Dear General Infante:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the above subject, No. 02338/AV dated 13 April 1944.

I am arranging to represent the facts you quote in regard to difficulties of accommodation of Italian troops in Campania Province to Army Sub-Commission at Lecce.

I will communicate with you further on this subject as soon as I get a reply from Major General L. Browning, who as you know, has just taken over command of the Sub-Commission from Brigadier Duchesne.

I understand General Browning is shortly coming to Salerno with the intention of visiting the Comando Supremo.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Deputy Chief of the General Staff,
Comando Supremo

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SUBJECT:- Policy - Italian army

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
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G/6/1/41
12 April 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ A.C.C., NAPLES (2)
HQ A.A.I. for G(SD) (2)
HQ A.A.I. (Adm Ech) (2)
HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, A.C.C., SALERNO

for information

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of my G/6/1/35 dated 6 April 44, I am directed to inform you again that the figures for the strength of the Italian Army (341,170) must not be exceeded and must be considered merely as a provisional basis to work on as an interim arrangement for issue of rations.

2. The decision as to what the exact figures, by categories, will be has NOT yet been decided by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, who may or may not order a reduction.

3. You will be informed of these exact figures when the decision of the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff is received.

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H.E. Marshal BADOGLIO, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ A.C.C., NAPLES (2)
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L. Browning
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FOR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS260

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Situation of Italian Troops in MONTENEGRO.
(Reference your 11752/OP of 14 March).

TO
TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

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Your Excellency:

I have brought the points you raised in your letter to the attention of the authorities concerned with air supply to MONTENEGRO. I am informed that the intention has been that supplies should be dropped at KOLASIN whenever possible and that BERANE should only be used as a secondary consideration. The Partisan Corps would then distribute stores as best suited to the situation.

The evacuation of wounded from BERANE by Italian Transport aircraft is still being given a high priority and has not been affected by the question of dropping of supplies. However, I am informed that evacuation has been greatly hampered by particularly unfavourable weather conditions. It is to be noted that over three tons net weight of medical stores and food were landed at BERANE during the second half of March by B.24 aircraft. This is the type that evacuated General CHILIA and certain Partisan and Italian wounded.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Lt. Col.

(Sgd) (C. W. QUINNELL)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Copy to: Director,
Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ.
LEQUILE (LECCE).
~~Sec. Gen. ACC Main HQ., Naples~~
(52) D.C.C.
18 Apr.

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TRANSLATION -- Sgt Scrisi

SUPREME COMMAND
OPERATIONS OFFICE

FM 151/A 14 March 1944

File No. 11762/OP

SUBJECT: Situation of Italian Troops in Montenegro.

TO: ACC

Serious living conditions which Combat and Labour Units of the "Garibaldi" Division are undergoing, due mostly to scarcity of food and clothing; to very bad equipment in quarters; to the spread of an epidemic of typhus (esentimatico) which is difficult to control on account of the lack of medical supplies; to the particularly rigid winter weather conditions; have lately become so strenuous as to impair greatly the efficacy of these units.

Furthermore, in consequence of sporadic guerilla warfare and hard engagements fought in December at Pljevlja and Prjepilje, the division has had losses in armament and ammunition.

Pressing requests for medical supplies, shoes, weapons, funds, food, etc., are sent to me continually by General O'NEILL.

Hurdling many obstacles of material orders, I have obtained all the supplies which the division needed; I have asked the Royal Air Force Hq to add supplementary reservoirs on the Macchi 205 pursuit aircraft to convoy direct transport planes, which were being covered by American fighters in the past; I have directly contacted Air Commodore FOSTER to increase supply service to Montenegro, calling to his attention the necessity of:

Making more frequent landings on the Berane field, since not all supplies, especially medicines and arms, could be dropped by air,

Alleviating as soon as possible the dead weight of over 200 wounded and sick Italians and Partisans who await transfer to Italy for some time,

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Utilizing to the utmost the Bersaglio airfield, since the Germans might want to occupy it when the weather becomes better.

In fact, in January a cycle of night parachute drops was organized, and partly put into operation; from the 20th of that month, however, all supplies to the "Garibaldi" Division ceased.

Between the end of February and the first days of March, due to clearer weather, our transport planes have dropped Allied supplies for the Partisans in the Balkans.

Though I am perfectly aware of the logistic necessities of the E. L. J., of the obstacles which winter weather puts before the operation of air activity, I beg the Control Commission to consider the question that, in view of the service our planes are rendering to supply the Partisans, a part of these planes could supply, at the same time, the "Garibaldi" Division at KOLASIN and BERANE.

I believe it indispensible because the roads are difficult to use, there is lack of communications, and the enemy sets traps. This makes almost impossible the distribution of supplies to Italian troops located far from the site where the British Military Mission drops its supplies destined for Italian and Partisan troops.

I feel it my duty to insist once more on the prime necessity of having some transport planes land more frequently at BERANE, for the purpose of making possible the sending of medicines which are at this moment needed more than ever to keep under control the serious typhus epidemic, and for the cure of wounded and sick who increase continually.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
Chief of the General Staff
/s/ GIOVANNI MESSE

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

FJS/ajp

15 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Col. G. W. Quin-Smith

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The Deputy Chief Commissioner desires you to prepare acknowledgement of this on the DCC's stationery and for his signature. Then take proper action.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

15 Apr

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DSM 539
15 APR 1944

TRANSLATION

PM 151, 13 April 1944

The Supreme Command

Office of Miscellaneous Affairs

Ref. No. :02336/AV

Subject: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.

To : Allied Control Commission,
Att. Capt. Ellery Stone,
APO 394.

My dear Captain Stone,

1. Among the measures that should be taken in order to obtain more efficiency from the Italian forces in face of the increasing Allied demands, the problem of their billeting in Campania is one that should be taken into serious consideration.

The solution of this problem does not only concern the better efficiency of units, but also the more even functioning of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, field hospitals, which are indispensable to the smooth working of units in the field.

This Command deems it necessary therefore to present the problem in its present phase with suggestions as to its solution by the Allied authorities.

2. The exigencies of billeting of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, and hospitals in Campania were faced by the Allied Authorities sometime ago when last September they occupied totally all barracks still inhabitable and all buildings adaptable to billeting.

The Allied Commands (5th Army, AFHQ, PBS) have shown that they understood the importance of the problem, but in reality only the problem of billeting these units in Campania, which are being directly used by the Allied, has been solved.

For all the requirements of a territorial character the above Commands have provided for differently in the conviction that these questions are not intimately connected with their needs.

Lately however the P. B. S. has shown better understanding. The solution of the problem has not however been faced squarely as demanded by the exigencies of the situation and in the common interest of the Allies and of ourselves.

3. At the present moment Italian troops possess in Naples:

The Palazzo Salerno, where are stationed the Command of the Campania Forces and nearly all offices and sections belonging to it; a few modest "locales" next to the Giorgio Ercolea, the Paisiello, and feminine schools, occupied respectively by the Military Police 3400 and M. P. office 120; by the sanitary company and by the administrative office of the Naples garrison;

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by the Naples military hospital. The Transit Camp occupies a few private premises in Via Morghen 31 which holds approx. 150 men. The 10th Motor Group occupies a few premises at "Largo Ferrandino, "Nisis (holds approx. 60 men). The 31 Infantry and 10 Artillery are housed in insufficient premises of the S. Martino museum. The Naples military garrison occupies the only room of the Garrison Officers Club at Pizzofalcone.

In S. Maria Capua Vetere:

The 10th Engineers regiment depot occupy an exiguous portion of that regimentis own barracks.

In Salerno, Benevento, Aversa, Avellino, Caserta, Nola, commands of garrisons and depots possess a few small rooms hardly sufficient for their office space.

4. In order to insure the normal working of garrisons and depots in accordance with the exigencies determined by enlisting, recruiting, the recovery of stragglers, etc. it is necessary that each garrison in Naples, Avellino, Benevento, Aversa, Salerno, Nola and Caserta be able to possess premises to hold at least 300 to 500 men and that the following depots: the 31st Infantry (Naples), 10th Artillery AA (Naples), 10th Artillery df. (Caserta), 15th Inf (Salerno), 39th Inf (Caserta), 12th Artillery (Nola), might also be able to possess living space for 300 to 400 men to be equipped, for discharge, or who are not apt to war conditions, etc.

Furthermore the Naples Transit Command should be able to dispose of a "locale" to hold at least 1000 men which is, in general, the number of soldiers to be billeted.

Lately the Allied Authorities have granted us a bombed building which was once the seat of the "Ischirogeno" works and which once repaired will hold approx. 1500 men. It was intended to place the Transit camp in this building and also the 31st Infantry depot. But in these last few days following the arrival of the 212 division the Allied Command has occupied this building in part and making it impossible to arrange for the Transit Camp, as the work is being delayed.

However if the "Ischirogeno" Building were returned totally to the Italian Armed Forces the problem of the transit camp and of the 31st Inf Regt would then be solved.

5. So that if we consider the problem of housing the Transit Camp and 31st Inf Regt in the "Ischirogeno" building, the following exigencies will still have to be met.

In Naples:

Premises for the 10th Motorized Group, for the military garrison and for the 10th Artillery Regt (a total of about 1200 to 1500 men).

In Salerno:

Premises for the garrison and 15th Inf Depot (Approx 600-1000 men).

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In Caserta:

Premises for the garrison and 39th Inf and 10th Artillery Depots (about 1000 to 1500 men).

In Nola:

Premises for the garrison and 12th Artillery Depot (about 800-1000 men)

In Benevento, Avarsal and Avellino, premises in each locality for about 100 to 150 men.

To above exigencies it will be necessary to add a few modest rooms of the "Annunziatella" in Naples for the exigencies of the Military School.

If necessary this Command will be able to furnish detailed information regarding the above suggestions by putting at the disposal of the competent Allied Organs a few officers of the Campania Armed Forces.

This Command trusts that the Allied Commission will examine this billeting problem in order to give it a satisfactory solution.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff.

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Prot. N. 102338/AV Allegati

P. M. 151/A, 13 aprile 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
(per capitano di vascello Ellery Stone)
A.P.O. 394

Risposta al foglio del 204

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Accasermamento truppe in Campania.-

My Dear Captain Stone,

1. - Nel quadro dei provvedimenti che sarebbe opportuno adottare per assicurare il maggior contributo delle FF.AA. italiane alle crescenti richieste alleate, il problema dell'accasermamento delle truppe in Campania riveste una importanza ed una urgenza che occorre prendere in seria considerazione.
La risoluzione di tale problema condiziona non solo il redditizio impiego dei reparti, ma anche il regolare funzionamento di comandi, distretti, depositi, magazzini, ospedali, l'attività dei quali è presupposto indispensabile per l'efficienza ed il buon funzionamento delle unità operanti.
Questo Comando ritiene pertanto necessario prospettare il problema nei suoi termini attuali, esponendo quali provvedimenti sarebbe necessario adottare da parte delle autorità Alleate.

2. - Le esigenze dell'accasermamento in Campania di comandi, distretti depositi, magazzini, ospedali sono state a suo tempo prospettate alle autorità Alleate, le cui truppe fin dal settembre scorso hanno occupato integralmente tutte le caserme ancora abitabili e tutti i fabbricati adatti per accantonamento.
I comandi Alleati (5^ Armata - A.F.H.Q., P.B.S.) hanno dimostrato di comprendere l'importanza del problema, ma in pratica questo è stato risolto solo per l'accasermamento delle unità

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Per tutte le necessità di carattere territoriale i comandi suddetti si sono regolati diversamente, nella convinzione che si tratti di questione non intimamente collegata alle loro esigenze.

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Solo in questo ultimo periodo vi è stato, da parte del P.B.S., una migliore disposizione al riguardo. La risoluzione del problema non è stata però ancora affrontata in pieno come le esigenze della situazione consiglierebbero nel comune interesse degli Alleati e nostro.

3. - Allo stato attuale le truppe italiane dispongono :

in Napoli :

- del palazzo Salerno ove ha sede il comando FF.AA. Campania e quasi tutti gli uffici e direzioni dipendenti;
- di alcuni modesti locali presso le scuole : Giorgio Ercoleo - Paisiello - RR. educandati femminili, occupati rispettivamente: dal concentramento P.M. 3400 ed ufficio P.M. 120; dalla compagnia di sanità e dall'ufficio amministrazione del distretto di Napoli; dall'ospedale militare di Napoli.

La tappa occupa alcuni locali privati in via Morghen 31(capacità complessiva in uomini n. 150). Il 10° raggruppamento autieri occupa alcuni locali al largo Ferrandino a Chiaia,(capacità complessiva in uomini n. 60 circa). I depositi del 31° fanteria e del 10° artiglieria sono sistemati in locali, insufficienti, del museo S. Martino. Il distretto militare di Napoli occupa l'unico salone del circolo sottufficiali di presidio a Pizzofalcone.

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A S. Maria Capua Vetere :

- il deposito del 10° reggimento genio occupa una minima parte della caserma già del reggimento.

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4. - Per poter assicurare il normale funzionamento dei distretti e depositi in relazione alle esigenze determinate dai richiami alle armi, incorporazione di reclute, presentazione di sbandati,

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sarebbe necessario che ognuno dei distretti di Napoli, Avellino, Benevento, Aversa, Salerno, Nola e Caserta disponessero di un locale capace di ospitare almeno 300 - 500 uomini e che i seguenti depositi : 31° fanteria(Napoli) - 10° artiglieria C.A.(Napoli) - 10° artiglieria df.(Caserta) - 15° fanteria (Salerno) - 39° fanteria (Caserta) - 12° artiglieria df.(Nola), possano egualmente disporre di 300 - 400 posti per accogliere i militari da vestire, da congedare, i meno atti alle fatiche di guerra, etc.

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Qualora fosse possibile ottenere che il fabbricato dell'Ischirogeno rimanga a completa disposizione delle FF.AA. italiane, il problema della tappa e del deposito 31° fanteria potrebbe ritenersi risolto.

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5. - In definitiva - considerato risolto il problema della sistemazione della tappa e del deposito del 31° reggimento fanteria con la completa disponibilità del fabbricato "Tschirogeno" rimarrebbero da soddisfare le seguenti esigenze :

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   - A Napoli : locali per il 10° raggruppamento autieri, per il distretto militare e per il 10° reggimento artiglieria(complessivamente circa 1200 - 1500 uomini).

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- A Salerno : locali per il distretto e deposito del 15° fanteria (complessivamente circa 600 -1000 posti).
- A Caserta : locali per il distretto e depositi del 39° fanteria e 10° artiglieria(complessivamente 1000 - 1500 posti).
- A Nola : locali per il distretto e deposito 12° artiglieria df. (complessivamente 800 - 1000 posti).
- A Benevento ( ) uno o più locali per ciascuna località della Aversa ( ) capacità di 100 - 150 uomini per ogni sede. Avellino ( )

A tali esigenze occorrerebbe aggiungere alcuni modesti locali dell'Annunziatella in Napoli per le esigenze della locale Scuola Militare.

Se necessario, questo Comando potrà fornire informazioni dettagliate sulle proposte suddette, mettendo eventualmente ufficiali del comando FF.AA. Campania a contatto diretto con i competenti organi Alleati.

Questo Comando confida nel cortese interessamento di codesta Commissione perchè il problema dell'accasermamento possa trovare una soddisfacente soluzione.-

Yours sincerely A. Infante

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE ff.
(generale Adolfo INFANTE)

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13 APR 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO REQUEST THAT PAREN TO MAIA FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HUTCHESON SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN COLONELLO S E MANNO FORMERLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF ELEVENTH ARMY IN GREECE CMA BE INCLUDED IN SURPLUS OFFICERS CURIO DIVISION BEING RETURNED TO ITALY

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA
Asst Adj Gen

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10 April 19(
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Dear Densmore,

Reference attached cable "A":- CAS 10579 A

1. On receipt of your note "B", I wrote to my General for the information. B

2. In answer, a cable was addressed to me from him. B 4

3. I therefore answer your note. ("C" attached). C

4. Your clerk has asked to see a copy of my inter-office memo in (1) above. May I suggest that this is unnecessary, as the letter and the cabled answer are simply steps in the process of satisfying your original query. The result of the inquiry ~~will~~ reached you in due course.

Yours,

TO: Lt. Col. L. D. DENSMORE
PA to DCC.

Incls. "A", "B", "C".

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10 Apr.

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2 April 1944

To: Col. Quin-Smith, Army Sub-Com.

Captain Stone has directed me to make sure that appropriate action has been taken with respect to the attached. Would you please check and determine what action has been taken and if none, take necessary action and tell the DCC what has been done.

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., S.C.
Ex to DCC

Sent (B)
Apr 4
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG CENTER NO : NONE
CLASSIFICATION: NONE
PRECEDENCE : NONE
FROM : 02E BMAF
TO : LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, CMF.

DATE/TIME REC'D: MAR 30
DATE/TIME SENT : 282130
REFERENCE NR : CAS 10579
CITE : NONE

REF MY 02E/35005/CAS (.) FOLLOWING CASUALTY REPORTED BY M(M) INDIAN FIELD AMBULANCE (.) DIED OF WOUNDS (BC) 24 MAR TULLIO BENVENVTI (TULLIO BENVENVTI) 140 (140) ITALIAN CAVALRY (.) CONFIRM YOU ACCEPT ACTION TO NOTIDY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

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Col. D.
Make sure
appropriate
action taken

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APO 394

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Q3 202

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Casualties, Italian.

TO : Army Sub Commission, A. C. C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

The enclosed cable 282130 of 30 Mar. from G2E BNAF is forwarded to you.

The D. C. C. wishes to know what action you take on the above, and what is the channel of notification of casualties to Italian families of national or diluted units.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUIRSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl. as above,

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Q8185 3 April 1944

PA to D.C.C.

Capt. STONE

1. Assume you wish to know what is channel of notification of casualties to Italian families of national or diluted units as organised by MMIA (S.D.).

2. Copy of the cable is being applied for when application will be made to Brig. DUCHESNE. It has not been distributed to this office.

Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

TO Army Section

Does

Msg attached requires confirmation to BOLE BNAF. See last sentence. Has action been taken? Yes

DCC.

MMIA HQ. will send us a copy when has signed confirming action taken.

RECEIVED
6 March 0514B

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Via 94 SA Signals

Reference your G5/AMG of 4 April. 02 R signal OAS/11279 of 1 Apr states only action required by MMIA is to pass such casualties unrecorded to Italian Ministry of War.

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1 - PSC - info
1 - DCC - info
1 - Army - info

Captain Flint

This matter has been held up pending information from MMIA.

MMIA's cable, with all references, attached.

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10 April 1944

5-15-4-44

To: Col. Quin-Smith
Army Sub-Commission

Re Messsage CAB 10579 from 92B BHAF to Land Forces Sub-Commission, ACC and CMF.

The D. C. C. wants to know if confirmation has been given the sender of the message as requested therein. Message HQ 917 does not indicate that any confirmation was given.

L. D. DELMORE
Lt. Col. G. C.
FA to DCC.

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Upon inquiry, Army SC., Main HQ., state they pass such casualties unrecorded to Italian Ministry of War. This has been done in this case. You note that the cable was not addressed to me but to Army SC., L.O. (Col. OFFENHAUER) who normally deals with these matters for CAMPANIA. His office is not under my direct control but in view of the interest of the D.C.C. has taken in this matter, I have confirmed from my office that action is accepted by Army SC, Main HQ. In fact, 2nd Echelon already know this as their letter setting appropriate action was initiated the day after the cable was sent.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters.

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TOP SECRET

Capt. Stone

DS/S 577
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FATIMA (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM) 9th. April, 1944.

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TOP SECRET

URGENT

GEN MACFARLANE

~~FOGGIA~~ BARI

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YOUR NUMBER FOUR SIX ZERO FOUR PD PAREN TO FORCE TWO SIX SIX FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN YOUR PARAS ONE TO FIVE NOTED PD I AM QUITE READY TO SEE OXILIA BUT HIS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BEST BY BRIGADIER DUCHESNE WORKING WITH AAI WHO WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO REFER TO AFHQ PD YOUR PARA SIX PD THIS IS A QUESTION FOR AIR COMMODORE BOWEN DASH BUSCARLET AT BARI

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

TOP SECRET

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TOP SECRET

Capt. Stone

SIGS NO. 4604

DSM 520
11 APR 1944

TOP SECRET

IMMEDIATE

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FROM: FORCE 266

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TO: ACTION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

TOPSEC FOR GEN MASON MACFARLANE.

ONE. GEN OXILIA ARRIVED HERE ASKING FOR SUPPLIES TO BE DROPPED TO GARIBALDI DIV AND OTHER ITALIAN DETS IN BALKANS.

TWO. INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAVE NOT THE POWER TO DO THIS AND THAT THE MATTER IS ONE FOR POLICY DECISION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

THREE. OWN SUPPLIES AND AIRCRAFT BARELY SUFFICIENT TO COVER EXISTING COMMITMENTS.

FOUR. OXILIA WISHED TO KNOW THROUGH WHAT CHANNELS HE SHOULD MAKE HIS APPLICATION AND I INSTRUCTED HIM TO SEE YOU.

FIVE. GARIBALDI DIV REGARDED AS PART OF PARTISAN TWO CORPS AND SUPPL(GROUP MISSING) E ALLOCATED BY CORPS COMD.

SIX. CONSIDER MOST UNDESIRABLE ITALIANS USE OWN W/T LINK FOR OWN AIR SORTIES AS IT IS NOT SECURE.

SEVEN. HAVE INFORMED FORCE 133 MIDEAST AND GEN STAWELL NOW AT ANKA.

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COPY TO SIGS FOR ADDRESSEE

SMC TOR 0823/5B

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 540

April 3rd 1944

REF: S/506/Sigs

To: Commanding General,
Allied Armies in Italy, Caserta.
(Through H.Q. Allied Control Commission, AFO 394.)

Subject: Assembly of Italian Air Force Communications Equipment.

1. At the time of the Italian Armistice I.A.F. equipment was badly scattered throughout Southern Italy. Shortly thereafter, Allied Units, with or without authority seized or requisitioned considerable quantities of material, frequently giving no receipt and in many other cases an illegible one. (See attached information on typical cases).

2. Since there is practically no replacement of necessary communications equipment it is considered essential that as much of this equipment as possible be returned to the Italian Air Force.

3. In view of the above it is requested that all British and American Ground Units and Air Force Units under your Command be circularised with a view to obtaining information on any Italian Air Force communications materials which may be in your possession and that a report thereof be made to this office. Information furnished should include description of equipment, type, serial number, quantity, condition, present use, whether considered essential to the unit, source from which obtained - if known - and address of unit having present possession.

4. It is requested that this matter be expedited in view of the serious shortage in the Italian Air Force.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Commadore,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Col. Feltore
Capt. Slaughter

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
SEIZED BY ALLIED OFFICERS

On September 19th 1943 a Receiving and Transmitting Truck and Trailer Unit, Type R.T. 310 (Lorry License No. 30513 and Trailer License No. 0420) was seized by an Officer of the 8th Army on the road between Gioia del Colle and Taranto. The signature on the receipt is illegible.

On September 25th 1943 a "Captain" Fewel of the R.A.F. took from the I.A.F. Stores No. 304 (Bitonto) a transmitting trailer A.T. 800, License No. 3770.

On September 30th 1943, on the Bari Taranto Road near Gioia del Colle, a British Officer requisitioned a D.F. Trailer, License No. 4282 and refused to give particulars.

On October 1st 1943, near the I.A.F. Stores No. 158, (Bari), a receiving trailer, License No. 9266, was requisitioned by Lieutenant Regan of a Canadian Squadron stationed at Leverano and no regular receipt was given.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, Office of the Secretary General,
APO 394, 12 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy, Caserta.

Basic communication noted by Chief Commissioner.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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List of typical cases

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Subject:- Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/35
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Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ, ACC, NAPLES (2)
HQ, AAI for G(SD) (2)
HQ, AAI(Adm Sch) (2)
HQ Allied Carrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ, No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, ACC, SALERNO

for

information

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Appendix 'A' Summary of Principal Categories (341,170)

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Appendix 'B' Details of Combat & Internal Security Formations (115,300)
Appendix 'C' Details of Italian Army Administration (45,870)

4. I am to say that future strength states should be organised under the headings shown in Appendix 'A'. A separate letter on this subject will follow.

GD Duchesne
Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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APPENDIX 'A'

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

(All figures include Officers and ORs (E.M.)

			Notes
1.	COMBAT DIVISION (GHL)	14,100	Appx 'B'
2.	INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS	101,200	Appx 'B'
3.	UNITS EMPLOYED OR TO BE EMPLOYED BY ALLIES	180,000	
4.	ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION		Appx 'C'
	a) Central Organisation 4,470		
	b) Static Formation 15,000		
	c) Services 26,400		
		45,870	
	TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY PROPER	341,170 all ranks	

Note A The above applies to MAINLAND, SICILY and SARDINIA and includes only those CC.RR who are an integral part of formations.

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APPENDIX "B".

COMBAT AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS (115,300)

S E C R E T

I MAINLAND

1. COMBAT DIV (CIL) 14,100

2. Internal Security Formations -
NAPLES and to SOUTH -

ONE CORPS HQ	300
ONE DIV - PICENO	10,000
ONE DIV - MANTOVA	10,000
	20,300

TOTAL CIL & INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND (NAPLES AND TO SOUTH) (including CCRR in formations) 34,400

NOTE B. The total for CIL, PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions will include:-
(1) replacement units for all three
(2) units earmarked for inclusion in all three wherever placed, e.g. SARDINIA.
(3) formations assigned to all three.

NOTE C. Whenever personnel in excess of the approved W/E (T/O) is attached to or earmarked for CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of PICENO or MANTOVA Div accordingly.

NOTE D. The present agreed W/E (T/O) are as follows:-

COMBAT DIV (CIL)	13,674
PICENO DIV	9,607
MANTOVA DIV	9,415
Replacement Unit	1,404
	34,100

NOTE E. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE F. Corps HQ in 2, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational command of an Allied Formation.

II MAINLAND

3. North of NAPLES.

ONE CORPS HQ	300	Now in SARDINIA.
A Division	10,000	To be transferred to Mainland as required. Should be organised now in SARDINIA.
B Division	10,000	
C Division	10,000	
TOTAL FOR INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND (NORTH OF NAPLES) (including CCRR in formations)	30,300	

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ONE DIV - MANTOVA 10,000

20,300

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NOTE G. Organization of Units -

Corps HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	28,821
Corps Replacement Unit	1,179
	30,300

NOTE H. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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III SICILY

4. XIII CORPS HQ	300	
SABAUDA DIVISION	10,000	
D Division	10,000	(see note L)
E Division	10,000	(see note L)
TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SICILY (including CORPS in formations)	30,300	

NOTE J. Organization of Units -

XIII Corps HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	28,821
Corps Replacement Unit	1,179
	30,300

NOTE K. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE L. Divisions now in SARDINIA.
To be sent to SICILY as required.
Should be organized now in SARDINIA.

IV SARDINIA

5. ONE CORPS HQ	300	Personnel in SARDINIA and to be organised there.
F Division	10,000	
G Division	10,000	
TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including CORPS in formations)	20,300	

NOTE M. Organization of Units -

CORPS HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	19,214
Corps Replacement Unit	786
	20,300

NOTE N. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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Para I	34,400
Para II	30,300
Para III	30,300
Para IV	20,300
	115,300

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APPENDIX "G"

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(Reference to Table "A" to Appendix "A". All figures include Officers and ORs/WEI)

I. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION.

1. The Italian Administrative Organization shown in this Appendix is to be examined in detail from time to time in order to effect all possible reduction of personnel assigned to formations in this category

2. A total ration ceiling for Italian Administration is 45,870 and changes in strength of formations shown in the Annex may be permitted on application within the ration ceiling of 45,870.

II. CENTRAL ORGANIZATION.

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	Officers.	E.M.	
(a) Comando Supremo	72	563	
(b) Ministry of War	310	1239	
(c) Italian General Staff	159	1091	
(d) Kings Bodyguard	18	254	
(e) 1st Cadre Group	34	750	
(f) Royal Military Academy	(40)	(430)	Note (c)
	595	3877	
TOTAL		4470.	

NOTE (c).

Officers, Staff, Instructors, cadets and other personnel, not to exceed 40 Officers, 250 cadets, and 180 ORs, (Total 470) to be included in Italian Administration formations with total ceiling of 45,870. To be shown on strength return under "Central Organization" and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

NOTE B.

Variations of strengths of elements in para 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

III STATIC FORMATIONS.

4. Total Ration Ceiling of personnel to be employed in Static formation is 15,000

NOTE (a):

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

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NOTE 'b':

Organization and maximum strengths :-

Area Headquarters	each	550
District	"	220
Depots	"	220
Transit Camps	"	50

NOTE 'c':

Italian General Staff to designate(a)number of each organization.
(b) Location of each organization.

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NOTE 'T'

Variations in strengths, and locations from Notes R, and S above as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE 'U'

Organizations for other territories will be considered as required.

III SERVICES.

8. Total Ration ceiling of personnel to be employed in Services is 26,400.

NOTE V.

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria.
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NOTE W.

Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within ration ceiling.

NOTE X.

Services include :-

Supply.
Medical (including Hospitals for units shown in Annex 'B' 1
Artillery.
Engineers.
Vet and Remount.
Motor Transport.
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Port Operation.

NOTE Y.

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NOTE Z.

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NOTE Z.

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(2) All hospitals for Italian Army personnel of all categories are included

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Captain E.W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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Reference your note of 4th. April regarding the employment of the San Marco Battalion with the 8th. Army.

I have represented the views of the Comando Supremo on this question to A.A.I. with the request that they should be passed on to 8th. Army.

6th. April, 1944.

F.N.M.M.

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Infante informed

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Colonel Acampora

TO : Col. Young, Public Safety

Reference attached letter #1651 March 30 and letter April 3 from Minister of Foreign Affairs relative to above officer.

DCC requests information with respect to status of this officer. What is holding the matter up? DCC requests that you provide the information as quickly as possible.

L. D. DELSMORE
Lt. Col., S.C.
PA to DCC

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Army

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)

3 Apr 44

AFHQ (12)

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It should be made clear to the Italian authorities that the internal security formations may be required to guard Allied installations, or for other similar duties.

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2. Action is in hand to redistribute troops in accordance with Appendix "B" and to form the remaining units required by Appendix "C". The principal cause of delay is movement from SARDINIA.

3. It is recommended that the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) of ACC should be the authority for handling problems of requirements, issues and record keeping. Their existing WE (33 Military Mission) and TO will require only minor amendment to enable them to do so. Proposals for these amendments are already being forwarded through the normal channels. To establish a seperate agency to supervise supply etc. would be uneconomical and confusing.

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The Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) will continue as an integral part of ACC, and will come under the Chief Commissioner ACC for policy matters, involving negotiations with the Italian Government. It will, however, be directly responsible to HQ AAI for all questions of supply and for the control of issues to the Italian Forces. It will also deal direct with HQ AAI on questions of organisation except in so far as they affect policy with the Italian Government.

4. It would be appreciated if you would confirm that, pending any new decisions as to the Italian military ceiling, supply shipments are being made on the basis of the present agreed figure of 500,000.

5. Recommendations as to the scale of supply, required by para 5 of your above quoted letter are being forwarded separately. A separate letter is also being addressed to you to explain the importance of the Italian Army.

H. R. Harding
Lt Gen

for General,
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy to:- AAI Adm Ech (12)
ACC (6)
MMIA (6)

or

A. C & D Div

Secy Gen. 1
Def. C. 1
Executive Com thru (CABr). 1
Army S. & L.O (PO Bldg) 1
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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SDI)
dated 3 Apr 44.

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

1.	Combat Division	14,100
2.	Internal Security Formations	101,200
3.	Units employed or to be employed by the Allies	180,000
4.	Italian Administration:-	
	Central Organisations	4,470
	Static Formations	15,000
	Services	26,400
5.	Carabinieri etc.	60,000 (a)
6.	Security Police	20,000 (b)
7.	Fire Brigades	10,000 (c)
8.	Navy	75,000 (d)
9.	Air Force	31,000
		537,170

NOTES: (a) Only 37,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(b) Only 9,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(c) Estimated

(d) See para 1 (f) of covering letter.

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Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 3 Apr 44

PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF COMBAT AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS

1.	EIGHTH ARMY:- One Combat Div (CIL)	14,100
2.	ITALY:-	
	(a) NAPLES and to South - One Corps of two Divs	20,300
	(b) North of NAPLES - One Corps of three Divs	30,300
3.	SICILY: One Corps of three Divs	30,300
4.	SARDINIA: One Corps of two Divs	20,300
		101,200

NOTES: (a) Mantova and Piceno Divs nominated for 2 (a).

(b) Corps HQ in 2 (a) also to command CIL, when NOT employed under direct op comd of an Allied formation.

(c) Sabauda Div is included in 3 above.

(d) Formations for 2 (b) and the remainder of 3 will be brought over from SARDINIA as required.

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Appendix 'C' to 1605/50/
dated 3 Ap

LIST OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE ALLIES

ARM	At present employed by - U.S.	Brit.	Outstanding requirements Already allotted U.S.	Brit.	Unallotted
RAC	-	-	-	1000	-
Recce	-	150	-	150	-
Arty	150	450	-	150	-
Engrs	1850	2400	4800	2800	11000
Sigs	500	550	200	300	-
Non-Tradesmen :-					
Guard Duties	1200	800	5700	1600	11000
Labour	9100	26400	7500	800	30000
Tpt :-					
MT	-	1500	3100	3500	3000
Pack	2800	-	500	300	-
Medical	1700	400	-	1000	-
Misc Service units (incl those in SARDINIA)	12700	1200	5200	2400	2000
Rfts to bring units already employed up to strength and to provide a pool to meet minor adjustments in requirements					18150
TOTALS	2[illegible]	33[illegible]50	27[illegible]00	14000	75150

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Appendix 'C' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 3 Apr 44

LIST OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE ALLIES

At present employed by - U.S.	Brit.	Outstanding requirements Already allotted U.S.	Brit.	Unallotted	TOTALS
-	-	-	1000	-	1000
-	150	-	150	-	300
150	450	-	150	-	750
1850	2400	4800	2800	11000	22850
500	550	200	300	-	1550
1200	800	5700	1600	11000	20300
9100	26400	7500	800	30000	73800
-	1500	3100	3500	3000	11100
2800	-	500	300	-	3600
1700	400	-	1000	-	3100
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ready employed provide a pool nts in require-				18150	18150
2	3350	27000	14000	7515	180000

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1st. April. 1944.

Many thanks for your note of the 27th. March and for the copy of your final report on the Italian Air Force. I was very interested indeed in the latter and I do congratulate you very much indeed on having produced such first class results under so many difficulties and handicaps.

2. I continue to struggle along here with very few dull moments and a kaleidoscopic variety of problems of every conceivable kind. Very good at any rate for one's general education!

3. I hope you like your new job in Malta and if ever I come your way I will certainly look you up.

4. With renewed thanks for all your help and cooperation over here and hoping we may get together again some time and with very best wishes.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal R.M. Foster.
Headquarters, R.A.F..
M A L T A.

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MOST SECRET

FROM: Air Vice Marshal R.M.Foster,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

TO: The Air Commander in Chief,
Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

DATE: 27th March 1944

REF : S.1/AIR.

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3. I found a completely disorganised and dispirited collection of people: the bona fides of many of the Senior Officers were in doubt, and not unnaturally the complete reversal from fighting for the Germans to fighting against the Germans presented considerable difficulties. The Air Minister was eager to co-operate but had no constructive plans as to how such a policy was to be put into effect.

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5. After receiving these instructions, I drew up a plan for the reorganisation of the resources available, of which the main features were:-

(a) The drastic reduction of redundant staffs and general officers.

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(d) The development of a comprehensive salvage system from which the maintenance units would be supplied with essential spares and parts to keep the force in operation.

(e) The organisation of surplus personnel into technical and non-technical units, which were to be put at the disposition of the Allied Forces in substitution for our own men who could then be withdrawn for duties elsewhere.

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OPERATIONAL ROLE

6. For a number of sound reasons the Italian Air Force was allotted all its operational tasks on the Eastern Adriatic and in the Balkans, a few night missions only being undertaken over the Italian mainland.

7. Operations on a limited scale were undertaken immediately in support of the Italian Garrisons at Corfu and Kephalonia: an insufficient effort, however, could only be applied and both garrisons capitulated after weak resistance. Regular operations were continued throughout the ensuing weeks on the small scale dictated by the maintenance position. The repair and overhaul units, however, have now got into their stride, and it has consequently been possible to step up the scale of operationaleffort very considerably and also to undertake regular scheduled courier services.

8. At the present time the Fighter Wing is at Palata in the Foggia Plain, operating against coastal shipping and other targets in the Dalmatian Island area. The Bomber Transport Wing is at Lecce and is undertaking on first priority a considerable programme for the delivery of supplies by air into Yugo-Slavia and to other Balkan centres of resistance. In support of these supply operations, a certain number of fighters are being converted for long range escort duties - additional tanks are being mounted into the fuselages of the Macchi 205 and fittings are being made for adapting German Stuka supplementary tanks (of which a good supply is available) for use of Reggiane 2001. When this programme is complete there should be available sufficient escorts for all Italian supply dropping missions. The coastal wing at Taranto with detachments at Brindisi and Lake Varano, is doing useful and steady work on convoy escorts, anti-submarine patrols and air sea rescue. It can be said to be substituting two Allied coastal squadrons.

STRENGTH OF OPERATIONAL UNITS

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FIGHTER WING

Standard Fighters :	Macchi 205	24		
	Macchi 202	37		
Fighter Bombers :	Reggiane 2002	18		
Long Range Escort Fighters :	Macchi 205	15		
	Reggiane 2001	14		108

BOMBER WING (a/c in operational use only)

Supply Droppers	S.82	24	
	Cant 1007	28	
A/c. for evacuation of wounded :	S.81	3	
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SEAPLANE WING

Convoy escort anti-submarine etc. A.S.R. duties	Cant 506	27	
	Cant 501	18	
	R.14	8	53

(This is exclusive of 3 A.S.R. Seaplanes retained for use in Sardinia)

The total of other air craft in service for courier postal routes, transport

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c materials, communication and school aircraft, etc., amounts to 129. Aircraft under rebuild after salvage total 73.

OPERATIONAL RECORDS

10. The following is a summary of the work carried out since September last.

(a) Fighter Wing

Hours flown	2918 hours 23 min.
Number of sorties flown	1382
Enemy aircraft destroyed in the air	8
Enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground	11
Enemy aircraft damaged in the air	1
Enemy aircraft damaged on the ground	9
Enemy shipping claimed as damaged	7¼
Enemy shipping claimed as destroyed	11
Enemy M.T. claimed as damaged	9 plus
Enemy M.T. claimed as destroyed	5
Weight of bombs dropped by fighter - bombers	29 tons
Italian a/c destroyed in action or missing	7
Italian aircraft destroyed in accidents	9
Pilots killed	4
Pilots wounded	6
Pilots missing	3

(b) Bomber Transport Wing

Hours flown	4565 hours 35 min.
Number of sorties flown	1241
Weight of stores dropped over lines	163 tons
Number of personnel dropped over lines	9
Number of Italian aircraft lost or destroyed on operations	3
Number of aircrew killed	10
Number of aircrew wounded	NIL
Number of aircrew missing	3

(c) Coastal Wing

Hours flown	2069 hours 44 [illegible].
Number of sorties flown	684
Number of A/S attacks carried out	NIL
A.S.R. missions undertaken	53
Number of persons saved	18
Aircraft lost or destroyed	5
Aircrew killed	NIL
Aircrew wounded	3
Aircrew missing	NIL

(d) Other Flying Activities

A regular courier service is run daily with the following points of call:

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Enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground	11	
Enemy aircraft damaged in the air	1	
Enemy aircraft damaged on the ground	9	
Enemy shipping claimed as damaged	74	
Enemy shipping claimed as destroyed	11	
Enemy M.T. claimed as damaged	9	plus
Enemy M.T. claimed as destroyed	5	
Weight of bombs dropped by fighter - bombers	29	tons
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(b) Bomber Transport Wing

Hours flown	4565	hours 35 min.
Number of sorties flown	1241	
Weight of stores dropped over lines	103	tons
Number of personnel dropped over lines	9	
Number of Italian aircraft lost or destroyed on operations	3	
Number of aircrew killed	10	
Number of aircrew wounded	NIL	
Number of aircrew missing	3	

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Lecce - Bari - Foggia - and return (daily)
Lecce - Bari - Naples - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Sardinia - calling at Catania occasionally - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Catania - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Bari - Gaudo - and return (Italian Supreme Command - thrice weekly)

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A.A. defences are exercised by both land and seaplanes and an average of 60 hours are flown monthly on these duties.

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Aircraft are regularly supplied to the Parachute School near Brindisi, and a total of 2152 live drops have been successfully carried out since this work was undertaken.

In sum, in the six months since the Armistice the Italian Air Force has flown 9794 hours in accomplishing 3309 sorties and has suffered 29 casualties amongst its aircrew.

FUTURE OPERATIONS.

11. The duties allotted to the Italian Air Force are now well defined. Their priority work will be the dropping of supplies into Yugoslavia and an undertaking of 100 sorties per month on this task has been given. With the seasonal improvement in the weather now expected, this figure should be attained without difficulty; it is hoped in fact to exceed it. The fighter wing, in addition to escort duties to supply dropping formations, will continue to supplement our air operations on the Dalmatian coast, and the coastal wing will continue with its present duties. On a general estimate the three wings together should be able toreach an aggregate of 1,000 sorties per month during this summer.

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	Unskilled men	5,675	= 7031
R.A.F.	Skilled men	373	
	Unskilled men	298	= 671
Port-Labour supplied by I.A.F.			= 2083
Balloon Operators supplied by Navy			= 500
			10,285

CONCLUSION.

13. The foregoing details give proof that the Heads of the Italian Air Force have taken genuine steps to give their maximum contribution to our war activities. In the execution of these operations, the actual flying units have shown unexpectedly good qualities. Having seen the condition of this force at the time of the Armistice in September last, I have been frankly surprised at the operational standard produced. I consider, that, so far as their Air Force is concerned, the Italians have met in full, the obligations which they undertook at the time of the Armistice.

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15. I am sending a copy of this report to Lt. General Sir F. Mason MacFarlane.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
/s/ R. M. FOSTER
AVM.

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7 APR 1944

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6 April 1944

MEMO FOR: Captain Stone

1. With reference to the attached cables, SD 2835 from 8th Army Main and Fatima 2884, dealing with Marshal Messe's request that that the Baffili Battalion be attached to the Utile Group for battle experience.

2. On 5 April you forwarded two notes from Lt. Col. Quinsmith (QS 190) to Gen. MacFarlane, both of which dealt with this request.

3. Since the two cables attached are dated 2 and 3 April, and the notes from Lt. Col. Quinsmith are dated 3 and 4 April, the Secretary General has been requested to bring the former as well as the latter to the attention of Gen. MacFarlane when the matter is submitted to him.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, ACD
Deputy Secretary General

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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CLASSIFICATION: NONE
PRECEDENCE : IMPORTANT
FROM : MAIN 8 ARMY

DATE/TIME RECD: 03/2300
DATE/TIME SENT : 03/1400
REFERENCE NR : SD 2835
CITE : NONE

TO : FATIMA
INFO : AAI

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HEADQUARTERS
4 APR 1944
A. C. C.

SD 2835 CONFIDENTIAL. REF FATIMA 2804 OF 02.
REGRET FOR OP REASONS B A F F I L I EN CAN NOT RPT NOT BE AT U T I L I
GP AT THIS STATE. WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ARRANGE FOR IT TO JOIN UTILE GP
WHEN POSSIBLE. C OF S IS EXPLAINING SITUATION TO GENERAL UTILE TODAY
HAVING DISCUSSED IT WITH C G S AAI YESTERDAY

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Action - Army L.O. (To Bldg)
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VAPOR 283

TO FIELDMAN MAJOR

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REPEATED FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH AND AAI

FOR SUGAR DOG ONE FD MARSHALL MESSUS REQUESTS RAFILE BATTALION S. MARCO MARINES BE FIRST ATTACHED TO UTILE GROUP FD PAREN TO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REPEATED FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH AND ABLE ABLE ITEM FROM FATIMA FOR LIAISON OFFICER SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN BATTALION HEAVILY BOMBED AND REQUIRES BATTLE EXPERIENCE

L. T. MONTANT JR
2nd Lt AGD
ADJUTANT

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QS 190
SUBJECT: Use of [illegible] of SAN MARCO Regt. 4 April 1944

PSB 460
4 APR 1944

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Reference QS190 addressed to M.M.I.A., copy to D.C.C. dated 3 April.

General INFANTE phoned at 1115 hours:-

SAN MARCO Bn. leaving vicinity TARANTO today for 8 Army. Col. NEGRONI, Comando Supremo, L.O. at CASERTA has come to CAVA and states that 8 Army have decided to use the Bn. in the line during the "Change of front". Marshal KESSE is very up-set at idea of Bn. put into XIII Corps with no preliminary service.

Bn. is by no means ready either by training or morale until they have been a reasonable time with their compatriots (the UTILE Group). He stressed that C.C. and Brig. DUCHESNE had both agreed to this type of preparation when the unit was first offered. INFANTE states, if necessary, he will go and see Gen. ALEXANDER. NEGRONI'S opinion is that CASERTA is not interested enough to influence 8 Army decision and so, asks that C.C. intervene on their behalf.

Lt. Col. MORIARTY (MMIA) who has been visiting CASERTA tells me that AAI have put the unit on arrival under 8 Army and that they have decided it is to go to XIII Corps. If this is so and C.C. feels the Italian point of view is to be maintained, I can only suggest the President, A.C.C. be approached by the C.C.

Gen. INFANTE has asked me to let him know the result of such action.

/s/ Quinsmith Lt. Col.,
Army Sub-Commission

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4 APR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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3 April 1944

QS 190

SUBJECT: Use of Battalion of SAN MARCO Regiment.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

For information: Gen. LEMAIRE told me today that Comando Supremo had heard that the Bn. of the SAN MARCO Regt. which is going up to the line is to be placed in reserve of XIII Corps.

While most satisfied to know that Italian Marines are being used in combat, Marshal MESSE requests that their period of acclimatisation would be more suitable from every point of view, if they were placed with the UTILE Group. This would ensure that the operational methods and administrative organisation current in 8th Army would be most easily absorbed by the Commander and Staff concerned.

This point of view of the Comando Supremo has been passed to Major FIELDMAN to represent to the British authorities concerned.

/s/ Quinsmith Lt. Col.
Army Sub-Commission

Copy to: D.C.C. for info.

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TRANSLATION

File No. 218/RP

APO 151/A. 24 March 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of the Supreme General Staff

SF

HQ ACC AFO 394
26 Mar 1944
GSD

My dear General MacFarlane,

Thanks for your letter of March 13 relative to proceedings concerning Italian deserters.

After careful and considered study of the whole problem, I have come to the conclusion to submit the entire matter to the Chief of the Government, in view of the fact that the decisions which are to be taken in the matter entail an interest which exceeds the purely military scope, to assume politico-social aspects and considerations of national interest.

Meanwhile, I have issued instructions to the effect that the military Prosecutors suspend all trials in connection with crimes of desertion committed between July 10th and September 8th, 1943, by Italian military personnel belonging to operational units.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ MARSHAL G. MESSE

To Lieutenant-General
N.M. Macfarlane
Chief of Allied Control Commission
APO 394

Copy forwarded to Legal Section ✓

Legal S.C. copy.
Thanks this copy.
SSR.

Yes. Received 1300 hrs 27/3/44
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DSJ 397
23 MAR 1944

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21st. March, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief of the General Staff,
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

Your No. 8653/1/BGS.

1. I have no comments to make except that I very much doubt if the Piceno and Mantova Divisions will ever be fit to put into line against the Germans either as divisions or in brigade groups.

2. I would like to stress yet again that to build up the Legnano Brigade to its proposed operational division establishment we must have the necessary troops brought over at the earliest possible date from Sardinia. If you want this operational Italian division you must apply greater pressure than I am capable of on the Naval authorities.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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19 March 1944

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Subject: Bed Sheets Held by Italian Armed Forces

To: Army Subcommission, ACC Main HQ (MMIA), Lequile

Reference your letter of 12 March 1944, file AQ/12/1, subject as above, the Chief Commissioner authorizes you to stop the issue of these sheets to the Italian Military.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

Cy to Col DSU
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ACTION FILPOT INFO MMIA FATIMA FOR ALBRIGHT

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HAVE YOU REPLIED TO MMIA CABLE Q SIX FOUR FOUR OF TWO FIVE FEB QUERY TO ACTION FILPOT INFO MMIA FATIMA FOR ALBRIGHT FROM FATIMA REAR FROM QUINBMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE PD IF SO PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE AS NO COPY YET RECEIVED THIS OFFICE

AUTHENTICATED:

R.T.S

E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA
Asst AAJ Gen

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HQ AAI (Adm Echelon).

G.M.F.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 21 Mar 0935
By DFE

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2030/12/02.

G(SD) AAI.

18 Mar 44.

Attached is copy of a letter received from the Italian Armed Forces. Nothing is known here of the move of the Italian General Staff, however if the General Staff agree to the proposal HQ 3 District will be instructed to investigate the accommodation situation.

/s/ Q. Sloan.(?). Lt Col
for
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- ACC
3 District
Army Sub Commission, ACC

PENCILLED NOTE: Brig. Duchesne; Tell Basso not to butt in like this. NMM(Gen MacFarlane, 22/3)

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(ATTACHMENT)

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES OF CAMPANIA
INTENDENZA

9 March 1944

N. 4422/prot

SUBJECT: School-house in PAGANI.

TO: A.F.H.Q.
N A P L E S.

The HQ of the Italian General Staff is to be transferred to the area of Pagani-Nocera Inferiore.

As a result of a reconnaissance in the area the only building suitable for the purpose would be the school at Pagani, which is at present occupied by the 216th Field Ambulance(British). Owing to the impossibility of finding other convenient premises, I should be grateful to your Command if the school of Pagani would be made available to the Italian HQ.

(sgd) A. Basso
Lt. General
Commanding

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Copy of letter prepared by Legal Sub-Commission for Chief Commissioner's signature:

REAR HEAD-QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

CC/091.711

18 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th March in regard to the trial of Italian deserters.

I have again given careful consideration to the matters to which you have drawn attention.

I am firmly convinced that the best justice will be done to deserters who deserted in response to Allied appeals and at the same time the discipline of the Italian Army will be fully upheld if the regulations whichI proposed in my letter of the 13th February are adhered to. These regulations you will recall are as follows:

> "....members of the Italian Armed Forces who deserted between July 10 and September 8, 1943, inclusive, should not be tried or punished for desertion except those who deserted to the German or other hostile army. This, however, does not preclude trial and punishment by an Italian Military Tribunal of those who deserted between the dates above mentioned for their failure to return to the Italian Armed Forces after some fixed date subsequent to the Armistice provided they were given due and proper notice to return by that date. In the latter instance deserters may be tried and punished for failure to return and not for the original desertion."

I must ask you to give me your early assurance that you are giving the necessary instructions to the above effect to the appropriate military authorities in both occupied and unoccupied territory and no trials in contravention thereof have already taken place.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Noel Mason MacFarlane
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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IN CLEAR AC787

IMPORTANT MAR 180830A

MMIA MAR 190830A

FLAMBO RPTD FILFOT FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH via teletype

Ref your SD99/18857 of 25 Feb. First Italian Ministry of War is calling up all unskilled illegal absentees of 1923 class since this is all trained whereas 1924 class is not L trained. Second in view of urgent need of truck drivers I am instructing them in addition to call up all trained drivers from 1924 1922 1921 1920 classes illegally absent. Those actually in illegal employ will be registered only and their numbers reported on MMIA Liaison Officers at Naples, Bari and Catanzaro for checking and decision with Allied employing authorities concerned. Confirm agreement.

Reference cable SD 99/18857 from Flambo:

In reply MMIA signal 0241 of 17 Feb. Ruthless application is unacceptable owing dislocation present civilian labour commitments. There is no objection to all men reporting but skilled men having reported should continue their present service subject to their having certificate. Details of issue of this certificate will be arranged by Labour Sub Committee of Local Resources Board. Unskilled men will be taken back into military service one class at a time at rate dependant on replacement by other Italian personnel.

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Reference cable 0241 of 17 Feb. from MMIA:

In order to meet manpower demands on them for ACHF programe the Italian [redacted] are calling up all men of inclusive 1920 to 1924 classes who are still illegally absent. Request you publish in orders and cooperate in this object without which ACHF programme of labour and specialist units cannot be realised within the time factors demanded. Instruct MMIA Liaison officers to contact senior Carabineri Officers of their Italian formations and keep me informed by weekly report of local progress of this callup.

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SIMSONS AT FALCON

M/C NO 57/17

REF NO WX 899

FILED MAR 171725

RECD MAR 172025

TO: MMIA CITE 4758 RPT PLAMBO, FATIMA, FREEDOM CITE EHGCT
REF NR AGO Y64

455 mules requested by Allies now awaiting next lift to Duko. 587 mules remaining here in Italian Army. 215 needed for internal administration. Balance of 372 remaining. New subject.

Authority Capo S M R E, C M S holding for shipment: 198 for Nembo Division, 134 for Legnano Division and 80 for Mogtegranaro Bn. None left for any further request by Allied.

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FATIMA (Secretary General)

Ext. 174 - COLLINS

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MEDIA

FOLLOWING IS A PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE FROM FREEDOM SIX FIVE FIVE FIVE EIGHT SENT ALSO TO FLAMBO FOR INFORMATION FD PARA TO MEDIA FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PARA MESSAGE BEGINS REFERRING CABLE AG SEVEN FOUR ONE DATED ONE ONE MARCH CMA PARA THREE FD INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLONEL FIELEY INDICATE THAT YOU ARE EXPECTING TO BE PUBLISHED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS TEN DRAFT DIRECTIVE GIVEN TO COLONEL NOAKES WHICH GAVE OUTLINE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLYING ITALIAN ARMY FD SEE ALSO CABLES QUEEN ABLE BAKER ONE EIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE DATED TWO FOUR FEBRUARY AND TWO EIGHT ZERO NINE DATED TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY AND OUR FIVE SIX FIVE ONE SIX DATED TWO FIVE FEBRUARY WHICH INDICATED THAT FOUR HEADQUARTERS WILL PUBLISH DIRECTIVE FD NECESSARY ACTION INSTIGATED AND NOTIFICATION BY CABLE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FD INFORMATION ALSO REQUESTED AS TO WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN PERFORMED TOWARDS ISSUE OF INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED CLOTHING FD DRAFT SUGGESTED FOR PUBLICATION WAS CONTAINED IN OUR LETTER AG FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH ONE PARA ITALY PARA GOS DESK AGM OF SIX FEBRUARY FD PARA RESPONSIBILITY ITALIAN NAVY CMA WITH EXCEPTION OF SUBSISTENCE CMA RESTS WITH ROYAL NAVY

L. T. MONTAMT
2nd Lt, AGD
Adjutant

Army Sub-Commission (Rear)

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In reply refer to:
OCC 091.711

16 March 1944

Subject: Cuneo Division

Dear Marshal Messe:

General MacFarlane has forwarded your memorandum file M. 11395/OP dated 26 February, in regard to the employment of the Cuneo Division, and I telegraphed further on the subject as a result of General Infante's note to me dated 11 March. Because of your personal interest in this matter, I regret to have to inform you that considerations of equipment supply prevent reconsideration of the earlier decision as to the disposition of the Cuneo Division.

With reference to the treatment of the personnel of the Division, Allied Force Headquarters states that the personnel of the Division are employed in Egypt under terms similar to those existing for Italian Army units in the rear of the Allied Armies, and are not considered in any way as prisoners of war.

As to the suggestion that a policy of gradual repatriation be established for the personnel of the Division, it is felt to be premature to consider such a project at this time due to existing priority of movement of personnel from the Middle East and the importance of the work on which the Division is employed.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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16 Mar

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

16 March 1944

Subject: Cuneo Division

My dear General:

Supplementing my letter of 11 March, replies have now been received in respect to the employment of the Cuneo Division and I am writing to Marshal Messe on this subject today.

Sincerely yours,

EILERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo

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16 Mar

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20 MAR 1944

SUBJECT:-- Designation of Italian Combat Division

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/2/1/11
12? Mar 44

HQ A C M F

Copy to: Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane

1. The Italian General Staff has proposed that the Italian Combat Division being formed be designated:

"Del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione"
(The Italian Corps of Liberation)

2. "Corps" in the Italian language means "Unit" or "Force", and is generally used in designating a formation of this nature.

3. Request that this designation be approved.

For the Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

/s/ E.P.KERR, Col,
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C

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14 MAR 1944

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ROUTINE

12 MARCH 1944

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MECIA

FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF FREEDOM CABLE NUMBER SIX THREE THREE ONE FOUR DATED ONE ONE MARCH PD TO MECIA FOR MARKED FOR ACTION FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD

MESSAGE BEGINS PD REFERENCE ARMY SECRET LEVEL TWO SEVEN ONE ZERO MARCH IT IS DESIRED THAT CHANGEOVER TO LOCTE IT QUIT SUBSISTENCE STOCKS FOR ALL ITALIAN MILITARY IN SICILY SARDINIA AND OF MAINLAND TAKE PLACE ON TWO FOUR MARCH IF POSSIBLE PARA PAREN SIGNED GANO CITE FREEDOM TO FATIMA FOR ARMY INFORMATION FOR MARKED FOR ACTION TO PLAMBO FOR INFORMATION PD PAREN LETTER FROM ADMIN DATED NINE JANUARY REFERENCE ARMY SECRET FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH ONE PAREN ITALY PAREN SECTION ZERO LOCAL LAMA ARMY SECRET MIL DEES NOT HINDOT THAT A MARGIN OF SUBSISTENCE FOR THIRTY WORKING DAYS BE LAID DOWN BUT REFERS INSTEAD TO THE DATE OF SUBSISTENCE SUPPLY BASED SOLELY ON THE SEVERAL CONVOYS TO PARA STOCKS FROM ALLIED SUBSISTENCE SOURCES WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR THE PURPOSE INDICATED IN SUBJECT MESSAGE PD IT IS DESIRED THAT FINAL STATEMENT BE MADE THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHANGEOVER CAN BE MADE ON THE SPECIFIED DATE

L. T. MONTAMP
2nd Lt, AGD
Adjutant

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[illegible] MESSAGE HAS FOUND IT'S WAY TO THEIR OFFICE [illegible] TO MAJ INFO PLANS, FARCO FROM FREEDOM UNITED STATES FIGHT FUROM [illegible] THERE ONE RIGHT ALL DARK BLOOD NAME " PROJECT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CHARLES CHARLIE SUGAR WHICH LISTS SUPPLY OF ITALIAN TROOPS TO WORK OUT AND IN FACT NEGATIVE, ID IN ORDER TO SECURE AUTH FOR RELEASE OF SUFFICIENT A LIST OF EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS SERVING AXIS[illegible] AND MEANS OF DETAILED MUST BE FURNISHED CHARLES CHARLIE SUGAR FOR APPROVAL ID [illegible] FACT THAT ITALIAN UNITS ARE AVAILABLE DOES NOT JUSTIFY THEIR EMPLOYMENT IF THEY THOSE UNITS TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE CHARLES CHARLIE SUGAR UNLESS SUCH UNITS ARE ACTUALLY REQUIRED FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR ID REQUEST THE FURNISH ORDER OF BATTLE AND PRESENT STATUS OF DIVISIONS OF ITALIAN UNITS WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO CHARLES CHARLIE SUGAR FOR APPROVAL UNDER TRADOCS OF(ELF) CONCERNING LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS ESSENTIAL THOSE TO BE EMPLOYED BY US, MINUS OF ITALIAN FORCES (TARCO) (PRESENTLY TO BE EMPLOYED UNDER DIFFERENT PROGRAM

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L.S. MERRITT JR
Col AC AGD
ADJUTANT

13 MAR 1944

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GSD 387
21 MAR 1944

SUBJECT: Stocks of Bed Sheets held by Italian Armed Forces and possible future uses.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/12/1
12 Mar 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.

Copy to: A.C.M.F. (ADMECH)
ORD. MMIA.
MED. MMIA.

1. Stocks of bed sheets are now held by ITALIAN Army as follows:

Sheets, hospital ... approx. 2000 - This is the total in warehouses and is EXCL. of quantities already in hospital stores.

Sheets ordinary, GS ... approx. 140,000 .

The latter are normally issued to Officers and N.C.O's on the scale of 4 per offr or nco.

2. It is submitted that better assistance could be given to the Allied war effort if these GS sheets were used for other purposes than issue to troops during war.

3. Possible use might be found in:
(a) Refugee Work.
(b) Conversion to clothing.
(c) Hospital use other than purely Italian Military.

4. As the sheets, GS, are controlled by MMIA may this HQ be informed if the GS sheets should continue to be released to Italian Military.

/s/ F.J.NORMS, Lt Col
for Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.
(Absent on duty)

tvs/FJN

Pencilled Notes:
Stop issue to Italian Military. NWM

12 Mar

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE /sk

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CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE MHGCT

TO : FATIMA (VIA FATIMA ADVANCED)

M/C NO:

REF NO: 63748

FILED : 122009A MAR

REC'D : 131315A MAR

Dated 11 March your 2462. Reply to message memorandum despatched this HQ 9 March and was in substance as follows: A. Ruling preventing employment of Cuneo Division in combat role. B. Decision already taken regarding disposal Cuneo Division will stand. C. Personnel are employed as co-belligerents and not POW. D. Considered premature to initiate a gradual repairing scheme owing to existing transportation difficulties and importance of work on which division is presently employed.

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Reference Fatima 2462 of 11 March. 15

Your 50285 dated 31 January. TO FREEDOM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL. Soldarelli now ready to go to Palestine and Messe inquires what action has been taken on his memorandum of 26 February which I sent you with covering memorandum on 29 February. What shall I tell him.

Auth: Captain Stone.

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FRENCH

11 MAR. 1944

RUS FIVE ZERO TWO EIGHT FIVE DATED THREE ONE JANUARY FO FATIMA TO PARIS FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM FATIMA ERUS MACFARLANE TO GENERAL PARIS SOLOMON NOW READY TO GO TO PALESTINE AND WOULD INQUIRE WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON HIS RECOMMENDATION OF TWO SIX FEBRUARY WHICH I SENT YOU WITH COVERING MEMORANDUM ON TWO NINE FEBRUARY FO WHAT SHALL I TELL HIM

AUTHENTICATED:

HENRY E. STARK
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Communicator

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11 March 1944

My dear General:

Replying to your letter FM 151 of today, the Comando Supremo's memorandum of 26 February was forwarded by General MacFarlane to the Chief of Staff of the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, on 29 February, but to date we have received no reply. As a result of your memorandum, General MacFarlane telegraphed the Chief of Staff and I shall advise you as soon as his reply is received.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo

Lunes 6 de Marzo de 1944

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11 Mar

COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 151, 11 marzo 1944

My dear Stone,

as you know gen. Soldarelli is now ready to go to Palestine to see his division.

I wonder if you can let me know something in relation to our letter 11395 op. of February 27 th last.

Thanking you your sincerely

H. Infante

Captain U.S.N.

Ellery Stone

Allied Control Commission

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9 March 1944

My dear don Renato Prunas:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter N. 977 of 2 March 1944 with reference to Col. Giovanni Acampora.

The matter is being further investigated and it is hoped that we can give you a report in the near future.

Yours very truly,

HILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

Sent referred to
for the Safety, etc reporting

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
09 MARCH 1944

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TO (ACTION) : FIFTH ARMY

(INFORMATION) : CG PENBASE, CG SOS NATOUSA, PAIOO AND ACMF

FROM : SIGNED MAGG

DATE TIME SIGNED : 091015 A
DATE TIME REC'D : 090204 A

REF NR : 61914

CITE : MAGDB

CANCELLED IS NATOUSA CABLE 56511 DATED 25 FEBRUARY WHICH AUTHORIZED ISSUE OF CERTAIN CLASS 2 AND 4 SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN FIRST MOTORIZED GROUP AND 4 ITALIAN PACK MULE COMPANIES. ALL EQUIPMENT ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF 56511 WILL BE CONSIDERED ON LOAN BASIS AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY WHEN UNITS INVOLVED CEASE TO BE EMPLOYED IN AN OPERATIONAL ROLE.

POLICY OF CCS IS THAT SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN TROOPS WILL BE LIMITED TO CLOTHING SUBSISTENCE, FUEL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. COMBAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONLY FROM ITALIAN SOURCES.

ACTION : G-4
INFO : CMD O
: CM
: SURGEON
: HQ ASC
: SECT'Y GEN. STAFF
: COMMANDING GENERAL

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15 MAR 1944

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9th. March. 1944.

Passed to General Mac Farlane and not returned

Many thanks for your No. A108 of 6th. March.

2. I have just seen McCaffrey up here and told him that I did not want him to move into Bari until it had been possible to get the question of accommodating his Headquarters settled.

3. I dont think that your suggestion regarding a straight 'swop' between Ninth Corps in Bari and A.C.C. at Matera is likely to go with a swing with the Italians but failing any other solution I will tackle Messe on the subject.

4. I had thought that possibly some of the accommodation used by General Alexander's Headquarters just North of Bari at Santo Spirito might have been available, and that one or two of these villas combined with the G.Macchi building in Bari might have proved suitable. I dont know whether any of the Santo Spirito accommodation is still available or could be attained.

5. In the meantime I will sound the Italians regarding your Ninth Corps proposal but will not press the question until I hear from you about the possibilities of Santo Spirito.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General E.P. Nares, CBE, MC.
G. O. C.
Headquarters, No. 2 District.

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11 MAR 1944

TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

OPERATIONS OFFICE

P. M. 151, 9 March 1944

File No. 11674/Op of Prot.

TO: Captain E. W. Stone,
Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Behavior of Italian Troops During Journey of Transfer from Sardinia to Italian Mainland.

Referring to your document DCC 091.711 of the 7th instant.

It was reported to me the bad behavior of some troops during the journey from Sardinia to the Italian Mainland, and I have taken steps to avoid further incidents of this nature.

However, I thank you very much for your message, and I will again recall the attention of the responsible commanders in order that in the future all regulations regarding sea transportation will be observed.

CHIEF OF THE SUPREME GENERAL STAFF
Marshal of Italy,

/s/ Giovanni Messe.

Trans:/Capt Zerrudechi/ajp.

Entire matter and file referred to Army S-C on 12 Mar.

(PS) a Copy furnished Army Sub-COM 11 Mar. 44

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9 Mar.

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151, 9 marzo 1944

DSD 313
11 MAR 1944

Al Sig. Capitano di Vascello
E. W. STONE
Commissione Alleata di Controllo

N° 11674 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Comportamento militari italiani durante il viaggio di trasferimento dalla Sardegna in Continente.

Riferimento al suo foglio DCC 091.711 del 7 corrente.

Avevo avuto delle segnalazioni circa lo spiacevole comportamento di alcuni militari nel viaggio di trasferimento dalla Sardegna al Continente, ed avevo fatto prendere conseguenti provvedimenti per evitare il ripetersi di tale inconveniente.

La ringrazio tuttavia molto della comunicazione: in base ad essa richiamerò nuovamente l'attenzione dei comandanti responsabili per l'osservanza di tutte le norme relative ai trasporti via mare.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

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G. Messe

10 MAR 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

7 March 1944

MEMO TO: Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian CUNEO Division.

1. Reference is made to your CC/G/116 of 29th February 1944, requesting our reconsideration of decisions already made regarding the disposal of the Italian CUNEO Division, at present in Egypt.

2. Recent rulings issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, regarding the equipment to be supplied from Allied sources to units of the Italian Army, prohibit any possibility of employing the CUNEO Division in a combat role. With this factor in mind, the decisions already made, regarding the disposal of the CUNEO Division must stand. Furthermore, the personnel of the Division are already dispersed in units at work in Egypt, and any attempt to reform the division would lead to many difficulties.

3. It is pointed out that the personnel of the Division are employed in Egypt under terms similar to those existing for Italian Army units at present collaborating in Italy in the rear of the Allied Armies, and are not considered in any way as prisoners of war.

4. The Comando Supremo suggest that a policy of gradual repatriation be established for the personnel of the division, but owing to the existing priority of movement of personnel from Middle East, and the importance of the work on which the division is at present employed, it is considered premature to consider such a project.

J. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

DB/vp

Note: Stone is informing Gen Infante for Marshal Messe.

(Initialled) NMME
14 Mar 44

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7 Mar

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

7 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

The Commission is in receipt of a communication from AFHQ requesting that the matter of security and sanitation in connection with the transport by sea of Italian troops from Sardinia be brought to the attention of the Italian High Command.

Reports were received from the Commanding Officers of: H.M.S. L.S.T. 368, dated 12 Nov 43, relative to transport of 13 officers, 410 other ranks and 75 vehicles; H.M.S. L.S.T. 410, dated 17 Nov, 8 officers and 395 other ranks; H.M.S. L.S.T. 407, dated 18 Nov, 19 officers and 388 other ranks; H.M.S. L.S.T. 422, dated 18 Nov, 6 officers, 394 other ranks, 75 vehicles and approximately 40 tons of bulk stores.

All of these reports indicate that there has been a most serious disregard by both Italian officers and soldiers with respect to sanitation on the boats during the voyages. Showers, decks, tank spaces, etc., were indiscriminately used as toilets. One report is to the effect that sanitary arrangements in the form of buckets with planks secured above as seats, across the fore end of the tank space against the ramp, were provided. These were not used at all but were scattered around the deck. Some difficulty was experienced in attempting to have the ships cleaned prior to disembarkation.

Trouble was also experienced throughout the dark hours of the trip made by L.S.T. 407 in preventing soldiers from smoking and striking matches and even switching on the truck headlights on the upper deck. On one occasion, an offender proved to be the Italian Officer Commanding the troops who explained that he had switched on the headlights in order to determine the time.

It was stated in the report of the Commanding Officer L.S.T. 410 that provisions were stolen from the life-rafts and the first-aid kits from near the guns were broken open and contents stolen. P.O.W. rations were also pilfered from the Tank Deck.

It is appreciated that the information contained in these reports have been much delayed in reaching you. It is possible that you have been informed of the conditions through your own channels and have taken necessary steps to insure correction. If not, it is respectfully re-

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quested that corrective instructions be issued to the effect that regulations concerning security, sanitation, and other measures affecting the transport of troops by sea, are to be strictly complied with by all concerned.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

~~cc: Army Section~~

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Italian Government

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2 March 1944.

Dear Noel

I regret the delay in acknowledging your letter of February 25th regarding the movement of Italian troops from SARDINIA. As you doubtless know, the three Italian cruisers that were lifting the Italian troops were transferred to the BIZERTE-NAPLES ferry at the request of General Alexander to lift operationally required personnel. The intention was to return two of the cruisers to the SARDINIA-NAPLES run about March 6th. However, of the four Italian cruisers, only one is operating and is still urgently required to lift American and French replacements from BIZERTE To NAPLES. Of the other three, one has been damaged by a mine and two are laid up for urgently needed repairs. As things stand at this time, I hope that one of the latter will be available about March 20th and the other about the end of March.

I regret that no other shipping is available at this time and we have to depend on these cruisers which so far have not been reliable and are continually in need of repairs. Please rest assured that I will do my best to alleviate the situation as soon as possible.

J. A. H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

Lt. General Sir Frank N. Mason MacFarlane,

KCB, DSO, MC,

Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

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