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162	Ltr Quayle 091.711	3 Aug 44	Infante	Enquiry re Lt Brandolin answer Incl well & safe
163	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	4 Aug 44	Gen Browning	Functions Comando Supremo in regards 3 Armed Forces as Incl
164	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	4 Aug 44	Bee Dist	Italian Army in General with 4 Appendicies
165	Ltr Prunas 00264	4 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Situation combattants Garibaldi Division
166	Ltr Browning I/106/1	6 Aug 44	AAI & ACC	Security Intelligence - Monthly Reports Italian Army
167	Ltr Campbell IPW/22/70	9 Aug 44	Messe & Sec Gen	Repatriation sick & wounded of Garibaldi Division
167a	Ltr Messe 14634 Incl 1 - Ltr Messe 14600 of 9 Aug	9 Aug 44	Capt Stone	App a - Ltr AFHQ 22 Jul Ar SubCom App b - Ltr Broad 10 Jul Caccia
168	Cbl AFHQ F82845	11 Aug 44	ACC	Alleviating situation Italian Forces in Yugoslavia - Mis Tito
169	Ltr Capt Stone	12 Aug 44	Army Sub-Com	Co-ordinate with Pol Sect re AFHQ cbl F 82845 11 Aug
170	Ltr Capt Stone	12 Aug 44	Messe	Effective 10 Aug Comando Supremo changed to Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian General Staff)
171	AFHQ G-5 014.33-27	14 Aug 44	ACC	Repatriation Alessandro Zantonelli info Mideast Forces record
172	Ltr AAI 16/1/G	16 Aug 44	MMIA (See Dist)	Disturbances between Italian & French Troops Brindisi & Taranto
172a	Cordell Hull	29 Aug 44	Bonomi	Political & economic problems confronting Italy

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146	Notes Capt Stone	21 Jul 44	Mr. Caccia	App a - Ltr Broad 10 Jul Caccia
146a	Ltr Maj Houston	19 Jul 44	Maj Quayle	App b - Ltr ASC G/6/1 19 Jun ASC
146b	Cbl AAI G4 382	20 Jul 44	MMIA & AFHQ	App c - Ltr Messe 13528/OP 7 Jun
146c	Ltr Makins BRM AFHQ	18 Jul 44	Broad (14/46/0)	Military Police protection of railway facilities
147	Cbl NATOUSA F32421	21 Jul 44	ASC ACC	Italian Forces operating with Partisan Units in Yugoslavia
147a	Cbl MMIA AQ1719	21 Jul 44	5 & 8 Army	Receipt ltr 11 Jul re General Castellano handed on to Messe
148	Cbl ACC S297	22 Jul 44	AFHQ	Staff Liaison Bureau ACC
148a	Ltr Broad	22 Jul 44	Makins It Mil Mis	
149	Ltr Capt Stone	23 Jul 44	Gen Gammell	Forwarding ltr fr Gen Gammell self explanatory
149a	Ltr Broad	22 Jul 44	Army Sub-Com	Address signals for Infante through me
150	Comando Supremo 91595/AV	23 Jul 44	Capt Stone	App a - 8 Army cbl ACO/117 22nd
151	Ltr Capt Stone	23 Jul 44	Messe	Forwarding extract fr Ital paper 'Italia Nuova' re Messe
152	Cbl ACC S299	24 Jul 44	AMG 8 Army	Request info if Lt Brandolin has been killed in action Perugia Area
153	Ref Slip A/CC	25 Jul 44	War Mat Disp	Italian Military Personnel in German Hands
154	Ltr Maj Quayle	25 Jul 44	Capt Benson	Wish to discuss with you employment Gen Castellano
155	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	26 Jul 44	AFHQ	Ital troops fr Aegean Islands now in Egypt
156	Ltr Messe 562	27 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Single ration scale It Ar For
157	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/120	27 Jul 44	Comando Supremo	Ital troops fr Aegean Islands now in Egypt with 1 Incl
158a	Cbl MMIA AQ1747	29 Jul 44	5 & 8 Army	Proposals re-equipping & re-organising certain Ital Divs combat
158	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/119	27 Jul 44	AFHQ	Review directive & put in shape
158b	Cbl MMIA I 118	28 Jul 44	ACC	Recommendation abolition of Comando Supremo
159	Ltr Capt Stone	31 Jul 44	Admin,Pol,RC & MG	Grateful early reply S297 22 Jul
159a	Ltr Browning G/30	29 Jul 44	A/CC	
160	Cbl ACC S-303	1 Aug 44	AFHQ	
161	Memo Quayle 091.711	3 Aug 44	Pol Sect	Ital Mis to Yugoslav Partisans 269 Incl 1 - Ltr Venosta 31 Jul EWS

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127	Cbl HQ AAI 04 345	2 Jul 44	PBS, MMIA ACC Main	Strength Italian Military in Rome
128	Cbl HQ AAI G-4 346	3 Jul 44	MMIA, ACC Main	Reducing strength Italian Military soonest
129	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	5 Jul 44	Messe	Request summary activities & functions of Commando Supremo
130	Ltr Brig Lush 150/45/CA	5 Jul 44	HQ AAI	Censorship Report no further action necessary in this matter
130a	Cbl Campbell Liaison Log - 1 Jun to 1 Jul	5 Jul 44	Army Sub-Com Main	App a - Ltr Paton AAI/5040/27/A(PS) 30 Jun to Brig Lush
131	Cbl ACC Rear 3645	3 Jul 44	ACC Main	CC RR not out of proportion cannot be reduced
131a	Cbl MMIA 0490	6 Jul 44	ACC Adv	CC RR not out of proportion cannot be reduced
132	Cbl ACC Main 7174	6 Jul 44	MMIA (Browning)	PW released revert status of Italian soldiers (no legal standing
132a	Cbl ACC Main 7175	6 Jul 44	MMIA	Ital Units Rome have to draw rations from Ital Depot Naples
133	Cbl MMIA SD1136	7 Jul 44	ACC Main & AAI	Inquiring as to death Lt Brandolin thru 5th Army HQ
133a	Ltr Gen Hamblen 8	7 Jul 44	ACC ADV-It Ar For	App a - Ltr Infante 71/GI 8 Jul
134	Cbl MMIA AQ1673	7 Jul 44	ACC ADV & MAIN	What about truth death of Lt Brandolin grateful for any news
134a	Cbl Filpot IRS52	8 Jul 44	ACC ADV	Ceiling Ital Air Force must be 31,000 absolute necessity
135	Ltr Quayle	10 Jul 44	Gen Infante	Ital Soldiers Cuneo Division
135a	Cbl AAI SD 1146	7 Jul 44	ACC & MMIA	Incl 1 - Ltr Infante 14005/OP 3 Jul
135b	Cbl MMIA SD 1148	8 Jul 44	ACC ADV	Attd ltr fr Reg IV re Armata Rossa submitted
136	Ltr Quayle	10 Jul 44	Maj Huston 5 Army	Incl 1 - Ltr R4/191.711 8 Jul ACC
136a	Ltr Orlando	9 Jul 44	Stone	Colonel in charge of Cuneo Division Comando Supremo informed
137	Cbl AAFSC E126G	10 Jul 44	AAI MMIA AFHQ ACC	Italian Armed Forces fighting & working co-belligerents with Allies
138	Ltr Capt Stone	10 Jul 44	AFHQ	Suspicion activities Gen Azzi in Albania & his appointment Army
139a	Ltr Brig Lush 6/201/CA	11 Jul 44	Acting Chief Comm	Exact functions performed by Comando Supremo
139b	Ltr Gammell	11 Jul 44	Capt Stone (Messe)	Personnel Italian Liaison Section retaining
140	Ltr Campbell ASC/29/67	13 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	No change employment Arditi Air Force Battalion fr CC/G/325 23 May
141	Ltr Col Fiske 161/86/CA	15 Jul 44	See Dist	**Military effort of country for participation in war**
142	Cbl ACC SB 614	17 Jul 44	AAI Sec Bre	
142a	Ltr Messe 14193/OP	16 Jul 44	Capt Stone	
143	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	18 Jul 44	Messe	
144	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	18 Jul 44	Messe	
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111	Ltr Col Campbell	21 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Command of soldiers of the Cuneo Division App a - Ltr Messe 13613/op 12 Jun
112	Cbl MMIA SD 1005	22 Jun 44	Rome Command ACC	Screening of members of Italian Army picked up by advance Alld Ar
113	Cbl MMIA SD 993	22 Jun 44	AAI & ACC	Ration ceiling Ital Ar & demobilization excess personnel
114	Ltr Capt Collins SG 014.33	24 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Repatriation of Ital Officers list enclosed
114a	Ltr Army Sub-Com G.109	25 Jun 44	ACC	Incl 1 - Ltr 13443/OP 3 Jun fr Commdd Supremo incl list surplus
	Italian Military Authority		in Rome.	App a - Ltr AFHQ G-5 091.711-1 17 Jun 44 to HQ ACC
114b	Ltr Collins	25 Jun 44	Campbell	
115	Ltr Densmore A/CC 091.711	26 Jun 44	Econ Sect	Clothing & boots for "Secret Front Forces Rome"
116	Ltr Densmore	27 Jun 44	Lt Apostolo	App a - AF SC 339/ORG 22 Jun ACC
116a	Ltr Army Sub-Com G/6/1 Ceiling	27 Jun 44	HQ AAI of Italian Army.	Demobilisation & leave - Ital Troops under command Allies Incl 1 - Ltr Ar SC AQ/17 20 Jun
117	Cbl Freedom F 63699	23 Jun 44	AAI & MMIA	Single rations scale for Ital Military
118	Ltr Capt Stone	24 Jun 44	HQ MMIA	Behavior of Ital Military App a - Ltr AAI 5022/CAO 19 Jun
119	Cbl MMIA AQ 1611	26 Jun 44	ACC Rome, Rear & Main	Army rations sent to Rome order Supreme Command for Patriot Bends not authorized by MMIA
120	Ltr Col Evans ACC/5134/IC	28 Jun 44	Air For Sub-Com	Tangible Recognition Services Secret Front
121	Ltr Capt Stone	29 Jun 44	Gen Orlando	Gen MacFarlane's & mine - best wishes on leaving the Ministry
122	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	29 Jun 44	Messe	Further Ital participation in operations
123	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 091.711	29 Jun 44	Gen Browning	Further Ital participation in operations
123a	Cbl Freedom F66104	29 Jun 44	AAI & MMIA	Incl 1 - Ltr Messe 13375/OP 30 May
124	Cbl MMIA I/101	29 Jun 44	ACC Main	Visits of different Generals to Rome & Conference re move It Govt
125	Cbl MMIA AQ1622	27 Jun 44	ACC ROME AF SC	Ceiling of Ital Armed Forces 444300 all above demobilized
126	Cbl Main AAI 141	1 Jul 44	MMIA & ACC	?Ceiling for Ital Armed Forces will not exceed 53300 for Int Sec Formations
126a	Cbl Main AAI SD 1053	2 Jul 44	MMIA	Instructions re ceiling figure Ital Admin 45870 reduced by 31 Jul

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Reply fr Cordell Hull to memo 22 Jul fr Bonomi — 19 Aug 44.

Views various political & economic problems confronting Italy.

→ UN policy on employment of Italian Armed Forces.

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/1/G(Ops)

A 2236
20 AUG 1944

To : M.M.I.A.

1. It is essential that immediate and drastic steps be taken to avoid the recurrence of disturbances that have recently occurred between Italians and French troops in the BRINDISI and TARANTO areas.

2. In consequence you will instruct the Italian Military authorities to issue orders, and to ensure that they are enforced, to the effect that arms will only be carried by guards on essential installations specifically authorised by the local Allied Commander. The practice of carrying arms by Italian troops when on patrol or point duties will cease immediately throughout Italy with the exception of the Carabinieri and those Italian units forward of Corps rear boundaries.

3. As a further precaution local Italian Commanders will be made personally responsible that no ammunition whatsoever is in the possession of any Italian troops behind Corps rear boundaries, with the exception of guards authorised by local Allied Commanders and the Carabinieri.

Lt.-Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

16 Aug 44
HSKM/JH

Copies to: Fifth Army
Eighth Army
1 District
2 District
3 District
CG SARDINIA
FBS
RAAC
ACC
MA to CAO
DCGS
GSI(b)
A - ref their AAI/3074/A(O) of 8 Aug.
PRO

} Who will inform local Italian Comd of any essential installations guarded by Italian troops where arms should be carried and amn issued.

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BMR/as

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14 August 1944

G-5: 014.33-27

A 22141
19 AUG 1944

Hq ACC, APO 394
Secty Con.
Rec'd 18 Aug 1944
By ...

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

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Reference your DCC 091.711 dated 4 June, the following information has been requested by the Commander in Chief, Middle East Forces.

1. There is no record of Alessandro Zantonelli of Francesco Besis in Middle East, but there is of D02E 7155 Artig., Francesco BESIO and D02E 7167 Lanc. Alessandro Zantonetti. Are these the soldiers in question?

2. In view of the distance and transportation involved, are there any special circumstances which warrant these Italians being repatriated to Italy?

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

BR

B. M. REPTON
Jnr/Comd

201 Amuso

Note:
Original was sent to
War Materials & Stat.
PW S/C on 18 Aug 44.
A.H.Q.

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Secy. General

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ORDER OF BATTLE OF ITALIAN ARMY IN ITALY SARDINIA SICILY AND CORSICA

NO 2/1

As at 25 July 44

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 12 Aug 1602
By PRR.

Army Sub Commission(ISCTA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
G/11
Aug 44

A 2180
15 AUG 1944

SUMMARY

		Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
C.L.I.				1,347	22,066
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	SARDINIA	1,994	31,644		
	SICILY	744	11,471	4,554	74,385
ADMINISTRATION	MAINLAND	4,730	41,155		
	SARDINIA	1,588	18,910		
	SICILY	123	496	6,441	60,561
EMPLOYED ALLIED EMNS	BRITISH	2,357	56,822		
	US	2,305	56,076		
	AFHQ MAINLAND	400	12,649		
	AAI MAINLAND	274	7,411		
	AFHQ SARDINIA	202	4,164		
	SARDINIA	356	8,644	5,894	145,766
MISCELLANEOUS	MAINLAND	540	11,952		
	SARDINIA	289	7,505	829	19,457
TOTAL ARMY				19,065	322,235
CC.RR	MAINLAND	809	25,570		
	SARDINIA	53	3,625		
	SICILY	121	8,743	983	37,938
GRAND TOTAL				20,048	360,173

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As at 29 July 44

Army Sub Commission(AMGIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
G/11
Aug 44

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DISTRIBUTION:- AFHQ (2), AAI (25), REAR FIFTH and EIGHTH ARMIES (2), OZE HNAF, REAR POLCORPS, P.B.S., A.C.C. (3), 1, 2, & 3 DISTRICTS, SMRE (2), WAR MINISTRY (2), Col SIMMONS - SARDINIA, ARMY SUB COMMISSION LO's :- NAPLES (3), CATANZARO, 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, SICILY, POLCORPS, CIL (2), 1 DISTRICT, 2 District, 60 SUB AREA, TARANTO, G.O.C., 2 i/c (2), G (6), A/Q (8), WAR DIARY (2), File G/11/5, Spare 20.

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13 AGO 1944
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PART 1 COMBAT.

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Unit.	Location.	Offrs.	ORs.	REMARKS.
H.Q. C.I.L.	JESI	59	342	
39 Sec CC.RR	"	1	52	
51 " "	"	1	63	
		61	457	
1 BRIGADE.				
4 Bersaglieri Regt	JESI Area	81	1192	
3 Alpini Regt	" "	91	1999	
4 Arty Group 75/13	" "	18	557	
		190	3748	
2 BRIGADE				
68 Inf Regt	BELVEDERE	122	2238	
San Marco Regt HQ	MONSANO	12	41	
Bafile Marine Bn	"	54	772	
Grado " "	"	46	924	
9 Assault Unit	JESI	40	486	
5 Arty Gp 75/13	"	24	543	
		298	5004	
ARTILLERY				
11 Regt Arty HQ		23	172	
1 Arty Gp		22	350	
2 " "		23	368	
3 " "		22	277	
4 " "		20	270	
5 " "		9	156	
363 Bty 20 mm		5	89	
166 Arty Gp 149/19		23	344	
		147	2026	
ENGRS & SIGS.				
51 Mixed Engr Bn	JESI Area	24	586	
17 Sigs W'shops	" "	2	38	
		26	624	

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		147	2026	
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17 Siga W'shops	" "	2	38	
		26	624	
TRANSPORT				
250 Mixed M.T. Unit	" "	32	841	
59 Heavy Mob W'shops	" "	2	75	
62 " " "	" "	2	53	
250 Pack Tpt Coy	" "	18	483	
		54	1452	
SERVICES.				
51 Medical Sec		9	245	
244 Field Hospital		7	60	
332 " "		7	49	
		23	354	- c/f sheet 3/...

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Unit	Location	Offrs	ORs	REMARKS.
SERVICES (Contd)				
	c/f.....	23	354	
470 Field Hospital		6	59	
866 " "		7	53	
34 Surgical Det		3	16	
29 X-ray Unit		1	5	
51 Supply Sec		6	67	
35 Field Bakery		3	144	
Various		8	175	
		57	873	
NEMBO Div.				
H.Q.	South JESI	42	165	
314 CC.RR			26	
183 Inf Regt		18	120	
15 Inf Bn		28	536	
16 " "		36	547	
184 Inf Regt H.Q.		13	121	
13 Inf Bn		32	642	
14 " "		34	609	
184 Assault Bn		27	360	
184 Motorcyclist Coy		6	67	
184 Mortar Coy 81		6	72	
184 Arty Regt H.Q.		22	144	
1 Arty Gp 75/27		21	401	
2 " " 100/22		21	378	
184 Bty 20 mm		5	92	
184 Tunnelling Engrs Coy		7	164	
184 Signals Coy		4	200	
184 Medical Sec.		12	150	
516 Field Hospital		7	55	
517 " "		5	54	
131 Surgical Unit		1	20	
184 Supply Section		4	47	
184 Heavy M.T. Sec.		6	104	
		357	5074	
DELEGATIONE "A" H.Q.	CHIETI	25	88	
198 Sec CC.RR	"	1	64	
91 Line Coy	"	9	258	
155 Supply Sec	"	4	43	
12 Hygiene Sec.	"	1	53	
		40	506	
REPTS.				
69 Mixed Rpt Bn	CHIETI	46	706	

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Various		8	175
		57	873

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RFTS.			
68 Mixed Rft Bn	CHIETI	46	706
Rft Bn	LEBBA	33	590
51 Bn Bersaglieri		18	286
71 " "		20	720
		117	2302

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Unit	Location	Offrs	ORs.	REMARKS.
SUMMARY				
H.Q. C.I.L.		61	457	
1 Bde.		190	3748	
2 "		298	5004	
Artillery		147	2026	
Engrs & Sigs.		26	624	
Transport		54	1452	
Services		57	873	
Nembo Div		357	5074	
Delegatione "A"		40	506	
Rfts		117	2302	
TOTAL PART 1		1,347	22,066	

PART 2. INTERNAL SECURITY

Unit.	Location.	Offrs	ORs.	REMARKS.
51 CORPS H.Q.	FRANCAVILLA	37	133	
PICENO Div.	APULIA	505	10035	including 2 Bns on loan to Allies.
MANTOVA Div.	CALABRIA	546	7320	" " " " " " "
FRIULI Div	FOGGIA - NAPLES	354	6385	
204 Div H.Q.	NAPLES.	31	204	
		1473	24077	
501 Guard Bn	TARANTO	24	764	
502 " "	BARI	23	781	
503 " "	VASTO-BARI	24	773	
504 " "	AFRAGOLA	19	551	
505 " "	BAIDA	27	713	
550 Train Guard Coy	REGGIO	6	146	
107 Bn Territoriale	SAN SEVERO	27	171	
5 Coy 120 Regt	CAMPOBASSO	6	155	
520 Guard Coy.	TELESE	5	77	
		161	4131	
UNITS UNDER COMMAND A.C.C.				
H.Q. Platoon.		2	23	
2000 to 2007 G.D. Pls.9		6	198	
Driver Pl.		5	120	
" "		5	120	
1001 G.T. Coy.	S. GEMINI	10	295	
1024 Truck Coy	CIVITAVECCHIA	8	245	
1025 " "	ROME.			
2 Coy Ministeriale	Det	4	74	

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Nembo Div		357	5074
Delegatione "A"		40	506
Rfts		117	2302
TOTAL PART 1		1,347	22,066

PART 2. INTERNAL SECURITY

Unit.	Location.	Offrs	ORs.	REMARKS.
51 CORPS H.Q.	FRANCAVILLA	37	133	
PICENO Div.	APULIA	505	10035	including 2 Bns on loan to Allies.
MANTOVA Div.	CALABRIA	546	7320	" " " " " " "
FRIULI Div	FOGGIA - NAPLES	354	6385	
204 Div H.Q.	NAPLES.	31	204	
		1473	24077	
501 Guard Bn	TARANTO	24	764	
502 " "	BARI	23	781	
503 " "	VASTO-BARI	24	773	
504 " "	AFRAGOLA	19	551	
505 " "	BAIDA	27	713	
550 Train Guard Coy	REGGIO	6	146	
107 Bn Territoriale	SAN SEVERO	27	171	
5 Coy 120 Regt	CAMPOBASSO	6	155	
520 Guard Coy.	TELESE	5	77	
		161	4131	
UNITS UNDER COMMAND A.C.C.				
H.Q. Platoon.		2	23	
2000 to 2007 G.D. Pls.9		6	198	
Driver Pl.		5	120	
" "		5	120	
1001 G.T. Coy.	S. GEMINI	10	295	
1024 Truck Coy	CIVITAVECCH IA	8	245	
1025 " "	ROME.			
2 Coy Ministeriale Det		4	74	
13 Mine Clearance Coy	GAETA	5	206	
561 Mine Clearance Coy.	"	4	126	
164 " " "	PESCARA	5	202	
562 " " "	"	4	212	
541 Service Coy.	NETTUNO	4	144	
543 " "	"	5	138	
103 Transit Camp		10	47	
104 " "	CAVATIRRENI	5	26	
120 " "	AFRAGOLA	7	53	
205 " "	CAPUA	9	86	
206 " "		5	25	
213 " "	CAPUA	5	37	
214 " "		5	35	
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Unit	Location.	Offrs	ORs	REMARKS.
	c/f	113	2412	
UNITS UNDER COMMAND A.C.C. (Contd.)				
600 A.P.C.	ROME	18	154	
601 "	FOGGIA	13	165	
610 "		4	54	
611 "		3	41	
612 "	VARIOUS	4	24	
613 "		4	54	
614 "		4	26	
615 "		4	33	
616 "		4	47	
617 "	BARI			
618 "		1	24	
619 "				
H.Q. APC.	ROME	6	14	
	BARI	4	14	
		182	3062	
SUMMARY				
Divisions		1473	24077	
Guard Formations		161	4131	
A.C.C.		182	3062	
TOTAL PART 2		1816	31270	

PART 3 ADMINISTRATION

Unit.	Location.	Offrs	ORs	REMARKS.
COMANDO SUPREMO	ROME.	266	947	
MINISTRY OF WAR	"	446	1187	
S.M.R.E.	"	185	1246	
G.H.Q. Troops	LECCE-NAPLES.	94	1160	
		991	4540	
AREA HQs	CAMPANIA	130	587	
	APULIA	90	283	
	CALABRIA	102	394	
		322	1269	
DISTRICTS 7	CAMPANIA	147	754	
7	APULIA LUCANIA	236	1104	
3	CALABRIA	47	459	

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613	"	VARIOUS	4	24
614	"		4	54
615	"		4	26
616	"		4	33
617	"		4	47
618	"	BARI	1	24
619	"			
H.Q. APC.		ROME	6	14
		BARI	4	14
			182	3062

SUMMARY

Divisions	1473	24077
Guerd Formations	161	4131
A.C.C.	182	3062
TOTAL PART 2	1816	31270

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Unit.	Location.	Offrs	ORs	REMARKS.
COMANDO SUPREMO	ROME.	266	947	
MINISTRY OF WAR	"	446	1187	
S.M.R.E.	"	185	1246	
C.M.Q. Troops	LECCE-NAPLES.	94	1160	
		991	4540	
AREA HQs	CAMPANIA	130	587	
	APULIA	90	288	
	CALABRIA	102	394	
		322	1269	
DISTRICTS 7	CAMPANIA	147	754	
7	APULIA LUCANIA	236	1104	
3	CALABRIA	47	459	
		430	2317	
DEPOTS 7	CAMPANIA	206	1865	
9	APULIA	512	4360	
6	CALABRIA	262	2686	
		980	8911	
GARRISON TROOPS-	APULIA	42	1229	
	CALABRIA	7	99	
		49	1328	

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Unit.	Location.	Offrs	ORs	REMARKS.
PART 3 Contd.				
TRANSIT CAMPS.				
CERSA	CHIETI	16	89	
CERSETI	ROME.	16	89	
		32	178	
TRANSIT CAMPS (Contd).				
3	CAMPANIA	26	215	
10	APULIA	99	932	
3	CALABRIA	31	190	
		156	1337	
MILITARY TRIBUNAL	NAPLES.	29	33	
" "	BARI		65	
" "	CATANZARO	20	46	
		49	144	
SERVICES.				
MEDICAL	CAMPANIA	196	1384	Includes Field Hospitals not now shown u/c Allied formations.
	APULIA	489	5591	
	CALABRIA	112	718	
SUPPLY	CAMPANIA	90	438	
	APULIA	161	2006	
	CALABRIA	71	468	
ARTILLERY	CAMPANIA	27	90	
	CALABRIA	37	869	
	APULIA	26	353	
ENGRS SIGS & CW	CAMPANIA	47	336	
	APULIA	106	2663	
	CALABRIA	59	722	
VET and REMOUNT	CAMPANIA	9	110	
	APULIA	20	531	
	CALABRIA	-	32	
MOTOR TRANSPORT	CAMPANIA	64	1021	
	APULIA	153	2931	
	CALABRIA	54	868	
		1721	21131	
SUMMARY				
Italian High Command		991	4540	
Area HQs		322	1269	
Districts		430	2317	
Depots		980	8911	
Garrison Troops		49	1328	

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TRANSIT CAMPS (Contd).				
3	CAMPANIA	26	215	
10	APULIA	99	932	
3	CALABRIA	31	190	
		156	1337	
MILITARY TRIBUNAL	NAPLES.	29	33	
" "	BARI		65	
" "	CATANZARO	20	46	
		49	144	
SERVICES.				
MEDICAL	CAMPANIA	196	1384	} Includes Field Hospitals
	APULIA	489	5591	} not now shown u/c Allied
	CALABRIA	112	718	} formations.
SUPPLY	CAMPANIA	90	438	
	APULIA	161	2006	
	CALABRIA	71	468	
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	CALABRIA	37	869	
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	APULIA	20	531	
	CALABRIA	-	32	
MOTOR TRANSPORT	CAMPANIA	64	1021	
	APULIA	153	2931	
	CALABRIA	54	868	
		1721	21131	

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SUMMARY

Italian High Command	991	4540
Area HQs	322	1269
Districts	430	2317
Depots	980	8911
Garrison Troops	49	1328
CERSA & CERSETT	32	178
Transit Camps	156	1337
Military Tribunals	49	144
Services	1721	21131
TOTAL PART 3	4730	41155

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PART 4. EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED FORMATIONS

EIGHTH ARMY

Unit	Location.	Offrs	ORs	Employment	REMARKS.
H.Q. 228 Div	CORTONA	19	89	Administration	previously IFAHQ
"F" Recce Squadron	OPERATIONAL AREA	10	140	Operational	
7 Mountain Regt	" "	10	560	"	
920 Engr H.Q.	CENTOCELLE	2	12	Administration	
501 Engr Bn		3	12	R.E. Labour.	
1 Engr Coy	PERUGIA	6	151	"	
2 " "	"	5	109	"	
28 Engr Bn: 1 Coy	CASTIGLIONI-DEL LAGO	5	110	"	
3 Engr Coy	S. GEMINI	4	213	"	
25 " "	PASSIGNANO	7	213	"	
29 " "	PERUGIA	3	179	"	
52 " "	ROME	4	183	"	
960 Camouflage Unit	ISERNIA	1	30	-	
961 " "	CIVITA CASTELLANA	1	31	-	
962 " "	" "	1	32	-	
514 Inf Regt H.Q.	CIVITA - CASTELLANA	13	45	Administration	
2 Bn:		22	578	Guards.	
786 Pack Tpt Coy	CASTELLARCIONE	3	345		
314 Field Bakery	TERNI	1	50		
93 Medical Sec	ROME.	6	176		
315 Field Hospital		7	73		
405 Labour Regt		127	2861	Labour	formed from 1 Bn, 3 Bn 514 Regt, 3 Bn 515 Regt, 541 Arty Regt 48 Distacc.
409 Labour Regt HQ	PANTARNO	10	24	"	
1 Bn	"	34	919	"	
2 Bn	N. PERUGIA	33	1116	"	
410 Labour Regt					
1 Bn	ROCCASECCA	20	824	"	
2 Bn				"	
544 Service Coy	NARNI	4	131	"	
1 Labour Pl 5 FMC	MINTURNO	1	46	"	
Snow Warfare School	SEPINO	1	40	-	
Rft Unit		39	130		
		402	9,422.		

FIFTH ARMY

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920 Engr H.Q.	CENTOCELLE	2	12	Administration	
501 Engr Bn		3	12	R.E. Labour.	
1 Engr Coy	PERUGIA	6	151	"	
2 " "	"	5	109	"	
28 Engr Bn: 1 Coy	CASTIGLIONI-DEL LAGO	5	110	"	
3 Engr Coy	S. GEMINI	4	213	"	
25 " "	PASSIGNANO	7	213	"	
29 " "	PERUGIA	3	179	"	
52 " "	ROME	4	183	"	
960 Camouflage Unit	ISERNIA	1	30	-	
961 " "	CIVITA CASTELLANA	1	31	-	
962 " "	" "	1	32	-	
514 Inf Regt H.Q.	CIVITA -	13	45	Administration	
2 Bn	CASTELLANA	22	578	Guards.	
786 Pack Tpt Coy	CASTELLARCIONE	3	345		
314 Field Bakery	TERNI	1	50		
93 Medical Sec	ROME.	6	176		
315 Field Hospital		7	73		
405 Labour Regt		127	2861	Labour	formed from 1 Bn, 3 Bn 514 Regt, 3 Bn 515 Regt, 541 Arty Regt 48 Distacc.
409 Labour Regt HQ	PANTANO	10	24	"	
1 Bn	"	34	919	"	
2 Bn	N .PERUGIA	33	1116	"	
410 Labour Regt					
1 Bn	ROCCASECCA	20	824	"	
2 Bn				"	
544 Service Coy	NARNI	4	131	"	
1 Labour Pl 5 FMC	MINTURNO	1	46	"	
Snow Warfare School	SEPINO	1	40	-	
Rft Unit		39	130		
		402	9,422.		

F I F T H A R M Y

210 Div H.Q.	S. GUIDO AREA	41	189	Administration
Div Truck Rep Gp	ROME.	2	33	Truck Repairs
" Staging Area	"	2	80	
" Clothing Depot	CECINA	1	7	
568 Arty Regt 2 Gp	FONTE BLANDA	16	297	Operations.
5 Balloon Coy.	CIVITAVECCHIA	4	72	
H.Q. 910 Engr Bn	PIOMBINO	4	10	Administration.
23 Engr Bn	TERRICCIOLA	15	640	R.E. Labour.
		85	1328	.....c/f/sheet 8.

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F I F T H A R M Y (Contd.)

Unit.	Location	Offrs	ORs	Employment	REMARKS.
	c/f	85	1328		
H.Q. 910 Engr Bn(Contd.)					
12 Engr Coy	PIOMBINO	4	153	R.E. Labour	
210 " "	ORRETELLO	5	177	" "	
909 " "	PONTEGINORI	4	110	" "	
103 Mining Coy	TERRICCIOLA	15	378	" "	
6 " "	PIOMBINO	4	171	" "	
21 Bridging Coy	"	6	278	" "	
101 " "	"	5	238	" "	
2 Bn 525 Inf Regt	S. GUIDO	22	422	Operations.	
1022 Q.M. Truck Coy.	SAN VICENO	5	184	Transportation.	
20 Pack Gp HQ	BAGNO DI POLARA	3	9	Administration.	
1 " Tpt Coy	MONTE FOSCOLI	9	290	Operations.	
2 " " "	" "	11	262	"	
5 " " "	NOCOLNO	9	350	"	
9 " " "	MONTE SCUDAIO	11	347	"	
10 " " "	GUIDO	11	311	"	
11 " " "	ROSIGNANO	11	317	"	
Pack Mule Trg Centre	CECINA	9	84	Training.	
30 Mule Pack Sec.		1	37	Operations.	
31 " " "		1	52	"	
865 Field Hospital	VOLLINFORTE	7	55		
67 Inf Regt HQ	PIOMBINO	16	214	Administration.	
1 Bn	"	22	542	Dock Labour	
2 Bn	"	25	531	" "	
525 Inf Regt HQ.	S. GUIDO	8	51	Administration.	
1 Bn	" "	18	342	Labour.	
548 Inf Regt HQ	VENTURINA	10	27	Administration.	
1 Bn	"	26	752	Labour.	
255 Battery	S. GUIDO	4	112	"	
110 Vet Hospital	CECINA	6	81		
130 " "	CROSSETO	5	84		
210 " "	ROME	4	88		
		382	8377		

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Main H.Q. 209 Div.	OSIMO	18	110	Administration.	
Banda Patriota Maiella	OPERATIONAL AREA	3	332	Operations.	
5 Engr Gp					

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103 Mining Coy	TERRICCIOLA	15	378	" "
6 " "	PIOMBINO	4	171	" "
21 Bridging Coy	"	6	278	" "
101 " "	"	5	238	" "
2 Bn 525 Inf Regt	S. GUIDO	22	422	Operations.
1022 Q.M. Truck Coy.	SAN VICENO	5	184	Transportation.
20 Pack Gp HQ	BAGNO DI POLARA	3	9	Administration.
1 " Tpt Coy	MONTE FOSCOLI	9	290	Operations.
2 " " "	" "	11	262	"
5 " " "	NOCOLNO	9	350	"
9 " " "	MONTE SCUDAIO	11	347	"
10 " " "	GUIDO	11	311	"
11 " " "	ROSIGNANO	11	317	"
Pack Mule Trg Centre	CECINA	9	84	Training.
30 Mule Pack Sec.		1	37	Operations.
31 " " "		1	52	"
865 Field Hospital	VOLLINFORTE	7	55	
67 Inf Regt HQ	PIOMBINO	16	214	Administration.
1 Bn	"	22	542	Dock Labour
2 Bn	"	25	531	" "
525 Inf Regt HQ.	S. GUIDO	8	51	Administration.
1 Bn	" "	18	342	Labour.
548 Inf Regt HQ	VENTURINA	10	27	Administration.
1 Bn	"	26	752	Labour.
255 Battery	S. GUIDO	4	112	"
110 Vet Hospital	CECINA	6	81	
130 " "	CROSSETO	5	84	
210 " "	ROME	4	88	
		382	8377	

P O L C O R P S

Main H.Q. 209 Div.	OSIMO	18	110	Administration.
Banda Patriota Maiella	OPERATIONAL AREA	3	332	Operations.
5 Engr Coy	ANCONA	3	105	R.E. Labour.
152 " "	PINETO	5	188	" "
163 " "	P. SAN. GIORGIO	5	194	" "
21 Pack Tpt Gp HQ	OPERATIONAL AREA			Operational
3 Pack Tpt Coy.				"
4 " " "		46	1458	"
7 " " "				"
14 " " "				"
		80	2,387	

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

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UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	OLD ITALIAN DESIGNATION
1 Provisional Group HQ	NAPLES	10	42	HQ 512 Inf Regt
1 Port Bn	"	26	796	2 Bn: 523 Inf Regt
2 " "	ANZIO	19	385	1 Bn: 385 " "
3 " "	NAPLES	28	769	4 Bn: 503 " "
6 Service Bn	"	21	709	1 Bn: 572 " "
7 " "	ASIRONI	24	802	307 Arty Gp
8 " "	"	25	830	1 Bn: 570 Inf Regt
28 " "	"	22	812	2 Bn: 570 " "
34 " "	"	16	669	2 Bn: 590 " "
2 Provisional Group HQ	CROLO NEVANO	14	73	HQ 535 Inf Regt
1 Truck Driver Bn	ARZANO	38	697	512 Bn HQ. 1006-1010-1100/3 MT Coys
2 " " "	"	24	520	1053 QM Truck Bn
3 " " "	CRUMO NEVANO	19	423	301 MT Bn
4 " " "	"	21	379	302 MT Bn
5 " " "	"	21	351	1011/4 QM Truck Coys - 1050 QM Truck Driver Bn
6 " " "	"	20	433	2 Bn 120 Inf Regt
7 " " "	-	24	520	1054 QM Truck Bn
11 Service Bn	CRUMO NEVANO	29	809	HQ 514 Regt. 1-3-4 Bns 523 Inf Regt
39 " "	-	25	840	1 Bn: 571 Inf Regt
3 Provisional Group HQ	AVERSA	10	37	HQ 545 Inf Regt
1 Ord Bn	CIVITAVECCHIA	31	903	707-709-717-718-719 Arty Btys
2 " "	"	31	817	708-716-728-729-259 " Btys
3 " "	"	19	556	552 Arty Regt
4 Service Bn	AVERSA	17	539	2 Bn: 545 Inf Regt
5 " "	ANZIO	24	517	2 Bn: 503 " "
9 " "	AVERSA	27	710	2 Bn: 512 " "
10 " "	-	25	846	2 Bn: 571 " "
13 " "	CASERTA	24	840	511 Territoriale Bn
14 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	24	840	226 MG Bn
4 Provisional Group HQ	GIULIANO	10	50	HQ 532 Inf Regt
1 Service Bn	MARCIANISE	19	496	1 Bn: 512 Inf Regt
2 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	23	620	HQ 516 Bn: HQ Coys 2-3-4 Bn 503 Regt. 1 Bn: 582 Regt
12 " "	-	23	820	2 Bn: 411 Regt
17 " "	MARCIANESE	22	685	2 Bn: 535 Regt
18 " "	GRICIGNANO	26	800	HQ 520 Regt. 2 Bty 67 Arty Gp. 1-2-3 Coys 416 Regt
26 " "	-	24	797	3 Bn: 411 Regt
	CIVITAVECCHIA	24	840	2 Bn: 416 Labour Regt

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2 Provisional Group HQ	GROMO NEVANO	14	73	HQ 535 Inf Regt	
1 Truck Driver Bn	ARZANO	38	697	512 Bn HQ. 1006-1010-1100/3 MT Coys	
2 " " "	-	24	520	1053 QM Truck Bn	
3 " " "	GRUMO NEVANO	19	423	301 MT Bn	
4 " " "	"	21	379	302 MT Bn	
5 " " "	"	21	351	1011/4 QM Truck Coys - 1050 QM Truck Driver Bn	
6 " " "	"	20	433	2 Bn 120 Inf Regt	
7 " " "	-	24	520	1054 QM Truck Bn	
11 Service Bn	GRUMO NEVANO	29	809	HQ 514 Regt. 1-3-4 Bns 523 Inf Regt	
39 " "	-	25	840	1 Bn: 571 Inf Regt	
3 Provisional Group HQ	AVERSA	10	37	HQ 545 Inf Regt	
1 Ord Bn	CIVITAVECCHIA	31	903	707-709-717-718-719 Arty Btys	
2 " "	"	31	817	708-716-728-729-259 " Btys	
3 " "	"	19	556	552 Arty Regt	
4 Service Bn	AVERSA	17	539	2 Bn: 545 Inf Regt	
5 " "	ANZIO	24	517	2 Bn: 503 " "	
9 " "	AVERSA	27	710	2 Bn: 512 " "	
10 " "	-	25	846	2 Bn: 571 " "	
13 " "	CASERTA	24	840	511 Territoriale Bn	
14 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	24	840	226 MG Bn	
4 Provisional Group HQ	GIULIANO	10	50	HQ 532 Inf Regt	
1 Service Bn	MARCIANISE	19	496	1 Bn: 512 Inf Regt	
2 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	23	620	HQ 516 Bn: HQ Coys 2-3-4 Bn 503 Regt. 1 Bn: 582 Regt	
12 " "	-	23	820	2 Bn: 411 Regt	
17 " "	MARCIANESE	22	685	2 Bn: 535 Regt	
18 " "	GRICIGNANO	26	800	HQ 520 Regt. 2 Bty 67 Arty Gp. 1-2-3 Coys 416 Regt	
26 " "	-	24	797	3 Bn: 411 Regt	
27 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	24	840	2 Bn: 416 Labour Regt	
5 Provisional Group HQ	SECONDIGLIANO	8	54	HQ 503 Inf Regt	
1 Engr LM Coy	PISCINOLA	4	162	258 Arty Bty	
1-2-3-4-5 Engr FF Units	SECONDIGLIANO	8	206	10 Fire Fighting Coy	
7 Engr Bn	PONTICELLI	24	726	2 Gp 545 Arty Regt	
15 Service Bn	GRICIGNANO	26	527	HQ, 1-2 Coys 582 Regt - 4 Coy 582 Regt, Canon Coy	
20 " "	"	20	506	1 Bn: 120 Inf Regt	
25 " "	PISCINOLA	22	769	2 Bn: 572 Inf Regt	
30 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	24	840	3 Bn: 415 Labour Regt	
35 " "	"	24	840	HQ 522 Bn: HQs 570-571 Regts 5-6 Coys 2 Bn 416 Regt	

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UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O.Rs.	OLD ITALIAN DESIGNATION
6 Provisional Group HQ	BAGNOLI	10	38	
Vet Gen: Hosp	GROSSETO	12	188	213 Vet Hospital
21 Service Bn	BAGNOLI	27	627	1 Bn: 503 Inf Regt
22 " "	-	24	810	1 Bn: 415 Labour Regt
23 " "	ROME	25	857	2 Bn: 415 " "
7 Provisional Group HQ	SECONDIGLIANO	8	46	HQ 590 Inf Regt
24 Service Bn	"	27	418	3 Bn: 503 Inf Regt
29 " "	CAIORIA	34	982	HQ 2 Bn: 552 Arty Regt - HQ Coys, 1-2 Bn: 590 Inf Regt. 2 Bn: 523 Inf Regt, 5 & 6 Btys 552 Arty Regt
31 Service Bn	ASTRONI	18	570	308 Arty Gp
32 " "	CASERTA	14	440	HQ, 1 Bn: 4 & 5 Coys 416 Labour Regt
33 " "	CIVITAVECCHIA	20	692	1 Bn: 590 Inf Regt
36 " "	CASERTA	12	405	HQ 524 Inf Regt. 3 Coy 308 Bn
8 Provisional Group HQ	-	10	50	HQ 571 Inf Regt
1 QM Bn	-	22	777	HQ 511 Inf Bn: 19 & 52 Fd Bakeries, 3 Coy 582 Regt. HQ Coy 1 Bn 535 Inf Regt
3 " "	-	19	515	HQ 515 Inf Regt. Centro Raccolta Quadrupedi. 212 Infermeria Quad. 11 Coy 512 Inf Regt
3 Service Bn	-	24	313	3 Bn: 512 Regt
16 Service Bn	-	22	611	1 Bn: 535 Regt
19 " "	-	21	730	1 Bn: 411 Labour Regt
9 Provisional Group HQ	AVERSA	9	54	HQ 523 Inf Regt
1 Guard Bn	-	27	695	1 Bn : 523 Inf Regt. 542 Service Coy
2 " "	MARCIANISE	21	462	3 Bn: 523 Inf Regt
3 " "	NAPLES	17	646	4 " " " "
10 Provisional Group HQ	AVERSA	12	47	
1 Engr Constr Bn	MARINELLA	15	411	2 Bn: 532 Inf Regt. 998 Spec Elec Engr Coy
2 " " "	"	23	437	HQ 517 Inf Bn. 7 & 8 Coys 532 Inf Regt. 999 Spec Elec Engr Coy
3 " " "	LEGHORN (LIVORNO)	29	473	HQ 1 Bn 532 Inf Regt. 1 Artieri Coy. 1 & 2 Coys 532 Inf Regt
4 " " "	CECINA	28	588	HQ 513 Inf Bn: 2 Artieri Coy. 3 & 4 Coys 532 Inf Regt
5 " " "	"	10	247	HQ 518 Bn. 11 Artieri Coy
6 " " "	AVERSA	10	250	HQ 519 Bn. 9 Artieri Coy
1 to 4 Engr Dump Truck Coys	-	15	368	1015/6/7/8 Truck Dvr Coys

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31 Service Bn		ABERCAP	15	575	308 Army Gp
32 " "		CASERTA	14	440	HQ, 1 Bn: 4 & 5 Coys 416 Labour Regt
33 " "		CIVITAVECCHIA	20	692	1 Bn: 590 Inf Regt
36 " "		CASERTA	12	405	HQ 524 Inf Regt. 3 Coy 308 Bn
8 Provisional Group HQ		-	10	50	HQ 571 Inf Regt
1 GM Bn		-	22	777	HQ 511 Inf Bn: 19 & 52 Fd Bakeries, 3 Coy 582 Regt. HQ Coy 1 Bn 535 Inf Regt
3 " "		-	19	515	HQ 515 Inf Regt. Centro Raccolta Quadrupedi. 212 Infermeria Quad. 11 Coy 512 Inf Regt
3 Service Bn		-	24	313	3 Bn: 512 Regt
16 Service Bn		-	22	611	1 Bn: 535 Regt
19 " "		-	21	730	1 Bn: 411 Labour Regt
9 Provisional Group HQ		AVERSA	9	54	HQ 523 Inf Regt
1 Guard Bn		-	27	695	1 Bn : 523 Inf Regt. 542 Service Coy
2 " "		MARCIANISE	21	462	3 Bn: 523 Inf Regt
3 " "		NAPLES	17	646	4 " " " "
10 Provisional Group HQ		AVERSA	12	47	
1 Engr Constr Bn		MARINELLA	15	411	2 Bn: 532 Inf Regt. 998 Spec Elec Engr Coy
2 " " "		"	23	437	HQ 517 Inf Bn. 7 & 8 Coys 532 Inf Regt. 999 Spec Elec Engr Coy
3 " " "		LEGHORN (LIVORNO)	29	473	HQ 1 Bn 532 Inf Regt. 1 Artieri Coy. 1 & 2 Coys 532 Inf Regt
4 " " "		CECINA	28	588	HQ 513 Inf Bn: 2 Artieri Coy. 3 & 4 Coys 532 Inf Regt
5 " " "		"	10	247	HQ 518 Bn. 11 Artieri Coy
6 " " "		AVERSA	10	250	HQ 519 Bn. 9 Artieri Coy
1 to 4 Engr Dump Truck Coys		-	15	368	1015/6/7/8 Truck Dvr Coys
212 DIVISION HQ		NAPLES	43	171	
46 & 145 CC.RR Secs		"	2	110	
142 MP Coy		"	2	64	
3 Bakery Coy		"	2	102	SASSARI
4 " "		"	2	95	BONORVA
226 Med Nucleus		-	1	22	
226 QM "		-	2	22	
HQ 414 Arty Regt		CIVITAVECCHIA	11	66	
1 Staging Coy		-	33	215	
HQ 416 Inf Regt		-	10	50	
486 Field Hospital		CIVITAVECCHIA	7	42	
51 Field Infirmary		-	4	32	

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U N I T	L O C A T I O N	Offrs	O.Rs.	OLD ITALIAN DESIGNATION
212 DIVISION (cont'd)				
52 Field Infirmary	-	4	36	
53 " "	-	4	38	
54 " "	-	4	37	
55 " "	-	4	35	
56 " "	-	4	32	
HQ 120 Inf Regt	ANZIO	10	50	
152 Field Hospital	"	6	60	
Units not yet re-organised				
580 Regt 2 Bn (204 Div)	CASORIA	30	1004	
530 " " "	"	67	1795	
510 Territorial Bn	"	39	730	
546 Arty Regt (204 Div)	"	78	1942	
		1923	47699	

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507 Line Sec	-	2	87	Signals
522 Inf Regt - HQ & 3 Bn	ROCCA S. GIOVANNI	35	430	Labour
		37	517	

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U N I T	L O C A T I O N	Offrs	O. Rs	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
Rear HQHQ (209 Div)	VASTO	6	30	Administration	
Engr HQ (209 Div)	"	4	17		
43 Engr Gp HQ	TARANTO	4	8	"	
502 Engr Bn HQ	TERMOLI	3	21	RE Labour	
21 Engr Coy	"	5	219	" "	
209 " "	"	3	218	" "	
900 Artisan Wks Coy	BRINDISI	11	279	" "	
904 " " "	TARANTO	7	258		
905 " " "	FOGGIA	5	239		
907 Rep Lav Art "	BARI	4	140		Incr to 701 Art Wks Coy
916 " " " "	BOVINO	4	140		" " " 715
917 " " " "	S.VITO (BRINDISI)	4	143		" " " 723
918 " " " "	BARI	4	143		" " " 658
920 Artisan Wks Coy	VASTO	4	204		Previously 29 Minatori Coy
769 Forestry Coy	UMBRA	2	122		

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192 Field Hospital	"	6	60	
Units not yet re-organised				
580 Regt 2 Bn (204 Div)	CASORIA	30	1004	
530 " "	"	67	1795	
510 Territorial Bn	"	39	730	
546 Arty Regt (204 Div)	"	78	1942	
		1923	47699	

1 DISTRICT

507 Line Sec	-	2	87	Signals
522 Inf Regt - HQ & 3 Bn	ROCCA S. GIOVANNI	35	430	Labour
		37	517	

2 DISTRICT

UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
Rear HQ (209 Div)	VASTO	6	30	Administration	
Engr HQ (209 Div)	"	4	17		
43 Engr Gp HQ	TARANTO	4	8	"	
502 Engr Bn HQ	TERMOLI	3	21	RE labour	
21 Engr Coy	"	5	219	" "	
209 " "	"	3	218	" "	
900 Artisan Wks Coy	BRINDISI	11	279	" "	
904 " " "	TARANTO	7	258		
905 " " "	FOGGIA	5	239		
907 Rep Lav Art "	BARI	4	140		Incr to 701 Art Wks Coy
916 " " " "	BOVINO	4	140		" " " 715
917 " " " "	S. VITO (BRINDISI)	4	143		" " " 723
918 " " " "	BARI	4	143		" " " 658
920 Artisan Wks Coy	VASTO	4	204		Previously 29 Minatori Coy
769 Forestry Coy	UMBRA	2	122		
HQ Sig Coy	-	4	20		
501 Line Sec	-	2	94		
502 " "	-	2	94		
503 " "	-	2	90		
504 " "	-	2	85		
1000 G.T. Coy	TARANTO	10	398		
1002 " "	MONTICELLI	11	466		
1003 " " (Timber)	VASTO	1	50		Det only
1004 " "	CAPURSO	11	387		
1005 " " (Timber)	BARI	9	356		2 Pl's & Wkgps at VASTO
1009 Drivers Coy	MONOPOLI	4	149		

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UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. R.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
Driving School	POLIGNANO	4	128		
953 Workshop Sec	BARLETTA	5	157		
7 Bn (EC) CRP (part)	BRINDISI - LECCE	8	167	L	Remainder MII
515 Inf Regt HQ & 2 Bn	BARLETTA	19	461	Labour	372 Bn
541 " " HQ	S.SALVO	12	38	"	
" " " 1 Bn	VASTO MARINA	21	245	"	
447 Bersaglieri Bn	S.SALVO	36	728	"	
387 Inf Regt (FRIULI Div)	MINERVINO	36	1871	"	
580 Inf Regt: 1 Bn (204 Div)	"	42	908	"	
581 " " (226 Div)	"	82	2050	"	
549 " " (204 Div)	"	74	2016	"	
400 Inf Regt	BARI	116	1979	Port Labour	
401 " "	"	103	2000	" "	
402 Arty Regt	"	93	2078	" "	
403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	118	2162	" "	
404 Arty Regt	"	97	2336	" "	
418 Inf Regt	"	77	1494	" "	Previously 405 Regt
406 Inf Regt	TARANTO	72	915	" "	
407 Inf Regt : 1 Bn	GROTTAGLIE	36	392	" "	
408 Inf Regt	BARLETTA	69	1290	" "	
410 Labour Regt HQ				Labour	Moving shortly to NICOSIA
1 Bn: 217-218-219-220 Coys	MINERVINO	15	492	"	
2 Bn: 221-222-223-224 "	"	25	350	"	
413 Labour Regt HQ					Moving shortly to NICOSIA
1 Bn: 249-250-251-252 Coys	MINERVINO	78	2587		
2 Bn: 253-254-255-256 "	"				
19 Labour Bn	BARI	23	375		
		1389	31629		

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227 DIVISION HQ	BARONISSI	30	85	Administration	
3 Engr Coy	CANCELLO	5	133	Rd labour	with 10 CRE
4 " "	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	3	190	" "	" 73 "
55 " "	CASORIA	4	106	" "	" 10 "
77 " "	NAPLES	6	231	" "	" 10 "
162 " "	LANZARA	6	191	" "	
931 " "	"	5	151	" "	
932 " "	SALERNO	6	223	" "	" 11 "

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541 " " HQ	S.SALVO	12	38	"		
" " " 1 Bn	VASTO MARINA	21	245	"		
447 Bersaglieri Bn	S.SALVO	36	728	"		
387 Inf Regt (FRIULI Div)	MINERVINO	36	1871	"		
580 Inf Regt: 1 Bn (204 Div)	"	42	908	"		
581 " " (226 Div)	"	82	2050	"		
549 " " (204 Div)	"	74	2016	"		
400 Inf Regt	BARI	116	1979	Port Labour		
401 " "	"	103	2000	" "		
402 Arty Regt	"	93	2078	" "		
403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	118	2162	" "		
404 Arty Regt	"	97	2336	" "		
418 Inf Regt	"	77	1494	" "	Previously 405 Regt	
406 Inf Regt	TARANTO	72	915	" "		
407 Inf Regt : 1 Bn	GROTTAGLIE	36	392	" "		
408 Inf Regt	BARLETTA	69	1290	" "		
410 Labour Regt HQ				Labour	Moving shortly to MESSINA	
1 Bn: 217-218-219-220 Coys	MINERVINO	15	492	"		
2 Bn: 221-222-223-224 "	"	25	350	"		
413 Labour Regt HQ					Moving shortly to MESSINA	
1 Bn: 249-250-251-252 Coys	MINERVINO	78	2587			
2 Bn: 253-254-255-256 "	"					
19 Labour Bn	BARI	23	375			
		1389	31629			

3 DISTRICT

227 DIVISION HQ	BARONISSI	30	85	Administration		
3 Engr Coy	CANCELLO	5	133	RE labour	with 10 CRE	
4 " "	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	3	190	" "	" 73	"
55 " "	CASORIA	4	106	" "	" 10	"
77 " "	NAPLES	6	231	" "	" 10	"
162 " "	LANZARA	6	191	" "		
931 " "	"	5	151	" "		
932 " "	SALERNO	6	223	" "	" 11	"
901 Artisan Wks Coy	MERCATELLO	3	197	" "		
902 " " "	SOLOSCIANO	6	187	" "		
903 " " "	SALERNO	3	205			
906 Rep Lav Art	TAVERNANUOVA	4	137	" "	Inor to 717 Art Wks Coy	
908 " " "	SERACUSE	4	140		" " " " 675	
909 " " "	NAPLES	4	145		" " " " 657	
910 " " "	MONTECORVINO	4	148		" " " " 695	
911 " " "	CAPUA	4	149		" " " " 697	
912 " " "	NAPLES	4	148		" " " " 707	
913 " " "	CANCELLO	4	148		" " " " 721	
919 " " "	"	4	140		" " " " "	

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UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
951 Engr Wksp Sec	CANCELLO	1	43		
952 " " "	"	1	43		
135 Forestry Coy	BAIANO	2	118		
13 Sig Wksps	CERCOLA	1	28		
130 " "	NOLA	1	25		
505 Line Sec	"	2	87	Working for Sigs	Formed from 95 Telegrafisti & 822 Telegrafisti Coys
506 " "	"	2	87	" " "	
508 " "	"	2	87	" " "	
509 " "	"	2	87	" " "	
510 " "	COLOGNA	2	87	" " "	
65 Telegrafisti Coy	-	7	199)		
407 Inf Regt	PONTECAGNANO				Formed from 517 Regt less 1 Bn: 516 Arty Regt HQ & 1 Gp and 567 Regt 1 Gp
1 Bn		136	3031	Labour	
2 Bn					
114 MG Bn	SALERNO	18	240	"	
1003 G.T. Coy HQ					
Four Pls less det	NAPLES	8	305	Transportation	
1240 Heavy MT Sec	BARONISSI	1	43		
650/1/2/3/4/5 CMP TC Secs	OTTAVIANO	6	240		
412 Labour Regt	CANCELLO				
1 Bn		70	2491		
2 Bn					
417 Labour Regt HQ					
1 Bn	AVRAGOLA	34	1265		Arriving shortly from APULIA
2 Bn		43	1292		Arriving shortly from CALABRIA
80 Mounted Squad		1	15		
		449	12867		

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Army in	CORSICA	14	4918	
AA DEFENCE	CAMPANIA	90	1367	
	APULIA	248	3692	
501 Smoke Coy	POZZUOLI	4	243	
502 " "	BARI	4	282	
503 " "	MANFREDONIA	6	213	
504 " "	NAPLES	5	257	
505 " "	PALOMBARA	4	280	

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519 " "	COLOGNA	2	87	" " "	& 822 Telegrafisti Coys
65 Telegrafisti Coy	-	7	199)		
407 Inf Regt	PONTECAGNANO				Formed from 517 Regt less 1 Bn: 516 Arty Regt HQ & 1 Co and 567 Regt 1 Co
1 Bn		136	3031	Labour	
2 Bn					
114 MT Bn	SALERNO	18	240	"	
1003 G.T. Coy HQ					
Four Pls less det	NAPLES	8	305	Transportation	
1240 Heavy MT Sec	BARONISSI	1	43		
650/1/2/3/4/5 GMP TC Secs	OTTAVIANO	6	240		
412 Labour Regt	CANCELLO				
1 Bn		70	2491		
2 Bn					
417 Labour Regt HQ					
1 Bn	AVRAGOLA	34	1265		Arriving shortly from APULIA
2 Bn		43	1292		Arriving shortly from CALABRIA
80 Mounted Squad		1	15		
		449	12867		

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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501 Smoke Coy	POZZUOLI	4	243	
502 " "	BARI	4	282	
503 " "	MANFREDONIA	6	213	
504 " "	NAPLES	5	257	
505 " "	PALOMBARA	4	280	
506 " "	NAPLES	5	281	
507 " "	MISERVINO	5	280	
508 " "	"	5	280	
509 " "	"	5	275	Moving soon to MANFREDONIA
510 " "	"	5	281	Formed from 513 Inf Regt
		400	12649	

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
185 Para Bn	Rear Area	31	563	Training	withdrawn from C.I.L.
S.L.M. (CMDIC)	Various	34	100		
28 Engr Bn: HQ 2 & 3 Coys	PESCARA	12	369	RE labour	Adm POLCORPS
HQ 2 Rly Gp HQ	NAPLES	7	103		Local adm DGMR
1 Rly Bn	ORVIETO	19	557	Rly Constr	" " "
2 " "	NAPLES	20	733	" "	" " "
3 " "	ROME	20	600	" "	" " "
13 " "	CAST DEL LAGO	18	610	" "	" " "
921 Docks Op Coy	BARI	8	399		
922 " " "	"	17	501		
923 " " "	TARANTO	8	398		
924 " " "	BRINDISI	9	366		
210 Mixed Engr Coy	-	6	157		
800 Ponacavi Coy	-	5	120	Labour	Adm 8 Army
801 " "	ROME	2	79	Signals	
810 Radiocontrollo	MINTURNO	2	47	"	" " "
1051 Tank T t Bn	Operational Area	15	328		Adm 8 Army and POLCORPS
954 Wksp Reo	ROME	5	197		Adm RAOC
7 Bn TC CRE	OTTAVIANO	10	190		Adm 3 Dist
Italian Increment to British 4 Vet Hosp	PASSOCORESE	2	191		Now forming from 545 Service Coy
Italian Increment to 1 Fd Remount Depot	APRICENA	4	276		Now forming 2 District
Italian Increment to 6 Vet Hospital	"	2	191		" " " " "
Det incr to 812 Base Remount Depot	-	3	59		
125 Vet Hospital	FERMANO	5	117		Adm 3 Dist
RAOC Trg Establishment	SALERNO	10	160		" " "
		274	7411		

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SUMMARY OF ITALIAN ARMY ON MAINLAND EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED FORMATIONS

	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
BRITISH UNITS				
EIGHTH ARMY	402	9422		
POLCORPS	80	2387		

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1	Rly Bn	[illegible]						
2	" "	NAPLES	20	733	"	"	"	"
3	" "	ROME	20	600	"	"	"	"
13	" "	CAST DEL LAGO	18	610	"	"	"	"
921	Docks Op Coy	BARI	8	399				
922	" " "	"	17	501				
923	" " "	TARANTO	8	398				
924	" " "	BRINDISI	9	366				
210	Mixed Engr Coy	-	6	157				
800	Ponacavi Coy	-	5	120	Labour	Adm 8 Army		
801	" "	ROME	2	79	Signals			
810	Radiocontrollo	MINTURNO	2	47	"	" " "		
1051	Tank Tpt Bn	Operational Area	15	328		Adm 8 Army and FD CORPS		
954	Wksp Sec	ROME	5	197		Adm RAAC		
7	Bn TC GP	OTTAVIANO	10	190		Adm 3 Dist		
Italian Increment to British 4 Vet Hosp		PASSOCORESE	2	191		Now forming from 545 Service Coy		
Italian Increment to 1 Fd Remount Depot		APRICENA	4	276		Now forming 2 District		
Italian Increment to 6 Vet Hospital		"	2	191		" " " " "		
Det incr to 812 Base Remount Depot		-	3	59				
125	Vet Hospital	PERUGIO	5	117		Adm 3 Dist		
RAOC	Trg Establishment	SALERNO	10	160		" " "		
			274	7411				

SUMMARY OF ITALIAN ARMY ON MAINLAND EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED FORMATIONS

	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
BRITISH UNITS				
EIGHTH ARMY	402	9422		
POLCOMS	80	2387		
1 DISTRICT	37	517		
2 DISTRICT	1389	31629		
3 DISTRICT	449	12867	2357	56822
U.S. UNITS				
FIFTH ARMY	382	8377		
P.B.S.	1923	47699	2305	56076
AFHQ			400	12649
AAI			274	7411
TOTAL UNDER COMMAND ALLIED FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND.....			5336	132958

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PART 4 — MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O.-Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
Miscellaneous Units	APULIA	32	200		
	CALABRIA	35	703		
Personnel in Hospitals		473	11049		
		540	11952		

PART 5 — C.C. R.R.

CAMPANIA	NAPLES	140	6191	
ROME	ROME	81	4359	
	ROME PROVINCE	139	4061	
APULIA	BARI	108	5570	
CALABRIA	CATANZARO	31	2005	
Rome Depot	ROME	310	3384	
		809	25570	

SUMMARY OF ITALIAN ARMY ON THE MAINLAND AND IN CORSICA

	Offrs	O. Rs.
PART 1 - COMBAT	1347	22066
PART 2 - INTERNAL SECURITY	1816	31270
PART 3 - ADMINISTRATION	4730	41155
PART 4 - EMPLOYED ALLIED EMIS	5336	132958
PART 5 - MISCELLANEOUS	540	11952
TOTAL ARMY.....	13769	239401
PART 6 - CC.RR	809	25570
TOTAL.....	14578	264971

PART 6 — S A R D I N I A

UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
INTERNAL SECURITY MILITARY ... SARDINIA	CAGLIARI	206	859		
	SASSARI	77	470		

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PART 5 — C C. R R.

CAMPANIA	NAPLES	140	6191
ROME	ROME	81	4359
	ROME PROVINCE	139	4061
APULIA	BARI	108	5570
CALABRIA	CATANZARO	31	2005
Rome Depot	ROME	310	3384
		809	25570

SUMMARY OF ITALIAN ARMY ON THE MAINLAND AND IN CORSICA

	Offrs	O. Rs.
PART 1 - COMBAT	1347	22066
PART 2 - INTERNAL SECURITY	1816	31270
PART 3 - ADMINISTRATION	4730	41155
PART 4 - EMPLOYED ALLIED PWS	5336	132958
PART 5 - MISCELLANEOUS	540	11952
TOTAL ARMY.....	13769	239401
PART 6 - CC.RR	809	25570
TOTAL.....	14578	264971

PART 6 — S A R D I N I A

U N I T	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
INTERNAL SECURITY					
MILITARY GP SARDINIA	CAGLIARI	206	859		
7 CORPS HQ	SASSARI	77	470		
BARI DIV	PAULILATINO	380	8020		
CREMONA DIV	PATTADA	498	10469		
GRANATIERI DIV	DOMUSNOVAS	467	6529		
CALABRIA DIV	SASSARI	366	5297		
		1994	31644		
ADMINISTRATION					
Districts - 3		211	688		
Depots - 7		297	4009		
Garrison Troops		75	800		
Military Tribunal	CRISTANO	13	20		

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SARDINIA (cont'd)

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
SERVICES					
Medical		348	2557		
Supply		99	1801		
Artillery		111	2105		
Engrs, Sig and CW		123	1757		
Vet and Remount		11	150		
Motor Transport		168	3040		
Port Operation		132	1983		
		1588	18910		
EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED FORMATIONS					
A.F.H.Q.					
AA and CD		202	4164		
SERVICES					
205 Div HQ		42	190		
51 Provisional Gp	SASSARI	59	1207		
52 " "	CAGLIARI	80	1997		
53 " "	"	41	1430		
54 " "	"	29	480		
55 Provisional Gp HQ	VILLASOR	7	50		
1 Bn	"	36	1230		
2 Bn	SASSARI	36	1230		
3 Bn	DECIMO	26	830		
		356	8644		
MISCELLANEOUS					
UNITS awaiting shipment for ALLIES					
Drivers		-	270		for 1006 GT Coy
9 Traffic Control Coy		10	230		
Muleteers		25	475		for four Pk Tpt " s
Misc Units		57	1566		
		92	2541		
UNITS AVAILABLE FOR ALLIED PROGRAMME					
HQ 203 Div	SINNAI	32	100		
526 Inf Regt	CAGLIARI	38	703		
		70	803		
Personnel in Hospitals		127	4161		

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TOTAL Miscellaneous Units	289	7505
C.O.R.R.	53	3625

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SUMMARY OF ITALIAN ARMY IN SARDINIA

	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
INTERNAL SECURITY			1944	31644
ADMINISTRATION			1588	18910
EMPLOYED BY ALLIES				
A.F.H.Q.	202	4164		
SERVICES	356	8544	558	12808
MISCELLANEOUS			289	7505
TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY IN SARDINIA			4379	70867
C C. R R.			53	3625
			4432	74492

PART 7

S I C I L Y

UNIT	LOCATION	Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
INTERNAL SECURITY					
MILITARY HQ	PALERMO	96	281		
SABAUDA DIV	ENNA	621	10477		
505 Guard Bn	BAIDA	27	713		
		744	11471		
ADMINISTRATION					
Districts		64	192		
Transit Camps - 3		10	100		
SERVICES					
Medical		34	160		
Motor Transport		15	44		
		123	496		
C C. R R.	MESSINA	48	3554		
	PALERMO	73	5189		
		121	8743		
TOTAL C C. R R.....					

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C C. R R.	53	3625
	4432	74492

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12 August 1944

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Dear Marshal Messe:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 9th advising that, according to orders by H.E. the President of the Council of Ministers and by agreement with the Allied Control Commission, the name of the Comando Supremo has been changed to that of Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian General Staff), effective August 10th, 1944.

This will confirm our further understanding that the Stato Maggiore Generale will relinquish its functions of operation to the Ministries of Navy, War, and Aeronautics.

This will also confirm our understanding that the Stato Maggiore Generale will exercise no command or operational functions with respect to the Italian Army, Navy, and Air Forces.

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. HOGE
Captain, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Italian General Staff
Stato Maggiore Generale

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cc: Army S/c
Naval S/c
Air S/c

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date - Time 12 Aug 1630
Via Hdq Maggs.
Initials DRR

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Acting Chief Comaissioner

Army Sub-Commission, Hq ACC 12 August 4

Reference attached signal, please co-ordinate with Political Section and deal with this.

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HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Incoming message from AFHQ
F-81845, 12 August 1944

cc: Political Section

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Rec'd 12 Aug 1015
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YOUR MESSAGE S297 IS REFERENCE.

IT IS DIRECTED THAT YOU% REQUEST THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND TO PUT FORWARD DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR ALLEVIATING THE SITUATION OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN YUGOSLAVIA. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT A REQUEST TO SEND ITALIAN OFFICERS ON A TEMPORARY MISSION OF INVESTIGATION TO MARSHAL TITO'S HEADQUARTERS MIGHT RECEIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION BY THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES AND WOHLD BE EXAMINED TOGETHER WITH THEIR DETAILED PROPOSALS.

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U R G E N T.

COMANDO SUPREMO

1st Branch -OBs.Office.

14634 /Op.

P.M.135, Aug. 9th '44.

HQ ACC, APO 394
5 4t Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 11 Aug 1126
DRR.

To: CHIEF COMMISSIONER A.C.C.

ROME.

A 2176
14 AUG 1944

Subject: Changement of denomination of Comando Supremo.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of our letter 14600/Op. by which, according to to day's agreements, I have informed all Institutions concerned of the changement of denomination of Comando Supremo.

Yours Sincerely,

Giovanni MESSE
MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF

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APPENDIX "A."
P.M.135, Aug.9th'44.

COMANDO SUPREMO

1st Branch - Op.Office.

To Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito
To Stato Maggiore R.Marina
To Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica
and, for information:
To the Presidency of Cabinet Council
To Ministero della Guerra
To Ministero della Marina
To Ministero dell'Aeronautica

Refer to:
14600/Op.

Subject: Changement of denomination of Comando Supremo.

According to orders by H.E. the President of Cabinet Council and to agreements with Allied Control Commission, since august 10th'44 the Comando Supremo will take the denomination of Stato Maggiore Generale, (Italian General Staff).

Giovanni MESSE
MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF.

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To Ministero della Marina
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COMANDO SUPREMO

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

P.M. 135, 9 agosto 1944

AL CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

N° 14634 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Cambiamento di denominazione del Comando Supremo.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

P. M. 135, 9 agosto 1944

N° 14600/Op. di prot.

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.MARINA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.AERONAUTICA
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
- Gabinetto -
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
- Gabinetto -

O G G E T T O : Cambiamento di denominazione del Comando Supremo.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

HQ ACC, APO 394
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S E C R E T

IPW/22/70

9 August 1944

Subject: Repatriation of sick and wounded of the "Garibaldi" Division.

To : His Excellency Maresciallo of Italy Messe, Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

A 2111
12 AUG 1944

Your Excellency:

I have been informed that it is not possible to confirm or refute the report that six Allied aircraft which landed at BERANE on the night of 17 June returned without taking a full load of wounded with them.

I have also been asked to inform you that from BERANE alone during June 213 Italians were evacuated. In the same period 380 Partisans were brought out from BERANE all of whom were badly wounded whilst many of the Italian evacuees had not been injured in engagements with the enemy but were merely exhausted by the conditions under which they had been serving.

All concerned have been informed that the Italian Government is prepared to accept all Italian sick and wounded when it may be possible to evacuate.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
Director, W.M.D. & I.PW S.C.

Copy to:- Secretary General ✓
~~Army Sub-Commission, ACC~~

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COPY
OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
36, Via Salvatore Cognetti, BARI

SECRET 22nd July 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation Sick and Wounded of "Garibaldi" Division.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Main Headquarters (MMIA), Lequila (Lecce).

I have received your letter of the 29th June (marked ASC/22/27).

I cannot confirm or refute the statement made by Marhsàl Messe about the six Allied aircraft which landed at Berane on the night of the 17th June.

It seems possible, however, that the Italian Supreme Command are not aware of the number of Italian soldiers who have been evacuated fr from Yugoslavia with Allies assistance, and, in this connection, I suggest that you might inform Marhsàà Messe that from Berane alone 313 Italians were evacuated during June. In the same period 380 Partisans were brought out from Berane, all of whome were badly wounded, whilst many of the Italian evacuees had not been injured in engagements with the enemy but were merely exhaused by the conditions under which they had been serving.

All concerned have been informed that the Italian Government are prepared to accept all Italian sick and wounded whom it may be possible to evacuate. Marshal Messe can be reassured on this point.

The question of the despatch of an Italian Military Mission to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation has been discussed by the Balkan Air Force Policy Committee, and I have referred the matter to Mr. Caccia with the Allied Control Commission, Naples, to whom I am also sending a copy of this letter.

On political grounds it is considered undesirable that such a mission should be formed, as it will raise difficulties with Allied Governments who may wish to send similar missions.

I should, therefore, be grateful if you could discourage the proposal and point out that the machinery of the Allied Control Commission exists for such purposes.

A copy of my previous communication to Mr. Caccia is enclosed for your information.

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COPY

OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS, BARI.

10 July 1944

You will probably have seen a copy of a minute sent by the A my Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission to Force 399 on the 19th June (marked 6/6/1) about Italian troops in Yugoslavia.

This question was discussed at a meeting of the new Policy Committee on the 28th June.

It was decided that there was no military objection to an Italian Military Mission being sent to the SupremeCommand of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation, but it was pointed out that this was a matter for arrangement solely between the Italian Miliary authorities and Marshal Tito.

The meeting emphasised the great practical difficulties in the way of any large-scale evacuation in the present military situation and pointed out that Italian doctors had already been infiltrated into Yugoslavia and an increasing number of Italian wounded had been brought out.

Any communications which the Italians may wish to make to Marshal Tito should be addressedto the British Military Mission for onward transmission.

(Sgd) PHILIP BROAD

H. Caccia, Esq.,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

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SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Reports
Italian Army

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.,
ROME
I/106/1
6 Aug 44

H.Q. A.A.I. (for CSI)

Copy to: HQ A.C.C.

11 AUG 1944

HQ AFHQ APO 512
HST Secy Gen.
Rec'd 7 Aug 1045
By DRR.

Ref Appendix "A" to our I/106 of 10 May.

A. GENERAL SECURITY

1. Morale

A slow but steady improvement in the morale of the Italian Army is reported from all sources. Troops in rear areas are less pessimistic about the future of their country, while the fighting soldiers of the CIL, who have shown courage and good fighting qualities in action during the past month, generally express confidence in the speedy liberation of Italy and the deliverance of their families in the North. The Italian Press, in particular the Rome papers, are printing more articles on the battles fought by the Italian Corps in recent operations and stories have appeared describing individual acts of gallantry on the part of officers and men in the Corps. Newspapers and Radio have given the news of the visit of the Lieutenant General and the War Minister to the Italian Combat Troops - at the front and the public is gradually getting "Italian Army" conscious in spite of the great publicity given in the press to the Italian Patriots. The morale of the Army will improve considerably when Italians are told more of what the Army has done and is doing for the Allies, not only in the battle area, but in labour units, guard duties, engineer units, L of C and port detachments.

Owing to the liberation of fresh territory it is now possible to recruit younger classes into the Army and demobilise the older classes whose morale is low owing to very long periods of service and an impatience to return home. Furthermore, the increase in the number of volunteers for the Army shown in recent days is bound to have a favourable effect on morale generally. Great publicity has been given in the Press and in the speeches of Ministers to the prospects of an increase in the combat formations of the Italian Army as indicated in Mr. Churchill's recent speech.

The new single ration scale for the Army which came into effect on 1 August is bound to have a favourable effect on morale of the original "Scale B" troops, though reports go to show that it is likely to have an adverse effect on "Scale A" (combat) troops, who suffer a considerable reduction (6 oz flour and 3 oz pasta) per day. This is the staple or basic food of the Italian, who likes bulk in his belly and is not so interested in calorific value.

2. Fascist - Pro-German - Anti Allied Activity

The only report of Fascist activity comes from SICILY. A Fascist circle has been discovered in PORTO EMPEDOCLE. The Questura and ACC are fully in the picture and the Italian Authorities of Agrigento wish to intern 14 participants. An investigation into possible Fascist activity in the University of Palermo has been instituted.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms

A few local disturbances in Sic...

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4. Political Activity

The following report comes from SICILY :-

a. FILBERTO, Giuseppe di Marco on 18 December '43 applied to the "Cavaliers of Liberty" for membership and was accepted conditionally but later expelled when his Fascist history was revealed. He organized the "Volunteers of Sicily and Sardinia" appointing himself C.C., with the rank of Captain, and promised his followers to obtain authority from the Italian Government to form bands of patriots with a salary

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of 10,000 to 15,000 lire a month. He holds meetings at his home in Palermo and states in speeches that the Germans are his enemies. His followers are young Italians between the ages of 16 and 20 and in his anxiety to obtain support of the Sabauda Division led two Sabauda Div officers to report him to the Questura at Palermo. He is reported to be still a follower of Alfred CUCCO, former Vice-Secretary of the Fascist Party in Palermo (now arrested in Rome). He has always been active in Fascist affairs. In the Abyssinian War he enlisted in the Tevere Div where he and his comrades distinguished themselves by their thefts, looting and murdering. When the present war broke out he enlisted voluntarily in the Red Cross from which he was dismissed in 1942 for being involved in fraud.

b. PORPORA, Vincenzo gave a discourse for the "Partito d'Azione" at Trapani 7 July. This group represents Socialists and anti-Monarchist sentiments and received the speaker well. He stressed more cooperation with the Allies and better relations with France and blamed the Italians on the mainland for the present unhappy position with the latter.

5. Relations with and attitude towards Allied Troops

These continue to be good. Incidents between Allied and Italian troops which have occurred in the past when shots have been fired and personnel wounded or killed should now be avoided owing to an order issued to the Italian Army by General Berardi - Chief of Staff - stating that all ranks in the Italian Army are prohibited to carry arms of an description when off duty.

6. Discipline

Reports from Army areas are good. In Calabria and Sicily discipline is fair. One incident reported by our LO in Sicily is recorded.

On July 4th an officer of the 30 Mortar Bn (Sabauda Div) at AGRIGENTO gave orders for the Carabinieri to arrest an Italian soldier who was drunk. Consequently the majority of the soldiers demonstrated, firing rifle shots and throwing hand grenades wounding a cadet officer. The soldiers were quieted by releasing the "drunk" and disappeared in to the country side but returned barly next morning. These soldiers have been dissatisfied for some time at the meagerness of their food and the poorly prepared food. The men attribute this to the lack of interest taken by their officers who are said to enjoy good and abundant food. The C.O., Lt Col PANZALIS, Amperio was away on convalescent leave. The unit is largely Sardinians and many have criminal records. (51 Field Security Section report). This unit was formerly at Palermo and when here I inspected the battalion and was of the opinion that they ranked high as an Italian unit and that the C.O. was efficient and looked after his men as he was making improvements in their quarters. However an early inspection will be made of this unit by this officer.

7. Rumours and Indiscreet Talk

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In Palermo certain rumours were spread about the movement of British and U.S. troops and a possible landing in the South of France. Rumours amongst Italian troops in Polcorps stated that Polcorps is to be withdrawn and replaced by 5 Corps. These are most prevalent amongst the officers, who are looking forward to such a change. There is a general feeling of optimism as to a speedy end to the war coupled with fear of being taken out of the line at the moment of victory.

8. Summary of Military Security

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On July 4th an officer of the 30 Mortar Bn (Sabauda Div) at AGRIGENTO gave orders for the Carabinieri to arrest an Italian soldier who was drunk. Consequently the majority of the soldiers demonstrated, firing rifle shots and throwing hand grenades wounding a cadet officer. The soldiers were quieted by releasing the "drunk" and disappeared in to the country side but returned early next morning. These soldiers have been dissatisfied for some time at the meagerness of their food and the poorly prepared food. The men attribute this to the lack of interest taken by their officers who are said to enjoy good and abundant food. The C.O., Lt Col PANZALIS, Amperio was away on convalescent leave. The unit is largely Sardinians and many have griminal records. (81 Field Security Section report). This unit was formerly at Palermo and when here I inspected the battalion and was of the opinion that they ranked high as an Italian unit and that the C.O. was efficient and looked after his men as he was making improvements in their quarters. However an early inspection will be made of this unit by this officer.

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7. Rumours and Indiscreet Talk

In Palermo certain rumours were spread about the movement of British and U.S. troops and a possible landing in the South of France. Rumours amongst Italian troops in Polcorps stated that Polcorps is to be withdrawn and replaced by 5 Corps. These are most prevalent amongst the officers, who are looking forward to such a change. There is a general feeling of optimism as to a speedy end to the war coupled with fear of being taken out of the line at the moment of victory.

8. Summary of Military Security

The following is an excerpt from the G-2 Periodic Report, Allied Garrison of Sardinia, 2 July 1944. On 26 June 1944 an enemy Italian aircraft, type SM 79, departed from Venegono Airfield in German-occupied Italy with five (5) Italian Air Corps enlisted men who had seized the ship in order to escape to liberated territory. Four (4) of the soldiers reside in Catania, Sicily. They had planned to land in Sicily but due to shortage in fuel they were directed to Elmas Airdrome, Sardinia. They were all referred to the CSDIC representative in Sardinia and the subjects are now being held for final disposition.

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Troops of XII Italian Corps are placed in strategic points in the grain belt on the Island to be prepared to assist the Police in collecting the grain and quell any disturbance that might arise. Although there has been no major disturbance in collecting the grain the producers are reluctant in turning in the grain at the prices fixed. An order has been issued to each Province that the grain must be collected 15 days after thrashing (G-2 (Intelligence) ACC Region 1).

B. PERSONALITIES

Nothing to Report.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

W15/ 00264

Roma, August 4th 1944

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8 AUG 1944
HQ ACC, APO 394
423 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 8 Aug. 1944
By

Dear Admiral,

After the letter no. 00150/2 of July 31st last, I take the liberty to draw your attention on the article "What is the Government doing?" which was printed on the daily paper "Unita" of the 2nd inst., the cutting of which I enclose.

Such an article - which won't fail to interest public opinion - confirms the sad situation in which are the combattants of the Garibaldi Division, and the necessity to relive their sufferings and want without delay.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. Prunas

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Roma

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WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING?

We received a letter from an Italian soldier who, after having been for three years in the Balkans, had the rare fortune of reaching our Adriatic shore and is now wounded and ill in a military hospital. It is a document of such importance, that it is a duty for us to publish it, or at least its most salient part.

"Is it possible, with you at least, comrades, to call bread bread and wine wine? For eleven months, strong Italian contingents have been fighting with Marshal Tito's heroic army. For eleven months, these soldiers have been making life difficult to the Germans in the Balkans. And what has the Government been doing for us, for these our brothers who first raised the flag of resistance and rebellion against Hitlerian oppressors? What is the Italian State doing to-day for these regular troops, the only ones who are still fighting abroad?

You know that when Badoglio's armistice routed our unities scattered out of Italy, two of our divisions which were in Yugoslavia, after opposing separately the Germans, got together again and formed what is to-day the Garibaldi division. From that day, in close and brotherly collaboration with Tito's soldiers, our soldiers have fought dozens of fight, have prepared hundreds of ambushes to the nazizts and their partisans, have had hundreds of encounters. The seasons change, the trees which were loaded with snow are now loaded with fruit, the heat has taken the place of the frost of last winter, war goes on, but our Government has not had time to think of us, to face the question of systematic supply for this great fighting unit."

For obvious reasons, we leave out the part dealing with war episodes, giving some still unofficial details, but we will publish the following passage:

"Of course, we too realized the difficult situation of the Government. We are the first to know what and how many difficulties interfere with a systematic supply organisation, the sea, the steep mountains, the lack of transportation. We know that the Government has but few means and that for this and other reasons, it cannot do what it wants and ought to do. But these difficulties ought to have been tackled. For instance, if the question of the partisans who are fighting on national ground is strictly connected with the plans of the Allied army, and can because of the heterogeneousness of the fighting forces, suscitate in them reserve and caution, why haven't the Allies been made to realize that in our case, they are dealing with perfectly regular troops, and that there is no reason whatever for reserve and caution? Why haven't the Allies been made to see that a direct and regular line of supply, between the Government of Italy and ourselves wouldn't harm the common war effort, but would immediately and sensibly benefit the E.P.L.I. for which, it must be said, is responsible for the supplies of our unit? If the Italian Government hasn't got the necessary means (and yet these means were found, in the past eleven month, for monarchist propaganda), then it might make a public subscription, collect bandages, chinine pills, matches, needles, pins, razor-blades, all the things which can relieve the situation of our brothers who fight with hatred against German oppressors. Goodwill is needed and we are certain that the working classes at least will answer our call.

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The days of fascism are over and we are not obliged to give a rosy hue to everything. To-day we may call bread bread and wine wine. Therefore I will tell you that the living conditions that our fighting brothers have to put up with are extremely serious, almost unbearable. Typhic fever has made many victims last winter, and this could have been evitated if our Government had sent in time some cases of serum. Other epidemics penetrate our ranks, where they find a favourable ground because of our soldiers being under-fed, and because of their weakness. Tired by so many months of fighting, exhausted and ragged, we have the pride to say that we have fought and still fight shoeless against the Germans, on these devilish stones, shoeless like the bassibuzuk...."

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I believe, comrade, that it is my duty towards the brothers I left there, with your help, to bring to the knowledge of the Italian nation, these details which give but a faint idea of the sufferings they have to endure. Officers and soldiers have well served their Country and deserve to be listened to by the authorities and the people. Nowadays, the Minister of war is a man who during the months of the German occupation in Rome showed he was a patriot. He must take the necessary steps; the people must see to it that he takes the necessary steps.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A/CC 091.711

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army

TO : Distribution Below

SM 709
5 AUG 1944

1. Under the Short Armistice Terms the Commander-in-Chief has the full right to impose measures of disarmament, demobilization and demilitarization on the Italian armed forces. The re-organization of the Italian Army under these terms is under the control of the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) acting under direct orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The strength of the Italian Army has, since the Armistice, been fixed at a certain reduced figure which the Italian Ministry of War will NOT exceed, and all members of the Italian Army who may be found on the progress of the Allies Northwards are therefore being treated as either demobilized but entitled to volunteer again for service if the calling permits, or demobilized but liable to conscription in areas where the conscription law is in force.

3. Arrangements have been made by M.M.I.A. for representatives of the Ministry of War and the General Staff to be attached to Armies and to enter newly liberated Regions for the following purposes:

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

The attached draft has been agreed by Adm Sec, Army Sub Comm, and myself and is submitted for your approval.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 2 Aug 1630
By 372

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Executive Commissioner (Brig. LOSH)

I agree to the draft with the small pencil alterations shown.

L.D.

Draft furnished by Secc. M/3/8

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REMARKS See minute of Brig Hume and Acting V.P. Advisor see on top slip

R. A. Hughes
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

MEMO:

31 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Army Directive.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1 Reference attached directive. Article 11 of the Short Armistice Terms provide

"The Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces will have a full right to impose measures of disarmament, demobilisation, and demilitarization".

Articles 3 and 6 of the Long Armistice Terms provide

"Art 3..... The Italian Supreme Command will take the necessary measures to insure law and order, and to use its available armed forces to insure prompt and exact compliance with all provisions of the present instrument. Subject to such use of Italian troops for the above purposes, as may be sanctioned by the Allied Commander - in - Chief, all other Italian Land, Sea and Air Forces will proceed to and remain in their barracks, camps or ships pending directions from the United Nations as to their future status and disposal".

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G.R.Upjohn

G.R.UPJOHN, Col
A/Head, Adm Sec.

Ext: 525
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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 0840
By JRR

SUBJECT: Italian Army, old and new.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA.

ROME.
SD/7
30 July 44

To : Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Inviting attention to attached letter from REGION IV regarding an Italian Military Command in VITERBO.

2. It appears that the AMG/ACC officers do not understand the situation regarding the present Italian Army, and the recognition of irregular or non-official elements by Allied officers may prove embarrassing.

3. I attach a draft of instructions which I request be issued by you to all your officers, both at HQ and in the Field, in order that the whole state of affairs may be clarified.

L. Browning

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

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

23 July 1944

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
for Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Situation at Viterbo.

FILE NO: R4/PS/53.

1. The attached copy of translation received from ACC. Viterbo Provinces, referring to the situation there, is submitted to you for your attention or necessary action.

for Lt. Col. Charles Magri
Regional Public Safety Officer

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ITALIAN MILITARY COMMAND
ITALIAN FORCES RECRUITMENT COMMAND 8 ARMY (I.F.A.HQ.8 ARMY)
P.M. 16

Palestrina 17-6-1944 ore 20

SUBJECT: Statement of Lt. Colonel Chiaravalli Ugo sent by Colonel S.M. Taibell, Prefect of Viterbo, in order to receive special orders concerning the work in Viterbo Province.

An Italian Military Command has been constituted in Viterbo by the Prefect Colonel Taibell. Its task is to reorganize the military institutions as of 8 September 1943, that is: Military District, Deposito 3 Granatieri, Deposito Paracadutisti. These institutions are already active and take care of the enlistment of the Officers and NCO presenting themselves to regulate their position, to the preparation of what is necessary for the assistance of the dead and missing soldiers, and war prisoners, to the recovery of the materials of the military administration, to the control and administration of the capitals left from the dissolved military institutions created by the Republic.

The reorganization of these institutions will make it possible, at the proper time, to accomplish their tasks.

This initiative has been praised by the Allied Authorities of Viterbo who have asked the Italian Authorities for the legalization and acknowledgement of these institutions.

The Prefect of Viterbo is giving great support to the organization of the townish life which has been paralyzed by the war and he also intends to give assistance to the above mentioned Military Command and to the many officers and NCOs of the Province.

In order to perform such task the Prefect awaits for confirmations instructions and money.

A. D. BONHAM - COMMISSIONER
Lt. Colonel
A. Provincial Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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4 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General Browning

1. There is attached for your files a copy of the memorandum on the Comando Supremo, which General Alexander approved on August 1st.

2. I had a conference with Marshal Messe yesterday, and he clearly understands that he is not to interfere in any way on matters coming under the jurisdiction of your Sub-Commission.

HARRY H. ROOS
Captain, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Encl. ref para 1 above

cc: Sir Noel Charles (with encl.)

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Hq A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time 4 Aug 1540
Via AG M/C
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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MEMORANDUM:

29 July 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

The Italian Comando Supremo is the organ through which certain functions of the three Armed Forces, Army, Navy and Air, are coordinated.

The Comando Supremo today has four main functions: 1. SIM (Military Intelligence Service); 2. Military Law and Justice; 3. General Administration; 4. Epuration.

The operations undertaken by SIM, (Intelligence, Counter-Intelligence, Security, Sabotage) which is directly under the command of the Comando Supremo, are so well known to Allied Military Intelligence and Security Authorities that no purpose is served here in discussing this service in detail. It does not seem desirable to separate SIM into three separate intelligence services--Army, Navy and Air. It should remain under coordinated direction, but there may be grave repercussions if this organization were to come under political direction of any Ministry, through the abolition of the Comando Supremo, rather than under its present military direction.

Recognizing this same principle, ACC with AAI concurrence, recently transferred Italian civil censorship (mails, telegraph and telephone) from the political control of the Minister of Interior to the Comando Supremo, where it had been before Mussolini transferred it to the Ministry of Interior for political intelligence purposes. Public reaction was excellent. It is believed that if the Comando Supremo were abolished and civil censorship were restored to the Minister of Interior or to the Army, the public reaction would not be good.

Military Law and Justice. The Comando Supremo exercises control of wartime military penal justice. The institution, modification, the suppression of wartime military courts and the designation of the highest officials of such bodies is a function of the Comando Supremo. The Comando Supremo also issues, through proclamations, regulations having the force of law on matters concerning laws and penal procedure in wartime as well as judicial military organization.

General Administration. The Comando Supremo coordinates policy as to disciplinary measures, general personnel rules, promotions, and, in particular, the nomination of general and flag officers. At the moment, the Comando Supremo has adopted a policy of opposing the creation of additional admirals and generals, notwithstanding, apparently, the strong desire on the part of the Navy to create new admirals. It is believed that if the Comando Supremo were abolished, there would be considerable pressure on the government by the services, and by members of the govern-

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ment itself, to create a number of unnecessary general and flag officers.

Epuration and Defascistization of Officers. This is a new function recently delegated by the Government to the Comando Supremo, and it seems obvious that something of the kind is desirable to insure that epuration is carried on in an identical manner in all three Armed Forces, free of political favoritism. If the Comando Supremo were abolished under Allied pressure, the public and press might feel that we desired to hinder the work of epuration. This function, however, could quite properly be assigned to each of the services - the Comando Supremo relinquishing entirely its work in this field.

Elimination of the Comando Supremo, in my judgment, would therefore have three unfortunate results:

a. It would tend to make the administration of the Army, Navy, and Air political rather than military.

b. It would make the Italian services more acutely a political problem than they are today with damage to the war effort.

c. At a time when the Italian public is clamoring for greater military effort by Italy, the announcement of the abolition of the Comando Supremo would have a disquieting effect in all moderate circles.

In present circumstances, however, there is no doubt that General Browning is correct in contending that, as a matter of logic, the Comando Supremo is a "fifth wheel" so far as operational functions are concerned. It is therefore recommended that:

(1) The name of the Comando Supremo be changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale", its pre-war designation.

(2) It relinquish its functions of epuration to the three service Ministries.

(3) It be issued a clear directive that it is to exercise no command or operational functions with respect to the Italian Armed Forces.

Based on informal discussions with the Prime Minister, I am certain that the foregoing recommendations would be acceptable to the Italian Government without undue Allied pressure.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Sir Noel Charles
Gen. Browning

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3 August 1944

Concerning your inquiry regarding Lieutenant Tiberto Brendolin, I am happy to repeat the following information which has been received from Army Headquarters:

"It has been ascertained from G.S.I.(C.L.) Main Eighth Army, that the above named officer is still with the 2nd N.Z. Division and is quite well. A rumour had been received by G.S.I. Main Army to the extent that the above named officer had been killed, but it has been confirmed by Divisional H.Q. that he is perfectly safe and in the best of health."

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Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army. HQ [illegible] APO 394

Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd Aug 3 1945
29 Jul 44. By [illegible]

Dear Quayle.

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Reference your D.O. letter to Group Captain Benson on 25th July 44, in relation to Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, and his whereabouts.

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Lieut RAF
DSCAO Main Eighth Army.

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Major J.A. Quayle,
Personal Assistant to
Acting Chief Commissioner,
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Major J. A. Quayle

SUBJECT: Italian Mission to Yugoslav Partisans FILE No. 091.711

TO: Political Section (Att. Mr. Caccia) 3 August 1944

1. Attached is a letter from Visconti Venosta on the subject of an Italian Mission to the Yugoslavs.

2. Beyond Roger Makin's request that such a proposal be discouraged, we have no statement of A.F.H.Q. policy on this matter.

3. The A/CC requests that you discuss with General Browning and draft for his signature whatever letter or letters may be necessary.

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J. A. Quayle.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
PA to A/C. C.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rome, 31 July 1944.

Dear Admiral,

You are aware of the difficult circumstances in which the Italian Forces found themselves in the Balkans at the time of the armistice, and of the readiness and determination with which they sided against Germany joining forces with the populations of the occupied territory.

In Jugoslavia these Italian forces have joined the partisan movement forming three units which are incorporated in the Jugoslav Partisans Army of Liberation and have often been mentioned in Marshal Tito's bulletins for their military exploits.

These Units, however, are isolated from their Country and many of their material and moral needs are unknown to the Italian military authorities who, for a long time, have been anxious to contact their officers and men who have remained loyal to their oath at the cost of so many sacrifices.

In order to contact these units with a view to gaining knowledge of the needs of our fighting troops and, in agreement with the partisans military authorities, satisfy them, and also with the aim of repatriating the wounded or sick, who can no longer contribute effectively to the fight, it would appear advisable to obtain that some Italian officers be enabled to proceed to the Supreme Command of the Jugoslav Partisans Army of Liberation.

The Italian troops who are fighting under Marshal Tito would thus feel that their Government appreciates their efforts and their sacrifices.

I shall be most grateful for your kind interest and an early reply on the matter.

With my best regards, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely, 220

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/s/ Visconti Venosta

31 Jul 44

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
Rome.

cc: Political Section
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HQ AGO, AFO 394
362 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 20 Aug 1745
By DRR.

Rough Translation

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VISCONTI VENOSTA

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma, li 31 LUG. 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
362 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 2 aug 1945
By ERR

Caro Ammiraglio,

Ella conosce in quali difficili circostanze si vennero a trovare, al momento dell'armistizio, le forze italiane in Balcania e con quale determinazione esse si schierarono contro la Germania unendo la loro sorte a quella delle popolazioni dei territori occupati.

In Jugoslavia esse si sono affiancate al movimento partigiano costituendo tre unità che fanno parte integrante dell'Esercito Partigiano Liberatore Jugoslavo e che sono state più volte citate, per la loro partecipazione a fatti d'arme, nei bollettini del Maresciallo Tito.

Dette unità sono rimaste, peraltro, isolate dalla Madrepatria e molte loro esigenze di ordine materiale e morale sfuggono alla valutazione delle autorità militari italiane che sono da tempo ansiose di entrare in contatto con ufficiali e soldati rimasti fedeli al loro giuramento a costo di tanti sacrifici.

Allo scopo di prendere contatto con quelle unità per conoscere i bisogni dei nostri combattenti in Jugoslavia e poter soddisfare, d'intesa con le Autorità militari partigiane tali necessità, al fine di una più efficace lotta contro i tedeschi, nonché per concretare

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Rear Admiral Ellery W.Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission

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il rimpatrio di quanti, feriti o malati, non sono più in grado di dare alla lotta stessa il loro efficace contributo, sembra opportuno ottenere che qualche ufficiale italiano possa recarsi presso il Comando Supremo dell'E.P.L.J.

Le truppe italiane che combattono agli ordini del Maresciallo Tito avrebbero così anche la sensazione dell'interessamento che il Governo porta ai loro sforzi ed ai loro sacrifici.

Grato per un Suo efficace interessamento e per una Sua cortese risposta Le rinnovo, caro Ammiraglio, l'espressione dei migliori sentimenti.

P. Libonati Senatore

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Risposta al Foglio N.°
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OGGETTO 29 July 44

(Refer to file 314)

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6 AUG 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

Mr. MacMillan & Lt
for me this morning to discuss
various military matters. Amongst
others we discussed "Commando Su-
-premo"! I gave him my views &
he said he was keeping you fully
-day & would talk to you about
it. I have crystallized my views
in the attached letter and I am
-tually abide by any decision
given by higher authority after
weighing all the factors.

Yours sincerely
Langley Browning

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SUBJECT: Comando Supremo

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA

ROME.

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29 July 44.

Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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It will be difficult to devise a formula or Charter to obviate this control behind the scenes, which tends to militate against executive control by Army Sub Commission.

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(f) The crux of the matter is in fact, the existence of a Supreme Italian Commander with the Allies exercising executive control of his forces.

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3. I understand that the functions of Comando Supremo are fourfold: -

(a) SIM (Military Intelligence Service) and civil censorship.

(b) Military Law and Justice.

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(c) General Administration.

(d) Epuration and defascistization of officers.

Details and your views thereon are at App "A".

4. I would like to make the following observations on these functions: -

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SIM is a purely military organisation placed at the disposal of the Allies. Comando Supremo merely administers SIM and has nothing to do with its main operational activities, which are directly under British officers in I.S.L.D., and No. 1 S.C.I. Unit. There is no political direction and consequently there would be no political effect in transferring SIM en bloc from Comando Supremo to the Ministry of War, with detachments to the other two Services.

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(b) Military Law and Justice.

Internally this could perfectly simply be made the responsibility of the respective Ministeries in their own spheres, coordination where necessary being achieved by discussion between the Service Ministers or by decision of the Cabinet as a whole.

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(d) Epuration and defascistization of Officers.

The test of this is whether an officer was or is a Fascist, or not. Presumably all Ministers are anti-Fascist. If they are not, they should not be Ministers.

It follows, therefore, that Ministries could run their own committees in this connection.

5. (a) I have written the above from my military angle. I fully realise that political factors such as stability in a shifting Italian political world may have much weight; and that political and military factors must be weighed together in the final decision by higher authority.

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L. Browning

Major General.,
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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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31 July 1944

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TO: Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Political Section
Executive Commissioner, E.C. & M.G. Section

1. Will you please review the attached directive and put in shape for issuance.

2. I have some question as to the legal correctness of the first sentence, but perhaps it can be reworded to reflect what General Browning has in mind. I should like to see the final draft.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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TO: HQ ACC

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YOUR 319 POINT 1 OF 19 JUNE. SITREP PERIOD 21 TO 29 JULY. GEN ORLANDO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CARABINIERI VISITS GOC. RATION CEILING FOR ITALIAN UNITS IN ROME DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE BETWEEN GEN PELLICRA MINISTRY OF WAR - 2 i/C AND MAJOR ROSE AT MAIN HQ. GEN OXILIA UNDER SEC OF STATE FOR WAR VISITS GOC. GOC GOES TO ADV AAI TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO GEN ALEXANDER FOR RE-EQUIPPING AND RE-ORGANISING CERTAIN IT: DIVS FOR COMBAT. PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED. GENS BERARDI AND OXILIA INFORMED OF FORMATION OF NEW ITALIAN DIVS AT MEETING WITH GOC.

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28 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Italian troops from the Aegean Islands now in Egypt.

1/. The attached translation of letter No. 14279/OP dated 21 July 1944, from the Comando Supremo is forwarded.

2/. I shall be pleased if you will provide me with sufficient information to enable me to reply to Marshal Messe.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Encl. as above.
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Supreme Command
Office of Operations.
File No. 14279 OP
Subject: Italian troops from the Aegean Islands now in Egypt.

P.M. 135
TO: A.O.C.

21 July 1944

According to a report sent by the Swiss Legation of Cairo, some Italian troops who after the 8th of September have fought against the Germans in the Aegean Islands and, escapting capture, have subsequently reached the coast of Palestine and Syria, are detained in PW camps in Egypt. They are considered and treated as PW, while evidently they should not be considered as such. I belive this is a involuntary mistake of the Allied authorities of Egypt.

Therefore I request to this Commission to kindly bring this matter up to the interested authorities with the aim of obtaining that above mentioned troops be repatriated as soon as possible or at least attached to the units of "Cuneo" Div.

Marshal of Italy
/s/ Giovanni Messe

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P.M.135, 24 luglio 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

N.14279/OP. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Militari italiani dell'Egeo attualmente in Egitto.-

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Da una relazione inviata dalla Legazione della Svizzera al Cairo, risulta che, nei campi di prigionieri di guerra italiani in Egitto, vi è un certo numero di militari italiani che, dopo l'8 settembre, hanno combattuto contro i tedeschi nell'Egeo e quindi, sfuggendo alla cattura, hanno raggiunto le coste della Palestina e della Siria.

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Ringrazio per quanto codesta Commissione potrà fare al riguardo.-

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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27 July 1944

A 1896
28 JUL 1944

To: Comando Supremo.

Subject: Italian troops from the Aegean Islands now in Egypt.

(154) Incl I

1/. I have to acknowledge your letter No. 14279/OP dated 21 July and have requested information with regards to this question.

2/. I shall write you further in due course.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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TRANSLATION

P.M. 135. 27 July 1944

Supreme Command
The Chief of H. M. General

No. 562 P. P.

A 1893
28 JUL 1944

Dear Commander Stone:

Thank you for having granted me at once the appointment requested.

Tomorrow, 28th inst, at 1530 Hrs I will call on you to discuss the following matters:

1. Employment of General Castellano, according to the request of General Connell.

2. Comando Supremo.

It is with pleasure that I avail myself of this occasion to extend to you my most cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

The Marshal of Italy, Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ Giovanni Messe

Captain Kllery W. Stone, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

n. 562 R.P.

P.M.135, il 27 luglio 1944.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secy y Gen.
Rec'd 28 July 0900
By DRR.

Caro comandante Stone,

La ringrazio di avermi concesso subito il chiesto appuntamento. Thank you for having granted at once the meeting requested

Domani 28 corrente, alle ore 15,30, sarò da Lei per parlarLe delle seguenti questioni : tomorrow, 28 inst. at 15:30 hours I will call on you re following matters

1°) - impiego del generale CASTELLANO in relazione alla richiesta del generale GAMBELL ; 1) - employment of Gen. Castellano a.c. ordering the request of Gen. Gruenther.

2°) - " Comando Supremo ". 2) - Comando Supremo

Mi è sempre gradita l'occasione per inviarLe il mio più cordiale saluto.

Very yours

Sinceramente Suo

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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capitano di vascello U.S.N.R.
ELLERY W. STONE
commissario capo ff.della Commissione Alleata di Controllo.
A.P.O. 394

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27 JUL 1944

A/CC 091.711

26 July 1944

BB 621
27 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel in German Hands

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Reference my memorandum CC/G/306 dated 20 May and AGC/1/87 dated 29 June, above subject, may I now have your comments on the proposed plan of the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War?

ELMER W. [illegible]
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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25 July 1944

I have been asked by the Italians to corroborate whether Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, Italian Liaison Officer with the New Zealand troops of the 8th Army has been killed during the fighting in the Perugia area.

If this is true, I should also be very grateful for any news you can give me on this officer's death, so that I may pass it on to the Comando Supremo.

J. A. QUAYLE,
Major
PA to A/C. C.

Group Captain C. E. Benson,
S.C.A.O, A.M.G. 8th Army

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Hq A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time 26/1130 Hrs.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

25 July '44
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		A.D.C.		Interior	
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		Mil. Sec.		Public Utilities	
		Comm. Sec.		Agriculture	
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		Displaced Persons			
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The attached article on Marshal Tito's ... may be of interest.
J.H. Hemphill

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EXTRACT FROM THE ITALIAN PAPER 'ITALIA NUOVA'
DATED 25 July 1944 regarding Marshal Messe.

SC 1879
26 JUL 1944

It may happen that a General commanding an Italian Army in Russia be nominated after a big defeat Maresciallo. This adventure happened in reality to Von Paulus and Messe. It may also happen that the Maresciallo, back from prison, (POW), insist (for old habit) to call comrades the soldiers of the United Nations.

And it seems too that the comrade Maresciallo in his quality of President of the Commission of the purge of the Army had given orders that all the provisions regarding the future of all officers had to be sanctioned by him. The Romans had a saying very appropriate (who is guarding the guard?).

We do not want to discuss the military capacity of the young Maresciallo. We do not want to discuss his faith in Democracy because it is so recent that it cannot yet be doubted.

We think that the past of Maresciallo is not endowing him of the quality required for the work of purging the Army.

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REFERENCE ABLE CHARLIE OBOE SLANT ONE ONE SEVEN PD PAREN TO AMG MAIN EIGHTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GROUP CAPTAIN BENSON FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PAREN ADDRESS YOUR SIGNALS FOR INFANTE THROUGH ME

AUTHENTICATED:

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, A. A.
PA to A/CC

Dispatched 25 Jul 0900

cc: Col. Campbell

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC INFO GROUP CAPT BENSON AMG MAIN 8TH ARMY COS MAIN 8TH ARMY

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 41/22

FROM: TAC 8TH ARMY

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

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PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: XX

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HEADQUARTERS
22 JUL 1944
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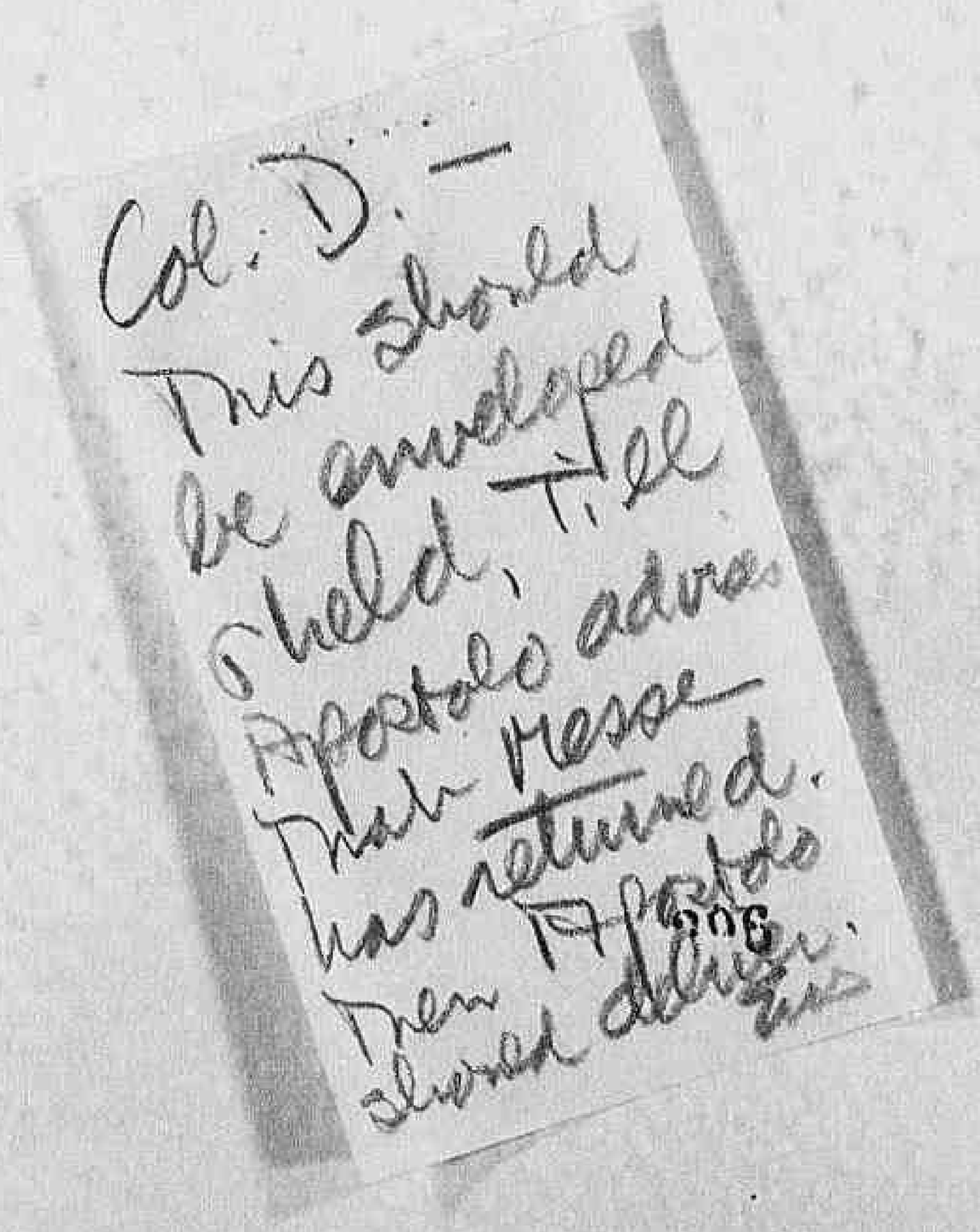
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25 JUL 1944

23 July 1944

139 ENCL TO LTR of 11 July from GAMMELL

Dear Marshal Messe:

I am sending to you with this letter a letter addressed to you from General Gammell which, I believe, you will find self explanatory. I shall be glad to discuss it with you if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

24 Jul 44

This is a copy of a letter which Col Newmarker is holding — to be delivered by Head of U.S. Section when Marshal Messe returns. Col Newmarker has all copies.

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TRANSLATION

P/a.

91595/AV,

P. M. 135, July 25rd 1944

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25 JUL 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
197 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 24 July 1330
By SGR

TO CAPTAIN ELLERY W. STONE

Acting Chief Commissioner to the Allied Control

Commission - ROME

OBJECT: staff of the Liaison Bureau in the Allied Control Commission. -

Dear Captain Stone,

(147)

Thank you very much for your communication 091711, of July 18th.

I am very glad that you should have been able to appreciate the work marked by a deep sense of collaboration, of the officers attached to the Italian Liaison Bureau in the Allied Control Commission, appreciation which I fully share.

I have the pleasure to tell you that I took the following steps:

a) - The hereafter mentioned staff will be considered at your disposal, according to the wish that you expressed:

- Lieutenant reserve R. N. R. APOSTOLO Pietro

- Lieutenant Artg. reserve CROTTARELLI Lorenzo

091711 July 18

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Rec'd 27 July 1944
By SAB

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- 2nd lieutenant inf. reserve	ZANFAGLIONE	Gerardo
- Sergeant inf.	PENNONE	Aldo
- Sailor	FRANCILLO	Renato

b) - The officers mentioned hereafter will be considered free for some other duty:

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- Lieutenant Commander s. p. e. LOVATELLI Gustavo

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- Major artg, reserve — CAMPELLO Lanfranco
- Lieutenant cav, — CARACCIOLO Ottino

To all the officers whom it concerned, I have expressed your kind approval for their work with thw Allied Control Commission.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

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P/a.

COMANDO SUPREMO

IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

91595/AV.

P.M. 135, li 23 luglio 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394
197 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 24 July 1330
By [illegible]

AL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO ELLERY W. STONE
-commissario capo ff. della Commissione
alleata di controllo-

ROMA

OGGETTO : personale dell'ufficio di collegamento presso la Commissione alleata di controllo.-

caro comandante STONE,

vivamente La ringrazio della Sua comunicazione 091711, del 18 luglio.

Sono lieto che Lei abbia avuto modo di apprezzare il lavoro, improntato ad un profondo senso di collaborazione, degli ufficiali addetti all'ufficio italiano di collegamento presso la Commissione alleata di controllo, apprezzamento che è da me pienamente condiviso.

Mi è gradito comunicarLe di avere disposto perchè :

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- tenente artiglieria di complemento GROTTANELLI Lorenzo
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- sergente fanteria

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- marinaio	FRANCILLO Renato

b) - i sottonotati ufficiali siano considerati disponibili per

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altro incarico :

- capitano di corvetta s.p.e.	LOVATELLI	Gustavo
- maggiore artiglieria di complemento	CAMPELLO	Lanfranco
- tenente cavalleria di complemento	CARACCIOLO	Ottino

Ho espresso a tutti gli ufficiali interessati il graditissimo apprezzamento della S.V. per l'opera da essi prestata presso la Commissione alleata di controllo.

Mi è gradita l'occasione per inviarLe il mio più cordiale saluto.

Sinceramente Suo

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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6 AUG 1944

36, Via Salvatore Cognetti,
BARI

SECRET

22nd July, 1944.

Subject: Repatriation Sick and Wounded
of Garibaldi Division.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Main Headquarters (MMLA),
Lequila (Lecce).

I have received your letter of the 29th June (marked ASC/22/27).

I cannot confirm or refute the statement made by Marshal Messe about the six Allied aircraft which landed at Berane on the night of the 17th June.

It seems possible, however, that the Italian Supreme Command are not aware of the number of Italian soldiers who have been evacuated from Yugoslavia with Allied assitance, and, in this connection, I suggest that you might inform Marshal Messe that from Berane alone 313 Italias were evacuated during June. In the same period 380 Partisans were brought out from Berane, all of whom were badly wounded, whilst many of the Italian evacuees had not been injured in engagements with the enemy but were merely exhausted by the conditions under which they had been serving.

All concerned have been informed that the Italian Government are prepared to accept all Italian sick and wounded whom it may be possible to evacuate. Marshal Messe can be reassured on this point.

The question of the despatch of an Italian Military Mission to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation has been discussed by the Balkan Air Force Policy Committee, and I have referred the matter to Mr. Caccia with the Allied Control Commission, Naples, to whom I am also sending a copy of this letter.

On political grounds it is considered undesirable that such a mission should be formed, as it will raise difficulties with Allied Governments who may wish to send similar missions.

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I should, therefore, be grateful if you could discourage the proposal and point out that the machinery of the Allied Control Commission exists for such purposes.

A copy of my previous communication to Mr. Caccia is enclosed for your information.

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(Sgd.) PHILIP BROAD

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23 July 1944

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23 JUL 1944

Dear General Gammell:

I received yesterday your letter of 11 July with reference to General Castellano. Apparently, your letter was delayed in reaching me through having been sent to Naples.

I have handed on to Marshal Messe the enclosed letter to him and will keep you advised if there should be any developments contrary to your wishes.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General J.A.H. Gammell,
Chief of Staff
Allied Force Headquarters
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5 AUG 1944

OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

BARI

22nd July, 1944.

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I have received your letter of the 18th July (marked 14/46/0) regarding a possible Italian military mission to Tito.

The trouble is that so many matters have arisen between the Yugoslavs and the Italians, that the normal machinery of liaison has been somewhat strained. If the Italian military authorities insist on a mission, we cannot in fact stop them from establishing one, as they have already some 16,000 troops with a headquarters staff in Yugoslavia, out of which a mission could be formed at any time.

The existence of these forces would also be a strong argument in any discussion which might arise with the French Committee of National Liberation.

No concrete approval, however, has in fact been given for the sending of an Italian mission, and I am writing to the military sub-commission of the Allied Control Commission to suggest that the idea be discouraged.

(Sgd) PHILIP BROAD

R. H. Makins, Esq., C.M.G.
Office of the Minister Resident
at Allied Force Headquarters.

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COMANDO SUPREMO HAVE INFORMED ARMY SUBCOMMISSION THAT CMA ACCORDING TO THEIR INFORMATION CMA THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN FORCES ARE AT PRESENT OPERATING WITH PARTISAN UNITS IN YUGOSLAVIA CLN PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN GARIBALDI DIVISION UNDER SECOND CORPS SEMCLN GARIBALDI BATTALION UNDER FIRST PROLETARIAN BRIGADE SEMCLN MATTEOTTI BATTALION UNDER THIRD PROLETARIAN BRIGADE PD IN ADDITION THERE ARE VARIOUS DISPERSED GROUPS PD PARA TWO PD IN ORDER TO DO WHAT THEY CAN FOR THESE ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL COMANDO SUPREMO HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO SEND AN ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION TO THE SUPREME COMMAND OF THE YUGOSLAV PARTISAN ARMY PD TASKS SUGGESTED FOR MISSION ARE CLN PAREN ABLE PAREN TO EXAMINE THE NEEDS OF THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS SEMCLN PAREN BAKER PAREN TO SUBMIT THESE TO THE PARTISAN COMMAND FOR SUCH ACTION AS IS POSSIBLE SEMCLN PAREN CHARLIE PAREN TO SUGGEST MEANS WHEREBY ITALIAN SOLDIERS IN YUGOSLAVIA CAN BE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES SEMCLN PAREN DOG PAREN TO WORK OUT WITH PARTISAN COMMAND 297 PROCEDURE FOR REPATRIATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO CMA FOR REASONS OF HEALTH ET CETERA CMA CAN NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE BATTLE PD PARA THREE PD IT IS PROPOSED THAT THIS MISSION SHOULD BE HEADED BY A COLONEL AND COMPOSED OF A SMALL NUMBER OF OFFICERS WITH RADIO EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION PD PARA FOUR PD ABOVE PROPOSAL WAS SENT BY ARMY SUBCOMMISSION TO FORCE TWO SIX SIX FOR OBSERVATIONS AND A MEETING ON TWO EIGHT JUNE OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE DECIDED

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

HQ A.C.C. APO 394
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Rec'd 157 22 July 1945
By DAR

TO: HQ 5 ARMY-HQ 8 ARMY HQ 2 POLISH CORPS HQ 56 AREA HQ DISTONE
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PARAGRAPH ONE. THIS HEADQUARTERS IS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER, ALLIED FORCE MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE, SUBJECT: "MILITARY POLICE PROTECTION OF RAILWAY FACILITIES", DATED 11 JULY, IN WHICH REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE, FOR 4 ADDITIONAL MP COMPANIES TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY OF RAILWAY SHIPMENTS IN EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY. THE REQUEST IS FELT JUSTIFIED BUT PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS IN ITALY, MOUNTING OF OPERATION ANVIL, AND OTHER THEATER REQUIREMENTS, HAVE DEPLETED PRESENT RESOURCES AND THERE IS SHORTAGE MP UNITS TO PROPERLY COVER ALL ACTIVITIES.

PARAGRAPH TWO. IT IS FELT BY THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT IN THE INTEREST OF CONSERVATION OF MANPOWER, ITALIAN MILITARY UNITS CAN EFFECTIVELY REPLACE U.S. UNITS ON SECURITY DUTIES, IF EMPLOYED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMERICAN TROOPS. IT IS DESIRED THAT REQUEST BE MADE ON THE ARMY SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TOTALING 40 OFFICERS AND 1500 ENLISTED MEN OF EITHER BERSAGLIERI, CARBINIERI, INFANTRY OR CAVALRY UNITS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY. PLAN IS TO HAVE THE ABOVE PERSONNEL ORGANIZED AND GIVEN INITIAL TRAINING IS PENBASE IN GUARD UNITS OF 4 OFFICERS AND 150 ENLISTED MEN EACH. UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING THESE UNITS TO BE USED AS FOLLOWS: (A) 4 UNITS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MRS IN LIEU OF THE U.S. MP COMPANIES (Z1) REQUESTED IN REFERENCE LETTER MENTIONED. (B) 2 UNITS TO REPLACE 2 U.S. MP COMPANIES (Z1) NOT EMPLOYED BY MRS. THE U.S. MP COMPANIES TO BE RELEASED FOR OTHER URGENT THEATER REQUIREMENTS. (C) 4 UNITS TO BE HELD IN RESERVE AND USED BY PENBASE PENDING TALK BY SOS FOR OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

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PARAGRAPH THREE. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN ABOVE PLAN AND, IF APPROVED, THAT ACTION BE EXPEDITED TO MAKE THIS PERSONNEL AVAILABLE IN THE NAPLES AREA. REQUEST THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED THIS HEADQUARTERS TO COMPLETE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ARMY SUB-COMMISSION OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force Headquarters
Algiers

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10th July 1944

I have just seen your letter to Harold Caccia of the 10th July about the proposal that an Italian military mission might be sent to the Supreme Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation.

2. I am rather disturbed that approval has been given to this idea, since the policy has been rather to hinder direct contact between Tito and other allied countries by means of missions in Yugoslavia. In particular we have successfully impeded the despatch of a mission from the French Committee of National Liberation. If now they learn that an Italian mission has been accepted there will be an outburst of rage.

3. I therefore suggest that any necessary liaison between the Italians and Tito should be effected in some other way, e.g. through the intermediary of the Control Commission or its military Sub-Commission.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter to the High Commissioner Rome, the Foreign Office and Caccia.

Roger Makins.

P. Broad Esq.

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19 July 1944

Major Tony Quayle,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

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Dear Tony:

I received your letter of July 10 regarding the death of Lt. Tiberto Brandolin, Italian, Liaison officer. I am afraid that your informant made a slight geographical error as Perugia is well within the Eighth Army sector as are all of the New Zealand troops. Hence this time I will be unable to be of much assistance to you.

I certainly did enjoy your visit with us in Rome and look back upon the brandy sessions with a great deal of longing. If I ever get back to that fair city you can be assured that I will look you up immediately.

Be sure and come see us if you have an opportunity, and get your feet firmly in the good earth.

Sincerely,

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REAGAN HOUSTON,
Major, Infantry,
Asst. Secy. Gen. Staff.

P.S.: "General Al" has just returned from three weeks in the States and is attacking any and all problems with renewed vigor.

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Pencil notes by Captain Stone.

Mr. Caccia.

Gen. Browning understands now the political aspects of such a mission. He agrees that a low level mission (colonel and 2 majors, say) would be O.K.

EWS.

See cable S-297

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OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT BARI
OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT AT
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

BARI

16th July, 1944

My dear Harold,

You will probably have seen a copy of a minute sent by the Army Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission to Force 399 on the 19th June (marked G/6/1) about Italian troops in Yugoslavia.

This question was discussed at a meeting of the new Policy Committee on the 28th June.

It was decided that there was no military objection to an Italian Military Mission being sent to the Supremo Command of the Yugoslav Army of National Liberation, but it was pointed out that this was a matter for arrangements solely between the Italian Military authorities and Marshal Tito.

The meeting emphasized the great practical difficulties in the way of any large-scale evacuation in the present military situation and pointed out that Italian doctors had already been infiltrated into Yugoslavia and an increasing number of Italian wounded had been brought out.

Any communications which the Italians may wish to make to Marshal Tito should be addressed to the British Military Mission for onward transmission.

Yours ever,

/s/ Philip Broad

H. Caccia, Esq.,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

PS. I am sending copies of this letter to Sir Noel Charles, Naples; Resident Minister A.F.H.Q., and the Foreign Office.

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APP A
10 Jul 44

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SUBJECT:- Italian tps Fighting in JUGOSLAVIA

Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
19 Jun 44

Force 266

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm

1. Att is a translation of a letter received from Marshal MESSE.

2. Would you please state your reaction to his proposal, in order that a reply may be sent.

/s/ Illegible

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

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19 Dec 44

TRANSLATION No 677 BONOMI

Comando Supremo
Unit: Operations Office
Ref No: 13528/Op
7 June 44

A.C.C.

SUBJECT:- Garibaldi Division and Italian Soldiers Fighting in YUGOSLAVIA with Partisan Units.

This Comando Supremo has been able to ascertain that the following Italian forces are at present operating side by side with Partisan units of the Army of Liberation:-

The Garibaldi Division - under the II Corps
The Garibaldi Battalion - under the I Proletarian Brigade
The Matteoti Battalion - under the III Proletarian Brigade
Numerous groups of military distributed among the various partisan units
Numerous military isolated and dispersed, who have found refuge with various private individuals as workers.

The A.C. knows very well the difficult conditions to which Italiansofficers and soldiers at present in the Balkans are subjected to because of the defficiency of food, clothing, equipment, medicine, etc.

The heavy losses suffered in battle and the accute sufferings endured have influenced the physical status and morale of these men who, having given their oath, follow their Commander's orders, refusing to surrender to the Germans.

I believe it is absolutely necessary to provide in some way for these brave soldiers whose efforts, though fo an individual character make up the contribution of the Italian armed forces to the Allied cause against the common enemy. It is indispensable that they hear the voice and the aid of the Fatherland, so that they remain unswerving in that faith which they have chosen voluntarily from the very beginning.

I am of the opinion that a good beginning for the solution of the problem would be to send an Italian Military Missinn to the Supreme Command of the YUGOSLAV partisan Army of Liberation (Marshal TITO).

The tasks of the Mission could, in general, be the following:- 276

examine the needs of our soldiers
submit to and obtain from the Supreme Command of the J.P.A.L. (Partisan Army) all those measures of a material and moral nature which could be executed within thePartisan Army itself and in the interest of the individual soldier.
Suggest to the Italian Comando Supremo those measures which are apt to inform our soldiers that the Italian authoritimes follow their tidings, their life, appreciate their sacrifices and look after their material and spiritual needs.
concretise, in accordance with the Supreme Command of the Partisan Army, the procedure for the repatriation of those military needing medical care and rest, and who can no longer contribute effectively to the fight.

The Military Mission, headed by a colonel, would be composed of 4 or 5 [illegible] and various mixed personnel for liaison services, and furnished with [illegible] deployed with the

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I trust that the above proposal, submitted with the purpose of increasing to the maximum the Italian contribution to the fight against the Germans and of meeting the requirements, of a military, and above all, a spiritual nature of the many Italian soldiers scattered throughout YUGOSLAVIA, will find in the Commission the support necessary to surmout those difficulties which could come inthe way of its practical application.

(146) AFC
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7 Jan 44

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THE MARSHAL OF ITALY

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
Giovanni Messe.

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TRANSLATION

In its meetings of Saturday 15th and Monday 17th, The Council of Ministers has heard the Minister of War's account of the military effort of the Country for participation in the war.

The Minister has made references to the present state of the Army, to the problem of cadres, and to the necessity of an epuration and selection, to the admission of the volunteers in the ranks of the Army and also to the necessary liaison between the Army and the band s of patriots,

The Council has approved the account of the Minister of war and has encouraged him to proceed with his effort.

The Council interpreting the feelings of the country, and trusting the Allies for overcoming every difficulty of material order, which mark the limits of the deployment line of Italian troops, has examined the concrete forms for intensifying the contribution of our arms to the war of liberation.

The Council has decided to make use of the spirit of voluntarism so widely spread in the Country, and especially ardent in the regions which get freed by and by, to put at the disposal of the aims of the common cause the greatest possible number of fighters.

The Council of Ministers after having amply discussed the possibilities of helping every form of resistance in the occupied regions, has acknowledged that the armed bands of partisans who fight against the Germans invader must be considered as integral part of the war effort of the Nation,. Therefore, the Minister of War,making the necessary agreements with the Allies, will take the necessary steps to establish regular liaison with these bands, to better their cadres, to increase the material and moral support of which they are in need. To the patriots whou fought in band and who will find themselves on this side of the front, will be given the possibility to go on fighting like volunteers in the cadres of special units.

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Nelle sue riunioni di sabato 15 e lunedì 17 il Consiglio dei Ministri ha ascoltato una relazione del Ministro della Guerra sullo sforzo militare del Paese per la partecipazione alla guerra.

Il Ministro ha riferito sulla situazione presente dell'Esercito, sul problema dei quadri e della indispensabile loro epurazione e selezione, sull'ammissione dei volontari nelle file dell'Esercito nonchè sul necessario collegamento tra l'Esercito e le bande di patrioti.

Il Consiglio ha approvato la relazione del Ministro della Guerra e lo ha esortato a proseguire nello sforzo intrapreso.

Il Consiglio, facendosi interprete dei sentimenti del Paese e fidando negli Alleati per superare le difficoltà di ordine materiale che segnano i limiti dello schieramento in linea di truppe italiane, ha esaminato le forme concrete per intensificare l'apporto delle nostre armi alla guerra di liberazione.

In particolare il Consiglio ha deliberato di valersi dello spirito volontaristico diffuso nel Paese, e particolarmente vivo nelle regioni via via liberate, per mettere a disposizione ai fini della causa comune il maggiore numero di combattenti.

Il Consiglio dei Ministri dopo avere poi discusso ampiamente le possibilità di aiuto a tutte le forme di resistenza nelle regioni occupate, ha riconosciuto che le bande armate di partigiani le quali lottano contro l'invasore tedesco devono essere considerate come parte integrante dello sforzo di guerra delle Nazioni Per quanto

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21 July 1944

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Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to our conference of July 19th on the subject of employment of the Arditi Air Force Battalion in the Italian Army for combat purposes which we reopened at the request of Premier Bonomi, I regret to have to inform you that the position remains unchanged from that set forth in General MacFarlane's letter to you, CC/G/325 of 23 May. Accordingly, I am not in a position to alter the decision set forth in that letter.

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Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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A/cc 091.711 18 July 1944

Subject: Italian Liaison Section

My dear Marshal Messe:

The following officers are members of the Italian Liaison Section:

Major Lanfranco Campello	Artillery
Lieut. Comdr. Gustavo Lovatelli	Navy
Lieut. Pietro Apostolo	Navy
Lieut. L. V. Grottanelli	Artillery
Lieut. Gerardo Zampaglione	Infantry
Lieut. C. Caracciolo	Cavalry
Sergeant Aldo Pennone	Infantry
Seaman Renato Francillo	Navy

With the transfer of the Italian Government and the Headquarters Allied Control Commission to Rome, I feel that there is no longer any need for the Italian Liaison Section in its present form.

Since the early days in Brindisi these officers have done excellent work, and while various Ministries of the Italian Government and sub-commissions of the Allied Control Commission were located in widely separated places, the Italian Liaison Section proved very useful. Now, however, our sub-commissions have established direct relations with their opposite numbers in the Italian Government so that I no longer feel justified in witholding some of these officers from active military duty.

I would like to retain as attached to my personal staff the following officers and other ranks:

Lieut. Pietro Apostolo	Navy
Lieut. L. V. Grottanelli	Artillery
Sergeant Aldo Pennone	Infantry
Seaman Renato Francillo	Navy

My Administrative Section would like to retain the services of Lieut. Gerardo Zampaglione, Infantry.

I suggest that the other officers above indicated be relieved of their duties with the Italian Liaison Section, which will no longer exist as such, and returned to their respective organizations for other assignments.

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Will you please express on my behalf to all officers concerned my grateful appreciation for the excellent cooperation they have always given to the Allied Control Commission.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

H.E. Marshal Giovanni Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Admiral De Courten

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ITALIAN LIAISON SECTION

12 July 1944

The following officers are members of the Italian Liaison Section :

Major Lanfranco CAMPELLO	Artillery
Lieut. Cmdr. Gustavo LOVATELLI	Navy
Lieut. (Navy) Pietro APOSTOLO	Navy
Lieut. L.V. GROTTANELLI	Artillery
Lieut. Gerardo ZAMPAGLIONE	Infantry
Lieut. O. CARACCIOLO	Cavalry
Seargent Aldo PENNONE	Infantry
Seaman (clerk) Renato Francillo	Navy

L. CAMPELLO
Major
Italian Liaison Section

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Col. Montfort

Could you discuss with Col Pidsley and let Gen Broadhurst know the position of Campello of the Italian Liaison Section?

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Capt. Stone.

With the arrival of A.F.H.Q. and Italian Govt in Rome all Italian Liaison Section, with possible exception of personnel liaison officer for C.C., should be abolished. I have already told the idea to Campello.

Lucy

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

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OGGETTO 4 Jul 42

Dear Mussolini,

Forgive hasty note.

Great hurry!

Ref attached -

1. The matter referred to (which I should not mention over the Italian wireless) is upon which agree (particularly after any remarks at your Cabinet meeting) that there can be only Italian Army to Assist Italian Army in the Italian theatre of operations.

As soon as the Italian Army has advanced and should be dropped. Airborne Divisions of should be dropped in any event I would like instructions if you would like PADELETS to A or on the Line of PADELETS from 1 to 6. Then we'll move forward any Church of Scotland Victories.

PTO

I do not agree, SD

See you

End

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To. General Browning.

This morning I asked Major CAMPELLO of the A.C.C. Italian Liaison Section to explain his section's function to me.

It appears that there are three Italian officers who have been appointed by Commando Supremo as liaison between A.C.C. and "the various ministries" and that in addition they deal themselves with many questions which really affect sub-commissions. (see attached signal.)

I explained to Major CAMPELLO the situation as regards the Italian Army.

1. The strength & composition is decided by Comb. Chiefs of Staff
2. It is entirely under the command of Gen. Alexander
3. The governmental aspect is controlled by Chief Commissioner
4. The ~~Director~~ Army Sub Commission is the only channel of communication between the Allied Comd & Italian Army command.
5. Any liaison with Italian Army is provided by Army Sub Commission (AMMIH) Liaison section.
6. There can be no other channel.

I think it would be well if we got confirmation of this from Exec. Commission & had it circulated. The Italian Liaison section appears to be redundant as far as the Italian Army is concerned.

4 July 44

W Pidsley Clark

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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18 JUL 1944

18 July 1944

A/CC 091.711

Dear Marshal Messe:

I shall be very happy to see you at 10 o'clock on the 19th.

I am hopeful that on the occasion of our meeting you will be able to bring with you the answer to my letter to you of 5 July concerning the exact functions now being performed by the Comando Supremo.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

091.711

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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(143) This letter given to Italian Liaison Section at 1225 hours, 18 July for delivery by hand to Marshal Messe.
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From : COMANDO SUPREMO
file N° I4193/OP

A 1812
23 JUL 1944

Dear Captain,

with reference to your request No A/CC091.711 dated 5th inst., hereby I enclose a memorandum on the main activities carried out by Comando Supremo both in relation to the functions assigned by the Italian Law to the General Chief of Staff and to the special situation depending from the status of cobelligerancy.

Yours sincerely

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
Marshal Messe

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ATTRIBUTION OF COMANDO SUPREMO

A) - Activities devolved by law to the Chief of General Staff(Comando Supremo) :

1° - Consultation by the Presidency of Council of Ministers for the most important questions concerning political and military problems.

2° - Coordination in the activity of the three Armed Forces both for the war effort (now under the point of view of cobelligerency) and for their organization.

3° - Coordination in the activity of the three Armed Forces for all that concerns discipline measures, rules regarding personnel, promotions, nomination of upper rank C.O.

4° - High inspection on the service of wartime military penal justice. Therefore institution, amendments, suppression of wartime military Tribunals as well as nomination of the highest officials of such bodies are under jurisdiction of Comando Supremo; some of the offices existing in such tribunals (like military procure, Public Persecutor offices etc) also depend from Comando Supremo.
Comando Supremo does also issue, through proclamations, rules having force of law for what concerns matters regarding penal law and procedure in wartime as well as judicial military. Organization .

5° - Awarding of military honours " on the field" (war crosses, bronze and silver medals).

B) - Activities devolved to Comando Supremo, besides those referred to in para A), according to the present situation :

1° - High liaison with the Allied Control Commission for definition of military questions which fall under Comando Supremo's responsibility, or which outstand the normal appurtenances of Military Staffs, or which direct resolution between the Military Staffs and corresponding Sub-commissions might have been not possible.

2° - Military information Service (S.I.M.) 265

a) - information activity and counter-intelligence

b) - liaison and support to the "patriots" bands, their employment, in collaboration with Allied Armed Forces;

c) - training and employment - in accordance with Allied Intelligence service branches- of saboteurs and special envoyees to be dropped in occupied territory.

d) - examination of personnel puring in from occupied zones.

3° - Topographic, operational and organizming work for the three

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Armed Forces: situation of the three Armed Forces - collection of documents and historic recording of facts.

4. - Coordination and employment, within the Allied requirements, of all means of communication available to the three Armed Forces; direct liaison and cooperation with the Ministry of Communications as far as radiotelecommunications are concerned.

5. - Issuing to the three Armed Forces of directions concerning the ascertainment of officers' and NCOs' behaviour on and after the proclamation of armstice on September 8th, 1943; and for the period of German occupation for those of them found in the territory later liberated. The final judgement on the behaviour of high-ranking officers is as well devolved to the General Chief of Staff. All the above to the end of epuration and choice of officers.

6. - Issuing of combined single instructions to all three Armed Forces in those fields of activity(morale, services etc.)whose problems have to be settled in a combined basis in order to avoid differences between the abovesaid Armed Forces.

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P.M. 135, 15 luglio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

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A 1812
23 JUL 1944

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COMMISSARIO CAPO A.C.C.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

15 luglio 1944

ATTRIBUZIONI DEL COMANDO SUPREMO

A)- ATTIVITA' DEVOLUTE - PER LEGGE - AL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE (COMANDO SUPREMO):

1°)- Consulenza della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri per le più importanti questioni di carattere politico militare.

2°)- Coordinamento dell'attività delle tre FF.AA., sia ai fini dello sforzo bellico (oggi nel quadro della cobelligeranza), sia ai fini della loro organizzazione.

3°)- Coordinamento dell'attività delle tre FF.AA. in fatto di provvedimenti disciplinari, norme riguardanti il personale, promozioni, designazioni dei comandanti di grado più elevato.

4°)- Alta vigilanza sul servizio della giustizia penale militare di guerra.
Pertanto l'istituzione, le modifiche, la soppressione dei Tribunali Militari di guerra e la nomina dei più alti funzionari di tali enti sono compiti del Comando Supremo: da esso dipendono anche taluni degli uffici costituiti presso tali tribunali (procure militari, uffici del Pubblico Ministero, ecc.).
Il Comando Supremo emana inoltre, mediante bandi, norme aventi vigore di legge nelle materie attinenti alla legge ed alla procedura penale di guerra ed agli ordinamenti giudiziari militari.

5°)- Concessione di ricompense al Valor Militare "sul campo" (croce [illegible], medaglia di bronzo e medaglia d'argento).

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1°)- Alto collegamento con la Commissione Alleata di Controllo per la definizione delle questioni di carattere militare che rientrano nella responsabilità del Comando Supremo, o che superano la competenza degli S.M., o che non fosse stato possibile ai predetti S.M. risolvere direttamente con le Sottocommissioni corrispondenti.

2°)- Funzionamento del servizio informazioni militare (S.I.M.) e più precisamente:

a)- attività informativa e di controspionaggio;

b)- collegamento e potenziamento delle bande di patrioti, loro impiego, in collaborazione con la parte alleata;

c)- addestramento ed impiego - in accordo con gli organi del servizio informazioni alleato - dei sabotatori ed emissari da lanciare in territorio occupato;

d)- interrogatorio del personale che affluisce dalle zone occupate.

3°)- Studi di carattere topografico-operativo e di ordinamento relativi alle tre FF.AA.; situazione delle tre FF.AA. - raccolta di documenti e ricostruzione storica di avvenimenti.

4°)- Coordinamento e impiego dei mezzi delle tre FF.AA. disponibili per le radiotelecomunicazioni, nel quadro delle richieste alleate: collegamento e cooperazione diretta col Ministero delle Comunicazioni nel campo delle radiotelecomunicazioni.

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Al Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale è devoluto poi il giudizio definitivo sul comportamento tenuto dagli ufficiali di grado più

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Quanto sopra, ai fini dell'epurazione e selezione dei quadri.

6°)- Emanazione di direttive uniche per le tre FF.AA. in quei set= tori di attività (nel campo morale, in quello dei servizi, ecc.) in cui le questioni devono essere decise unitariamente per evi= tare sperequazioni tra le predette FF.AA.-

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AGO SECURITY BRANCH
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17 JULY

SECRET
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A/CG

GENERAL AZZI WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ALBANIA IS NOW BEING CONFIRMED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR IMPORTANT ARMY POST ~~FD PAREN TO FORCE THREE NINE NINE FOR GENERAL STAFF, FROM AGO FROM SOME PERSONAL PAREN~~ INTENSIVE FORCES THREE NINE NINE MAY HAVE GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION OF AZZI AFOREMENTIONED CONDUCT IN ALBANIA WHICH MIGHT RENDER UNDESIRABLE HIS APPOINTMENT TO HIGH POST FD VIEWS OF FORCE THREE NINE NINE REQUIRED URGENTLY

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HENRY W. [illegible]
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

15 July 1944

Ref/161/86/CA

SUBJECT: Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Distribution below.

For your information copy of letter Ref. No. 2030/1292 of 1 July 44 from HQ. AAI is given hereunder.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

H.Q. AAI
CMF
2030/12/Q2. 1 July 44

CG Fifht Army
Main HQ Eight Army
Rear HQ Eight Army
HQ 5 Corps
1 District
2 District
3 District
CG PBS
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1. The Italian Armed Forces are fighting and working as co-belligerents with the Allies in Italy. Their help can, however, only be effective if they have the means to administer and maintain themselves.

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4. The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorized to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected.

/s/ A.L. HAMBLEN Brig. Gen.
For Major-General.
Chief Admin. Officer.

Copy to: FOWIT
MAAF
ACC Adv
DIST. "B"
Main HQ Army Sub Commission LEQUILE
Adv. Army Sub-Commission, ROME
2057/Q2

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for
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HQ ACC, APO 512
16 Sec'y G-5
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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A21/22/67

Subject: Soldiers of the Cuneo Division.

To : A.F.H.Q., G-5 Section, APO 512.

13 July 1944.

1. Ref your 091.711 -1 dated 7 July 1944.

2. I have informed the Comando Supremo that you have agreed that a Colonel should remain in charge of the small staff of the Cuneo Division, and have asked if they have any preference as to which Colonel should remain.

3. Ref para. 3 the Memo of 7 March referred to was one addressed to Allied Control Commission signed by Lt. General J.A.H. CAMPBELL, Chief of Staff.

For Acting Chief Commissioner:

J.A.CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

Copy to : (2) Secretary General, H.Q. A.C.C. (for information) ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

A 1645
25 JUL 1944 - Tel (A) & B

11 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I should be glad if you would hand on to Marshal MESSE the enclosed letter on the subject of General CASTELLANO's future.

For your own information my reasons for writing to MESSE are these. CASTELLANO, as you know, is shortly to be recalled from the Italian Military Mission here, as his mission is now being withdrawn. While he is quite willing to leave ALGIERS, he has expressed in confidence not a little concern for his future should he return to ITALY. He believes that in certain Italian quarters, especially in Naval circles, he is thought to have allowed himself to be deceived as to Allied potentialities at the time of the pre-Armistice discussions, and that feeling on this point is so strong that certain elements in ITALY, more especially in the Navy, regard him as a traitor to his country. CASTELLANO is convinced that his removal from ALGIERS is to get him away from close contact with the Allies with a view to taking more drastic action against him at some later date and turning him into a scapegoat. At the same time he feels that if it were known that the Allied authorities were interested in his future, the Italian Government would not dare to take any steps against him; and he has suggested that if MESSE were written to and asked to give him a post which would keep him in close contact with the Allies, the Italian authorities would accede to our wishes and he would be safe for some time longer at least.

General Castellano played a very important role in arriving at the Armistice and since the signing has shown himself to be loyal to the Allied cause. His example has gone far to convince others whose adherence to the Allies' aims was perhaps less whole-hearted.

In these circumstances I feel strongly that we should accord him our protection and I have therefore written to MESSE on the lines suggested.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre

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

Captain Ellery Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

11 Jul 44

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SECRET

11 July 1944

Dear Marshal,

I understand that General CASTELLANO is leaving ALGIERS shortly in order to take up new duties elsewhere, and I want to take this opportunity of writing to tell you how greatly I value the very special services which he has rendered to the Allied cause during the whole period of his cooperation with us. Both before and at the time of the Armistice no man could have done more or worked harder in the interests of his country than General CASTELLANO, and I am particularly conscious of the great personal sacrifice he made in taking the course he did. His subsequent work as Chief of the Italian Military Mission here in ALGIERS has only confirmed the high opinion of him which I had already formed.

I should be very reluctant to think that General Castellano's departure means the end of an association to which I attach such importance. But, before he left, General STRONG suggested to me - and it is a suggestion which I readily endorse - that it might be possible for you to find a post for General CASTELLANO in which he would continue to work in close touch and cooperation with the Allied authorities, while we, on our side, would continue to enjoy the very real benefit of his services. If you would consider his future employment from that point of view, I should be most grateful.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre

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

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Marshal Giovanni MESSE,
Chief of the Supreme Italian General Staff.

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13 JUL 1944

TOP SECRET.

Ref: 6/201/CA.

11.July.1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Attached letter from Region IV on the Armata Rossa is submitted. I am obtaining a report from ROME Region on the alleged HQ in ROME.

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11 Dec 44

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TO : HQ ACC(RC & MC Section)

8 July 1944

SUBJECT : Recruiting of Italian Army

FILE No.: R4/191.711

1. Reference your Adv GCA of 4 July 1944, accompanied by Capt. Hoelscher, I made a personal call yesterday on the alleged Recruiting Station for the "Armata Rossa" in Terracina. I arrived at a time when a small Committee Meeting was in process, and so had the opportunity of explaining to the Committee the policy laid down by ACC. I told them that we were not concerned with the repression of any Party activities, but that any form of enrolment for an unauthorized Army, or the use of any recruiting posters for such an Army, was absolutely prohibited. I am bound to say that I found complete comprehension and sympathy, and received a direct promise that all "Armata Rossa" notices would be taken down at once. I have instructed Provincial Commissioner, Littoria, to follow the matter up, and see that the notices are in fact removed.

2. I attach one typical placard which I took down from the wall, and I certainly gained the general impression that there was a somewhat ~~co-ordinated~~ desire to do some fighting alongside the Allies, in order to get the Germans out of the country. The whole office or organization, books, posters, etc., had a somewhat amateurish aspect, and I do not think the Terracina Group is at all a large one.

Regional Commissioner

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Copy to:-
Provincial Commissioner, Littoria.

R4/191.711
8 Jul 44

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10 July 1944

Subject: Italian Soldiers of the Cuneo Division

11 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. The attached translation of a letter from the Italian Comando Supremo, No. 14005/OP dated 3 July 1944, is forwarded.

2. The letter DCC 091.711 of 16 March referred to in para 2 passed on the information contained in para 3 of General Gammell's letter of 7 March to A.C.C.

3. Since from General Gammell's letter above referred to it is clear that the personnel of the Cuneo Division are not to be treated or considered as prisoners of war, may I be given such particulars as will enable me to explain the situation to the Comando Supremo.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Lt. Col. Campbell,
Army Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND
GROUP I - Office of Operations

3 July 1944

File No. 14005/OP

To: A.C.C.

D.S.D. 1628

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers of the Cuneo Division. 11 JUL 1944

According to information which has come to this Command, it seems that the English Command of Cairo has issued an order according to which the Italian soldiers already belonging to the Cuneo Division, and at present assigned to the companies of pioneers in Egypt, must be considered as "cooperating prisoners".

We think this must be an error, since it is a well known fact that these soldiers cannot be considered prisoners of war. The Commission's letter DOC 09/.711 dated 16 March 1944 clearly states that:

> "Those belonging to the division are employed in Egypt under the same conditions as those units of the Italian Army which are behind the Allies Armies, and are in no way considered as "prisoners of war."

Hence I wish to ask the Commission to kindly clarify this error, in order to permit this Supreme Command to reassure the soldiers of the Cuneo Division who in this last few months have given their service to the common cause with enthusiasm despite their bitterness at the fact that greater needs for transport have not permitted them to fight on their Fatherland.

The General of Division

/s/ Adolfo Infante

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HQ ACC, APO 394
118 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 20 July 1944
By PCR

TRANSLATION

Rome 9 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

Thank you very much for your kind answer to the letter I sent to General MacFarlane.

When I left Salerno, you were away, and I couldn't come personally to thank you and pay my respects to you as I wanted to.

On your arrival in Rome, I will have the pleasure of calling on you to express my gratitude for the kindness you always showed me.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Gen. Taddeo Orlando

Captain Ellery W. Stone
Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner

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HQ ACC, APO 394
118 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 20 July 1140
By DBR.

Roma 9 luglio 1944

Caro Comandante Stone,

Vi ringrazio vivamente della gentile risposta alla mia lettera diretta al Generale Mac Farlane.

Quando sono partito da Salerno Voi eravate assente e non ho potuto, come desideravo, venire personalmente ad esprimere a Voi, caro Comandante, il mio ringraziamento ed il mio saluto.

Rimanderò al Vostro arrivo a Roma il piacere di esprimervi a viva voce tutta la mia gratitudine per le cortesie che in ogni circostanza avete voluto usarmi.

Credetemi vostro

Gen. Paolo Berardi

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Al Comandante
ELLERY W. STONE
Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner

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JAQ/dfe

10 July 1944

DSO 471
10 JUL 1944

I have been asked by the Italians to corroborate whether Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, Italian Liaison Officer with the New Zealand troops of the 5th Army, has been killed during the recent fighting in the Perugia area. If this is true, I should also be very grateful for any news you can give me on this officer's death, so that I may pass it on to the Comando Supremo.

As you will see, I am still in this country. General Mason Mac has returned to England. His back, I think, is pretty bad. However we are hoping to see him in Italy again before very long. Meanwhile I have been left behind, acting as a sort of Aide to Captain Stone, his Deputy.

Our HQ is moving up to Rome in a couple of days, and I hope there may be a chance of seeing you. Should any of you come to Rome, be sure to let me know at the Grand Hotel. I would hate to miss you.

Very best wishes to yourself and Ridgeway, and please remember me to General "Al".

Major Reagan Huston
Chief of Staff Section
Hq 5th Army

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With reference to your letter number 71/GI, I am making inquiries from 5th Army Headquarters as to the death of Lieutenant Brandolin, and I will let you know as soon as I have definite news.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Answered.
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COMANDO SUPREMO

IL SOTTO CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

July, 8th '44.

N° 71/GI di prot.

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10 JUL 1944

My dear Roni,

it appears that Tenente

Tiberto BRANDOLIN

- Italian L.O.

by the New-Zealand troops of the V^th Army - has fallen in action during the last fighting in the PERUGIA area.

I would be very obliged if you could let me know wether such rumour be true and whatever news you may obtain on the above Officer.

Thanks + hope see you soon

Yours

A. Scott Quayle

To:
Major J.A.QUAYLE
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FROM: MMIA

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YOUR ADV 254. ANSWER IS THAT ITALIAN UNITS IN ROME WILL HAVE TO DRAW THEIR RATIONS FROM ITALIAN DEPOT IN NAPLES ANDTRANSPORT TO ROME IN ITALIAN VEHICLES WHICH WE KNOW ARE AVAILABLE. PBS WILL SUPPLY 212 DIV UNITS AND 210 DIV UNITS BY PBS TRANSPORT UNDER PBS ARRANGEMENTS PBS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING OTHER THAN 210 AND 212 DIV. THIS IS IMPORTANT REASON WHY ITALIAN ARMY UNITS IN ROME MUST BE HELD TO MINIMUM AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WE WILL OPEN DISTRIBUTION DEPOT THAT AREA

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COL. SIMMONS thru Allied Garrison Comd. SARDINIA 7 July 44
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F. J. Noland
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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4. The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorised to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected.

(sgd) A.L. HAMBLEN Brig Genl.
for Major-General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ROGER B. DENEY,
CAPTAIN, AGD.,
DEPUTY ADJUTANT.

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To: Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main H.Q. (MMIA) LECCE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

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13 JUL 1944

DATE.	SUBJECT.	ACTION TAKEN.
18 June	Repatriation of 213 Sick and Wounded PW from N. Africa. (AG 1562 dated 17/6/44).	Approval confirmed in writing by High Commissioner for PW.
	Letter from Marshal Messe re repatriation of Italians from Island of Lissa.	Letter sent to Marshal Messe asking for more details re number etc., so that a decision can be taken.
	Signalled AAI Marshal Messe's recommendation for replacement of battalion from Nembo Div. by Duca D'Aosta Battalion.	Spoke 'G' MMIA who agreed that they only waited Marshal Messe's recommendation forwarded.
	General Browing arrived Naples.	Unable to contact him. He left for Rome with General Macferlane.
19 June	Conference with Capt. Stone on questions of (a) Carriages of Gonne (b) Military H.Q. in Rome.	General Infante to forward full report. Depaty Chief Commissioner would speak to General Macfarlane.
	Signal from MMIA on breach of security by Comando Supremo. Disagreed with Comando's Supremo selection of Duca D'Aosta Battalion.	Arranged to see Comando Supremo to-morrow.
	Letter from High Commissioner for PW re irregular transfer of PW from Camp No. 1 to Camp No. 17.	Acknowledged to High Commissioner for PW and informed that matter has been taken up with A.F.H.Q.
20 June	Visited Comando Supremo re MMIA signal and asked (a) Why had breach of security been committed (b) Full reason for selection of Duca D'Aosta Battalion to replace Battalion of Nembo Div.	General Infante refused to admit that any breach of security had been committed. Instructions to alert Duca D'Aosta Battalion had been handed to General Berardi's Chief of Staff - no reason for the alerting being given. Marshal Messe still emphatic on his selection of Duca D'Aosta Battalion. Was given letter signed by Marshal Messe stating that he recommended the Duca D'Aosta Battalion and not Cando Battalion. Signalled MMIA accordingly.
	Signal sent by General Browing to arrange meeting with Generals Infante and Berardi in Naples 1700 hours 20th. June. Received this office 1715 hours 20 June.	General Infante had somehow received message and managed to get to Naples with General Berardi in time to have a long meeting with General Browing.

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DATE.	SUBJECT.	ACTION TAKEN.
20 June	Application for release of PW LANCELLA, Giovanni from H.Q. A.A.I.	Passed to High Commissioner for PW for action.
21 June	Request from AFHQ Displ' Public Safety Sub-Commission for information concerning welfare and whereabouts of 3 Italians in employ of Allies.	Forwarded to High Commissioner for PW for investigation and report.
	Visited Comando Supremo and discussed different points with General Infante.	
22 June	Visited Rome.	Saw Colonel Pidsley and discussed several questions with him. Promised to forward list giving Staff and Strength of Comando Supremo moving to Rome.
23 June	Returned to depôts.	
	Restitution of personal property to repatriated PW. (Certain irregularities alleged in relation to private effects and monies.)	Represented to AFHQ by A.C.C.
24 June	Discussed outstanding PW questions with Colonel Densmore.	
25 June	Repatriation of 6 Italian Generals from N. Africa - request from AFHQ.	Comando Supremo advised to submit formal requests.
26 June	Italian PW welfare enquiries from AFHQ.	Passed to High Commissioner for PW for necessary action.
	Spoke with General Browning on question of General Cadia as Secretary for War. General Browning wished Captain Stone to ask General Alexander if he was in agreement. General Browning would like reply by 1200 hours 28 June.	Passed message to Capt. Stone through I/A. Capt. Stone tried to contact General Alexander by telephone, but could not, as signal was sent.
27 June	Request from Marshal Messe for withdrawal of Jugoslav Partisan Garrison which landed on Island of Pelagosa on 25 May 1944.	224 Put up to Political Section for remarks prior to forwarding letter to AFHQ through A/Chief Commissioner's office.

Visited High Commissioner for PW and discussed:

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DATE.	SUBJECT.	ACTION TAKEN.
27 June.	(a) Letter from Italian Prime Minister to Chief Commissioner on question of status of Italian PW in Italy.	(a) Passed to Chief Commissioner - discussed question with him and decided to ask Political Section for their remarks before forwarding to AFHQ for their reply of decision.
	(b) General Drina and visit to N. Africa to select suitable PW to do work in JAG Branch.	(b) High Commissioner for PW and Comando Supremo say not necessary for General Drina to go.
	(c) PW in hands of the French.	(c) Letter written to AFHQ still waiting for a reply.
	(d) Italian PW and Internees in E. Africa not being treated in accordance with their status.	(d) AFHQ have been written on this subject. No answer - reminder being sent.
	(e) PW in Egypt still wearing patches and PW markings on clothing.	(e) The matter to be referred to AFHQ, as the agreement was that patches would be removed.
	(f) PW in N. Africa not receiving any cash or token money to spend.	(f) Matter referred to AFHQ.
	Conference with Capt. Stone on PW questions. Colonel Densmore, Lt.-Colonel Campbell and Major Quayle present. The question of what Branch or Sub-Commission should handle PW after the move to Rome was discussed. The question of higher authority giving a definite ruling on Italian PW was raised.	It was decided that Colonel Densmore should discuss with Brig. Lush the question of what existing Sub-Commission or Branch should handle this question, or if a new PW Branch should be created. Capt. Stone agreed the whole question required a fuller understanding and a definite policy. The Political Branch was to be tackled and on what they said a letter to AFHQ was to be drafted.
28 June	Major Quayle phoned stating General Alexander had agreed that General Orlia should be put forward as Secretary for War.	Message passed to AFHQ by telephone - (Col. Kerr - Lt.-Col. Campbell spoke.)
29 June	Signal from General Browning to arrange appointment for him with Capt. Stone 30 June approx. 1030 hrs.	Appointment arranged. Informed General Browning at Lequile by 'phone. Arranged to meet General at Montecorvino Airfield at 1000 hours to-morrow. Phoned Colonel Densmore and agreed time of appointment at 1130 hours.

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DATE.	SUBJECT.	ACTION TAKEN.
29 June	Repatriation of 6 Italian Army Officers. (AG/11/1 dated 24/6/44.)	Forwarded to High Commissioner for PW to ascertain whether Comando Supremo in agreement.
	Repatriation of Italian Generals Runci and Pannello.	CG NATOUSA informed thatmost suitable place of release is Naples.
	Letter from AMGOT re killing of Italian PW by guards.	Passed to A/Chief Commissioner thru' F/S.
	Letter from High Commissioner for PW complaining of conditions in PW Camp No. 26, where several Italian PW officers have been transferred from Camp of Y&L.	Represented to AFHQ, and asked to be advised of any action taken so that reply may be made to High Commissioner for PW.
	AFHQ asked for comments on H.Q. S.O.(M) proposal to evacuate 500 Italian soldiers per month from Albania.	Italian Government keen that this should be done. AFHQ informed accordingly.
	Comando Supremo request for provision of Italian officer staff for 'CMRO' personnel in Egypt.	Represented to AFHQ.
	Letter from High Commissioner for PW re repatriation and condition of Italian PW in Italy.	Forwarded to AFHQ together with letter from Acting Chief Commissioner.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt-Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

5 July 1944.
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 150/45/CA.

5. Jul. 44.

OSS 1553
7 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Report.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C. M. F.

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I refer to your letter AAI/5040/27/A(PS) dated 30.Jun and in reply would refer you to Major-General Browning's letter AQ/6 of 7.Jun to the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C., who forwarded this letter together with his comments under Ref: CC/G/391 dated 12.Jun. This letter was acknowledged by General Robertson, Ref: 5[illegible]22/CAO dated 15.Jun. I do not think that any further action is necessary in this matter.

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N. S. [illegible]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

AAI/JC.

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Copy to: Secretary General (with copy of AAI/5040/27/A(PS) dated 30.Jun.44.)

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/5040/27/A(PS).

30 Jun 44.

SUBJECT: Censorship Report.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

Ref CMF appreciation and censorship report No.46, Part C, page, 2 para 4, third sub-para.

Will you please investigate the nature of the instruction circulated by the Chief of the Italian General Staff and if possible forward a copy and translation.

(Sgd) C. M. PATON.

Brigadier,
D. A. G.

JDP/TY.

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A/CC 091.711

5 July 1944

DSUSA
6 JUL 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

Questions have arisen from time to time as to the exact functions now being performed by the Comando Supremo. In order to permit me to deal with such questions satisfactorily, I should be grateful if you would write me a summary of the activities and functions of the Comando Supremo, specifically indicating those which it is required to perform under Italian law.

In reporting on the functions of the Comando Supremo, will you also include those of any attached or subsidiary units such as S.I.M.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: MMIA, ACC MAIN

DSD 1541

6 JUL 1944

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N63/4

FROM: HQ AAI

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: G-4 346

PRECEDENCE:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 031200

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

(127) Thacket (04 345 of 2 July)

HEADQUARTERS 5 JUL 1944 A.C.C.

YOU HAVE SEEN MY 345 TO PBS. IT IS CLEAR THAT MORE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES NOW FORWARD THAN CAN BE MAINTAINED UNTIL ITALIAN SET UP MACHINERY FOR SUPPLYING. THE 10,000 CEILING TOO HIGH AT PRESENT. BELIEVE STRENGTH CCRR ALL OUT PROPORTION AND SHOULD BE REDUCED AT ONCE. STRENGTH NOW EQUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL ITALY. UNITS UNDER COMMAND BEING CARED FOR BUT OTHER MOST UNTIDY. FEAR COMPLETE BREAK DOWN FEEDING IF ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE SOONEST. PERSONAL HAMBLEN TO BROWNING.

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INSTRUCT ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF THAT STRENGTH OF ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES WILL BE REDUCED TO CEILING FIGURE OF 45870 BY 31 JUL AND TO BE PREPARED FOR REDUCTION TO 40,000 IF CUTS ARE MADE IN ITALIAN ARMY CEILING

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3 JUL 1944

1. INFORM ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF THAT INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE-TODD CEILING WILL NOT EXCEED 35,000 IRRESPECTIVE OF REDUCTION OF ITALIAN ARMY TOTAL CEILING STILL AGREED.

2. POSSIBILITY OF FURNISH LIST FOR 11000 PERSONNEL PRIS SARDINIA ABOVE 7 JULY BASIS IT ESSENTIAL THAT UNITS FOR NEEDS 141 165 180 262 268 301 ON LIST 7 BE ROTATED AND ALLOWED IMMEDIATELY. PERSONNEL FOR DEMOBILIZATION WILL NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL SPECIFIC ORDERS ISSUED.

3. NEEDS AS PARA 2 WILL BE FILLED BY ACTIVE TROOP UNITS NOW EMBARKED FOR DEMOBILIZATION.

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FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL BOWEN MORCAMLET. FREEDOM SIGNAL REASON. 1. THAT MAXIMUM CEILING RECOMMENDED TO COMBINED COS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IS 441300 RPT 444300 INCLUDING NAVY AND AIR FORCE. 2. NUMBERS ABOVE THIS ARE TO BE DEMOBILIZED. 3. RATIONS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ABOVE THE NEW CEILING AFTER LAST DAY OF JULY. REF M.MA. PILPOT LETTER 16/TO/(3) G(SD1) OF 19TH JUNE TO FREEDOM GIVES BREAKDOWN OF NEW CEILING WITH AIR FORCE AS 22000 RPT 22000. NEW PARA. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT PILOT

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G.O.C. VISITS ROME AND ATTENDS CONFERENCE ON MOVE OF ITALIAN GOVT GENERAL STAFF WAR MINISTRY AND MMIA TO ROME. ADVANCE PARTIES LEAVE FOR ROME. GENERAL ORLANDO ITALIAN MINISTER OF WAR VISITS G.O.C. ITALIAN MARINE BATTALION "GRADO" INSPECTED BY SECOND IN COMMAND AND G1 BEFORE LEAVING TO COME UNDER COMMAND AMMX OF CIL. CONFERENCE AT MAIN HQ ATTENDED BY GOC GENERAL BERARDI ITALIAN C.S. AND GENERAL OXILIA DEP C.S. CEILING ITALIAN ARMY DISCUSSED.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: AAI ADNAP INFO CG SOS NATOUSA MMIA

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: FREEDOM CITE FHDQ

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: FX 66104

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 29/

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE ADNAP

DSU 15714

10 JUL 1944

REF YOUR G4-332 DATED 27 JUNE 44. 1. BRITISH ARMY DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES PROVISIONING OF RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY BY PROVIDING AT TARANTO SUFFICIENT RATIONS FOR A STRENGTH EQUIVALENT ENTIRE ITALIAN NAVY. THESE RATIONS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR RATIONING ITALIAN NAVY AND OTHER ITALIAN TROOPS IN TARANTO AREA. US SHIPMENTS TARANTO WILL THEREFORE BE DIMINISHED BY TOTAL RATION STRENGTH ITALIAN NAVY. 2. IN VIEW DEDUCTION MAKE AT TARANTO US WILL CONTINUE ITI SHIPMENTS WEST PORTS SICILY AND SARDINIA AS HERETOFORE. 3. MMIA CONTINUE RESPONSIBILITY HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION RATIONS IN ITALY BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER 1 AUG. PARA 4 OF FX 64165 OF 25 JUNE REFERS. 4. NEITHER RN NOR NAVAL SUB COMMITTEE ARE CONCERNED WITH HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION RATIONS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 091.711

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Further Italian participation in operations

29 JUN 1944

TO : Major General L. Browning, Main Hq Army Sub-Commission, (Lequile), Lecce.

1. Reference is made to the attached copies of correspondence with Marshal Messe.

2. On June 3rd both General Alexander and Marshal Messe lunched with General MacFarlane and the matter was discussed then--General Alexander saying that he would find out the situation re armament for further Italian Divisions.

3. I think this is now a matter to be handled by you direct with General Alexander and Marshal Messe.

4. Please inform me in due course of developments.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, Supreme Command No. 13375/OP, 30 May 44
Incl 2 - Ltr, Hq ACC, A/CC 091.711 to Marshal Messe, 29 Jun 44

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Acting Chief Commissioner:

Note General MacFarlane's notation to the effect "General Alexander spoke Messe. He is finding out situation on armament for further Italian Divisions".

It would seem that this would be a proper matter to be handled by General Browning with General Alexander.

L.D.D.

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND P.M. 135, 30 May 1944

I Dept - Operations Office

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

No. 13975/OP.

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations.

With the sending of the "Tembo" 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

(123) Incl 1

13375/OP
30 May 44

Gen Alexander spoke to me regarding our situation re armament for further Italian units.

COMANDO SUPREMO

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

P.M.135, 30 maggio 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 31 May 1420
By

AL SIGNOR GENERALE
NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE
PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N. 1332-/OP. di prot.-

OGGETTO : Ulteriore partecipazione italiana alle operazioni.-

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Con l'invio in linea della divisione "Nembo" non rimangono praticamente a disposizione unità italiane pronte ad entrare in azione.

Mancano per questo non già i reparti, ma i mezzi (armamento, mezzi di trasporto, materiali di collegamento) adeguati per l'impiego nella guerra moderna.

Vi sono anzi alcune Grandi Unità che, convenientemente armate ed equipaggiate, sarebbero in grado, in brevissimo tempo, di poter partecipare alle operazioni, come è vivo desiderio della parte italiana. Qualora la parte alleata entrasse nell'ordine di idee di autorizzare un aumento nel nostro contributo al combattimento, tale autorizzazione verrebbe accolta con viva soddisfazione.

Occorrerebbe allora che venisse distribuita a tali unità almeno una parte dei suddetti mezzi per il necessario addestramento del personale.

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In tale eventualità sarei orientato, concordemente a quanto prevede il Capo di Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito, a destinare, quale prima Grande Unità di queste nuove truppe, la divisione "Cremona", che, moralmente e materialmente, è quella più avanzata nell'approntamento.

Non insisto sul valore che avrebbero una tale autorizzazione ed un tale aiuto, perchè è ben noto: prego di voler prendere in buo

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

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29 June 1944

29 JUN 1944

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations

(123) INCL 1

Dear Marshal Messe:

Reference is made to your letter No. 13375/OP of 30 May 1944, above subject.

I believe this matter was discussed personally between yourself and General Alexander when lunching with General MacFarlane on June 3rd.

I have now passed your letter to Major General Browning so that he may deal with the matter direct with General Alexander.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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28 June 1944

OSS 349
29 JUN 1944

Dear General Orlando:

As you probably know, reasons of ill-health compelled General MacFarlane to return to England, whence it is hoped that he will soon return.

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Before leaving he particularly asked me to thank you for your letter of the 19th of June, which he himself was unable to answer. He appreciated it very much, and had a keen sense of the degree to which your help and cooperation had facilitated both his own task and that of the Commission.

At this time, when you are leaving the Ministry, I should like to add my own cordial thanks and greetings, together with the hope that the day is not far off which will see peace and happiness restored to your country--the country for which you have worked so fervently and with such great distinction.

Yours very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

General Taddeo Orlando
Ministry of War
Salerno

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref. AIC/5134/IC

RMW/edg

28 June 1944

SUBJECT: Tangible Recognition of Services Of The Secret Front

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission

(115) APP A

D3J 1438
29 JUN 1944

1. Your 359/CMS dated 22 June 44 has been passed to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission for observations on paras. 3 and 4 - Boots and Clothing.

2. An allocation of, say, 1,000 pairs of repaired Army Boots could be made starting at once and spread over 2 or 3 weeks.

3. As, however, it is necessary to charge 100 lire per pair for these boots, can you please say by whom payment would be effected and what arrangements would be made for collection.

4. No clothing other than British Battle Dress dyed blue is at the disposal of this Sub-Commission. This is not immediately available but is expected to become so within a few days. Price has not yet been fixed but will be from 300 - 400 lire per uniform (Blouse and Trousers). Will you please advise if this type of clothing would be suitable for the purpose under reference, when a similar quantity could be allocated.

W. P. WARD
Colonel,
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission.

Copy To:

Acting Chief Commissioner -
(your A/CC 091.711 of 25 June refers)
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DSM 1433
29 JUN 1944

UNDERSTAND $000 ($000) ARMY RATIONS SENT BY(?) DAKOTA TO ROME ON CYPRUS (?) SUPREME COMMAND FOR PERSON PARTAR. THIS WAS BUT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED BY MAIA. SINCE THESE RATIONS NOT ISSUED EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LETTER G/19 OF 3RD JUNE. REPAR AAI AC/S (G) OF 22ND JUNE FOR SUBSISTENCE FOR MEN NOT PICKED UP IN ARMY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LETTER

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24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Behavior of Italian Military

TO : Headquarters, M.T.O.A.

1. Your memorandum AG/6 of 7 June 1944 was forwarded to A.F.H.Q. with memorandum, copy of which is attached. In reply I have received the enclosed instructions which appear to be clear.

2. Will you kindly convey them to General WILSON.

ELLIOTT N. STRONG
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

Encl: cy. ltr. AG/6/313
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26 JUN 1944
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24 Jun 44

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Tac Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.

5022/CAO.

19 June 1944.

H.Q., Allied Control Commission (2)

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Reference your CC/G/391 of 12 jun. 44.

The Commander-in-Chief agrees that the action taken by General Borwning was correct.

He wishes it to be made quite clear to the Italian Military Authorities that the ruling given by him against the use of firearms by Italian troops on Allied troops will obtain. He will not tolerate any order by the Italian Military Authorities contrary to this ruling. He requests confirmation that the order issued by General Berardi has been cancelled.

He is not aware that circumstances justify the opening paragraph of General Berardi's order, and he considers, therefore, that it should not be necessary for General Berardi to issue any instruction in substitution for the one which is to be cancelled. On the other hand, he wishes you to assure Genral Berardi that drastic action will be taken in all cases where misbehaviour by Allied troops towards Italian troops is substantiated.

/s/ B. H. Robertson

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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SINGLE RATIONS SCALE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IS SUBJECT. REURAD G4-232 DATED 22ND JUNE. THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARAS 13 OUR LETTER AG-400-1 (ITALIAN) SUP-0 DATED 14TH MAY IS NOT RESTRICTIVE. ITALIAN MILITARY MAY INCREASE THESE ITEMS BOTH IN VARIETIES AND QUANTITY PROVIDING YOU AGREE THAT SUCH INCREASES ARE NEEDED AND SUPPLIES AVAILABLE. REQUEST WE ARE ADVISED ON ANY INCREASES OR ADDITIONS AUTHORIZED BY YOU

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SUBJECT: Ceiling of Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
C/6/1
27 June 1944.

H.Q. AAI

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- 8 JUL 1944

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3. If therefore reduction to 347,300 is enforced by 31 July:

(a) The SICILY Garrison, which also does guard and labour duties must remain. Chief Commissioner considered 2 I.S. Divs (20,000) necessary in that turbulent island.

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3. (Contd)

(b) All I.S. formations on the Mainland, except 4 Bns now on guard duties under command of the Allies, will have to be demobilised irrespective of age (classes). Apart from the I.S. aspect, there will be NO men for other guard duties. Such as, for instance, two Bns to guard the vital power installation at the SILAN LAKES. Allied manpower would have to replace.

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(i) defeat CCS own policy that rations are to be issued only to those who are "in fact effective". We would be demobilising effectives on the Mainland while retaining ineffectives in SARDINIA.

(ii) cause chaos at a critical time when we may well be enlarging the area for which effectives are required.

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5. (b) (Contd.)

(iii) necessitate substitution of Allied manpower in the midst of an enormous pool of Italian manpower available and desirous to be used.

6. There appears to be 2 alternatives: -

(a) acceptance of your proposals in AAI 1605/50/3 G (SDI) dated 19 June - which Supreme Allied Commander agrees with.

(b) acceptance of AFHQ figure of 347,300 for the Italian Army, postponing the date of enforcement to permit of one month to carry out rearrangement on Mainland after all surplus tps in SARDINIA have been shipped to the Mainland. This would, of course, be dependent on the shipping provided which as I have mentioned above, is the vital factor in the whole business.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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27 June 1944

Dear Lieut. Apostolo:

Enclosed are two copies of letter AG/17 Army Sub-Commission, ACC Main Hq (MMLA) Lequile (Lecce) to S.M.R.E. Ministry of War, dated 20 June 1944, subject "Demobilization and leave - Italian troops under command of Allied Formations".

Will you please deliver one copy of the above letter to the Comando Supremo for their information. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

Lieut. F. Apostolo
Italian Liaison section
Rear Hq ACC

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
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20 June 44.

To: S.M.R.E.
Ministry of War.

Subject: Demobilisation and leave - Italian troops under command of Allied Formations.

1. No Italian Officers or other ranks serving in formations or units under command of the Allies will be removed or demobilised until their replacement is on the spot and ready for duty.

2. No leave will be granted without the agreement of the Allied Commander concerned.

Q.C. Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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Copy to :- AAI.
Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.
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26 June 1944

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28 JUN 1944

TO: Economic Section, HQ ACC

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1. Reference 339/GNO, Air Forces Sub-Commission, dated 22 June 1944, to HQ ACC, relative clothing and boots for "Secret Front Forces Rome", attached.

2. Note paras 3 and 4.

3. Will you take charge of this matter and reply direct to Air Forces Sub-Commission, copy to A/CC.

L. D. HENDERS
Colonel, AGD C
PA to A/CC

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DATE: - 22nd JUNE 1944.

REF: - 339/ORG.

During a recent conversation with General Cappa who was head of the secret front in Rome during the enemy occupation, he informed me that the members of the secret front totalled about 2,500 who were actually active.

2. He was naturally very concerned that some recognition should be given to these individuals who carried out a dangerous task under extremely difficult conditions. This however will be the subject of a later communication.

3. Meanwhile he stressed the importance of keeping up morale, as the members of the secret front apparently expected some immediate and tangible reward for their services, and this had not, as yet, been forthcoming. He said that one of the best ways to do this would be to give them some clothing and boots as they are practically all of them in rags and tatters.

4. May I have early information please as to whether some allocation of clothing and boots could be made to these persons. If this is not considered as an A.C.C. responsibility, may I also be informed of this as soon as possible, so that I can take it up with the Military Authorities.

/s/ W. A. Bowen-Buscarlet.
/t/ W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Lt. Col. Campbell, Army Sub-Commission 25 June 1944 4

With reference to your letter CS 441 of 16 June, the Chief Commissioner dealt with General Cazzera's 107/Pol. on 20th May 1944. The reference of the letter is CC/G/308. I think you will find that Captain Slaughter has a copy of this letter filed, probably in file 383.6. If you are unable to find this letter at Salerno, please let me know and I will have a copy made and sent on to you.

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst Secy Gen

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Army Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A. (Adv).
HQ A.C.C.
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Italian Military Authority in Rome.
(Palazzo Capiare).

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8 JUL 1944

Copy to :- M.M.I.A. (Main).
A.A.I. (Adv).
A.C.C. (Sec Gen).
Navy Sub Commission (Adv).
Air Sub Commission (Adv).

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Colonel, for
Major General, Director,
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Subject: Repatriation of Italian officers

DSD 1367
25 JUN 1944

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

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Reference your G-5: 091.711-1 Italy of 17 June 1944 enclosed is a copy of the list requested.

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Inclosure to letter 13443/OP dated 3 Jun 44 fr. Comando Supremo

LIST OF OFFICERS CONSIDERED SURPLUS OF "GARIBALDI" DIVISION
REPATRIATION OF WHICH IS REQUESTED

1	gen. brig.	genio	s.p.e.	PETROMILLI	Luigi
2	" "	ftr.	s.p.e.	ISASCA	Carlo
3	Ten.Col.	art.	s.p.e.	BEIA	Felice
4	" "	aut.	s.p.e.	PAULONE	Nicola
5	colonello	art.	s.p.e.	BECCARIA	Germano
6	ten.col.	art.	s.p.e.	SABINI	Mario
7	ten.col.	ftr.	s.p.e.	ZITTELLI	Antonio
8	" " s.S.M.		s.p.e.	STUPARELLI	Ezio
9	capitano	ftr.	compl.	LANCIA	Francesco
10	"	CC.RR.	"	SCONOCCHIA	Paolo
11	"	art.	"	TORCHIO	Angelo
12	ten.col.	ftr.(b)	s.p.e.	MASCHERPA	Emilio
13	" "	fin.za	s.p.e.	FRATIASIO	Antonio
14	maggiore	"	s.p.e.	LANZETTA	Annibale
15	"	ftr.	compl.	ALOISIO	Attilio
16	"	" (a)	"	DE OTTO	Davide
17	"	genio	s.p.e.	ROSCTTI	Giuseppe
18	ten.col.	ftr.	s.p.e.	ROMANO	Nilo
19	s.tenente	ass.to		MALZONI	Michele
20	capitano	ftr.	compl.	ZIVILLICA	Giuseppe
21	tenente	ftr.	"	SALA	Giulio
22	s.tenente	art.	"	BISIACCHI	Renato
23	capitano	cav.	"	CRISPINI	Manlio
24	"	ftr.	"	FOPPIANO	Mario
25	"	ftr.	"	PANICUCCI	Gino
26	"	ftr.	"	SALAZAR	Vincenzo
27	1°capitano	comm.to	"	GERALI	Marco
28	tenente	ftr.	"	MARINO	Francesco
29	tenente	ftr.	"	PACINI	Francesco

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/seb

17 June 1944

G-5: 091.711-1 Italy

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Officers

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

Reference your CS/G/389 of 12 June. Will you please supply a copy of the list referred to in the last paragraph of the letter from Commando Supremo of 3 June?

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

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REFERENCE AFHQ 76139 CITE FWOOT OF 19TH JUNE. SUBJECT RATION CEILING OF ITALIAN ARMY AND DEMOBILIZATION OF EXCESS PERSONNEL. IN VIEW AAI LETTER 1603/3/3/G(SD1) OF 19TH JUNE THAT THE CEILING MAY NOT BE REDUCED PROPOSE TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL DECISION IS RECEIVED. HOWEVER IF THE CEILING IS REDUCED AND REDUCTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY 15TH JULY PROPOSE ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEDUCTING GCHR AND AIR FORCE THE TOTAL RATION CEILING ALLOWED LEAVES THE TOTAL RATION AMOUNT OF ITALIAN ARMY PROPER AT 252300.

2. THIS RATION CEILING MUST NOT BE EXCEEDED AFTER THE 15TH JULY AND ALL EXCESS PERSONNEL MUST BE DEMOBILIZED.

3. ESTIMATES OF STRENGTH ITALIAN ARMY ON 15TH JULY BASED ON PRESENT DISPOSITIONS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE FROM SARDINIA ARE AS FOLLOWS: LOCATED ON SICILY 108400. LOCATED ON SARDINIA 16800. ON MAINLAND UNDER ALLIED COMMAND, INCLUDING COMBAT TROOPS 147478.

4. TOTAL OF ITALIAN ARMY IN ABOVE PARA 3 IS 271555.

5. DEDUCT FROM RATION(CEILING STRENGTH WHICH?) LEAVES 20745 TOTAL NUMBER WHICH CAN BE ALLOWED TO DRAW RATIONS ON THE MAINLAND IN ADDITION TO TROOPS LISTED IN PARA 3. OF THIS NUMBER 5000 ARE NOW PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.

6. THIS PRESUMABLY LEAVES NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES TO OPERATE ALL ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION ON MAINLAND AT 13745. IT IS PROPOSED TO ALLOT THESE FOLLOWS: TO OPERATE ITALIAN HOSPITALS AND ALL ITALIAN MEDICAL

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SERVICING NOT ASSIGNED TO UNITS LISTED IN PARA 3 A TOTAL OF 3000. TO OPERATE SIGNALLING MATERIALS, AMMUNITION DEPOTS, AND FUNCTIONAL GUARDS A TOTAL OF 2530. TO OPERATE RAILROAD AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2000. TO ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF INCLUDE M.P. AND SIGNAL PERSONNEL 900. TO OPERATE COMANDO SUPREMO 50. FOR THE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS KINGS SERVICE TOTAL 65. FOR THE KINGS BODY GUARDS 275. TRANSIT CAMPS AND PERSONNEL DEPOTS 335. ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY 470 IS AS FOLLOWS:

4. THE BALANCE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY OR THE FORMATIONS WHICH NUMBERS 55600 WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOBILIZED.

5. THE EFFECT WILL BE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO BE PLACED UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WILL BE DEPENDENT ON GERMANS SURRENDERING FROM SARDINIA AFTER 15TH JULY. SECOND, THAT THE 3 INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONS PLANNED FOR THE MAINLAND WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT FROM SARDINIA. THIRD, THAT WITH ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION SERIOUSLY CUT AND CAN ONLY BE REINFORCED BY EMINENT OPERATIONS FROM SARDINIA THE CUT WILL SERVE 200 REMOVE FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY A LARGE NUMBER OF INEFFECTIVES WHICH ARMIA HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO KNOCK OUT FOR A LONG PERIOD.

6. ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THAT NO PERSONNEL BELONGING TO UNITS UNDER COMMAND OF THE ALLIES WILL BE DEMOBILIZED TILL A REPLACEMENT IS ACTUALLY PRESENT TO TAKE OVER. THIS WILL SERVE TO STABILIZE OUR UNITS AT PRESENT STRENGTH. HOWEVER, ON ACCOUNT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF CLASSES AND PEAK UPS OF MILITARY AGE PERSONS DURING ADVANCE TIME WILL BE A

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10. IN VIEW OF THE REDUCTION AND TO PRODUCE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES WITHIN THE OUTLINED TO DIRECT THE DEMOBILIZATION OF ALL ITALIAN GENERALS IN RECEIPT OF 45 DAYS IN ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE. THE 45 GENERALS ACTUALLY COMMANDING TROOPS WILL BE RETAINED ON PRESENT ASSIGNMENT.

11. SINCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BEFORE 15 JULY ARE FEW AND ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY IS SLOW IN STARTING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS MATTER BE TREATED AS URGENT IN ORDER THAT THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE ISSUED BY NMIA. OTHERWISE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE RATION STRENGTH TO THE PROPER STRENGTH HOWEVER CONTROLLED BY THIS.

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FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. FIRST. ANY PERSON MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PICKED UP AS RESULT OF THE ADVANCE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE ITALIAN ARMY UNTIL HE HAS BEEN SCREENED BY ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITY AND FOUND FULLY QUALIFIED FOR AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH AN ACTIVE UNIT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY. SECOND. ANY INDIVIDUAL NOT RETURNED TO FULL DUTY IS NOT NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE ACTIVE ITALIAN ARMY AND IT IS NOT DO NOT BE PICKED UP BY ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES FOR ANY PURPOSE A-GA AND THEREFORE REMAIN IN PRESENT STATUS AS CIVILIAN. THIRD. IF ANY OF INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED BY ALLIED ARM TO BE CONFINED FOR TRIAL FOR ANY CRIME COMMITTED THEY MUST BE CONFINED AS CIVIL PRISONERS. FOURTH. ITALIAN ARMY SUPERIORS ARE FOR CONFINEMENT OF MEMBERS OF ACTIVE ARMY ONLY. FIFTH. NO ITALIAN ARMY SUPERIORS WILL BE REPATRIATED IN ROMA A-GA EXCEPT BY COMMANDER OF ITALIAN TROOPS UNDER ALLIED COMMAND AND THEN ONLY FOR CONFINEMENT OF SOLDIERS OR APPREHENDING MEMBERS OF SUCH UNITS

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ARMY SUB-COMMISSION
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

21 June 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, A.P.O. 512.

Subject: Soldiers of the "Cuneo" Division.

22 JUN 1944

1/. Reference your Memorandum dated 7 March 1944, above subject.

2/. Marshal MESSE has requested that the small staff from the Headquarters of the Cuneo Division remaining, as administrative section - for Italian soldiers coming from the Agean and at present in Egypt and Palestine - should be commanded by a Colonel and not a Major as has been suggested.

3/. Marshal MESSE points out that in accordance with Italian Military customs and for disciplinary reasons a Colonel should be in charge of such a section and expresses the hope that the necessary instructions may be issued for a Colonel to remain in charge.

4/. Your reply is requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel

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TRANSLATION No. 716 - ROMANO

12 June 44

SUPREME COMMAND
1st Div. Off. of Operations
File No. 13613/op

SUBJECT: Soldiers of the "CUNEO" Division.

TO : A. C. C.

As is known, following the events which succeeded the Armistice, troops of the "CUNEO" division and other units in the Aegean were transferred to the Middle East, after fighting together with the Allies for the defense of the various Aegean Islands.

The English Command in the Middle East, while at first gave to understand that the said troops, reordered in the "CUNEO" division, would be able to take part in operations, as was desired by the Italians, in the end decided to use them as labour units and ordered as follows:

(a) that the troops were to be reordered in autonomous companies;

(b) that a small group of the "CUNEO" division command, headed by Major LATTI, was to remain on the spot with certain not well defined tasks, while all the other superior officers were to be repatriated.

According to Italian military customs and in accordance with the necessity of discipline, control, and administration of the Italian soldiers coming from the Aegean and at present in Egypt and Palestine, I think it desirable that:

(a) authorization be given to place at least a Colonel at the head of the group of officers commanding the "CUNEO" division remaining on the spot;

(b) the above mentioned tasks, concerning the discipline, control and administration of the soldiers be assigned to the group of officers.

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I therefore beg the A.C.C. to take fully into consideration the requirements indicated and to inform correspondingly the English Command of the Middle East.

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THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
Chief of General Staff
(Giovanni Messe)
/s/ G. MESSE.

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1)	Capt Stone	20 Jan	Gen MacF	Col Young - recommended for tfr to Public Safety Subcom
2) DP/P/3	Gen MacF	23 Jan	Col Pidsley	Col Pidsley-am trying to find place for you.
3) DP/P/4	Gen MacF	23 Jan	Col Maxwell	Maj Jucklow-could employ him here.
4)	Air Marshal Slessor	25 Jan	Air Ministry	Commo Dacre-little need for him here
5) DP/G/28	Gen MacF	25 Jan	AFHQ	Brigs.Gueterbock, Hamlyn & Venables now surplus due to reorg.
6) DP/G/11	Gen MacF	26 Jan	HQ, ACMF	Brig Lush & Lt Col Legg-both recommended for local promotion
7) DP/P/15	Gen MacF	28 Jan	Brig Duchesne	Col Rossi-services not needed
8)	Col Maxwell	31 Jan	Gen MacF	Maj Mucklow-have asked he be posted to you.
9) DP/P/30	Gen MacF	31 Jan	Gen Alexander	Gen Brocas Burrows-could use him here
10) FARGO 682	Brig. Lush	3 Feb	FREEDOM	Brig.Hamlyn-request his recall due to ill health
11) FARGO	Gen MacF	3 Feb	FREEDOM	Col Spofford-can you use him in E.T.O.?
12) CGS 211	A.C.M.F.	4 Feb	Gen MacF	Gen Brocas Burrows-Gen Alexander wants him for Gen MacF
13)	Capt Stone	4 Feb	Gen MacF	Col Rossi-fwds Com.Sup. 10912/OP recommending Col Ruggeri as replacement for Rossi
14)	A.C.M.F.	5 Feb	Gen MacF	Repeats No. (12)
15) FARGO 764	Gen MacF	5 Feb	TROOPERS	Dallison-could use him here
16) CC/P/40	Gen MacF	5 Feb	Col Maxwell	Maj Mucklow-thanks for taking action
17) CC/G/52	Gen MacF	13 Feb	Marshal Messe	Col Ruggeri-Am taking up latter's repatriation with AFHQ
18) CC/G/53	Gen MacF	13 Feb	AFHQ	Col Ruggeri-please make arrangements for his repatriation.
19) 8801/23/MS	Gen Alexander	13 Feb	Gen MacF	Brig Lush-State reasons for his local promotion
20)	Gen Alexander	14 Feb	Gen MacF	" " "
21) CC/G/62	Gen MacF	17 Feb	A.C.M.F.	Brig Lush-reasons for his local promotion
22) CC/G/68	Gen MacF	18 Feb	Brig Lush	Col Huttenbach-recommend his transfer to E.T.O.

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