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308	SD/73/LFSC, Stone	3 Oct 45	Parri	Call-up in Foggia Province.
309	Cbl AC Ex C, 6668	6 Oct 45	AFHQ, 3	Relief of gd bns for Bari IS Brigade.
310	Aide Memoire, Stone	2 Oct 45	Parri	Efforts made by Military Mission to It Army to avoid reduction of pay, results.
+ 311	SAC (45) 7th Meeting	4 Oct 45	(Min. 2)	Relief of 7 remaining guard battalions
312	Cbl SD 2991, MMIA	4 Oct 45	AFHQ(all Units)	It Combat Groups designated It. Inf. Divisions as of 15 Oct. 1945.
313	Cbl AFHQ FX 47862	8 Oct 45	AC. & MMIA	Release of Gd Bn Taranto (3 Co's.) Release San Marco Regt. ret It Navy Com.
314	Ltr Stone AC/14201/14/PS	10 Oct 45	Parri	Use of It. Army on Police Duties, prison
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316	AMG Venezie Reg. DUNLOP	19 Oct 45	AC, Attn ExC	Bolzano, Folgore Division. } 1020/CC
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319a	Ltr SD/101 Browning	8 Nov 45	GHQ CMF	Military Mission to Ttalian Army (REOR)
320	Cbl 8201 McCleary	9 Nov 45	G SD GHQ CMF	No Italians being called into the army
320a	Cbl FX 91578 AFHQ	11 Nov 45	Stone	Removal of French Troops
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292	Cbl MMIA, SD-2936	31 Aug 45	MW,AFHQ,AC,3,	Relief of San Marco Marine Regt.
293	Cbl AFHQ	3 Sep 45	AC,MMIA,Navy	Relief of San Marco Marine Regt.
+ 293a	Cbl AFHQ, MEDCOS-272	4 Sep 45	BCS, CCS	Forces to be retained in Italy.
294	Cbl AC CC, 4834	5 Sep 45	AFHQ	Relief of San Marco Marine Regt.
295	1009/39/EC, Stone	5 Sep 45	AFHQ	Responsibility for mine clearance.
296	Ltr, Gen Oxilia	Sep 45	Stone	Arrest of Capt PARDINI,Giuseppe,CC.RR
+ 296a	SAC (45) 5th Meeting	6 Sep 45	(Min. 3)	Ital. Armed Forces - Guard Battalions.
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298	8251/299/EC, Stone	8 Sep 45	Parri	Increase in IA effectivesunauth by SAC
299	AFHQ G-5:091.711-1 Italy	9 Sep 45	AC	Responsibility for mine clearance.
299a	AFHQ AG 463.7/229 PET-O	9 Sep 45		POL for Italian Army.
300	Cbl MMIA, SD-2951	12 Sep 45	AFHQ	Distribution of Iti guard units.
301	Cbl AC Stone, 5266	13 Sep 45	AFHQ	Relief of San Marco Marine Regt;distribution of Iti guard units.
302	Cbl AFHQ, FX-43404	14 Sep 45	AC,3,2	Relief of San Marco Regt.
303	Cbl AFHQ, F-44047	17 Sep 45	AC	Reduction in pay of Ital Army.
304	SD/73/LFSC, Stone	20 Sep 45	Parri	Call-up in Foggia Province.
305	AC/53.2/LG, Stone	24 Sep 45	AFHQ	Responsibility for mine clearance.

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Ref: 8851/556/10.

28 June 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The release from the Army during the months of July and August of the 1922 and 1923 classes is going to have a serious effect on the efficiency of the Italian Army in that the Army will lose a dangerously high proportion of its NCO's and Specialists.

The War Ministry has been fully alive to this and prepared a scheme eight months ago for retaining 10,000 of these key personnel as long service volunteers.

In order to secure the necessary volunteers an adequate rate of pay is essential in order to make service in the Army sufficiently attractive.

The War Ministry's proposals, which provide rates varying from L.20 to L.80 per day according to the nature of the service, call for an additional annual expenditure of 160 million lire, which the Treasury have up till now been unable to approve.

If the Italian Army is to remain after July at a reasonable state of efficiency, I consider it essential that Treasury approval for the new rates of pay for volunteer long service specialists and NCO's be given immediately, and I am therefore writing to you to ask if you will kindly intervene in the matter.

I understand that the Italian Air Force is faced with the same problem but on a very much smaller scale. The problem does not arise with the Italian Navy.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
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SUBJECT: MMLA Directive No. 2 (C/7 dated 7 Dec 45)

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

C/7

17 May 46

TO : Distribution below

Amendment No. 5 to MMLA Directive No. 2.

1. Appendix "F" - DELETE para 7 and substitute:

"COURT MARTIAL and COURTS OF INQUIRY matters will be referred direct to local Area HQ, copy to HQ MMLA - Courts of Inquiry however regarding loss or damage to stores, vehicles etc held on charge of this HQ will continue to be referred to HQ MMLA"

2. Appendix "F" - after para 9 - ADD new sub para 9 (a) as under:

"Marriage Applications

9 (a) Applications for permission to marry will NOT be referred to HQ MMLA except for information - Procedure as outlined in Marriage Regulations CMF issued as appendix "A" to GRO 258/46 will be followed with particular reference to para 5".

3. Appendix "F" para 10 - DELETE sub para (a).

4. Appendix "F" para 10 - re-letter remaining paras (a) and (b) respectively.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

/jw

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Ref: 8251/150

16 May 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am informed that the Minister of Finance has directed the Minister of War to reduce the budget of 808 CS Battalion from 6,000,000 to 2,000,000 per month.

I am directed to remind you that under the terms of the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government 808 CS Battalion was retained under the operational control of the Supreme Allied Commander.

In view of the adverse effect on the efficiency of the Battalion, which such a reduction in its budget would have, I am to request that you take immediate steps to have the direction of the Minister of Finance suspended pending further consideration of this question.

Please furnish an assurance that in the meantime the budget will remain at its present figure of 6,000,000 lire.

I am further to inform you that the Supreme Allied Commander will be prepared to consider any proposals which the Italian Government may care to submit for the reduction of expenditure on the Battalion, and to ask that you submit any such proposals without delay.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Emery W. Stone

EMERY W. STONE
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Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
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11 May 1946.

Ref. : 381/3/SC

SUBJECT: Approval of appointments.

TO : C-S Section,
A.F.H.Q.

Refer our conversation (i.e. Col. Whit - Mr. Hendrith yesterday).

The "current peace ice" referred to in Appendix "A" of Allied Memoire dated 14 February 1945 is defined by Land Forces Sub-Commission as follows.

"SCC, M.M.I.A., is consulted over all general appointments and promotions. Also, unofficial advice on any junior or 'special' appointments. No question of veto has arisen".

Both Naval and Air Forces Sub-Commissions agree this principle but the Naval Sub-Commission approve appointments of the rank of Captain and certain Free Allied and have on occasion vetoed appointments, and Air Forces Sub-Commission approve appointments of Lt. Col. and above.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kinkaid,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub-Commission.
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10 May 1946.

My dear

Please see me with reference to the attached papers dated 9 May.

May I point out that under the current directive to you as Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG 091.711 (CT-0 of 3 December 1945, the subject of the attached papers appears to come more under paragraph 2(a) of the a/m directive so that your letter should have been headed in your capacity as head of the Land Forces Sub-Commission. In any case, pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of the a/m directive, the name of the military mission incorporated within the Land Forces Sub-Commission is Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army. It is noted that the word "Allied" is omitted both from your letter to Brigadier Lush and the draft letter to the Minister for War.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)
A. 200. 7 May 46

TO : Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

As requested I attach the following reports on the incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA and BRACCIANO on 4/5 May:-

a. from 12 BLU
b. from my SOME
c. from War Ministry.

The chief trouble is in my opinion due to the difference between the standard of living in Training Centres (CARs) and that pertaining in other units. Throughout the period during which CARs have been organised, while stressing the importance of good reception and living arrangements I have personally impressed on the War Minister, the Ministry of War and dependant HQs the need for improving pro rata the arrangements in units. While much has been done in this respect, the conditions are not yet good enough - principally due to lack of funds and allied needs as regards accommodation.

On the other hand, incidents of this sort are common and well understood in the Italian Army. There have been many others and will, I am sure, be many more. We hope gradually to change this tendency, but it is a very slow process.

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M. L. Browning

Major-General,
MMIA.

Note:

A report on the Italian contingent at the recent Allied parade at Bologna has been requested by signal from the B.L.U. at Bologna and will be sent as soon as received.

W.P.
L.F.S.C.

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CONFIDENTIAL A.

SUBJECT: Interim Report on Incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA, and BRACCIANO.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROME 66318/9).

Ref: AQ/10/1/1526

7 May 46.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA). (2copies)

1. Prior to the end of April I visited all the Schools, with a view to ascertaining whether every possible step had been taken to ensure that recruits, when they arrived, should be satisfactorily accommodated and that all necessary preparations made for feeding them and dealing with immediate welfare requirements. I formed the impression that in spite of grave difficulties, each of the Italian Colonel Commandants of the Schools had done everything possible to meet the situation , but that a considerable amount of improvisation would be inevitable, pending the completion of the builders work.

2. On Saturday, May 4th, Major Alexander, G.II R.A., reported to me that there had been incidents at the former Genio Barracks at BRACCIANO, now occupied by the Recruit Training Centre, School of Artillery. The main causes of complaint made by the recruits were:-

(a) That the rations were inadequate and not as well cooked as they were accustomed to.

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(c) That the location of the barracks was remote from any recreational facilities.

These complaints originated among a small body of recruits, but however, had the effect of causing disaffection among the whole. Major Alexander reported that Col.Palma had taken very active steps to deal with the demonstration and that he believed that, although it must be admitted that conditions at Bracciano compared very unfavourably with those at some of the C.A.Rs., the feeling was likely to die down, and he did not regard it as a very serious matter.

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3. On Sunday, 5 May 46, I visited CIVITAVECCHIA to discuss the matter further with Major Alexander and ascertain whether there were any developments in the Engineer Barracks at AURELIA. Major Alexander stated there had been no further trouble at BRACCIANO but Major Chapman, G.II R.E., stated there had been considerable trouble at the Aurelia Barracks. It appears that approximately 1,000 recruits left the barracks and proceeded on foot for a distance of approximately 5 miles to Civitavecchia Railway Station, where they assembled. They expressed the intention of taking the first available train back to their C.A.Rs. General Mattioli, Commandant of CIVITAVECCHIA, proceeded immediately to the Station and addressed the troops and asked for their specific causes of complaint. These were found to be those already quoted in the case of BRACCIANO, and in addition the Engineer

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recruits objected strongly to taking Mepacrine. Briefly, their argument was; if Mepacrine was necessary, the Aurelia Barracks must be in a malarial area. If it was in a malarial area then it was not suitable for the accommandation of troops and they demanded to be moved to a more healthy place. When it was pointed out that the risk of malaria was slight, and in any case extensive anti-malaria precautions had already been taken, they stated that in this case there was no necessity to take Mepacrine and insisted on their transfer to another Barracks. In his address, General Mattioli promised:-

(a) To improve food conditions.

(b) To do everything possible to expedite the improvement of Barrack conditions and

(c) To move the whole of the Engineers to the Duc d'Aosta Barracks (at present alloted to the School of Artillery), within the next three days.

He then obtained transport and persuaded the men to return to the Aurelia Barracks. I stated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineers from the Aurelia to the Duc d'Aosta Barracks as this proposal has already been considered and turned down by M.M.I.A. and S.M.R.E., but I emphasized the importance of doing everything possible to improve conditions at the Aurelia Barracks so as to minimise the causes of complaint. I then returned to CESANO to see General Ronco.

4. Early on Monday morning, 6 May, I visited CECCHIGNOLA to ascertain if there was any danger of incidents at the Scuola Automobilistica and the Signals School. There was no trace of any trouble at the Scuola Automobilistica and on arrival at the Signals School I found General Ronco in the process of addressing the troops and impressing upon them that they must accept conditions as they were, on the understanding that everything possible was being done to improve them as far as possible and within the financial allotment allowed for the purpose. I formed the opinion that there was no likelihood of any immediate trouble at Cecchignola. I impressed on General Ronco that the most important point was to deal with the outbreaks at CIVITAVECCHIA, but I re-iterated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineer School to the Duc d'Aosta barracks. General Ronco promised to visit Civitavecchia in company with General Cortelezza of the Genio Militare, on Tuesday, 7 May, and at the time of writing this report I understand he is at Civitavecchia for this purpose.

5. I have despatched my G.III, Capt. Gibbins, to Civitavecchia to ascertain the latest position and report to me on his return. In my opinion a great deal depends on whether General Ronco can convince the dissident recruits that everything possible, within the limitations of finance, is being done for their good, without making promises which are incapable of fulfilment, such as it would appear have been made by General Mattioli.

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4. Early on Monday morning, 6 May, I visited CECCHIGNOLA to ascertain if there was any danger of incidents at the Scuola Automobilistica and the Signals School. There was no trace of any trouble at the Scuola Automobilistica and on arrival at the Signals School I found General Ronco in the process of addressing the troops and impressing upon them that they must accept conditions as they were, on the understanding that everything possible was being done to improve them as far as possible and within the financial allotment allowed for the purpose. I formed the opinion that there was no likelihood of any immediate trouble at Cecchignola. I impressed on General Ronco that the most important point was to deal with the outbreaks at CIVITAVECCHIA, but I re-iterated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineer School to the Duc d'Aosta barracks. General Ronco promised to visit Civitavecchia in company with General Cortelezza of the Genio Militare, on Tuesday, 7 May, and at the time of writing this report I understand he is at Civitavecchia for this purpose.

5. I have despatched my G.III, Capt. Gibbins, to Civitavecchia to ascertain the latest position and report to me on his return. In my opinion a great deal depends on whether General Ronco can convince the dissident recruits that everything possible, within the limitations of finance, is being done for their good, without making promises which are incapable of fulfilment, such as it would appear have been made by General Mattioli.

6. In my opinion the trouble is purely a temporary one and does not compare with that experienced last year with the recruits at TREVIGNANO Camp, who had not got the benefit of one month's disciplinary training at the C.A.Rs. It will be recollected that though this was thought to be serious it died down after some minor demonstrations, which were more vocal than actual.

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7. It appears, however, that the main cause for the present discontent is due to misinterpretation by the Colonels of C.A.Rs., of their instructions to do everything possible to popularise the army among new recruits. In some cases they have undoubtedly carried this too far and instead of treating recruits as young soldiers subject to discipline, have pampered them to such an extent as to spoil them. While this does not apply to all C.A.Rs., with the Italian temperament, the influence of a few discontented soldiers can adversely affect the whole of a much larger body. I explained this opinion to Major Baumann during my visit to M.M.I.A. on Monday morning, and he promised to mention it to S.M.R.E. at the first opportunity.

8. A further report will be submitted after the effect of General Ronco's address this morning has been appreciated.

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Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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B.

Subject:- Incident at Engr. School - Aurelia Barracks.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) RG4E.
RE 7
7 May 46.

To: Col. A/Q.

From: S.O.R.E.

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(SOME HQ MMIA inspected the mid-day meal the day previously and considered it to be good.)

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(c) No sheets - only blankets supplied.

(d) No amenities - cinemas, dance halls etc.

(e) Complete lack of girls in the immediate locality and Civitavecchia 8 kms away.

(f) No recreational transport.

(g) Malarial area. (This being argued because of the issue of meparcrine). 801

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S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

Rome Territorial Command.

At about 1900 hrs on the 4th of May about 700 recruits of the Engineers School absented themselves without leave from the barracks and proceeded towards CIVITAVECCHIA Stn with the intention of returning to the C.A.Rs. from which they had come.

As the result of the pressure and persuasion of the Garrison Comdr at CIVITAVECCHIA and of the officers of the School they returned to barracks a little later.

The reasons of the trouble may be attributed to :

1. Location of the barracks outside the town.

2. Transfer of the recruits from the C.A.Rs. where they had been able to spend the first part of their military life in the neighbourhood of their families and local interests.

3. The indifferent facilities of the Aurelia bks compared with the better organisation at the barracks of the C.A.Rs.

(Sgd) MARIO SOLDARELLI

(the Commanding General).

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APR 15 MCD

Ref: 8281/EC.

12 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA).

1. My attention has been drawn to Intelligence Summary No.3 (Int/207/1 dated 15 Mar 46) issued by your Sub-Commission.

2. This summary contains reports or headings on Politics, Public Security, Fascist Activity, and the activity of some (but not all) Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, which have only an indirect bearing on the Italian Army. Such reports which have a wide external distribution should be included in the monthly report of the Allied Commission and should not emanate from a Sub-Commission. It may well be, for instance, that the reports of the MLU's are at variance with those of the Chief Liaison Officers. It is important that we should collate all the information possible but that we should coordinate such information before dissemination.

3. I should be glad, therefore, if you would confine the reports in your summary to matters affecting the Italian Army, e.g., Political Activity among Troops, Relations between Troops and Civilians, Morale, Frontier Activity, and would pass to the Executive Commissioner reports received from MLU's on other subjects of general interest, e.g., Activity of Political Parties, Political Friction, Illegal Immigration, Public Security, for inclusion in the main report of the Allied Commission.

4. I note that a copy is sent direct to War Office, London but not to War Department Washington, and to US Embassy ROME but not to the British Embassy. Finally, no copy is sent to any section of your parent body the Allied Commission. This seems anomalous.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

MEL/JC.

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APR 12 REC'D

65213/1.2.2 Translation

IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 9 April 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I hasten to assure you that your suggestions as contained in letter No. 637/4/ S.C. dated 21.3.1946 for a rapid reorganization of the Italian land and air Armed Forces, have been sent by me to the competent Administration, so as they will be quickly and attentively examined, and consequent measures taken.

As soon as possible I will communicate on the subject.

Please accept my cordial salutations

/s/ De Gasperi

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(AB)

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
ROME

E.C. DIST - 11 April

Action: E.C.
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Air Forces S/C

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LFSC AC MMIA
1 Apr 46

Memorandum for ADC to Chief Commissioner :

It is planned to use the Tor di Quinto as the Armoured Car School. A driving course for CCRR started there this morning. A course for Instructors has just been completed at Cesano, and these instructors will run Tor di Quinto and instruct in the field.

The school is organized, T/OE has been approved, and the necessary cars on hand for the course. (Armoured cars have heretofore been issued to a limited extent and are in the hands of CCRR, and the drivers course just started for CCRR will furnish drivers for the new vehicles which have been allocated by AFHQ.)

The plan attached to the memorandum is well known to MMIA. The Ministry has allocated the money, and the work will proceed in good time, in its priority. There is a large amount of engineering work now going on all over Italy on the accomadations for the training centers and schools, and it all cannot be completed in a day.

Our training branch is thoroughly familiar with the school and its needs, and is quite happy about the speed with whichthe Italians are getting on.

The interest in the matter displayed by the officer who brought this to the attention of the Admiral is appreciated. However, it is believed that the officer, who has been on temporary duty with the school at Cesano, is simply not quite satisfied with the way the Italians do things, and hoped to ginger them up. Unfortunately, he has only a worm's eye view of the whole problem.

I will be glad to furnish the Admiral any details he desires, but there is nothing for him to worry about at this time.

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T. E. Kam
Col. Inf.

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Col Kerr,

This memorandum has been submitted to Admiral, and before sending it to him, would appreciate a short memorandum on the matter as to its merits, feasibility etc.

For E Baker
Aide to CC

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MAR 24 REC'D

TOR DI QUINTO

There is to be established at about the end of this month an Armoured Car School (Italian Army and C.C.R.R.) at Tor di Quinto, the former Cavalry School. This has received the complete approval of the Ministero della Guerra and of MMLA and the detailed organization of the school (also mainly agreed on) awaits only the blessing of the establishments committee. But there is one thing which is being delayed, and this requires immediate speeding up -- i.e., the grant of money to make the necessary repairs and improvements to Tor di Quinto barracks, which are at the moment in a state of considerable disrepair.

It is particularly important that the Armoured Car School begin soon, as armoured cars will be issued to the Carabinieri at the end of April, and it is most necessary that by that time a good number of personnel is competent to handle the cars. (In fact a programme of driving instruction for some 160 C.C.R.R. is scheduled to start at the beginning of April). Therefore, since the only delaying factor is that of the grant of money, if this can now be authorized, engineer work on the barracks can begin, and a nucleus of staff together with the training vehicles and equipment can establish the school, and receive the first C.C.R.R. students. Once work has begun with permanent staff on the spot, immediate needs can be dealt with quickly under the staff's direct supervision.

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SCHOOL - TOR DI QUINTO.

Block	Proposed use	Repairs Required
A	Officers' quarters (perma - nent staff). Quarters for Officer stu - dents.	Block intact, but downstairs stables to be converted into rooms for Officers Students, requiring doors and extended partitioning; also upstairs partitioning and sanitary accomodation.
B	School HQ and HQ squadron. Permanent staff sleeping quarters. store Rooms. Guard Room. Stables.	Mainly intact, but requires doors, windows, partitioning and some genera repairs.
C	Officers' Mess Sargeants' Mess Class rooms Quarters: student N.C.O.s M.I. Room Stores Canteen	Mainly intact, but requires windows, doors, partitioning and general repairs.
D	I/2 Workshops; I/2 Cookhouse	Only walls standing; roof and windows required.
E	Garage	Only walls standing, roof, windows and doors required.
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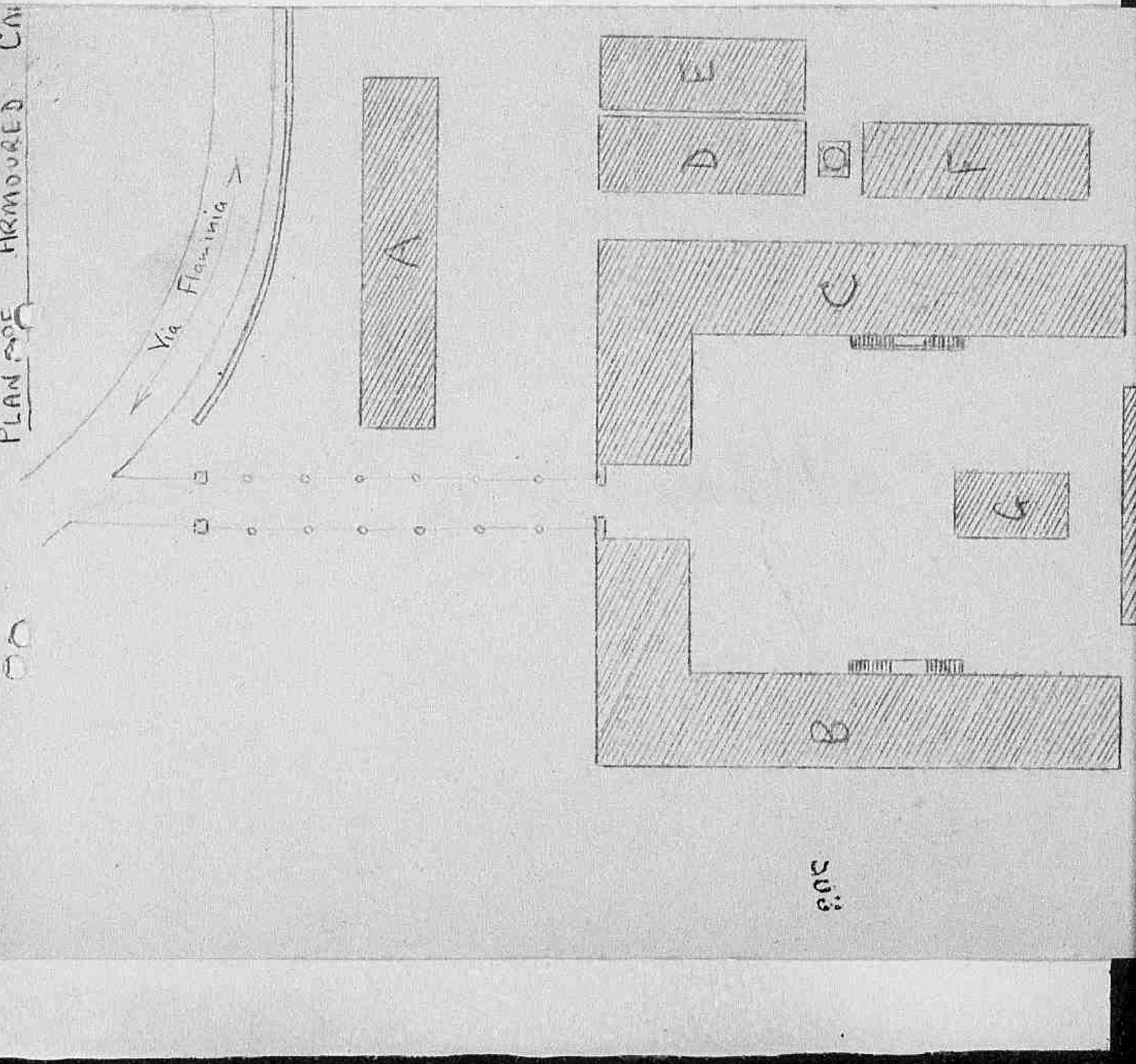

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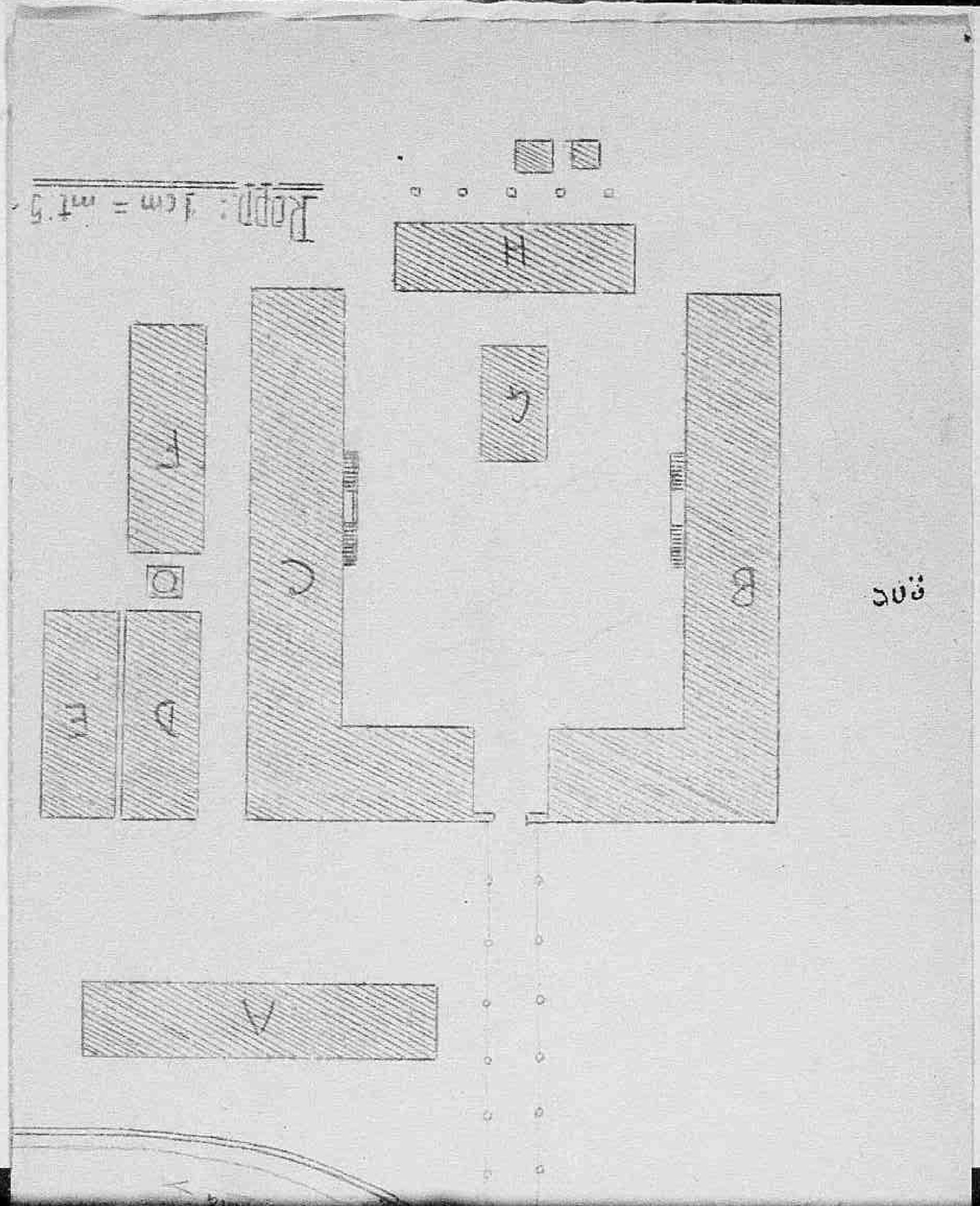

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Subject:- AFHQ letter CAO/282/2 dated 19 Mar re Possible Operations in VENEZIA GIULIA.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC
(M.M.I.A.)
G/18.
23 March 1946.

My dear Admiral

Ref. attached -

1. Lt Col SOUTHEY(G30 I(SD)) was at AFHQ at a conference last Monday, 18 March.

2. Brig. YATES(EGS Plans) told SOUTHEY that he, YATES, was sending to us a request for information as regards the Italian troops which we consider could be made available, particularly for guard commitments in connection with the POLES, together with certain other questions(e.g. a % efficiency figure) in this respect.

3. (a) On receipt of AFHQ letter CAO/282/2 dated 19 March TOP SECRET, SOUTHEY on my instructions, rang YATES and said(guardedly on the phone !) that we proposed to await YATES letter before taking action on the CAO letter.

(b) YATES then said that a copy of the CAO letter should not really have come to us yet, as "the matter was not far enough advanced yet" despite the fact that a copy was specifically addressed to me and told us to send it back to him personally. This we have done. He said we would be getting his letter(as in para 2) very shortly.

4. So that is how the matter stands at present.

Yours Very Sincerely
Langley Brownrigg

Major General.

Lr/c

Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE, USNR.
Chief Commissioner,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

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TOP SECRET

Gen. Browning

Pls note refs to MMIH in various portions. Have you been asked by AFHQ To plan the adm & supply side for

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref: 8251/507/S3

13 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Enclosed you will find copy of amendment to Directive No. 1 regarding the hand-over of the Italian Army to the Italian Government as published by the Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA) of the Allied Commission.

The contents of this Directive have already been communicated by the Head of the Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA) to the Minister of War.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MMIA).

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Reference your letter 8251/502/EC, 15 February. 349

1. Temporary decrease of interim Itoltan army to 125000 is authorized. To be accomplished by release of 1921 class simultaneously with March call up.
2. Calculations and projects to continue to be based on 140000.
3. Italian Government should be urged to restore full ceiling strength at soonest practicable date.

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MAR 9 REC'D

SUBJECT : Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/7

8 Mar 46

TO : See Distn below

Ref MMIA Directive No 1 (G/7 dated 8 Nov 45) subject: Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government.

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and

Substitute:

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	Seven Inf Regts and three ALPINE Regts, one for each Territorial Region on the mainland	90,500
	Five Inf Divs	

2. Renumber subsequent sub-paras (b), (c), (d) for (c), (d), (e) as at present.

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A.H. Routh Cpt
for Major General
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FEB 1[redacted]

11 February 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The question of extending the call-up for the Italian Army to UDINE province has been examined by the Allied Authorities, and I have to inform you that from the Allied point of view there is no objection to UDINE Province being included in the general call-up which is due to take place next month.

I should be glad if you would inform the Minister for War accordingly.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Avv. Alcide DE GASPERI
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to: ~~Lieut~~ Lucy Ed (Caserta) ✓
C. Com. ✓
Ex. C.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Military Situation in Sicily

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MMIA)

G/92

9 February 1946

To: Chief Commissioner A.C.

561/cc

1. This is to keep you informed of further developments to those notified in our A.301.S of 19 Jan and G/92 of 2 Feb..

2. The mil tary comd designated to replace BERLANDI, GFT. ZANDNI, was unable to accept the appointent at the last moment. Ther is no other suitable candidate, and it has been decided that the comd of the AOSTA Div. Maj. Gen DE CASTIGLIONE, shall act as "locum" for the present. He has been in the island many months and has a good reputation with his tps.

3. The move of the Garibaldi Regt. of the Forlore Div. from Tuscany to Sicily is in progress, and it is estimated that the regt (entire) will be assembled at Palermo by 10 Feb.. The motor vehs of the regt have been reinforced so as to make the unit as mobile as possible and independent of the local railways etc.

4. The tps were sent to Sicily on the insistence of the Head of the Gov't and against the wishes of the War Minister and General Staff, who considered the tps already on the ground adequate for the task. Avv. CROSIO agreed to the despatch of the regt on the condition that it should NOT remain for longer than three weeks unless absolutely necessary. The regt will be given specific tasks connected with the rounding up of the trouble makers, and and at the end of three weeks will return to Tuscany.

Sgnd M.W. Hope
Brigadier gs

Major General

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SUBJECT: Military Situation in Sicily

ALLIED FORCES HQ SUB COM A.C. (MMIA)

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Sgd M.W. Hope
Brigadier gs

Major General

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Subject:- Strength of Italian Army

JAN 31 REC'D

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

A.017
30 January 1946.

To :- Minister of War.

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1. In connection with the question of demobilisation of further classes of the Italian Army, I am directed to refer you to Section III 7 and 8 of the Allied Commission, Land Forces Sub-Commission(M.M.I.A.) Directive No 1 issued under my C/7 of 8 Nov. 45.

2. That section shews that it is the Allied intention that the Italian Army as an interim measure shall be maintained at a figure not exceeding 140,000. The figure, as you know, was based on what Count GASASTI, when Minister of War, considered necessary to enable the Italian Army to fulfil its functions. All planning and calculations not only as regards fighting equipment, supplies, etc., but also with respect to redeployment of Allied Forces in ITALY have been and are being made on the basis of that figure.

3. For various reasons, of which you are well aware, it is obviously not possible to keep the strength of the Army at exactly 140,000. Further demobilisation of classes however must seriously affect the lay-out and effective strength authorised in para 7 of the Directive referred to above and I must therefore point out that no further classes should be demobilised until it is quite clear that by new intake the interim Italian Army can be maintained at a figure of approximately(but not exceeding) 140,000.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION

L. Browning

Major General.,
C.C.C. Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.
(M.M.I.A.)

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2. That section shews that it is the Allied intention that the Italian Army as an interim measure shall be maintained at a figure not exceeding 140,000. The figure, as you know, was based on what Count CASATI, when Minister of War, considered necessary to enable the Italian Army to fulfil its functions. All planning and calculations not only as regards fighting equipment, supplies, etc., but also with respect to redeployment of Allied Forces in ITALY have been and are being made on the basis of that figure.

3. For various reasons, of which you are well aware, it is obviously not possible to keep the strength of the Army at exactly 140,000. Further demobilisation of classes however must seriously affect the lay-out and effective strength authorised in para 7 of the Directive referred to above and I must therefore point out that no further classes should be demobilised until it is quite clear that by now intake the interim Italian Army can be maintained at a figure of approximately(but not exceeding) 140,000.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION

L. Browning

Major General.,
C.O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission, MG.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Copy to:- Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
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COPY TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War.

TO : M.M.I.A.

REF : 202790/11

DATE: 3.2.46.

SUBJECT: Strength of the Italian Army.

Reference A017 of 30 Jan. '46.

1. I agree that, in view of the state of the country, it is necessary to maintain the strength of the Army as near as possible to the maximum figure permitted of 140,000 men. But consideration must be given to unavoidable financial exigencies which, in all probability (the examination of the budget with the Ministry for the Treasury will commence shortly), will render it impossible to maintain this level for the time being.

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With the discharge of these men the total strength of the Army will be slightly reduced as compared with the maximum permitted, but the Army, however, will certainly gain in efficiency.

3. With the discharge of the 1921 Class and the call up of the 1924 Class recruits it can be estimated that, by the end of March, the strength of the Army will be about 125,000 men (BR-ITI and US-ITI units excluded); this strength is considered sufficient for the needs of the country and it is hoped that we shall be able to get from the Treasury, if the financial situation does not worsen, the necessary funds for it.

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War Minister.

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COPY TRANSLATION
Extract.

FROM : Milan Military Territorial Command. REF : 03/230

TO : Ministry of War. DATE: 18.1.46.

SUBJECT: Morale of the troops.

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Actually, no measure of this kind has been adopted. This, however, has not prevented the 1921 Class feeling spiritually, already demobilised and forming part, according to the best hypotheses, of that category of disinterested personnel which I have already commented upon.

I have recently had notified to me some cases in disciplinary infraction which are directly derived from the state of mind of these men. I have had carried out, and have carried out personally, rigorous enquiries. Also here I have not uncovered anything exceptionally serious, but a widespread badfeeling which could assume a more concrete or deprecable form if fostered, as is already being commenced, by parties or tendencies contrary to the military organisations.

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Some unit commanders, questioned by me, declared themselves in favour of putting a stop to this state of affairs by discharging the 1921 Class which is of little use and sets a bad example to the others.

I do not agree with this opinion. The 1921 Class troops represent in the units under my command, a proportion which varies from 15 to 27%. In view of the fact that the units are at present somewhat over strength on war establishment, their discharge would not greatly lessen the efficiency of the units. I calculate, in fact, that on the completion of the operation the units would be left with about 85% of their war establishment; not a serious inconvenience and certainly preferable to that stated above".

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SEC 21 RECD

Ref: 8252/253/SD

19 January 1946

SUBJECT: Information - Italian Army

TO : AMMA,
Attention: G-5 Section

1. Accredited military representatives attached to embassies of various United Nations in Italy (other than US, UK, Russia and France) have been requesting information from AMMA relative to the Italian Army, such requests including details which would normally not be made public by a sovereign power, and which the Italians would very probably not give to foreign powers in normal times.

2. Request that instructions be given as to the method of handling such requests for information.

F. H. McCLEARY
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C.

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SECRET.

Subject : Citizenship courses, Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

G/Trg/15 9 Jan 46.

H.Q., A.C. (for Chief Commissioner).

In continuation of my G/Trg/15 dated 29 Dec 45, I send you herewith, for information, a letter I have received from General THERON and my reply thereto.

10 JAN 1946

J. Brunning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

S.O./c.c. Do you want this for your files?
We have a copy in ours.

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SOUTH AFRICAN LEGATION, ROME.

The Official Representative of the Government of the Union
of South Africa,
c/o The British Embassy, ROME.

7th January, 1946.

My dear Browning,

With reference to your talk last Thursday night I enclose a copy of a letter which I received subsequently from General Cadorna about the Army Education course for the Italians with which the UDF Education Corps, under Major Fernig, is helping. I am sending a copy of that letter to the Rt. Hon. J.H. Hofmeyr, our Deputy PrimeMinister and Minister of Education, who is interested in the cultivation of cultural relations with Italy.

As I told you, Signor Brosio spoke to me again at Sir Richard Nosworthy's reception, and said he hoped the courses would continue.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
(F.H. THERON)

Major General L. BROWNING, CB. OBE, MC.,
The Commanding General,
M.M.I.A.,
The Allied Commision,
ROME.

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TRANSLATION

Chief of the General Staff
of the Royal Italian Army.

Rome, 31st December, 1945.

Mr General,

With reference to the conversation which took place between us, I am pleased to express to you my satisfaction for the good results obtained by the two courses on "Democratic Culture" held at Florence and Rome respectively.

During a recent visit made to the lecture held in Rome, I have been able, personally, to appreciate the method followed and the profits gained by the pupils.

To you, Mr. General, and to all your collaborators who with capability and enthusiasm have allowed the formation of a first group of italian instructors for the democratic education of soldiers to which I attribute a particular importance, my most heartfelt thanks.

(Signed) General R. Cadorna

To the Major-General Frank Theron,
South African Minister,
South African Embassy,
Via Romagna,
Rome.

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Major General L. BROWNING, CB. OBE. MC.,
Headquarters,
Military Mission to the Italian Army,
R O M E.

G/Trg/15 9 Jan 1946.

My dear Theron,

Very many thanks for your letter of 7 Jan.

I have been into the whole question of the education course further since I saw you last and I am told on all sides that it is a very good course and much appreciated. I know that the Italians are very grateful for all the help in this connection that your excellent education people have given and the teaching on this course will be distributed further via the "man management" courses we will be holding for the Italian Army at CESANO.

The only aspect that I was at all anxious about was that I should not be accused of taking any part in politics, which I am expressly forbidden from doing in the written charter that I have from A.F.H.Q.! I am sure you appreciate how careful I have to be in such matters and that I had no intention of querying the general policy of such teaching. I explained all this to Colonel WASHBOURNE and know that he fully agrees with what I have done.

I take this opportunity of wishing you and yours all the best for 1946 and I hope you will have a very pleasant trip to South Africa and will give my kindest regards to Mrs Theron - and Ingledew, if you see him.

With very many thanks for the help that your education people have given us.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) LANGLEY BROWNING

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Maj. Gen. F.H. THERON, CB. CBE.
South African Legation,
ROME.

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4 January 1946.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is to thank you and acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 January 1946, in which you advise that the French Government has recently protested in Washington about the inadequacy of the disputed border zone arrangements after the northern provinces have been returned to the Italian Administration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
Via Veneto 119,
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4 January 1946

CC 8253

SUBJECT: Italian Troops along France-Italian Frontier

TO : G-5, AFHQ

There are forwarded herewith original copies in Italian and English of the President of the Council's undertaking not to station Italian troops other than Carabinieri within fifteen miles of the France-Italian frontier.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copies to: Exec Comsr
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335 Roma, 30 Dic. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

in risposta alla Sua lettera del 29 dicembre 1945, Le scrivo per confermarLe il mio accordo verbale gia comunicatoLe nel nostro colloquio del 12 dicembre 1945 e per dichiararLe quindi che il Governo italiano s'impegna a non dislocare truppe all'infuori dei CC.HR. entro 15 miglia dalla frontiera Franco-Italiana, fino a nuova comunicazione da parte del Supremo Comandante Alleato.

Molto cordialmente,

/s/ De Gasperi

Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Capo della Commissione Alleata
R O M A

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335 30 December 1945

My dear Admiral,

In reply to your letter of 29 December 1945, I write to confirm my verbal agreement expressed at our meeting on 12 December 1945 and to state that the Italian Government undertakes not to station troops other than CC.RR. anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian frontier pending further notification from the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

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

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JAN 4 RECD
CC-0930

Rome, January 2, 1946

My dear Admiral,

I have been informed by my Government that the French Government has recently protested in Washington against the inadequacy of the disputed border zone arrangements after the northern provinces have been returned to Italian administration. Following a reiteration of the French position, with which you are familiar, the communication from the French Government states that formal agreement for "demilitarization" must be obtained from the Italian Government and that "these commitments must be more definite than those discussed in conversations which Admiral Stone had a few days ago with M. De Gasperi". In order that you may know the most recent expression of the position of my Government on this problem, I am quoting below for your information the text of the Department's reply to the French note:

> "The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the French Ambassador and in reply to the Embassy's Note Verbale of December 18 regarding the withdrawal of Allied Forces from Italian territory along the Franco-Italian frontier, has the honor to state that as previously set forth, this Government does not consider that the withdrawal of Allied Forces from this territory is in any sense contrary to the military agreements of June last. As also previously explained, in deference to the French Government's views, as expressed by General Juin, the SAC Mediterranean has undertaken, however, not to permit the use of Italian troops other than Carabinieri in the border zone pending the return of the territory to Italian administration.
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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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"On December 15 the American Embassy in Paris informed the French Government that the SAC had made it clear to the Italian Government that the forthcoming transfer of the territory in question to Italian administration would be without prejudice to any frontier rectification in the final peace settlement. A public statement to this effect was made by the Allied Commission December 13. The SAC has also recommended to the Italian Government that insofar as possible Italian troops other than Carabinieri should not be used in the boundary territory. It is this Government's understanding that the Italian Prime Minister has expressed full understanding of the necessity for this recommendation. Further arrangements putting this understanding into effect can no doubt be made through direct conversations with the French and Italian Governments.

"It is the view of the American Government that these measures, together with the presence of Allied liaison officers in the frontier districts, will insure that all Allied interests will be safeguarded."

The above has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander by the Office of the United States Political Adviser at Allied Force Headquarters with the comment that the United States Government does not agree to the imposition of demilitarization of the zone in question as a condition to the return of the area to Italian Government jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk.

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RE SIGNAL FRANCO ITALIAN FRONITER.

£. SHOULD READ CUNEO PROVINCE GUARDIA DI FINANZA TOTAL STRENGTH 115 MEN IN TEN STATIONS AND TOTAL STRENGTH OF CARABINIERI 299 IN 31 STATIONS.

2. STRENGTH GIVEN OF AGENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY INCLUDE WHOLE OF FRANCO ITALIAN BORDER.

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Ref: 8273/81/EC.

29 December 1945.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Confirming my conversation with you on 12th December 1945, I write to inform you that the Combined Chiefs of Staff require, in connection with the imminent restoration of territory in Northern Italy, an undertaking from the Italian Government not to station Italian troops other than CC.RR anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations between the United States, United Kingdom and French Governments.

I should be glad, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would confirm in writing your verbal agreement expressed at our meeting.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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AMG PIEMONTE REGION CMA PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

28 Dec. 1945

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RE YOUR SIGNAL FRANCO ITALIAN FRONTIER FD

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PARA TWO FD DO NUMBER OF AGENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY GIVEN INCLUDE THOSE OVER WHOLE OF FRANCO ITALIAN FRONTIER FD

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E. J. BYE, Colonel.

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Asst Adjutant.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUBCOMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

DATE: 21ST DECEMBER, 1945

REF: AFSC/36/1/AIR

CIVIL AVIATION IN ITALY

1. Italian Civil Aviation is still not permitted but there would be no objection to the Italian Government and Italian Interests discussing Civil Aviation with representatives of the Allied Countries should you or they so wish.

2. This is in no way to be read as giving authority for Civil Aviation to be operated by Italians, and is without prejudice to further directives or agreements, or to the ultimate Peace Treaty.

(Initialled) I.E.B.
I.E. RIDDIE
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Is France giving up her claims?

Paris, 13th,

It is learnt that France gave up her claims on Val d'Aosta and the Suza zone. It seems that British and American troops are withdrawing from the zone in question. It is believed that an agreement took place between the allied command of Rome and the French Government, according to which allied troops are to be withdrawn from the area which would not be occupied by Italian troops. Only a few carabineers units already stationed there would remain.

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LIST OF POLICE STATIONS ON FRANCO ITALIAN FRONTIER. PARA 1. TORINO PROVINCE. GUARDIA DI FINANZA. USSEGLIO 7 MEN; BALME 6; FORNO ALPI GRAIE 5; RODDI PELLICE 9; FRALI 6; SUSA 17; ESILLE 8 ; MOLAMETTO 13;FERRERA CENISIA 5; BARDONECCHIA 11; BOUSSON 9; CLAVIERS 10; ULZIO 6; MELEZZETTO 6;. TOTAL STRENTH 118 MEN IN 14 STATIONS. TORINO PROVINCE. CARABINIERI. MONCENISIO 7 MEN ; VERNAIZIO MOLAMETTO 6; CHIAMONTE 6; ULZIO 16; CLAVIERS 7; FERRERO 7; TORRE PELLICE 9; VIU' 7; CHIALAMBERTO 6; FENESTRELLE 7; FRAGELATO 6;CERES 7; . TOTAL STRENGTH 91 MEN IN 12 STATIONS. AOSTA PROVINCE. GUARDIA DI FINANZA. VILLANOVA BALTEA 22MEN; LA THUILE 11; COURMAYEUR 11; CERESOLE REALE 5; TOTAL STRENGTH 49 MEN IN 4 STATIONS. AOSTA PROVINCE CARABINIERI. VALDIGNA DI AOSTA 13 MEN ; COURMAYEUR 7; LA THUILE 7; VAL Grisence 6; LOCANA 7. TOTAL STRENGTH 40 MEN IN 5 STATIONS. CUNEO PROVINCE. GUARDIA DI FINANZA. VINADIO 12; ARGENTERA 14; BAGNI DI VINADIO 8; ACCEGLIO 10;; SAN DALMAZZO DI TENDA 20; BRIGA MARITTIMA 6; Entracque 13 ; CASTED DELFINO 9; PIANALB 7; CRISSOLO 8. TOTAL STRENGTH 117 IN 10 STATIONS. CUNEO PROVINCE CARABINIERI. BRIGA 6 MEN; TENDA 6; SAN DALMAZZO DI TENDA 40; MINIERA VALLAURIA 10; ENTRACQUE 6; MOLLIERES 16; ARGENTERA 16; BAMBUGO PIETRAPORZIO 6; VINASIO 20; PRAZZO 6;ACCEGLIO 10; CASTELDELFINO 10; CRISSOLO 10; SANTEYRE 6. TOTAL STRENGTH 168 MEN IN 14 STATIONS. TOTAL STRENGTH OF GUARDIA DI FINANZA 282 MEN IN 28 STATIONS. TOTAL STRENGTH OF CARABINIERI 291 IN 31 STATIONS. PARA 2. 6 AGENTI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA AT SUSA TORINO PROVINCE.

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SUBJECT : Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec 45). 333

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)
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Amendment No 3

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Please ACK on att ACK slip.

Major General
M M I A

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TO : LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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Amendment No 3

CANCEL whole Appx 'D' and

SUBSTITUTE new Appx 'D' att herewith.

Please ACK on att ACK slip.

ARCS/abc

for Major General
M M I A

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ANNEXURE NO 3.

Revised Appx 'D' to MMLA Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 december 1945)

The following reports are required by HQ MMLA from all BLUs on 7th and 21st of each month, and as at 1st and 15th of each month.

A consolidated Progress Report, subdivided into G (para 5(b)(iii) refers), A and Q headings, and on 7th of each month ONLY with the following Appces att:

A. Location Statement of A and B Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN tps in the Territorial Comd to which BLU are att, down to and incl bns or equivalent units. Only the Designations of Units as shown in the Order of Battle for the ITALIAN Army will be used in Location Statements for ITALIAN tps. (para 5(a)(v) refers).

B. Staff Lists of BLUs (para 3(b) refers).

C. Staff Lists of ITALIAN offrs of rank of LT COL and above with Territorial Comd HQ, Divs, Regts and Trg Ests. (para 5 (d) (iii) refers).

D. Return of BR MT. Proforma as under. (para 3 (b) refers).

PROFORMA

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	etc	. . .	. . .	..	..	...
2						
3						
etc						

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found

The following reports are required by HQ MMLA from all BLUs on 7th and 21st of each month, and as at 1st and 15th of each month.

A consolidated Progress Report, subdivided into C (para 5(b)(iii) refers), A and Q headings, and on 7th of each month ONLY with the following Appces att:

A. Location Statement of A and B Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN tps in the Territorial Comd to which BLU are att, down to and incl bns or equivalent units. Only the Designations of Units as shown in the Order of Battle for the ITALIAN Army will be used in Location Statements for ITALIAN tps. (para 5(a)(v) refers).

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Signed.....

Unit.....

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SUBJECT : MMIA Directive No.2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec 45).

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA).

G/7.

TO : Distn below.

28 Dec 45.

Amendment No.4 to MMIA Directive No.2.

1. The attached Appx 'F' will be added to MMIA Directive No.2.

2. ACK.

ARCB/ljb

for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Distribution

List 'A' (lead Serials 9, 10, 11, 18, 19).
List 'B' (2 copies)
List 'C' (6 copies to Ser 1)

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

Receipt in ACK of copies of MMIA letter G/7 dated 28 Dec 1945 fwd Appx 'F' to MMIA Directive No.2 d/d 7 Dec 45.

Signed . . . . . .

Date . . . . . Rnk. . . . . .

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Appendix 'F' to MMIA Directive No.2
(G/7 dated Dec 7 1945)

OBJECT

1. The correct method of dealing with personal services questions concerning BLU personnel is as follows.

PERSONNEL

2. Officers : (a) All postings, appointments, changes of employment, confidential reports, applications for interviews (e.g. with M.D.) and applications for courses will be dealt with through HQ MMIA.

(b) Normal routine documentation such as A.F.W3010A will be sent direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon by units with copies to HQ MMIA. In the case of A.F.W3008 HQ MMIA need not be included on the distribution list.

3. Other Ranks: (a) All postings and documentation will be done direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon in the normal manner. Any particular difficulties that arise can be referred to HQ MMIA.

(b) HQ MMIA will be kept fully informed as to OR strength. See instructions contained in HQ MMIA letter A 374 dated 20 Dec 45.

RELEASE - PYTHON

4. (a) Release : Documentation of all ranks will be dealt with by BLUs direct with the local Administrative HQ

(b) Python : BLUs deal direct with GHQ 2nd Echelon.

LEAVE

5. LIAP : (a) Vacancies for all ranks will be applied for by BLUs to the local Administrative HQ - see instructions contained in HQ MMIA letter A/328/I dated 20 Dec 45.

(b) BLUs will apply to HQ MMIA for permission to send officers on LIAP before applying for vacancies for them. 258

LEAVE other than LIAP.

6. Any queries on local leave or applications for leave to countries other than UK will be made to HQ MMIA.

Local leave in accordance with current regs may be granted by OC BLU without reference to HQ MMIA except leave for OC a BLU which should be referred to MMIA giving name of proposed substitute

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DISCIPLINE

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DISCIPLINE

7. COURTS MARTIAL and COURTS OF INQUIRY matters will be dealt with by HQ MMLA. BLUs are reminded that the G.O.C., MMLA has powers of a District Commander.

See (355) for change

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FINANCE

8. (a) AUDIT BOARDS will be held quarterly in accordance with KR 85 (b) and the papers forwarded to HQ MMLA for approval.

(b) OFFICERS' personal matters - to be dealt with in accordance with GROs 1129 and 1130 dated 12 Oct 45.

FAMILIES TO CMF See 315 for deletion

9. Applications for the families of British officers and ORs to come to CMF will be made through local Adm HQ.

GENERAL

10. The following matters will be referred to HQ MMLA:-

See for authority

(a) ~~Marriages~~.

(b) Honours and Awards.

(c) Repatriation.

11. Matters referred to in the above paragraphs are dealt with at HQ MMLA as follows:-

A.A.G.
(phone No.472702)

D.A.A.G.
(phone No.489081 Ext.533)

(a) OFFICERS (1) Postings and Appointments.
(2) Confidential Reports
(3) Interviews
(4) Financial matters
(5) Courses - Staff College etc.

(b) O.Rs General Policy

(c) Discipline (1) Courts Martial
(2) Courts of Inquiry

(d) Finance - Audit Boards

(e) Honours and Awards

(f) Visits

S.C. 'A'
(phone No.489081 Ext.524)

(a) C.R. (1) Strengths
(2) Postings

(b) Release (1) Officers
(2) ORs

(c) LILP (queries)

(d) PYTHON (queries)

(e) Leave 257

(f) Staff Lists

(g) Familes to CMF

(h) Marriages

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(2) Courts of Inquiry

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(f) Visits

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(a) O.R. (1) Strengths
(2) Postings

(b) Release (1) Officers
(2) ORs

(c) LLAP (queries)

(d) PYTHON (queries)

(e) Leave 257

(f) Staff Lists

(g) Families to CMF

(h) Marriages

(i) Repatriation.

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CHIEF COMM

Subject:- Italian Disabled Soldiers.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 029
27 Dec.45

To :- Chief Commissioner A.C.

(R34)

With reference to your letter dated 7 Dec.45 and attached correspondence on the subject of taking care of Italian disabled soldiers.

The matter has been discussed with the Ministry of War and it has been agreed that it is not possible to find the 2,000 to 3,000 men required for this duty out of the present small Italian Army ceiling.

The solution which has been suggested is that the War Ministry ask the Italian Government to get the Italian Red Cross to make themselves responsible for this service.

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L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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AHG/gc:

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SUBJECT: MMLA Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec)

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMLA)

G/7

21 Dec 45

Amendment No 2 to MMLA Directive No 2

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CANCEL whole Appx 'C' and INSERT new Appx 'C' att herewith.

Major General, USA
M. M. L. A.

ARCS/jw

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Revised Appx 'C' to MMIA
Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec 45)

Ref Para 3 (b)

1. "B" Type BLUBs will be affiliated to 'A' Type BLU's for adm matters as under:

No. 1 (TURIN)	No. 2 (GENOA)
No. 3 (MILAN)	
No. 4 (BOLZANO)	No. 5 (UDINE)
No. 7 (FLORENCE)	No. 6 (BOLOGNA)
(MMIA HQ)	No. 8 (ROME)
No. 10 (NAPLES)	No. 9 (BARI) and
	No. 11 (PALERMO)

2. Os C 'A' Type BLUs will at their discretion attach their REME and/or RASC officers to 'B' Type BLUs, and will alter these attachments from time to time as necessity arises.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

16 December 45

SUBJECT: FAN 635

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery E. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME, Italy

1. Herewith are three copies of FAN 635 as per telephone conversation Admiral Stone/Chief of Staff (16 December).

One copy for yourself
One copy for the U.S. Ambassador
One copy for the British Ambassador

16 Dec '45

R A Pager Coshe Majr

J. E. Bastion, Jr.
Lt. Col. GSC.

(Received Dec 16th)

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Chief Commissioner.

The Franco-Italian frontier to a depth of 15 kiles Eastwards will be left in charge of:

352 CC.RR
557 GG.FF
128 Polizia Sicurezza

1037 in all, about 1 agent of Public Security per square kiles.

MSL/JG.
17.Dec.

M.S.C.

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AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

9318 14 DECEMBER 1945 PRIORITY

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FOLLOWING REUTERS DISPATCH DATED PARIS THIRTEENTH APPEARED IN ITALIAN PRESS THIS MORNING COLON

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ AICOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

QUOTE IS FRANCE GIVING UP HER CLAIMS QUERY PARIS CMA THIRTEENTH CMA REUTER PD

IT IS LEARNED THAT FRANCE GAVE UP HER CLAIMS ON VAL DAOSTA AND THE SUSA ZONE PD IT SEEMS THAT BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING FROM THE ZONE IN QUESTION PD

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AFHQ for Chief of Staff

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YOUR WAR ORDER LETTER OF SEVEN DECEMBER REFERS FD

PARA TWO ORDER LETTER OF SEVEN DECEMBER FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE SITE AGREE PARAS

ITALICS PARAS THIS MESSAGE CANCEL SECRET PERSONAL DISPATCH FROM PARIS DATED TWELVE

DECEMBER WHICH IS NOTED IN CHARLIE IN MY NEXT SUCCEEDING TELEGRAM FD

PARA TWO FD IN VIEW PARA TWO CHARLIE OF REFERENCE LETTER MAY I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS

AS TO WHAT POSITION I AM TO TAKE ON THIS SUBJECT IF APPROACHED BY CORRESPONDENTS

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UK Ambassador
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HENRY W STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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AFH: for Chief of Staff

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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN ITALIAN PRESS THIS MORNING PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM Rq ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

QUOTE ALLIED TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM THE ITALO FRENCH FRONTIER PD PARIS CMA

TWELFTH PAREN UNCLE PETER PAREN PD IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT AT

THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THE ALLIED TROOPS STARTED WITHDRAWING FROM

THE ZONE THEY HAD UNTIL NOW BEEN OCCUPYING ON THE ITALO FRENCH BORDER SEMICOLON

THEY WITHDREW TO A DEPTH OF FIFTEEN MILES IN ITALIAN TERRITORY PD

THE ZONE IS NOT TO BE OCCUPIED BY ITALIAN TROOPS CMA BUT WILL REMAIN AS

SUBJUOTE NO MANS LAND END SUBJUOTE UNTIL THE PEACE TREATY WITH ITALY IS SIGNED PD

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FRENCH REQUEST WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE ADVISABILITY

OF NOT PREJUDICING THE FINAL DELIMITATION OF THE FRONTIER WITH ITALY CMA IN

VIEW OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO SUCH FRONTIER THAT FRANCE IS CLAIMING FOR STRATEGICAL

REASONS PD END QUOTE

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US Ambassador
Bt Ambassador
Ex Comar

Chief Comar
Chief Commissioner

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HILARY P. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

E. J. Leone
CWO, U.S.
Ass't. Adjutant

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Rear Admiral, USNR
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Chief Commr

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DTG 300945Z PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
TO CABINET OFFICES LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

FOR INFO : 2 DISTRICT; ALCOM; USFET;

REF NO : FX 55074

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FROST

This is NAF 1096.

Reference NAF 1090.

After further discussion with General JUIN, he informs me that the matter of Italian Troops on the Franco-Italian Border is being taken up on Governmental level.

I have agreed not to allow Italian Troops other than Carabinieri to enter a 15 mile belt along the Frontier pending discussion of this matter by the Governments concerned.

I cannot however defer the withdrawal of Allied Troops from this area any longer, and General JUIN has been informed accordingly.

I am prepared to accept the fact that until a decision is reached there may be no troops other than Carabinieri in the Frontier Zone.

ORIGINATOR : G-3(AFHQ) AUTH: D PEEL YATES, BRIG.

INFORMATION : SACS, G(SD), C/S MTG, CIRC MTD, USPOLAD, LIAISON, G-5, RAF, CAC, RESMIN

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DEC. 131215

PUBLIC SAFETY HQ PIEMONTE REGION

ALCOM ATT PUB SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

IMPORTANT

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Your signal 9181 Franco Italian frontier police strength now received. Figures given in my signal in reply were for whole region of piemonte.
2. Correct figures for Franco Italian frontier are -
   Guardia di Finanza 282 in 28 Stations -
   Carabinieri 291 in 31 Stations -
   Agenti 6 in 1 Station.
3. These are normal strengths and no increase is contemplated.
4. P O complete List of Stations and strength in post.

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256 Carabinieri in 47 Border Stations 491 Guardia di Finanza in 52 Border Stations - 18 Agenti Pubblica Sicurezza in 2 border stations, in Piemonte Region. Full list of stations follows by letter. Above strengths are normal.

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FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
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This is NAF 1098 Reference FAN 634 and NAF 1096.

Para 1. The immediate handback of theNorthern Provinces raises the question of whether the rights of the Italian Government in theFranco-Italian frontier Zone are to be in any way restricted.

Para 2. It is clear that unless we do restrict the employment of Italian troops in this zone pending the outcome of diplomatic negotiations between the United States, United Kingdom and French Governments we risk provoking the French into precipitate action.

Para 3. Logically the Italian Government when responsible for theadministration of the Provinces of Piedmonte and Liguria should be permitted to station such troops as they consider necessary anywhere in these provinces. I am reluctant to attach further formal conditions to the hand over of territory, but I feel that the present restriction on the employment of Italian troops in the frontier zone (NAF 1096 refers) should be maintained until the question is settled with the French Government.

Para 4. I therefore propose at the time of hand over to obtain an undertaking by the Italian Government not to station troops other than Carabinieri anywhere within 15 miles of the Franco-Italian border. This undertaking will be given no publicity. The Italian Prime Minister will be informed now that some such condition may be imposed.

Para 5. I estimate that the hand over of the Northern Provinces will be effected about 31 December. Urge that the question of restrictions in the Franco-Italian Frontier Zone be settled with the French Government by that date.

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10 December 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 6 December forwarding paraphrase of a telegram from the State Department to the American Embassy in Paris on the subject of recent developments in the demilitarization of the French-Italian frontier.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
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10 December 1945

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA AND PIEMONTE REGIONS
FOR RPSOS

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WILL YOU PLEASE REPLY SOONEST NUMBERS OF CORR CMA GOFF AND PS AGENTS PERFORMING FRONTIER DUTY ON FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER WITHIN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS FD

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS LIGURIA AND PIEMONTE REGIONS FOR RPSOS FROM ALCOM CITE ACSFF PAREN

PLEASE SHOW NUMBERS SEPARATELY ALSO GIVE LOCATIONS WHERE POLICE ARE PERFORMING DUTIES FD

HAVE REINFORCEMENTS BEEN RECENTLY SUPPLIED CMA OTHER THAN FILLING NORMAL WASTAGE AND ARE REINFORCEMENTS CONTEMPLATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FD

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G. J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant.

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7 December 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission.

With reference to the attached, will you let me know your decision in this matter before you take final action. If there is any way we can comply with the wishes of the Italian Government in this respect, I should like to do so.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 27 November, 1945

My dear Admiral,

as you well know, disabled and blind soldiers were formerly given by the War Department soldiers that practically always belonged to the Military Corps, as escort.

However, the Allied Sub-Commission in charge of such matters, considering that such a service is not part of the special tasks of the Armed Forces, withdrew the acknowledgement of their status granted to the soldiers entrusted with such service, who therefore don't get the pay fixed for the Armed Forces.

Understanding the absolute necessity of granting proper assistance to this category of disabled soldiers, the Italian Government tried to entrust this task to civilian elements, but, unfortunately, it met with great difficulties.

In fact, the relatives of the disabled soldiers, when it is possible to ask for their service, are generally unfit for assistance, particularly in cases when the disabled soldier cannot do anything for themselves without help.

On the other hand, it is still more difficult to find adequate foreign elements, and we have well founded doubts as to whether such people would conscientiously carry out the mission to be entrusted to them.

Because of the obstacles which I mentioned, I beg you to consider with your usual comprehension, the possibility of asking the Sub-Commission concerned to reconsider the decision that has been taken.

I feel sure you will grant my request, and I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

s. Formaggio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Att to MMLA letter
G/7 dated 7 Dec 45

AMENDMENT No. 1
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DIRECTIVE No. 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

(a) Delete page 1 and insert new page 1 attached.

(b) Page 2, para 3(c), 2nd line:

for "DIVISIONAL Comd" read "DISTRICT Comd".

(c) ANNX "D"

under "G" add sub-para (c) as follows, and renumber remaining sub-paras (d), (e) and (f):

"(c) On 7th and 21st of each month and as at 1st and 15th, a Fortnightly Report in triplicate on points of general interest (as previously sent as DO letter from Comds of old BLUs to GOC). This HQ letter G37 of 5 Dec 45 refers.

In lieu of AF A16

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

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Receipt is acknowledged of two copies of Land Forces Sub Com, AC (MMLA) letter, reference G/7 dated 6 Dec 45, subject: Instrs to British Liaison Units attached to Italian Territorial Commands.

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DIRECTIVE No. 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

INTRODUCTION

1. It is the wish of the United States and British Governments that an Italian Army, of such a size as can reasonably be maintained by the Italian Government should be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is:-

(a) to reinforce the authority of the Italian Government.

(b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order.

(c) to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of ITALY.

Until the terms of the Peace Treaty are made known, this Italian Army, for the purpose of these instructions, is to be organised, trained and administered in accordance with MAIA Directive No. 1 of 8 Nov 45, entitled "Transfer of the Italian Army to the Italian Government".

2. (a) The Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission is the channel of communication between Allied authorities and the Italian War Ministry; it also functions as the Military Mission to the Italian Army (IMMA).

(b) Its SEC (dealing directly with IMMA) has responsibility is confined to matters in connection with the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling.

(c) In other respects, including attendance to the supreme ceiling, economic, political and civil matters, questions connected with demobilisation, demilitarisation, civil security and ex-army personnel not employed (including ex-prisoners of war), the responsibility is as the Land Forces Sub Commission, directly subordinate to Allied Command.

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ORGANISATION OF BLUS

3. (a) An BLU is composed of British and US personnel and is organised in accordance with the attached chart (Appx "A").

(b) British Liaison Units (BLUs) are organised in accordance with the approved War Establishments (WE Appx "B"), as Type 'A' or 'B', one of

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(b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order.

(c) to act as a deterrent to Yugoslav aggression across the frontiers of Italy.

Until the terms of the Peace Treaty are made known, the Italian Army, for the purpose of these instructions, is to be organized, trained and administered in accordance with Joint Directive No. 1 of 8 Nov 45, entitled "Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government".

2. (a) The Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission is the channel of communication between Allied authorities and the Italian War Ministry. It also functions as the military liaison to the Italian Army (ITA).

(b) As ITA (dealing directly with ITA) its responsibility is confined to matters in connection with the organization, training and administration of the Italian Army within the agreed ceiling.

(c) In other respects, including alterations to the agreed ceiling, economic, political or civil affairs, questions connected with [illegible] demilitarization, civil security and enemy material and personnel (including employment of war) the responsibility is that of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, directly accordance to Allied Command.

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ORGANIZATION OF ITA.

3. (a) ITA HQ is composed of Italian and US personnel and is organized in accordance with the attached chart (Appx "A").

(b) Territorial Defence Units (TDUs) are organized in accordance with the approved War Establishments (see Appx "B"). A TDU is [illegible] and either a type being attached to each Territorial Region in accordance with the size and responsibility of the region. Type 'A' TDUs, which include [illegible] personnel, will, in so far as this is considered to be [illegible] Territorial Regions in which [illegible] Type 'B' TDUs will be found by ITA (see Appx "C"). Staff, base and [illegible] units will be found by ITA (see Appx "D").

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, December 6, 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

With reference to my letter of August 24, 1945, containing the views of the Department of State regarding the "Morgan-Carpentier agreements" and the "Doyen-Truscott agreements" relating to the demilitarization of the French-Italian frontier, I am enclosing for your information a paraphrase of a telegram which the Department sent to the American Embassy in Paris on recent developments in this matter, which you will no doubt find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk

Enclosure

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

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For AC.

Telegram from Department of State

November 30, 1945

Paraphrase

Following telegram has been sent to Paris:

In the opinion of the Department the Doyen-Truscott, Morgan-Carpentier agreements of last June on the withdrawal of French troops from the Italian frontier and the establishment there of AMG, are purely military and do not contain any commitment regarding the duration of AMG or obligation extending beyond the period of AMG; they provide merely that as long as Allied troops are available Italian forces will not be stationed within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border.

General Juin has now been informed by AFHQ that on December 1 Allied troops must be withdrawn from this border since, on account of redeployment, they are no longer available. In connection with your telegrams nos. 6847 and 6883 of November 28 and 29 respectively, you may explain the above to Bidault and tell him that this territory is soon to be returned to the administration of the Italian Government and that in the opinion of the Department the presence there of liaison officers of the Allied Commission, who will remain for some time, will constitute a guarantee that Allied interests will be safeguarded.

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AF 091.711 GCT-O

3 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Directive to the Commander, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(MMIA)

THRU: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

TO: Commander, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(MMIA)

INTRODUCTION.

1. It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the Italian Army shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is:-

(a) to maintain the authority of the Italian Government,

(b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order,

(c) to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of ITALY.

To implement this policy, an Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA) has been incorporated within the existing Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

DUTIES.

2. Your duties as the Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(MMIA) will therefore be twofold:-

(a) As Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, you will be responsible to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. You will advise him on all matters of military policy, including any alterations to the authorized ceiling, and those which raise political issues or which affect the other armed forces.

(b) As Commander of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA) you will be responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander

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(1) for giving advice and assistance, in accordance with Allied policy, to the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate Italian HQ's on the formation, organization, training and

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administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Your responsibilities in these respects will be limited to advice and assistance only; all necessary executive work must remain the responsibility of Italian authorities concerned. The Italian Government normally will be expected to accept your advice. If it should feel unable to do so you will refer the matter to AFHQ.

(2) for giving advice to AFHQ on such Italian Army matters as come within the scope of paragraph 2(b)(1) above, and, should the occasion arise, on the employment of any Italian units or formations under Allied Command.

3. In both these capacities, it will be your duty to convey to the Minister of War in appropriate form all Allied policy or instructions concerning the Italian Army and to advise and assist him in such detail as you consider necessary as regards the implementation of this policy or these instructions.

4. As Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC you will be responsible for keeping the Chief Commissioner, AC informed of all relevant business undertaken in your capacity as Commander of the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA).

5. The term "Italian Army" includes the Carabinieri, except where the operational functions of the latter, and their instruction in purely civil police duties, are concerned. Such matters are the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

ORGANIZATION OF MMIA.

6. To enable you to carry out the objects of your Mission you will be provided with a suitable staff of British and U. S. officers, ORs and WF. These will be organized into:-

(a) Military Mission to the Italian Army (also functioning as Land Forces Sub-Commission).

(b) British liaison units for attachment to Italian Army formations and training establishments.

7. At the present time no termination can be foreseen to the period during which the services of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(MMIA) will be required. You will, however, keep

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constantly under review the numbers of British and U. S. officers, ORs and T required to carry out your tasks efficiently and make such recommendations for any possible decreases as may be possible.

. British liaison units are placed under your command and you are authorized to exercise the disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a COC's District in respect of the personnel and stores of these units. For this purpose the Military Mission to the Italian Army will be your HQs.

. You will make it clear to all personnel under your command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied-Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individuals concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

10. As far as possible the Italian Army will be organized, equipped, commanded and administered on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modification as may be dictated by:-

(a) Nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out.

(b) Nature and amount of the equipment which the British and U. S. Governments have undertaken to provide.

(c) National characteristics of the Italian Military system.

With reference to (c) above, it is not the intention to interfere with or modify the Italian system in regard to honours and awards and the "status civil" of military personnel except in-so-far as it is necessary to bring them in line with other changes in the organization. It may, however, be necessary to advise the Italian Government to modify the present system of promotion, selection of officers, pay and allowances, financial responsibility, discipline and military law, so that these shall not hamper the efficient reorganization of the Italian Army.

11. The ceiling of the Italian Army will be decided from time to time by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the advice of AFHQ based on the recommendations of the Allied Commission. The order of battle of the Italian Army within this ceiling will be decided from time to time by AFHQ based on your recommendations. Detailed requirements within the above order of battle will be

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worked out as a matter of urgency by the Italian Government, as advised by Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(MMLA) and reported to AFHQ.

TRAINING.

12. The training of the Italian Army will be the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, but will be carried out under your advice and supervision. You should ensure that that it conforms generally with British training policy and that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable. The principal British staff officer for training at AFHQ will keep you informed of current British training policy and methods.

ADMINISTRATION.

13. The approved policy regarding the administration, including maintenance and supply, of the Italian Army, is shown in letter, this headquarters, AG 091.711 GSD-O of 2 November 1945, paragraphs 10 - 13 inclusive. Any alteration to these arrangements will be notified to you from time to time.

14. You will be responsible for screening the demands of the Italian Ministry of War for such equipment and supplies as continue to be found from Allied Military sources. You will also exercise supervisory control over the use of such materials.

15. You will ensure that copies of all establishments and equipment tables drawn up by the Italian Ministry of War on your advice, are forwarded to AFHQ for information.

16. You will assist the Italian Ministry of War to introduce into the Italian Army a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army.

17. You will be advised of the financial agreements under which the provision of any equipment or supplies is undertaken by the British and United States Governments.

18. These instructions supersede those given in AFHQ letter AG 091.112/079 GCT-O of 25 October 1944.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Allied Troops

TO : BCOAUS (4)
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Ref APO, telegram W 34832 of 28 Nov 45 on the subject of Withdrawal of Allied Troops from the Pyongyang-Yojiin Border.

APO have cancelled this cable by telephone with the Chief Commissioner and new instructions have been requested.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Movement.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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30 November 1945

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference is made to Directive No. 1 forwarded under G/7 of 8 Nov 45.

1. The Italian Government is now responsible for arranging the movement of Italian Army Units, personnel and stores except as indicated below. It will place bids for movement on the Allied military authorities only when transportation facilities are directly controlled by those authorities.

2. As regards rail movement, the War Ministry will make arrangements direct with Italian State Railways (ISR) for the movement of Units, personnel and stores, informing the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA) and Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, as required.

3. The Allied military authorities will continue as at present to arrange the movement of personnel and units which remain in the US-ITI or BR-ITI category and their reinforcements, and of Units which are under the operational command of GHQ. They will also be responsible for movement of stores which are supplied through US or British Service channels.

4. Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA) will deal directly with GHQ on movement matters affecting the Allied Military Authorities.

Movements by rail will be made by direct contact by Ufficio Trasporti with ISR.
Shipping movements will be arranged by MMLA in contact with the appropriate Allied authority.
Road movements will be the responsibility of the Ufficio Trasporti (road schedules, etc.)
Movement by Air. Application will be made by the Ufficio Trasporti to MMLA who will obtain Air bookings through Transportation Office, Allied Commission. Only extremely urgent moves will be effected by air.
(All concerned are notified that questions concerning this subject should be addressed to MMLA, Q 1, Room 36, 7th Floor Tel.No. 47810).

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Major General,

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Major General,
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To Agwar for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to Cabinet Offices London for British Chiefs of Staff.

This is Naf 1096. Reference NAF 1090. After further discussion with General Juin he informs me that the matter of Italian Troops on the Franco-Italian Border is being taken up on Governmental level. I have agreed not to allow Italian Troops other than Caribinieri to enter a 15 mile belt along the Frontier pending discussion of this matter by the Governments concerned. I cannot however defer the withdrawal of Allied Troops from this area any longer and General Juin has been informed accordingly. I am prepared to accept the fact that until a decision is reached there may be no Troops other than Carabinieri in the Frontier~~Area~~ Zone.

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Further to our 53101 of 14 November 45 and our EX 54812 of 28 November 45 (not to 2 District). Subject is withdrawal of Allied Troops from Franco-Italian border. As a result of further representations from the French authorities SAC has agreed that pending the outcome of Intergovernmental discussions on the subject no Italian troops other than Carabinieri will be allowed in the zone 15 miles deep along the Franco-Italian border without his personal authority. This measure is without prejudice to the withdrawal of British troops from duties on the Franco-Italian border with effect from 1 December and it is recognized that until a decision is reached there may be no troops other than Carabinieri in the Frontier Zone.

For AICOM. You may inform the Italian Government of this temporary measure should you consider it necessary. As thisHQ is already dealing with General JUIN it is not considered desirable or necessary to take this matter up with the French representative on ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Note by British ciphers--
This message has been delayed by necessity to obtain a repitition of part.

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(Sgd) M. S. Lush.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: DGTA/236/AG 21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army M.T.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region
Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region
Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
Regional Commissioner, Veneto Region

1. Agreement has been reached between the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Transport, whereby Italian Army vehicles at present operated by civilians, may be retained by them, subject to an equivalent tonnage of Allied vehicles now being made available to the Italian Government being handed over to the Italian Army.

2. Only such vehicles as have been recorded on lists forwarded by you are covered by this agreement. Provided sufficient information, i.e. tonnage number, engine and chassis numbers have been furnished, a Transfer Document will be prepared by the War Ministry and delivered to the Ministry of Transport, entitling the present owner to continue to operate the vehicle. Transfer Documents will be issued in respect of vehicles of equivalent tonnage to those which have been received by the Italian Army from the Ministry of Transport. A specimen Transfer Document is attached as Appendix "A".

3. It is to be clearly understood by all concerned that the lists forwarded by you are final, that no additional vehicle may be added, and that necessary action will be taken by the War Ministry in the case of any other Army vehicles in the possession of civilians.

M. S. Lush

for MILTON W. ARNOLD, Brigadier
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Coordinator

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APPENDIX 'A'

Certificate No.....

Full name and address of owner:

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is authorised to hold and operate the vehicle described below which has been struck off Army charge:

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Engine No.....

Chassis No.....

Targa No1.....

Signed.....

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DIRECTIVE No. 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

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Until the terms of the Peace Treaty are made known, this Italian Army, for the purpose of these instructions, is to be organised, trained and administered in accordance with MMIA Directive No. 1 of 8 Nov 45, entitled "Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government".

2. (a) The Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission is the channel of communication between Allied authorities and the Italian War Ministry; it also functions as the Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA).

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3. (a) HQ MMLA is composed of British and US personnel and is organised in accordance with the attached chart (Appx. 'A').

(b) British Liaison Units (BLUs) are organised in accordance with the approved War Establishments (see Appx. 'B'), as Type 'A' or 'B', one of either type being attached to each Italian Territorial Region HQ depending on the size and responsibility of the region. Type 'A' BLUs, which include officers of services, will, from time to time, be required to assist Type 'B' BLUs in administrative matters for which purpose an affiliation plan will be made by HQ MMLA (see Appx. 'C'). Staff lists and British vehicle returns of BLUs will be sent to MMIA monthly as detailed in Appx 'D'.

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(c) A special BLU (known as 'F' BLU) is attached to the Training Centre at CESANO for duty with the training group of units which are controlled directly by the War Ministry.

(d) All BLUs will come directly under HQ MMIA for all matters except such local administrative questions as must necessarily be handled by local administrative headquarters. MS matters will be referred direct to HQ MMIA and are handled there by an officer specially appointed for the purpose.

(e) Disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a Divisional Commander are vested in Commander MMIA. Similarly, powers of a Detachment Commander are vested in Lt-Colonels in charge of 'A' Type BLUs and 'F' BLU. These powers extend over any 'B' Type BLU affiliated to them.

OBJECTS

4. (a) The object of MMIA is to advise and assist the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate headquarters on the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Responsibilities in this respect are limited to advice and assistance only; all necessary executive work must be the responsibility of the Italian authorities concerned.

(b) The particular object of BLUs will be to give similar advice and assistance to the Italian HQ to which they are attached. The Italian Commander will normally be expected to accept this advice; if he should feel unable to do so, the OC BLU will refer the matter to HQ MMIA. BLUs are therefore in effect miniature missions to their respective Territorial Headquarters, taking their policy and direction from HQ MMIA.

(c) The senior officer of each BLU will make it clear to all personnel under his command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied - Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individual or individuals concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

DUTIES OF BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

5. POLICY

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Responsibility of OsC BLUs, as regards organisation of HQs, formations and units within the Territorial Command to which they are attached is as follows:-

(i) As far as possible the Italian Army is being organised and commanded on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modification as may be dictated by :

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- the nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out,

- the nature and amount of the equipment which the British and US Governments have undertaken to provide,

- the national characteristics of the Italian military system.

(ii) OsC BLUs will see that all units in their area of responsibility are in fact organised in accordance with the official WE issued by the Italian Ministry of War after agreement with this HQ. They will bring to the notice of the Territorial Command any cases in which official WE are modified or disregarded. They will use their discretion as to whether such modifications are within the spirit of the WE, and they will advise the Territorial Command accordingly. If their advice is not accepted, they will inform this HQ.

(iii) Bearing in mind the characteristics of the Italian Military system, OsC BLUs will at all times offer to the Territorial Command advice on the organisation and efficient running of HQs and establishments.

(iv) OsC BLUs will submit to HQ MMLA for consideration with the Ministry of War, any recommendations they may have to make on the subject of Staff Duties with particular reference to the smooth and speedy disposal of business by means of decentralising responsibility to junior officers, eliminating redundant links in the chain of command and of supply, logical distribution of Staff Duties, and simple office procedure.

(v) OsC BLUs will render location statements as at Appx. 'D'.

(b) INTELLIGENCE

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(i) The Italian authorities are required to furnish information regarding the strength, organisation, training, movements, administration, real estate, and stocks of material and equipment held by the Italian Army.

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(iii) In order that this information may be presented in the form best serving both Allied and Italian interests, and may be studied in the proper context of local conditions, OsC BLUs will keep their fingers upon the pulse of local feeling, both civilian and military, and will submit to this HQ a monthly Intelligence Report (see Appx. 'D'). This monthly Intelligence Report will be prepared with the collaboration of the Italian Territorial Command staff, and may be submitted in draft for the views of the Italian Territorial Command.

(iv) In the Report, OsC BLUs will stress appreciated future trends rather than past events, details of which are only required if of outstanding importance or as factors in their appreciation.

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(v) As far as it concerns military efficiency and relations with the civilian population, BLUs will study the morale of all ranks with whom they come into contact. They will include this as a heading in their monthly Intelligence Report. They will as far as possible detail the factors affecting morale and will include the Italian reaction at all levels to these factors.

(c) TRAINING

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(ii) Personal Services

Terms of service, pay, allowances, promotion, postings, discharges and leave are all matters for decision by the Ministry of War. MMLA is being kept informed by the War Ministry of all decrees and changes of procedure in respect of these matters. Such information as becomes available

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will be made known from time to time to BLUs who will be responsible for bringing to the notice of Italian HQs concerned, any serious breaches of regulations and for informing HQ MMLA if such matters are not reasonably adjusted.

Italian Army personnel will be subject to Italian Military Law which will be administered by Italian officers in accordance with the Italian Code. Any undue delay in the administration of justice will be reported by BLUs to HQ MMLA.

A welfare establishment will be included in the establishment of each Territorial Command. Advice of BLUs will be given freely on matters of welfare to Territorial and unit commanders.

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OsC BLUs will give active advice and assistance to Italian headquarters on accommodation questions generally and particularly in the matter of the return to the Italian Army of War Ministry property occupied by the Allies, in accordance with current Allied instructions (at present AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 48 of 2 Nov 45). For this purpose, direct contact will be made with local Allied Headquarters concerned; only in case of difficulty or in cases involving authorities under the Allied Commission will the matter be referred to HQ MMIA. The general allocation of accommodation within the Territorial Command is a matter for Territorial Commanders; the advice of BLUs will be valuable as concerning the probability of the Italian needs clashing with those of the Allies.

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(vi) Transport

Vehicles in use by the Italian Army are partly of Allied origin and partly of Italian. BLUs will exercise supervisory control over the use of the former. BLUs will continually impress on Italian authorities the need for good organisation and of economy in the use of MT and POL. A Director of Repairs is at Territorial Headquarters and responsible for the supervision of the Repair Unit. Spare parts are obtained from stores controlled by War Ministry. In the case of Allied vehicles, resort will frequently have to be made to cannibalisation.

Local tpt needs are provided by the Adm Tpt Coy which should be given first priority in maint, as on it depends the daily housekeeping of the Army.

A Light Wksp has been provided for each Adm Tpt Coy. The Veh Parks for efficient vehs and non-runners awaiting repair are an important link in the system and will require constant attention and supervision. Release of vehs from efficient Veh Parks is controlled by the War Ministry NOT by Terr. HQ.

(vii) Transportation

The Italian Government is now responsible for arranging rail movement of Italian Army troops and stores direct with the Italian State Railways. A directive on methods and priority is being issued by HQ MMLA.

(viii) Supplies

System of supply is as laid down in MMLA Directive No.1. The Italian Army must take its share of the Nation's food resources. Local purchase by the Commissariato Directorate at each Territorial Command will play an important part in the procurement of foodstuffs. The ration scale will probably vary and that in local use will be ascertained by the BLUs for the information of MMLA. Advice and assistance on matters of distribution and cookery should be freely given to Territorial Commanders. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-ITI and US-ITI Service troops are given at Appx. 'E'.

OsC BLUs will be responsible through their own or affiliated supply officers for:-

(a) Technical advice on the receipt, storage and issues of all foodstuffs in Italian depots and Divisions.

(b) Liaison between Allied (military and/or civilian organisations) Supply Depots for transfer of stocks to the Italian Army (including advice re Rail movement of supplies).

(c) Advice concerning maintenance of stocks within their Areas.

(d) Ensuring that any alteration to the ration scale is

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(d) Ensuring that any alteration to the ration scale is brought to the attention of all concerned and that alterations are implemented as instructed.

(e) Supervisory control over all supplies found from Allied military sources.

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(ix) Clothing and Equipment

During the interim period before the National Economy permits a uniform standard of clothing and equipment, it will not be possible to attain homogenity in all units of the Army. Economy is, therefore, essential. OsC BLUs will be provided with copies of equipment tables issued by the Ministry of War and will advise local authorities and assist them to introduce and maintain a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-IEI and US-IEI Service troops are given at Appx. 'F'.

(x) Veterinary and Remount

The utmost use of animal transport in station duties will be rendered essential by the shortage of petrol. OsC BLUs will advise and assist wherever possible in the reorganisation of animal transport.

(xi) Accounting

Transfer of stores from Allied to Italian depots has hitherto been recorded on shipping tickets in accordance with established procedure. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the impending transfer of warlike equipment with the Gruppi, and any other accounting with which BLUs may be concerned.

CARABINIERI

6. The Carabinieri (CC RR) within the authorised ceiling of 65,000 are included in the term "Italian Army" and will be the responsibility of MMLA except for operational functions and training in purely civil police duties. Such matters are the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. OsC BLUs will maintain close touch with CC RR Divisional or Brigade Headquarters concerned.

RELATIONS WITH ALLIED AUTHORITIES

7. (a) As long as any Italian troops are under Allied operational command, at the request of Allied Commanders, OsC BLUs will provide full liaison between the Italian Territorial Command to which BLUs are attached and the Allied HQ concerned.

(b) OsC BLUs will volunteer to Allied Districts or Areas any information of outstanding importance or urgency on any subjects within their knowledge, copy to MMLA.

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(ii) As long as Italian troops are under operational command of Allied Commanders Italian Territorial Commands must themselves provide, with the assistance of OsC BLUs, such returns or states of all troops, including Inf Divs, within their command, as are required by Allied Commanders.

(iii) When Allied Commanders cease to have operational command of Italian troops OsC BLUs may continue to keep touch with Allied HQs on all necessary matters of mutual interest to Allied and Italian Commands, but will be required to provide detailed information only to MMLA.

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ALLIED SERVICE TROOPS

8. BR-ITI and US-ITI Service units do NOT form part of the Italian Army at disposal of the Italian Government. Particulars regarding their maintenance, which is an Anglo-American commitment, are given at Appx. 'E'.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. (a) Correspondence

Written correspondence will be kept to a minimum.

(b) Channels of Communication

OsC BLUs will correspond direct with MMIA on all matters, copies where relevant to interested Allied HQs. On all subjects other than BLU administration and discipline, for which matters 'B' Type BLUs are affiliated to 'A' Type BLUs, OsC 'B' Type BLUs will correspond direct with MMIA on a par with OsC 'A' Type BLUs.

Copies of any necessary direct correspondence with Allied HQs will be sent to MMIA as applicable.

(c) Periodical Returns - see Appx. 'D'

(d) Conferences

Conferences will be held at frequent intervals, probably monthly, and alternately in ROME and a suitable rendezvous in North Italy.

(e) Postal and Signal Addresses

Final designation of new BLUs is awaited from the War Office and will be notified as soon as received.

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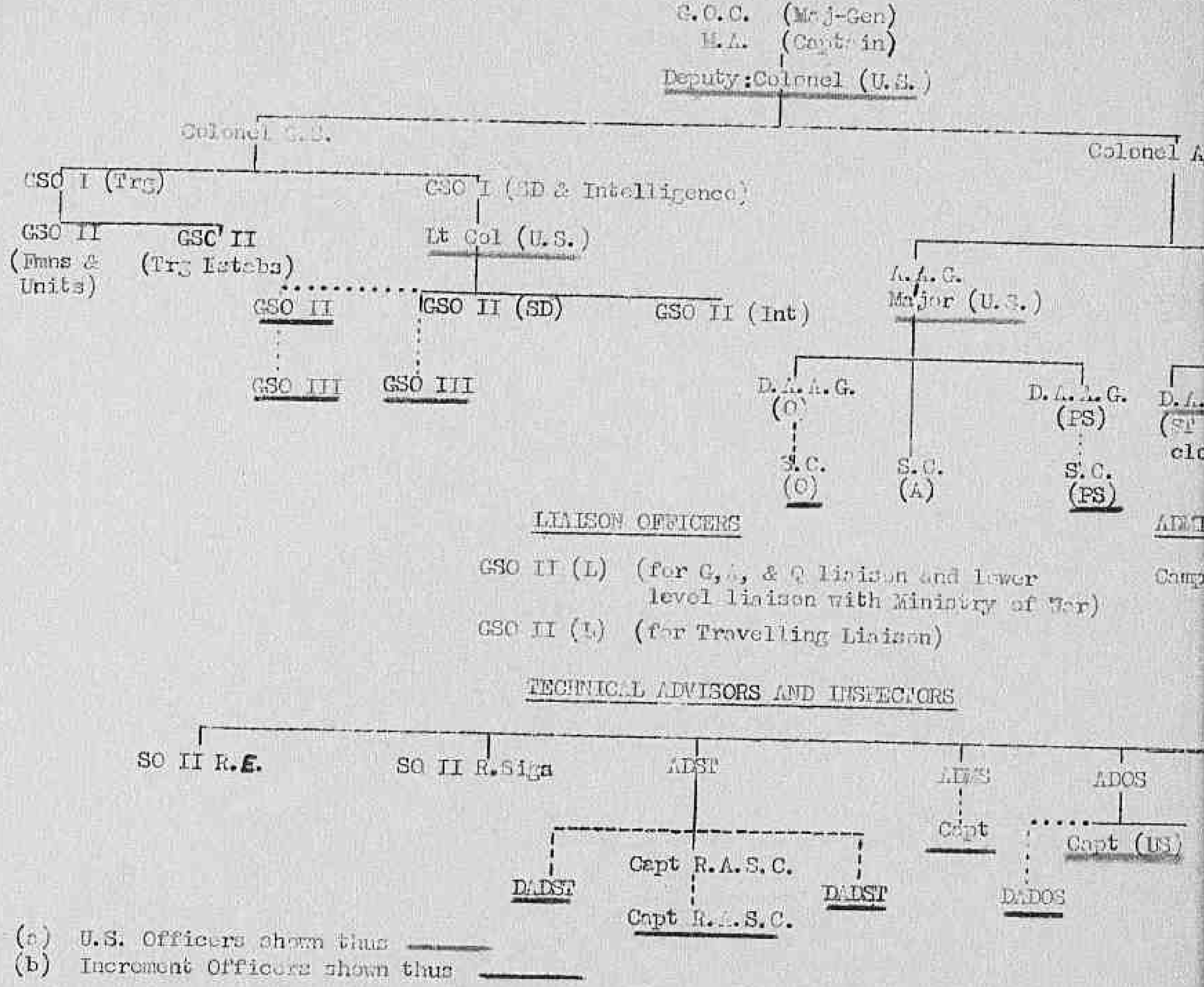
MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY
LAYOUT



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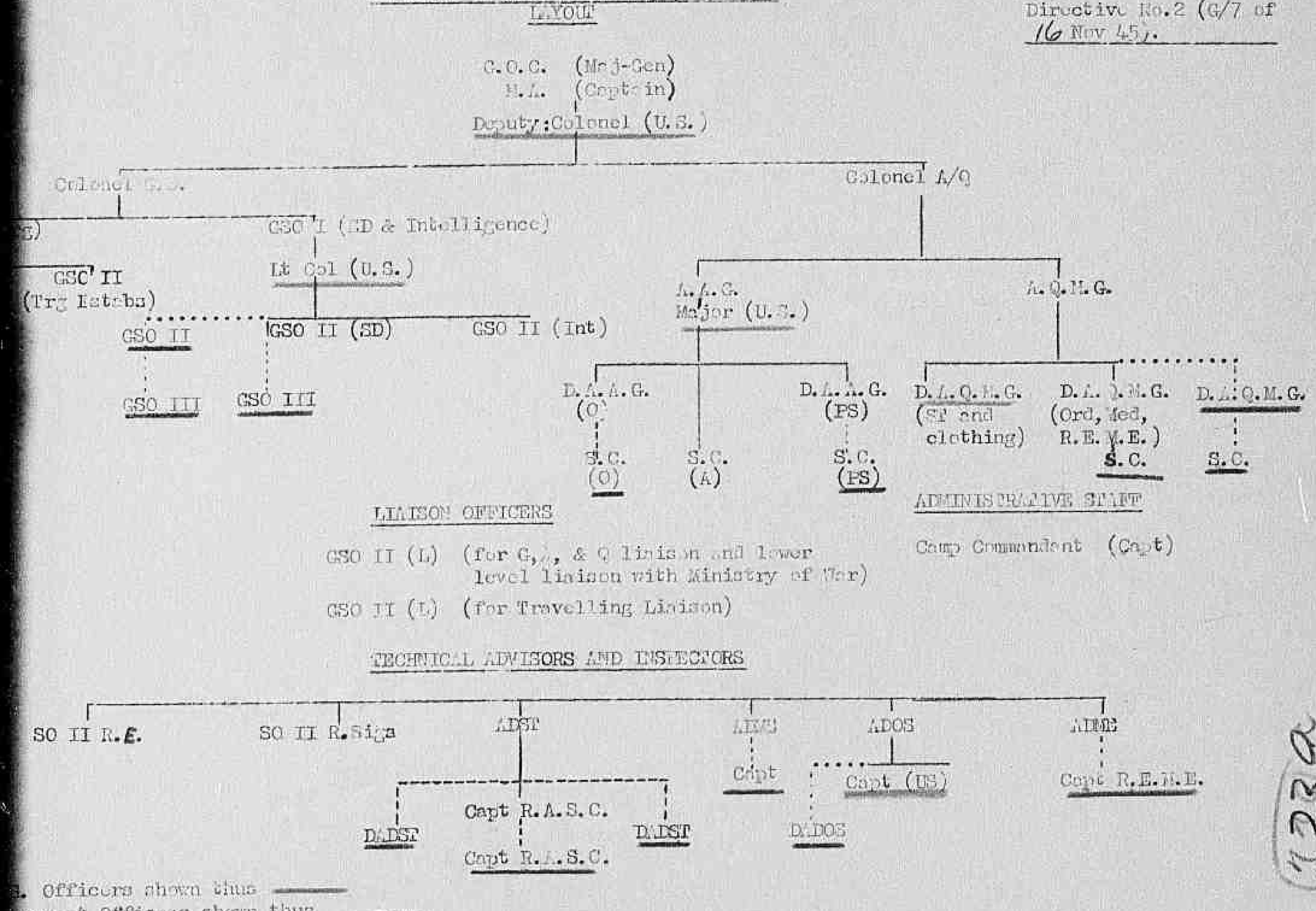

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Effective date 24 Sept 45.

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RESTRICTED

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'A') TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Amdt No.	-
Date	24 Sept 45
Officers	5
ORs	12
Total	17
MCs	2
Vehicles	4
Trailers	-

(i) Personnel

STAFF

ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

General staff officer, 1st grade	1
General staff officer, 2nd grade	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Private	1

SERVICES

Supply and Transport -

Captain, R.A.S.C.	1
Clerk, general duties, R.A.S.C. (lance-Cpl)	1

Ordnance -

Clerks (R.A.O.C. duties) -	
Warrant officer, class I	1
Lance-Corporal	1

R.E.M.E. -

Captain, R.E.M.E.	1
Clerk, technical, R.E.M.E. (Lance-corporal)	1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty N.C.O. (Sergeant)	1
Ration N.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1
Driver Mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Batman-driver	1
Cook, A.C.C.	1
Total, British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters	17

(ii) Transport

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STAFF

ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

General staff officer, 1st grade	1
General staff officer, 2nd grade	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Private	1

SERVICES

Supply and Transport -

Captain, R.A.S.C.	1
Clerk, general duties, R.A.S.C. (lance-Cpl)	1

Ordnance -

Clerks (R.A.O.C. duties) -	
Warrant officer, class I	1
Lance-Corporal	1

R.E.M.E. -

Captain, R.E.M.E.	1
Clerk, technical, R.E.M.E. (Lance-corporal)	1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty N.C.O. (Sergeant)	1
Ration N.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1
Driver Mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Batman-driver	1
Cook, A.C.C.	1
Total, British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters	17

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 4 x 2, Light utility	3
Truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 4, GS	1
Total, Vehicles	4

NOTES

1. All officers will be Italian speaking
2. Additional administrative personnel held on Italian Incr.

This establishment when implemented will supersede British Liaison Unit to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (CM/1112/1). (This establishment was not issued)

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Appendix 'B' to MMLA Directive
No. 2 (G/7 dated 16 Nov 45)

RESTRICTED

Effective date 24 Sept 45.

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Amdt No. Date	- 24 Sept 45
Officers	2
O.Rs	4
Civilians	5
Total	11
M. Cs.	1
Vehicles	2
Trailers	-

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B')
TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

General staff officer, 2nd grade (a)	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)	1
Total, officers	2
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. - Corporal	1
Private	1
Batman-driver	1
Motor-cyclist	1
Total, other ranks	4
Total, all ranks	6
Civilians -	
Batman-driver	1
Cooks	2
Mess orderly	1
General dutyman	1
Total, civilians	5
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)	11

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light utility	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 4, G.S.	1
Total, vehicles	2

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Total	11
M. Cs.	1
Vehicles	2
Trailers	-

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

General staff officer, 2nd grade (a)	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)	1
Total, officers	2
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. - Corporal	1
Private	1
Batman-driver	1
Motor-cyclist	1
Total, other ranks	4
Total, all ranks	6
Civilians - Batman-driver	1
Cooks	2
Mess orderly	1
General dutyman	1
Total, civilians	5
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)	11

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light utility	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 4, G.S.	1
Total, vehicles	2

(a) Will be Italian speaking.

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

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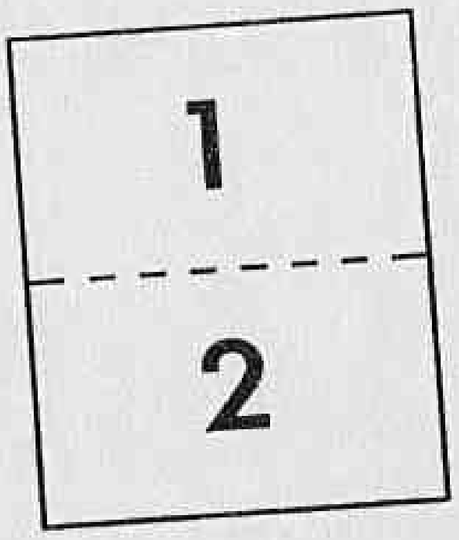

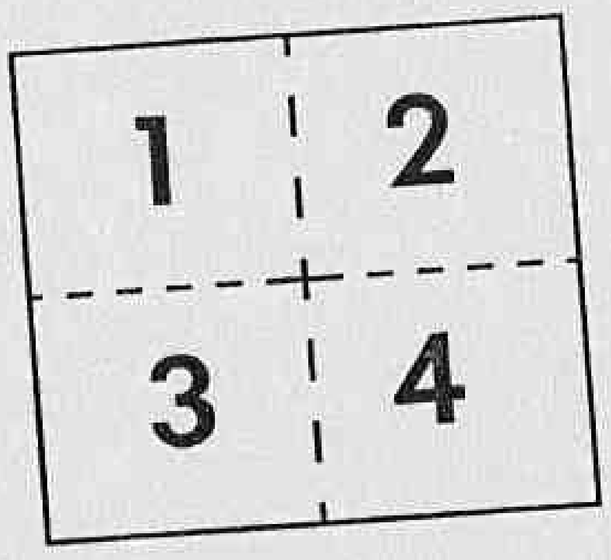

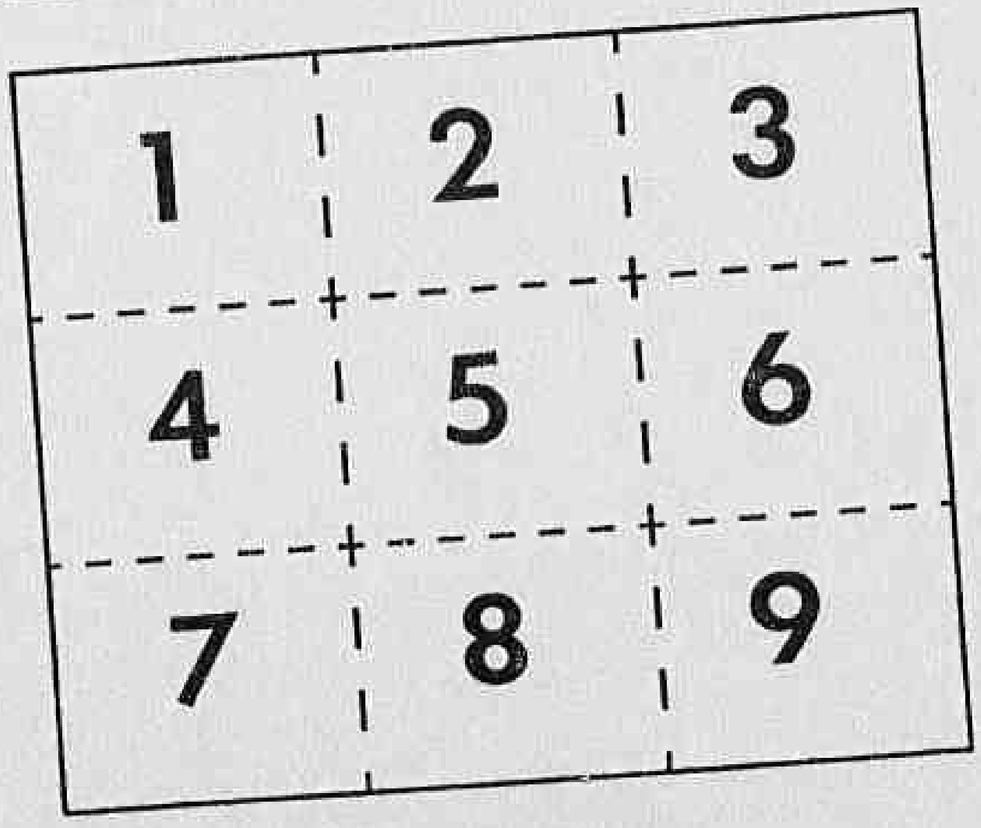

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Appendix 'C' to MMIA Directive No.2.
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ITALY

SCALE 1 : 3,000,000

0 50 100 150 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles

Italian military territorial Divisions.

NATIONAL BOUNDARIES
Regional boundaries (military)
District boundaries (")
Regional Headquarters(")
District Headquarters(")

AUSTRIA
SWITZERLAND
JUGOSLAVIA
MARE ADRIATICO
MARE TIRRENO
Lagosta
No. 3
No. 4
No. 5
No. 6
No. 7
No. 8
No. 9
Bolzano
Udine
Venezia
Bologna
Firenze
Roma
Napoli
Bari
TRENTO
BELLUNO
BERGAMO
BRESCIA
VICENTA
TREVISO
VERONA
UDINE
GORIZIA
TRIESTE
PADOVA
PIACENZA
PARMA
REGGIO EMILIA
MODENA
FERRARA
ROVIGO
RAVENNA
FORLI
PESARO
ANCONA
MACERATA
ASCOLI PICENO
TERAMO
PESCARA
CHIETI
SULMONA
L'AQUILA
FOSSINONE
LITTORIA
CAMPOBASSO
FOGGIA
BARLETTA
CASERTA
BENEVENTO
AVELLINO
POTENZA
SALERNO
NAPOLI
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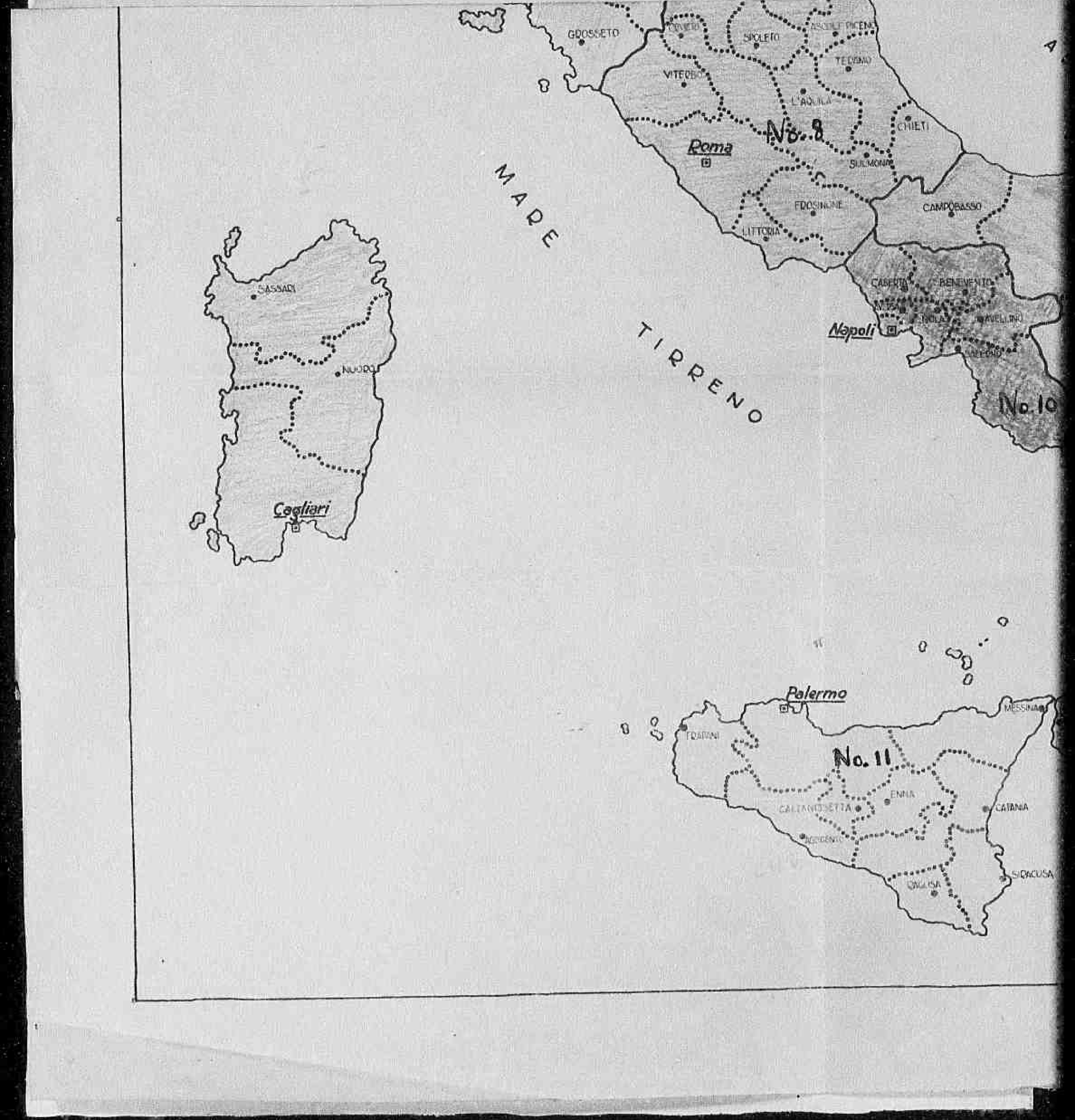

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F.b.

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Ref Para 3 (b)

"B" Type BLUs will be affiliated to "A" Type BLUs for adm matters as under:

1.

A	PRESENT B
No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd
No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMIA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd

2. In order to facilitate supervision of Service Installations and in view of possible re-deployment of Inf Divs, readjustment may be necessary at a later date as follows :

No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd
No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMIA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd

Map showing Comds and Districts is att.

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A	B
No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd
No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMLA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd

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No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMLA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd

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Following periodical Statement, Report, Lists and Return are required by HQ MMIA from all BLUs, all on 7th of each month and as at 1st of each month.

"G" (a) Location Statements of "A" and "B" Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN troops in the Territorial Comd to which BLUs are attached, down to and including bns or equivalent units. (Para 5(a)(v) refers).

(b) Intelligence Report in general terms to cover the previous month. (Para 5(b)(iii) refers).

"A" (c) Staff Lists of BLUs. (Para 3(b) refers).

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Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

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Appendix "E" to MMIA
Directive No. 2 (G/7 of 16 Nov 45)
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A. Clothing and Equipment (BR-ITI)

1. DEPOTS

Stocks will be held at the main Depots of BARI, NAPLES and FLORENCE, and they will be controlled by MMIA. From the Main Depots stocks will be allotted to :

2. SUB-DEPOTS, of which there will be one with each Adm Div and each Regtl Div HQ as under :

227	Adm	Div,	located at	NAPLES/BARI
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711	"	Regt	"	" BARI
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713	"	"	"	" SALERNO
714	"	"	"	" NAPLES
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716	"	"	"	" FLORENCE
717	"	"	"	" PADUA
718	"	"	"	" MIRA

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C. Rations (BR-ITI and US-ITI)

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SUBJECT : MMIA Directive No. 2.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMIA)

G/T

16 Nov 45

TO : All Addressees of Directive No.2

Herewith MMIA Directive No.2. The instructions contained in this Directive will not be implemented until receipt by signal of further orders from this HQ.

for Major General, Chief
M. M. I. A. GS

ARCS/jw

16 Nov 45.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Directive to the Commander Military Mission to the Italian Army.

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
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TO : Commander, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA)

INTRODUCTION

1. It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the Italian Army, of such a size as can reasonably be maintained as a charge against the Italian Government shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is to maintain the authority of the Italian Government, to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order and to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of ITALY. With this end in view, and in order to economize in manpower, the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will also function as a Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA).

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OBJECTS

4. The objects of your Mission will be:

a. To advise and assist the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate Italian Headquarters in the formation, organization, training, supply and maintenance of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Your

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responsibilities in that respect will be limited to advice and assistance only: all necessary executive work must remain the responsibility of Italian authorities concerned. The Italian Government will normally be expected to accept your advice. If it should feel unable to do so you will refer the matter to AFHQ for a decision.

b. (see * on last page.)

COMMAND

5. As far as the terms of this directive are concerned you will be directly subordinate as MMIA to AFHQ. In other respects, as Land Forces Sub-Commission of Allied Commission, you will be directly subordinate to the Allied Commission.

ORGANIZATION OF MMIA

6. To enable you to carry out the objects of your Mission you will be provided with a suitable staff of British and U.S. officers, other ranks and enlisted men. These will be organized into:

a. Military Mission to the Italian Army (also functioning as Land Forces Sub-Commission).

b. British liaison units for attachment to Italian Army formations and training establishments.

7. At the present time no termination can be forseen to the period during which the services of your Mission will be required by the Italian Government. You will, however, keep constantly under review the numbers of British and U.S. officers, other ranks and enlisted men required to carry out your objects efficiently and make such recommendations for their progressive decrease as may be possible.

8. British Liaison units are placed under your command and you are authorized to exercise the disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of

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9. You will make it clear to all personnel under your command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied-Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individual or individuals concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

10. As far as possible the Italian Army will be organized, equipped, commanded and administered on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modifications as may be dictated by:

a. Nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out.

b. Nature and amount of the equipment which the British and US Governments have undertaken to provide.

c. National characteristics of the Italian Military system.

With reference to c. above, it is not the intention to interfere with or modify the Italian system in regard to honors and awards and the "etat civil" of military personnel except in-so-far as it is necessary to bring them in line with other changes in their organization. It may, however, be necessary to advise the Italian Government to modify the present system of promotion, selection of officers, pay and allowances, financial responsibility, discipline and military law, so that these shall not hamper efficient reorganization of the Italian Army.

11. The order of battle and ceiling of the Italian Army will be decided from time to time by the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the advice of AFHQ based on the recommendations of the Allied Commission. **The detailed order of battle of the Italian Army will be decided from time to time by AFHQ based on your recommendations.** ~~You will be advised of the financial arrangements under which the provision of any equipment or supplies is undertaken by the British and U.S. Governments.~~

TRAINING

12. The training policy for the Italian Army will be laid down by the Italian Ministry of War, but will be carried out under your advice and supervision. You 693 should ensure that it conforms generally with British training policy and that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable. The principal British staff officer for training at AFHQ will keep you informed of current

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ADMINISTRATION

13. The approved policy regarding the administration, including maintenance and supply, of the Italian Army, is shown in this Headquarters letter AG 091.711 GSD-O of 2 November 1945, paragraphs 10 to 13 inclusive. Any alteration to these arrangements will be notified to you from time to time.

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14. You will be responsible for screening the demands of the Italian Ministry of War for such equipment and supplies as continue to be found from Allied Military sources. You will also exercise supervisory control over the use of such material.

15. You will ensure that copies of all establishments and equipment tables drawn up by the Italian Ministry of War on your advice, are forwarded to AFHQ, for information and you will assist the Italian Ministry of War to introduce into the Italian Army a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army.

16. You will be advised of the financial arrangements under which the provision of any equipment or supplies is undertaken by the British and US Governments.

* b. To advise AFHQ on such Italian Army matters as come within the scope of Sub Para (a) above, and, should the occasion arise, on the employment of any Italian units or formations under Allied command.

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY FIVE ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN OF FOUR NOVEMBER PD

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ADMIN REPEATION FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. CABINET OFFICE LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF. ZERO 2 ZEBRA. AFHQ (HOME AREA YES PLEASE) ENTER.

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Reference NAF 1010. (320) a

This is NAF 1090. also NAF 1009 (320) b

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
CABINET OFFICE LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

FOR INFO : 2 CINCMEDIT : ALCOM : USFET

FOR NO : FX 5 1 13

SIGNED : EAGWAR OTHR: MEDIT

This is NAF 1052.

Ref NAF 1010 para 8.

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1. Owing to heavy sickness commitments and repatriation of US, Canadian and Indian troops I am no longer able to make available Allied troops for duties on the Franco-Italian frontier.

2. I am informing General JOCK that Allied troops will be withdrawn from the Franco-Italian frontier zone WEF 1 Dec 45 and that they will be replaced where necessary with Italian troops.

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Reference F 51737 of 3rd November.

1. French authorities ceing informed that Allied troops will be withdrawn from FRANCO-ITALIAN frontier EEF 1 December 45 and thereafter where necessary will be replaced by Italians.

2. For Algom request you inform the Italian Government.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF,
AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

RPTD FOR INFO: SHAEF FORWARD, FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL
FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER, FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL
FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER, ALCOM PERSONAL
FOR ADMIRAL STONE

REF NO : FX-91677

SIGNED : ALEXANDER CITE: FHCOS

This is NAF 1010.

Following is text of agreement reached in conference with French Delegation referred to in paragraph 2 of NAF 1008.

Begins.

1. The French troops in Northwest ITALY will be relieved by Anglo-American forces. This relief will be carried out progressively. The French troops will commence to move out of Northwest ITALY immediately. All French troops and French local government officials will, except as set out at paragraph 6 below, be West of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier by 10th July 1945.

2. The French movement to the West of the 1939 frontier will be completed in the areas stated by the dates shown below:

A. STURA DE DELMONTE Valley - 20th June.

B. VAL DAOSTA - 25th June.

C. SUSA-OULX-CESANA - 1st July.

D. TENDA-VENTIMIGLIA - 10th July.

3. Details of the relief of the French forces and the establishment of Allied Military Government in these areas will be arranged between the local Anglo-American and French Commanders concerned.

4. All propaganda in the areas at present occupied by French troops will cease immediately.

5. To ensure a smooth transfer of authority and to assist in the maintenance of law and order and the safety of persons and property against arbitrary acts, the French authorities will furnish all available information to the Anglo-American forces and to AMG officers.

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6. The French transit camp for prisoners of war and displaced persons at SUSA will be maintained as long as the requirement for such an organisation exists.

7. The Supreme Allied Commander will cause a study to be made of the question of electrical supply from the power house at BASSE ROYA to NICE and MENTON. It is agreed, in principle to continue this supply but the allocation of quantitiesof power to NICE and MENTON will be decided by AFHQ in relation to other demands for it.

8. As long as Allied troops are available, no troops of the Italian Army will be stationed within 15 miles of the frontier. The Italian Carabinieri and customs officials will however, be employed in the normal manner.

9. The freedom of frontalier movement across the Franco-Italian frontier, which was normal in pre-war years prior to the development of Franco-Italian tension, will be permitted.

10. As far as the agencies under the control of the Supreme Allied Commander are concerned, the move of the French troops to the West of the frontier will be treated as a normal routine relief and will not be given any special publicity. The Supreme Allied Commander will recommend to the British andAmerican Governments that no official announcement is made on this matter. Ends.

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To :	ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE		

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN CONFERENCE WITH FRENCH DELEGATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF NAF ONE ZERO ZERO EIGHT PD

TO AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO SHAEF FORWARD AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER AND FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER AND ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE FOX XRAY NINE ONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHCOS PD

THIS IS NAF ONE ZERO ONE ZERO PD

BEGINS PD PARA ONE PD THE FRENCH TROOPS IN NORTHWEST ITALY WILL BE RELIEVED BY ANGLO DASH AMERICAN FORCES PD THIS RELIEF WILL BE CARRIED OUT PROGRESSIVELY PD THE FRENCH TROOPS WILL COMMENCE TO MOVE OUT OF NORTHWEST ITALY IMMEDIATELY PD ALL FRENCH TROOPS AND FRENCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL CMA EXCEPT AS SET OUT AT PARAGRAPH SIX BELOW CMA BE WEST OF THE ONE NINE THREE NINE FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER BY ONE ZERO JULY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE PD PARA TWO PD THE FRENCH MOVEMENT TO THE WEST OF THE ONE NINE THREE NINE FRONTIER WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE AREAS STATED BY THE DATES SHOWN BELOW CLN SUBPARA ABLE PD STURA DE DELMONTE VALLEY DASH TWO ZERO JUNE PD SUBPARA BAKER PD VAL DAOSTA DASH TWO FIVE JUNE PD SUBPARA CHARLIE PD SUSA DASH OULZ DASH CESANA DASH ONE JULY PD SUBPARA DOG PD TENDA DASH VENTIMIGLIA DASH ONE ZERO JULY PD

PARA THREE PD DETAILS OF THE RELIEF OF THE FRENCH FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THESE AREAS WILL BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THE LOCAL ANGLO DASH AMERICAN AND FRENCH COMMANDERS CONCERNED PD

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN CONFERENCE WITH FRENCH DELEGATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF NAF ONE ZERO ZERO EIGHT PD

TO AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO SHAEF FORWARD AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER AND FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER AND ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE FOX XRAY NINE ONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHCOS PD

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PARA FOUR PD ALL PROPAGANDA IN THE AREAS AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY FRENCH TROOPS WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY PD

PARA FIVE PD TO ENSURE ABLE SMOOTH TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AND TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AAD THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AGAINST ARBITRARY ACTS CMA THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WILL FURNISH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO THE ANGLO DASH AMERICAN FORCES AND TO AMG OFFICERS PD

PARA SIX PD THE FRENCH TRANSIT CAMP FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND DISPLACED PERSONS AT

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SUSA WILL BE MAINTAINED AS LONG AS THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION EXISTS PD

PARA SEVEN PD THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER WILL CAUSE ABLE STUDY TO BE MADE OF THE QUESTION OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY FROM THE POWER HOUSE AT BASSE ROYA TO NICE AND MENTON PD IT IS AGREED CMA IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE THIS SUPPLY BUT THE ALLOCATION OF QUANTITIES OF POWER TO NICE AND MENTON WILL BE DECIDED BY AFHQ IN RELATION TO OTHER DEMANDS FOR IT PD

PARA EIGHT PD AS LONG AS ALLIED TROOPS ARE AVAILABLE CMA NO TROOPS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE STATIONED WITHIN ONE FIVE MILES OF THE FRONTIER PD THE ITALIAN CARABINIERI AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL HOWEVER CMA BE EMPLOYED IN THE NORMAL MANNER PD

PARA NINE PD THE FREEDOM OF FRONTALIER MOVEMENT ACROSS THE FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER CMA WHICH WAS NORMAL IN PRE DASH WAR YEARS PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRANCO DASH ITALIAN TENSION CMA WILL BE PERMITTED PD

PARA TEN PD AS FAR AS THE AGENCIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ARE CONCERNED CMA, THE MOVE OF THE FRENCH TROOPS TO THE WEST OF THE FRONTIER WILL BE TREATED AS A NORMAL ROUTINE RELIEF AND WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANY SPECIAL PUBLICITY PD

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER WILL RECOMMEND TO THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ON THIS MATTER PD ENDS

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Incoming Message

MSG Center No.: N 117/11
Classification: TOP SECRET
Precedence : URGENT
From : AFHQ
To : PERSONAL FOR STONE
(PER K 5573 attached)

Date/Time Rec'd: 112250
Date/Time Sent : 112010
Reference NR : FX 91578
Cite : FHGCT

THIS IS NAF ONE ZERO ~~ZERO~~ NINETY TO AGWAR FOR CCS AND TO AMSSC FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEATED SHEAF FWD CMA FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUENTHER CMA FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENBERGER FOR INFORMATION FOX XRAY NINE ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT XX TOP SECRET XX SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGCT X PARA ONE X REFERENCE PARA THREE OF NAF ONE ZERO ZERO EIGHT CONFERENCE WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON CMA ELEVEN JUNE X FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREED SEMI COLON SUBPARA ABLE X RELIEF OF ALL FRENCH TROOPS IN NW ITALY WILL BE CARRIED OUT PROGRESSIVELY AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY TEN JULY X DETAILS WILL BE SETTLED BY LOCAL COMMANDS X SUBPARA BAKER X IN VAL DAOSTA AND SUSA AREAS AMG WILL BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY X IN TENDA AREA WHERE FRENCH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION IS NOW FUNCTIONING HANDOVER TO AMG WILL BE DONE PROGRESSIVELY UNDER LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS X THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY OR DELAY SINCE AMG OFFICERS ARE ALREADY LOCATED GENERALLY THROUGHOUT AREA X SUBPARA CHARLIE X RELIEF WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY US AND BRITISH TROOPS X FOR SO LONG AS ANGLO DASH AMERICAN TROOPS ARE AVAILABLE IN NW ITALY CMA ITALIAN TROOPS WILL NOT BE STATIONED ON FRANCO DASH ITALIAN FRONTIER PD PARA TWO X IT WAS AGREED THAT NO PUBLICITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT NO COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THIS OR ANY MILITARY HEADQUARTERS CONCERNED X EMPHASIS IS TO BE LAID ON THE OPERATION BEING ABLE NORMAL MILITARY RELIEF AND USE OF THE WORD QUOTE WITHDRAWING UNQUOTE IS TO BE AVOIDED X AN UNDERTAKING WAS GIVEN TO THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONFORM TO THE SAME POLICY AND TO AVOID MAKING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS PD PARA THREE X FULL TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW

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From	:	AFHQ
To	:	ALCOM

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PAREN KING FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE XX TOP SECRET XX TO FOR ACTION AGWAR CMA AMSSO CMA SHAEF FORWARD CMA ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP CMA FIFTH ARMY CMA ALCOM PAREN AT THE REQUEST OF THE ORIGINATOR CMA ADD QUOTE ALCOM PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE UNQUOTE TO THE INFORMATION ADDRESSEES OF OUR FOX XRAY NINE ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY FIVE ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN OF FOUR NOVEMBER ED

PAREN TO GEORGE HOW QUEEN FOR GEORGE SUGAR DOG FOX HE ALOM CITE ACKNG PAREN

NO CALL UP OF ITALIANS INTO THE ITALIAN ARMY IS TAKING PLACE IN ITALY AT THE PRESENT TIME ED THE NEXT CALL UP IS PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY IN ONE NINE FOUR SIX ED NAVAL AND AIR FORCE DETAILS FOLLOW

COPY TO: LF S/C (ARMIA)

F. H. McCLEARY
OFFICE OF THE EX COMDR
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SUBJECT: Military Mission to the Italian Army
Reorganisation.

LAND FORCES SUB COM., A.C. (MMIL)

SD/101

8 Nov 45

TO : GHQ., CMF for
GSD (2)
A 1
Q (AE)
G (SD) (3)
GHQ 2nd Ech (Stats) (Two)

1. Reference Appx 'B' to AFHQ letter 210/ORG - 3 of 6 Dec 1944, AFHQ WDG Minutes Meeting 237 dated 24 Sept 45 Serials 2635/6/7/8 and telephone conversation Stainton - Huckle 8 Nov 45. Formal application is made to form the units specified in Appendix 1 (a) and correct the units specified in Appendix 1 (b) with effect from 15 Nov 45.

(a) See Appx 1 attached
(b) " " " "
(c) " " " "
(d) " " " "
(e) " " " "

2. Increase of 3 - BGS: ALOS: ADME: on TE GX/241/5.

3. Nil

4. Vide this HQ letters SD/101 of 31 Aug para III and SD/101 of 18 Sept para III: on the instructions of AFHQ.

5. Vide this HQ letters SD/401 of 31 Aug and 18 Sept para III in each case.

6. GHQ CMF/MMIC for units at Appx 1 (a) serial 1 and 2
MMIL/13 Corps " " " " " " serial 7
MMIL/2 Dist " " " " " " 3.4.5.6.8.
MMIL/3 Dist " " " " " " 9.10.11.12.13.

7. Not available.

8. 15 Nov 45.

9. As stated in para 1 (a) above.

10. Imprest a/c's will be necessary.

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6 Nov 45

TO : GHQ., CMF for
GSD (2) (Two)
A 1
Q (ME)
G (SD)(3)
GHQ 2nd Ech (Stats)

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MMIL/13 Corps " " " " " " serial 7
MMIL/2 Dist " " " " " " 3.4.5.6.8.
MMIL/3 Dist " " " " " " 9.10.11.12.13.

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7. Not available.

8. 15 Nov 45.

9. As stated in para 1 (a) above.

10. Imprest a/c's will be necessary.

C. Stainton
Major General,
A. M. I. 5

JLNS/jw

Copy to: 13 Corps. 2 Dist. 3 Dist. RAAC.
AC for Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Establishments Sec
All MIA LO's & HLU's

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Q (Three)
War Diary (Two)
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	(a) Units to be formed and new establishments to which units are to be converted		WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs
1.	Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA) ROME		CM/241/5	27	94	26	2
2.	Increment to " " " " " "		CM/1111/2	14	15	-	
3.	1 BLU (Type A) to Italian Territorial Headquarters	TURIN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
4.	2 BLU (Type B) " " " "	GENOA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
5.	3 BLU (Type A) " " " "	MILAN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
6.	4 BLU (Type A) " " " "	BOLZANO Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
7.	5 BLU (Type A) " " " "	UDINE Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
8.	6 BLU (Type B) " " " "	BOLOGNA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
9.	7 BLU (Type B) " " " "	FLORENCE Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
10.	8 BLU (Type B) " " " "	ROME Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
11.	9nBLU (Type B) " " " "	BARI Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
12.	10 BLU (Type A) " " " "	NAPLES Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2
13.	11 BLU (Type B) " " " "	SICILY Command (Palermo)	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1
		Total		78	193	58	18

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) to Italian Territorial Headquarters	TURIN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 51 BLU
) " " " "	GENOA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
) " " " "	MILAN Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 50 BLU
) " " " "	BOLZANO Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 53 BLU
) " " " "	UDINE Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 52 BLU
) " " " "	BOLOGNA Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
) " " " "	FLORENCE Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	3	1	
) " " " "	ROME Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
) " " " "	BARI Command	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
A) " " " "	NAPLES Command	CM/1112/2	5	12	4	2	formerly 56 BLU
B) " " " "	SICILY Command (Palermo)	CM/1130/1	2	4	2	1	
	Total		78	193	58	18	

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(b) Old establishments from which units are to be converted		TE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs.
1. 33 Military Mission		CM/241/3	67	174	52	8
2. 50 BLU to Italian Combat Group	FRIULI	CM/508/2	9	21	7	2
3. 51 BLU " " " "	CREMONA	"	9	21	7	2
4. 52 BLU " " " "	LEGNANO	"	9	21	7	2
5. 53 BLU " " " "	FOLGORE	"	9	21	7	
6. 56 BLU " " " "	MANTOVA	"	9	21	7	2
			112	279	37	18
			34	86	29	

(c) NIL

(d) Net increase --- NIL

(e) Net decrease

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ilitary Mission		CM/241/3	67	174	52	8	
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LU " " " "	CREMONA	"	9	21	7	2	" " 1 " TURIN
LU " " " "	LEGNANO	"	9	21	7	2	" " 5 " UDINE
LU " " " "	FOLGORE	"	9	21	7		" " 4 " BOLZANO
U " " " "	MANTOVA	"	9	21	7	2	" " 10 " NAPLES
			112	279	37	18	
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			34	86	29		
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FROM : AFHQ

TO : ALCOM

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FROM C (SD) CMF (.) REFERENCE OUR FX 51827 OF 4 NOVEMBER (.) PRESENT RATE OF CALL UP ITALIANS IN ITALY TO THE THREE ARMED FORCES (.) PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY FOR 9 NOVEMBER (.) INFORMATION REQUIRED URGENTLY BY TROOPERS

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ACTION : EXEC COM.

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PRIORITY

G (SD) GHQ CMF
ALLIED COMMISSION MMIA

SECRET
Following information urgently required. Present rate of call up of Italians in Italy to the three armed forces.

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OCT 24 Rec'd Chief Comnd.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 463.7 PET-C

19 October 1945

SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army

TO: All Concerned

1. Letter, this headquarters, file AG 463.7/229 PET-C, dated 9 September 1945, subject as above, is rescinded.

2. With effect from 1 October 1945 all elements of the Italian Army, excluding BR-ITI and US-ITI service units, regardless of location, will draw requirements of petroleum products according to paragraph 6 e of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 49, 1944, not withstanding the provisions of paragraph 6 a.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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SD/73/LF3C

17 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to my letter SD/73/LF3C dated 3 October 1945 requesting an early reply to the question of the call-up for military service of men of the 1914-1924 classes in the Province of Foggia.

Up to date no reply has been received and I would much appreciate your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc. Chief Commr
Exec Commr
Land Forces Sc

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AC/14201/114/PS

10 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to your letter No. 36260 of 15 Sep 45 on the subject of the use of the Italian Army on Police Duties.

This matter has been discussed with MMIA who have informed me that the use of military personnel on duties inside civil prisons or for operating civil prisons generally is precluded by the instructions governing the employment of the Italian Army.

MMIA, however, sees no objections to the military authorities rendering assistance to the civil authorities outside the prisons, such as by patrols to prevent attacks on prisons from outside elements.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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AFHQ SIGNED BACMED CITE FHQCT
ALCOM. MMIA. INFO DISTHREE

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Ref ALCOM 6668 of 6 October not to MMIA.

1. Three companies 501 Guard Bn TARANTO available release MMIA 16 October for Nr 9 IS Brigade BARI. On arrival destination approval granted release SAN MARCO Regiment due return Italian Naval Command.

2. For MMIA. Confirm accommodation available and date of acceptance when move order will be issued.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

Date 04 Time 1700 A

TO : AFHQ
DISTWO
DISTHREE
13 CORPS
P B S
RAAC
50 ELU
51 ELU
52 ELU
53 ELU
56 ELU
'F' EL & TU, IRTC

201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO FOR SELBY
86 AREA FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO MILAN
MMIA LO GENOA
MMIA LO TURIN
MMIA LO SARDINIA
217 AREA FOR 68 ARTY BRGT FOR HYATT
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO FOR TERUPP
COMMOB PALERMO FOR MMIA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR FORDYCE
PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT
FLORENCE CITY CMD FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
US AAFSC/MTO

REF : SD 2991

UNCLASSIFIED

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR HAS ISSUED AN INSTRUCTION TO ITALIAN LOWER HQS THAT W.E.F. 15 OCT 45 " ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS" WILL BE DESIGNATED " ITALIAN INF DIVISIONS " FRIULI " FRIULI INF DIVISION "

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED L.M. Eyloden. H-CC.

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DISTWO — 88 AREA FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE — MMIA LO MILAN
13 CORPS — MMIA LO GENOA
P B S — MMIA LO TURIN
RAAC — MMIA LO SARDINIA
50 BLU — 217 AREA FOR 68 ARTY GOCT FOR BEATT
51 BLU — 217 AREA FOR MMIA LO FOR THRUPP
52 BLU — COMNOB PALERMO FOR MMIA LO
53 BLU — PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
56 BLU — PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR FORDYCE
'F' EL & TU, IRTC — PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT
FLORENCE CITY CMD FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
US AAFSC/MTO

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SAC (45) 7th Meeting — 4 October 1945

SACMED's CONFERENCE, Minutes

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Relief of 7 remaining guard battelions

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

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AIDE MEMOIRE.

3 October 1945.

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President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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No meeting yet held.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Delt to PM
11 00 — 11/10 Tues

Dear Admiral,

Attached to the aide-mémoire is the latest situation obtained this morning from the War Ministry

Yours sincerely,
Langley Browning

HQ MMIA.
1215 hrs
10 Oct. 40

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Executive Commissioner

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SD/73/LFSC

3 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have not yet received a reply to my letter SD/73/LFSC of 20 August 1945 in which I referred to the call-up for military service of men of the 1914-1924 classes in the Province of Foggia and would appreciate it if you could give this matter your attention.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

AFHQ SACMED's POLITICAL CONFERENCE, MINUTES

SAC (45) 6th Meeting 27 September 1945

Para 2

ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

(Ref SAC (45) 5th Meeting, Minute 3)

Turning over of Guard Battalions and release of San Marco Regiment.

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Ref: 8266/68/EC

27 September 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Italian Soldiers in Yugoslavia

Reference Memorandum 6/2552/1173 of 3 August 1945.

It is pointed out that all matters pertaining to Italian prisoners of war must be discussed directly by the Italian Government with the Yugoslav Advisory Council for Italy.

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AC/S 3.2/10

24th September 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : A.F.H.Q. (G-5 Section).

Reference your G-5:091.711-1 Italy of 3 September 1945.

1. This Commission agrees that mine clearance should now be treated as a responsibility of the Italian Government. It is also agreed that the decision on whether Mine Clearance in ITALY should be the responsibility of Civil or Military Government departments should be left to the Italian Government to decide once the Italian Army is handed over to the Italian Government.

2. This Commission also agrees that it should now confine its activities to procuring equipment for mine clearance work, either through normal civil supply channels or in terms of military supply through SHAEF.

3. Land Forces Sub Commission (SHAEF) will only be concerned with the supply of technical equipment if the work is to be carried out by Military Personnel under the direction of the Ministry for War, the acquisition of military pattern equipment for civilian use should be handled through the normal civilian channels as is at present the case.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission
(SHAEF)(Your SD/4/3 of 19 Sep refers)
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

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SD/73/LF30

20 September 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would much appreciate an early reply to my letter SD/73/LF30 of 20 August 1945 in which I referred to the call-up for military service of men of the 1944-1924 classes in the Province of Foggia.

Yours very truly,

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQ ET

ACTION: ALCOM

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1. Information has been received by this Headquarters that the Italian Government propose reductions in the pay of the army and that discontent is likely to result.

2. In view of the important role of the Italian Army in maintaining internal security during the coming winter SACMED views with concern any measure which may lead to a reduction in its efficiency during so critical a period.

3. Information is desired as to the extent of the proposed reductions together with your views as to the necessity for them and their effect on the efficiency of the army.

4. If you consider such a step appropriate you should inform the Italian Government of SACMED's views as set forth in para 2 above

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE NEGCT

ACTION: ALCOM INFO: DISTRIB DISTWO

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Your 5266 of 13 September to AFHQ only. Early release 1 of 2 remaining GD Bns to complete BARI is Bde being investigated. Agree release of SAN MARCO Regt when BARI Bde is two thirds complete

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5266 (297) 13 September 1945 PRIORITY

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SECOND ED IN SUPPORT OF PARA FIRST ABOVE PLEASE NOTE THAT EVEN WHEN RELEASE OF SAN MARCO IS AUTHORISED IT WILL TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT AND FOR DISEMBARKATION AND THUS THE REGIMENT WILL BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT FOR A PERIOD IN BARI AREA AS A DETERRENT TO ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

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(SGD) M.S. LUSH.

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TO : AFHQ

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MINISTRY OF WAR (Two)
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REF : SD 2951

LETTER TO MMIA LETTER SD/56/2 OF 16 AUG (.)

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Chief Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFO 512

AG 463.7/229 PET-O

9 September 1945

SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army.

TO: All Concerned.

With effect from 1 October 1945, all elements of the Italian Army, regardless of location, will draw requirements of petroleum products according to paragraph 6c of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 49, 1944, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6a.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

S. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.711-1 Italy

9 September 1945

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Mine Clearance

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

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Ref. your 1009/39/EC of 5 September 1945.

1. As soon as the Italian Army has been made the responsibility of the Italian Government and when Northern Italian Territories (except Udine and Venezia Giulia) have been handed over to Italian jurisdiction it is considered that mine clearance will be a responsibility which will devolve entirely upon the Italian authorities. The decision as to whether mine clearance should be done by military or civil agencies should therefore be that of the Italian Government.

2. The provision of technical equipment for use by the Italian authorities in connection with mine clearance would appear to be the only activity in which the Allied Commission should concern itself. At the moment a reply from the CCS to the requisition contained in LAC Airgram 134 of 10 August is awaited. Should this requisition be approved, the equipment to be provided should be turned over to the Italian authorities under normal supply procedures.

3. Any further requests for mine clearance equipment could be handled either as items of civil supply through normal civil supply channels, or as items of military supply through MMIA.

4. Request your comments on the foregoing and in particular your recommendations in respect of para 3 above. Please also include the views of MMIA.

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(sgd) A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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SEP 13 RECD
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Ref: 1009/45/EC

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Attached please find copy of letter G-5: 091.711-1 Italy dated 9 September 1945 from AFHQ, G-5.

2. In accordance with paragraph 4, would you please have a reply prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8251/299/EC. 8 September 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am now able to answer your letter of 1 August 1945, Number 567, regarding the increase in the interim strength of the Italian Army.

The Supreme Allied Commander, bearing in mind the tasks which the Italian Army is likely to be called upon to perform and taking into account the resources of the Italian Government and their ability to train and maintain an Army, is unable to accept a figure of more than 140,000.

I must, therefore, inform you that at this time, it is not possible to increase the interim strength of the Italian Army above 140,000. This figure excludes, of course, an approved total of 65,000 CO.RR.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 41721
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 071911B

Message Centre No: F/6853
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 072140E
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM AFHQ SIGN'D SACMED CITE FHQCT

TO : ALCOM, INFO MAIA, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION AC

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Your A834 of 5 September.

We are in sympathy with urgent desire of Italian Government to have SAN MARCO Regiment released from military duties but time to provide requisite guard battalions and to reorganize and prepare them as a brigade suitable for internal security duty precludes the immediate release of the subject regiment.

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INFO: Ex Commissioner 2
Land Forces 2
Navy SC
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6 September 1945

SAC (45) 5th Meeting

AFHQ SACMED'S CONFERENCE, MINUTES

Para 3. ITALIAN ARMED FORCES - Guard Battalions

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Translation

Ministry of Finance
R. Guardia di Finanza

Dear Admiral,

after the request made by this Mission, through the channel of the Interior Department - Direction General of P.S. - the Commander of the CC.RR. Corps will have to issue orders for Captain PARDINI Giuseppe, CC.RR., the officer attached to my person, to be placed under arrests in quarters.

It appears that these orders are due to the fact that he was deputy commander of the CC.RR. in Montenegro.

Because of his rank (lieutenant), Captain Pardini never was deputy commander of the Carabineers in Montenegro (the Commander was a Colonel), where, as a lieutenant, he fulfilled the charge of temporary commander of a company, in some secondary places.

After September 8th, Pardini saw clearly the events that were to happen after the armistice with the United Nations, and clearly realized what road was to be followed; though he didn't depend from the command of the 'Venezia' divisio commanded by me, he presented himself to me on his own accord, and - without any hesitation, - stated he didn't want to obey the order received/from the commander of the IXth Army, nor did he want to consider himself as a prisoner of the Germans. He also stated that the company he commanded - officers, non-commissioned officers, carabineers - was unanimous about this decision and wanted to join the 'Venezia' (later the 'Garibaldi') division and fight against the Germans.

He the collaborated with efficiency and patriotism with the writer who had decided not to obey the Germans.

Risking his life, he volunteered, left the defensive enceinte of the Division and established the first contacts with the liberating army of Yugoslavia; the result of this mission was the alliance of the Venezia Division with the partisans of Tito.

In conditions which were often tragical, he kept up the spirits of his men, inspiring them with the will to resist, and always maintaining excellent relations with the authority of the E.P.L.J.-

In the fights in which the 'Venezia' division and then the 'Garibaldi' division took part, and in the transfers which followed, he was always willing to fulfil every mission to save the honour and morale of the Italian troops, showing, in adversity and in action, great courage and sense of duty, and overcoming physical and moral exhaustion.

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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As commander of the 'Venezia' Division, and founder and first commander of the 'Garibaldi' Division, I deeply regret that this action should be taken - for unknown, and probably quite inexistant reasons - against one of my dependents, a courageous soldier and patriot, who certainly suffered more for his country than any of the patriots that fought in Italy.

For this reason, I beg you most earnestly, my dear admiral, to have the action against Captain Perdini suspended. He might be asked all the informations necessary to clear him from the charges made.

This is an act of justice to safeguard not only the honour of an officer, who deserves our help because of all he did for his country, but also the reputation of the Garibaldi Division.

Trusting that you will grant my request, I thank you and remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Gen. G.B. Oxilia)

G. Gen. G. Oxilia

trans. s/c

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ACTION: CA SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMMIR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 1009/39/ED.

3- September 1945

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Mine Clearance.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn G-5 Section.

1. In my 0251/179/ED of 24 May 1945, para 4(b), I recommended that the responsibility for the supervision of the work of the Italian Army in the clearance of land mines should be transferred from the Civil Affairs Section to the Land Forces Sub-Commission. In your AG 091.711/115 SAC-O of 10 July 1945, para.7, you stated that the subject was under consideration with a view to the employment of German surrendered or POW personnel. I understand that these are now not available and the responsibility has continued to be borne by units of the Italian Army.

2. By 30 September it is expected that the operational control of the Italian Army and the bulk of the Northern Regions will have been handed back to the Italian Government. As from that date I propose progressively to reduce the responsibilities of the Civil Affairs Section with a view to closing down the Section. Clearly one of the first responsibilities which should be handed over is that of supervision of land mine clearance, and as I have recommended before, this responsibility should in my opinion become that of the Land Forces Sub-Commission. GOC Land Forces Sub-Commission does not alter his previous attitude and feels obliged to refuse to offer to take on any further responsibility. However, as the supervision has been carried on in the past by one Allied officer of the Civil Affairs Section, I do not think that GOC Land Forces Sub-Commission need be unduly alarmed at the extra work involved.

3. I should therefore be glad if instructions could be given to me to make this informal change in the Allied Commission and to GOC, MMIA to accept the additional responsibility.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA)
Civil Affairs Section.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TO: AFHQ

REF NO: 4834 DATE: 5 SEP 45 PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

REFERENCE YOUR UNNUMBERED SIGNAL OF SEPTEMBER ZERO THREE ONE SEVEN ZERO ONE BAKER CITE FHGCT PD REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF MY FOUR FOUR FIVE TWO OF THIRTY AUGUST FOR FOLLOWING REASONS PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE PAREN

FIRST PD PRESUME YOUR DECISION MADE ON BASIS OF OVERALL PICTURE AND NOT LOCAL NEEDS PD

SECOND PD I UNDERSTAND SUFFICIENT TROOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BARI AREA WHEN ADDITIONAL GUARD BATTALION IS RELEASED TO WAR MINISTRY PD

THIRD PD USE OF THE SAN MARCO NAVAL REGIMENT WAS ORIGINALLY TENDERED BY BADOGLIO AND DE COURTEN FOR COMBAT AND DE COURTEN FEELS MOST STRONGLY THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED AS SECURITY TROOPS WITH WHICH VIEW CMA KNOWING THE BACKGROUND CMA I AGREE

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
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Cbl AFHQ 40927 - MEDCOS 272

4 Sept 45

FROM: AFHQ, Alexander
TO : AMSSO for Brit COS; Wash for Am COS

FORCES TO BE RETAINED IN ITALY

Proposed forces, with relation to hand-over of territory, strength of Italian army, security control, and Admiral Stone's CC 1001 of 23 June.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

SEP 4 RECD CC 1105

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Date/Time of Origin: SEP 031701B

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCGT

TO : ALCOM INFO MAIA NAVY SC AC

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Your 4452 of 30 August. Primary endeavour now being made to hand over 27 Guard Battalions to form internal security brigades by end of September. Already difficult to find reliefs for battalions and cannot presently accept further reduction of operational troops available to this Hq; Regret return of SAN MARCO Regiment to Naval command must be delayed and units maintained at full strength until further notice.

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Following signal has beenreceived from DISTHREE. "On arrival TRANI SAN MARCO REGT is placed under OP command territorial Eq EARI for such interanl security duties as Italian Govt may direct. Position thus identical to recent system command GARIBALDI Regt".

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/43
29 August 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Admiral Stone

In accordance with your direction, the attached draft covering the relief of the San Marco Regiment has been prepared and has been approved by the Naval Sub Commission (Captain Butler) as well as General Browning. The question of the additional battalion is important because while AFHQ has promised the battalion, it has not yet been released, though it is present in the area and could be released at any time.

C. P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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FROM : ALCOM Admiral Stone

TO : AFHQ

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SUBJECT RELIEF OF SAN MARCO REGT (.) REGIMENT NOW DUE TO BE CONCENTRATED BARI AREA BY 10 SEPTEMBER (.) ITALIAN NAVAL MINISTER STRONGLY REQUESTS THIS REGIMENT BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN NAVAL COMMAND FORTHWITH AND MOVED TO TARANTO FOR DISBANDMENT (.) I SUPPORT HIS RECOMMENDATION (.) NECESSARY THAT ADEQUATE ITALIAN TROOPS BE UNDER WAR MINISTRY CONTROL IN THAT AREA AT TIME OF RELIEF OF SAN MARCO (.) AT PRESENT ONLY 524 GUARD BATTALION NOW AT BRINDISI UNDER WAR MINISTRY (.) CONSIDER THAT ONE ADDITIONAL GUARD BATTALION NECESSARY (.) ONE BATTALION OF THOSE NOW UNDER COMMAND 3 DISTRICT IN BARI AREA COULD BE RELEASED TO WAR MINISTRY FOR THIS PURPOSE (.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF RELIEF, MOVEMENT AND DISBANDMENT OF SAN MARCO AND ASSIGNMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL GUARD BATTALION WITH EFFECT ON OR BEFORE 10 SEP (.) AGREED LAND FORCES AND NAVY SUB COMMS

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PAREN TO AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

REGT NOW DUE TO BE CONCENTRATED BARI AREA BY TEN SEPTEMBER PD ITALIAN NAVAL MINISTER STRONGLY REQUESTS THIS REGT BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN NAVAL COMD FORTHWITH AND MOVED TO TARANTO FOR REDUCTION TO ONE BATTALION AND REDEPLOYMENT REMAINING PERSONNEL WITHIN NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT FD I SUPPORT HIS RECOMMENDATION PD NECESSARY THAT ADEQUATE ITALIAN TROOPS BE UNDER WAR MINISTRY CONTROL IN THAT AREA AT TIME OF RELIEF OF SAN MARCO FD AT PRESENT ONLY FIVE TWO FOUR GD BATTALION NOW AT BRINDISI UNDER WAR MINISTRY FD CONSIDER THAT ONE ADDITIONAL GD BATTALION NECESSARY FD ONE BATTALION OF THREE NOW UNDER COMD DISTRICT IN BARI AREA COULD BE RELEASED TO WAR MINISTRY FOR THIS PURPOSE FD REQUEST APPROVAL OF RELIEF CHA MOVEMENT AND REDUCTION OF SAN MARCO AND ASSIGNMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL GD BATTALION WITH EFFECT ON OR BEFORE TEN SEPTEMBER FD ACKNOWLEDGE LAND FORCES AND NAVY SUB COMMD

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AG 091.711/179 GCT-O

26 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Leave.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, from Chief of Staff, dated 24 July 1945 (not furnished all distributees).

2. Following the representations made personally by General BROWNING, ways and means have been considered whereby it will be possible to compromise between the operational requirements of the Allies as stipulated in the letter under reference, and the necessity for maintaining morale by the continuation of Liberation Leave.

3. You are requested to instruct the Italian authorities that a system may be put into operation immediately by which all Italian troops under Allied operational command will receive seven days' leave once every six months, such leave to be exclusive of travelling time and arranged evenly over the six-monthly periods so that the minimum percentage will be absent from one unit at one time.

4. In addition, as authority has now been given for the over-posting to units of up to 20% of their WE strength, liberation leave may continue, up to a total leave quota of not more than 15% of unit strength, provided an equivalent number of replacements is present with the unit before dispatch of leave parties. These replacements will NOT include those required in substitution for men to be demobilized during the same period.

5. This letter modifies paragraph 11 of letter, this headquarters, file AG 091.711/169 GCT-O, dated 16 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. A. STUKEY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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