

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

ACC

10000/100/964

ACC

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

10000/100/964

MILITARY SECTION, 201  
NOV. 1943 - MAR. 1944

10000



251041A

N-4242

TWX

Form 124D

Signal Corps, United States Army

SECRET

Telegram

C-4439

CAB

GPO 8-10605

Received at PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

25 FEBRUARY 1944 19

SECRET

ROUTINE

ACTION COPY

3 copies

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA FROM QUINSMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED: 250955A

DATE TIME REC'D : 251041A

REFERENCE NR. : 2385

CITE : NONE

4045

no trace



REFERENCE MEMO NUMBER 91.711 OF 31 DECEMBER FROM GENERAL TAYLOR. SMRE ARE PRESSING FOR THE ANSWER TO THEIR NUMBER 1123/MOB/V OF 24 DECEMBER FORWARDED WITH MEMO. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN.

651 Red

Action - by acc  
Info - Secy

(Action) CAB  
(Info) Dep cc  
" File  
" Plans

References attached

Please return them to Secy Gen.

ACTION COPY

*[Signature]*

U. S. SECRET

Equals British MOST SECRET

AG 400-1 (Italy) GDS-AGM 1st Ind. PAS/wr  
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512. 28 January 1944.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to the attached letter from the Comando Supremo, dated 10 January 1944, relative to suspended contracts in Switzerland.

2. Request you inform the Comando Supremo that no action is desired concerning the assignment of these contracts, pending notification of the results obtained by the British diplomatic authorities at Bern.

By command of General WILSON:

J. L. TARR,  
Colonel, AGC.  
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl.  
n/e  
Ref/RC & MG/201.✓

2nd Ind.

LVD/ard

D.C.C.A.O., R.C. & M.C. Section, Hq., A.C.C. 3 February 1944.

TO: Brigadier Duchesne, A.C.C. Headquarters, Rear, Brindisi.

Enclosed is forwarded for transmittal to the Comando Supremo.

4044

Encl. 1

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
D.C.C.A.O., R.C. & M.C. Sect.

U. S. SECRET  
Equals British MOST SECRET



CONFIDENTIAL

H-4257

RAD

1919

CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT

PBS SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

28 JANUARY 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

PRIORITY

TO...ACTION.....CG PBS FOR FARGO ATTN SPOFFORD

INFO.....NONE

FROM.....SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SCD.....281405A

DATE TIME RECD.....281748A

REFERENCE NR.....S-6425

CITE.....RPS-13

HEADQUARTERS

29 JAN 1944

AMG.

LETTER GUARDIA FINANZA FOR SICILY DATED 8 JANUARY IS SUBJECT.  
REQUEST THAT 100 MEN WITH EQUIPMENT REPORT TO PALERMO LEGION  
GUARDIA DE FINANZA

2043

PBS DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION...AMG HQ

INFO.....SEC

C.G.

AMG DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION...ECON SEC (3)

INFO.....COL SPOFFORD (2)

*Ad to send copies*

*to C. C. Currier who*

-11528-

CONFIDENTIAL

*has been told  
D 25/11*

RADIO

1750

270325A

N-4004

Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram

CONFIDENTIAL

19

Received at

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

27 JANUARY 1944

• CONFIDENTIAL

• PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED: 261133A

DATE TIME REC'D.: 270325A

REFERENCE NR. : 2160

CITE : NONE



MINIMUM OF 1 COMMAND AND RECON CAR AND 1 WEAPONS CARRIER  
REQUIRED FOR AMERICAN SECTION OF MMIA NOW HERE WITHOUT TRANSPORT.  
PLEASE ADVISE HOW SOON BY YOU, FLAMBO, OR PBS, THESE CAN BE FURNISHED.

AMG Dist:

Decao (2)  
Ex offrs in (Action)  
G-4

4042

→ Reply.

CONFIDENTIAL

CRYPTO

11256



U.S. RESTRICTED  
(Equals British RESTRICTED)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

TJL/awm

3062

PA  
201  
AG 470.6-1 CWB-AGM

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Chemical Warfare

TO : All concerned

1. War Office Letter No. 57/Air/5164 (SLI) of 3 December 1943 is forwarded for your information.

2. With reference to the last line of paragraph 2 it should be noted that, although no colored smoke or flare shell are yet available, production of both types of ammunition is already in the initial stages.

3. Reference is made to paragraph 4 of the attached War Office letter. The policy covering the use of Chemical Warfare in this theater is outlined in Operation Memorandum, Number 14, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1943.

By command of General WILSON:

*H. V. Roberts*  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

1 Incl:  
As listed

DISTRIBUTION:  
"E"

4041

U.S. RESTRICTED  
(Equals British RESTRICTED)



COPY

WHITEHALL 9400

57/Air/5164(3DI)

THE WAR OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL,  
LONDON, S.W.1.  
3rd December, 1943.

RESTRICTED

Sir,

1. I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that it is considered practicable, in certain conditions, for aircraft to lay choking or blister gas in forward areas, and that their existing weapons are adequate to meet this requirement.

2. The types of attack which could be delivered by aircraft, on a Corps front, are:-

- (a) Choking gas attacks at night to assist the neutralization of objectives by causing heavy casualties, prior to an attack.
- (b) Contamination by day or by night to such a degree as to enforce either evacuation of the area or the acceptance of subsequent heavy casualties.

The areas in which the gas is to be delivered must, however, be clearly marked from the ground to ensure that the attack is accurately placed. This can probably best be done by use of coloured smoke or flare shell.

3. The decision as to whether or not air attacks of this nature should be carried out will be a matter for agreement between the appropriate Army and Air Force commanders in any theatre of war.

4. This letter does not in any way modify the general policy governing the introduction of gas warfare, as set out in the INTRODUCTION to Military Training Pamphlet No. 5 of 1943. Section 8, paragraph 2 of this pamphlet will shortly be amplified to include the additional information contained in this letter.

I am,

Sir...

Your obedient Servant.

(Signed) A. W. LAMBERT

The Commander-in-Chief, 21 Army Group.  
The Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces.  
The Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.  
The Commander-in-Chief, Persia & Iraq.  
The Commanding-General, Allied Force Headquarters.

...../ Copies to:-



COPY

Copies to:-

His Excellency, The Commander-in-Chief, India.  
The General Officers Commanding in Chief,  
Eastern, Northern, Scottish, Southern, South-Eastern,  
Western and Anti-Aircraft Commands, East Africa, West Africa.  
The General Officers Commanding,  
Northern Ireland, London District, Ceylon.  
Chief of Combined Operations.  
Headquarters, European Theatre of Operations, United States Army.  
Headquarters, First US Army Group, European Theatre of Operations.  
The Commander, First Canadian Army.  
The Secretary of State, The Air Ministry.  
The Under Secretary of State, The Dominions Office, Colonial Office.  
The Secretary, Military Department, India Office.  
The Senior Officer, Canadian Military Headquarters.  
The Australian Army Representative, Australia House.  
The Military Liaison Officers, New Zealand House, South Africa House.  
The Commandants,  
Staff College; Senior Officers School; Army School of Chemical  
Warfare.

WLR OFFICE DISTRIBUTION:-

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| ACIGS(0), (7)       | ICMG (AE)     |
| ACS (2)             | DR.           |
| Air 1, 2            | LDR. (0) (7)  |
| Brig AG (Co-ord)    | ICD           |
| Brig (Engrs) & LLRE | DISD (A), (B) |
| Brig Q (Ops)        | D Sigs (3)    |
| Brig Q (AE)         | ICMV (6)      |
| Brig Q (L)          | MT 3          |
| D Air (3)           | SDP. 4, 5     |
| DRAC                | STV 2         |
| DCIGS (Co-Ord)      | VCIGS         |
| D Inf               |               |
| DMI                 |               |
| EMO (3)             |               |
| INT (6)             |               |

4

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

Ref/AME/201.

12 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Administrative Organisation in Sicily.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.  
(Attention : Lt.Col. Quinsmith)

1. Reference QS78 of 10 Mar 44.
2. Secretary General (Major Doe) reports as follows :

"This letter (AME/201 dated 18 Jan WDW/AME/mrd) undoubtedly passed through my office at Brindisi, inasmuch as all correspondence concerning the work of the Commission did so. However, at this late date I have no means of determining to whom it was passed for action".

3. He is unable to trace or suggest its subsequent disposition.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

403



Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

12 MAR

Date

Suspense \_\_\_\_\_

| FROM                             | TO |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Chief Commissioner               |    |
| Dep. Chief Commissioner          |    |
| Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner | ✓  |
| Administrative Section           |    |
| Economic Section                 |    |
| ✓ HQ & HQ Section                |    |
| Civil Affairs Branch             |    |
| PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com      |    |
| Italian Refugees Branch          |    |
| Security Branch                  |    |
| Information Branch               |    |
| Establishment Branch             |    |
| Ex Offrs                         |    |
| G-1 (A)                          |    |
| G-1 (B)                          |    |
| G-4                              |    |
| Hq Comdt (Main Hq)               |    |
| Hq Comdt (Rear Hq)               |    |
| Adjutant (Main Hq)               |    |
| Adjutant (Rear Hq)               |    |
| Archives & Library               |    |
| Pool of Interpreters             |    |
| Political Section                |    |
| Independent Sub-Commissions      |    |
| Navy                             |    |
| Land Forces                      |    |
| Air Forces                       |    |
| Telecommunications & Signals     |    |
| War Material Disposal            |    |
| Public Relations Officer         |    |
| Liaison Section Hq A.C.C.F.      |    |

*May. Diffield. White  
this letter undoubtedly  
passed through my  
file at Brindisi,  
inasmuch as all  
correspondence concerning  
the work of the Commission  
did so. However, at  
this late date I  
have no means of  
determining to whom  
it was passed  
for action.*

FOR:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks/Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Approval/Disapproval \_\_\_\_\_  
Appropriate action \_\_\_\_\_  
Investigation & report \_\_\_\_\_  
Dispatch \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Major DOE

Could you throw any light on  
this leakage. (see last enclosure  
in file. Relevant papers are  
listed) to Diffield White

11 MAR Recd <sup>201</sup> 11 MAR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

QA By 2558  
QS/mms

QS78

10 March 1944

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner, Main HQ. A.C.C.,  
NAPLES.

Ref AMG/201 dated 7 March 1944.

The letter you forwarded, (Ref/AMG/201 dated 18 January WDW/AMG/mrd) has not been previously seen in this office. Action is now being taken upon it.

It would be appreciated if, in order that the matter may be explained to my Headquarters at LECCE, some investigation could be carried out as to what happened to the letter on its arrival at BRINDISI: AG here states it was logged in but there is no record of its having come into their files. This indicates that it may have been passed to the Secretary.

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

4037



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

*file*

Ref/AMC/201

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Administrative Organization in Sicily.

TO : Deputy President, ACC. For attention of Lt. Col. Quinn-Smith, Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your cable No. 2385 of 25 February 1944, reply to your 091.711 of 31 December 43 was made on 18 January 1944 as per attached copy.

*to Office Head*  
for NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

*Major G.*

4034

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

WDS/AMG/ard  
18 January 1944

Ref/AMG/201.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Administrative Organization in Sicily

TO : Deputy President, A.C.C.

1. Reference your 091.711 of 31 December 1943, and enclosure thereto, (SMAC ORD and MOB No. 1123/DOB of 24 December 1943.)

2. It is considered that as a preparation for the turnover, the re-establishment of depots on the lines proposed could be agreed.

3. It would be necessary to assure, by issuance of instructions, that during the period of Allied Military Government, there shall be no interference with nor encroachment upon the functions of A.M.G. officers, by the officers commanding the depots reconstituted.

4. A similar proviso should be made to cover A.C.C. control officers in regions after the turnover.

5. To implement paragraphs 3 and 4 above, it is suggested that when authority is granted to give effect to the plan, it should be stipulated that the necessary instructions should be included in the plan and submitted to this Headquarters for acceptance and approval before authority is granted.

CHARLES M. SPOTTORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, Wds.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

MDT/hjp

In reply refer to:  
091.711

31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Spofford, Headquarters AMG, Naples.

The attached document from the Italian Ministry of War recommends certain changes in the Italian Army administrative organization in Sicily. The Allied Control Commission feels that it is to the Allied interest to allow the Italians to make as much preparation for the turn over of territory as possible without conflicting with AMG interests. The Commission is unable to pass on the merits of these proposals but would like to have your views.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

*Maxwell D. Taylor*  
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Ltr, SMRE Ord & Mob  
No. 1123/MOB/V 24 Dec 43

cc: MMIA

? Decision with Col Polette

*Draft reply.*

4034

C O P Y

From : S M R E ORD & MOB Nº 1123/MOB/V 24 Dec 43

To : M M I A

For infm to: Supreme Command  
Ministry of War

SUBJECT:- REFORMING OF MILITARY BASE FORMATION IN SICILY

1. HQ "SABAUDA" Div -- SICILY, is at the moment being importuned by soldiers and by relatives of dead, missing or PW troops, for a clarification of their family affairs. These family affairs are often in a very pitiful state owing to the fact that an exact definition of the individual's position is lacking. Nor is a clarification of the position possible without the aid of all relevant documents. These in turn would have to be looked for at the Base formations which were once functioning in the island. (i.e. ZONES, DISTRICTS, DEPOTS).

2. Therefore it would be necessary to start gradually reforming those same functions. This would also enable us to take steps to form local elements into labour units, to be employed on the work of reconstruction on the island started by the Allies.

3. Instead of the two ZONE HQs; nine DISTRICT HQs; seven Regimental DEPOTS; three Arty DEPOTS and one Engineer DEPOT which existed before, we could for the time being set up the following:

Military Zone PALERMO

DISTRICTS of PALERMO -- MESSINA -- CATANIA.

Three Inf Regt Depots (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Arty Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Engineer Regt Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

These bodies would have to find, collect and catalogue the documents of those which have not been reconstituted, in relation to which they will act as a kind of skeleton office.

4. We ask you to bring this to the notice of the Chief of Allied Forces so that we may have, if possible, authorization to put this plan into effect.

signed

Gen MARIOTTI  
(Deputy Chief of General Staff)

4033



(20) **SECRET**

**COL SPOFFORD (2)**  
26 JANUARY 1944

RE. AT PEN BASE SECT. SIG. MES. CENT.

**SECRET**

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FREEDOM RPTD CG PBS FOR FARGO RPTD FILPOT PERSONAL

NONE

MACFARLANE FROM FATIMA

251135A

251230A

2121 W

NONE



HOPE THAT HE WOULD MAKE A SPECIAL POINT OF FREQUENT BROADCAST TO ROME STRESSING THE NEED FOR MAINTAINENCE OF ORDER AND OBEDIENCE TO AUTHORITY WAS EXPRESSED TO ME BY BADOGLIO TONIGHT.

**NEW SUBJECT**

APPOINTMENT OF AN ALLIED OFFICER AS MILITARY COMMANDER OF ROME UPON ITS OCCUPATION BY OUR FORCES WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL IN AS MUCH AS ROME HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AN OPEN CITY BY THE GERMANS AND IT WAS REQUESTED THAT AN ITALIAN SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR THIS XX POST. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE IN A MESSAGE FROM ARMELLINI FROM ROME AND WAS SHOWN TO ME BY BADOGLIO TONIGHT. BADOGLIO HAD NO WISH TO BE INSISTENT AS HE AGREED THAT ARMELLINI'S REQUEST COULD NOT BE GRANTED.

**FBS DIST.**

ACTION: AMG HQ

INFO G 2

SECT

G. G.

**AMG DIST.**

BRIG. GUETERBOCK

COL SPOFFORD (2)

Pol Section

4032

**SECRET**

11088

**SECRET**

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

1671  
*Col. Spofford*  
26 JANUARY 1944

*P. A. Political*  
*Military*  
*one copy*  
*one copy*  
*201*  
*LG*  
**SECRET**

**PRIORITY**

CG PBS FOR FARGO RPTD FREEDOM RPTD FILPOT PERSONAL

**NONE**

MAGPARIANE FROM FATIMA

240902A

251130A

2120

**NONE**

HEADQUARTERS  
26 JAN 1944  
AMG.

BADOLIO REPEATED TONIGHT VERY URGENTLY HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST THAT SOME ITALIAN TROOPS MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ROME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER OUR ARMIES REACHED CITY. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE TROOPS MIGHT BE QUARTERED IN ROME WHICH WOULD SET FREE SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THEIR LOARIES TO FETCH FOOD FOR THE CITY FROM THE SEA. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT THE LATER SUGGESTION MIGHT BE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES USEFUL.

PBS DIST

ACTION - AMI HQ  
INFO - G-3  
G-2  
SECY  
CG

AMI DIST

(INFO) BRIG QUETERBOCK  
COL SPOFFORD (2)  
MOON DIV  
POLITICAL SECTION

11085

**SECRET**

4031



PA CEMEC

HEADQUARTERS  
AMG

DE 4/5  
(OST)

524

US SECRET AND IMMEDIATE MESSAGE IN

TO :- FREEDOM HEAD PLAMBO HEAD TABLE FOR SIMONS

FROM :- PATRICK PLAMBO JOYCE

1836

05

SECRET. REF YOUR FIVE 2 RO SIX FIVE BOTH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO  
COME FROM SARDINIA. PLAMBO INFORMS THAT EQUIPMENT IS FOR USE OF  
UNITED STATES TROOPS AND NOT BY ITALIANS. RECOMMENDED AGAINST THIS  
DEPARTURE FROM POLICY STATED IN LETTER AG 400.93-1 SUBJECT: ITALIAN  
EQUIPMENT 4 DATED 2 DEC 1943. PLEASE INSTRUCT.

4039

SNO DISTRIBUTION

ACTION  
INFO

G-4  
Q

(Info) *See Dir*

C(SD)2

ACC

AMMUNITION

SNO/TOR/060745A

AM

U. S. SECRET

Equals British SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

MESSAGE

/dfo

22 JAN 1944

2477

P.A. *high*  
SVC/RELAY NO. R987/21

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ CAMP IN ITALY SIGNED CINC CITE FREQOT

TO: FATIMA FOR ACTION RPTD MIDEAST AND FREEDOM

M/C NO: 3/22

REF NO: 407

FILED: JAN 211730A

REC'D: JAN 212353A

Instruct Marshal Messe to retain General Soldarelli in Italy, at same time informing him Cuono Div. will not be reformed but personnel, except surplus officers, will be retained in Palestine employing tradesmen as such and remainder as Pioneer Companies. Surplus officers will be returned to Italy by Mideast. For your information C-in-C gave no commitment to Soldarelli as stated by him in your 2002 of 16 January but to Mideast.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Col. Fiske - ACTION
- 1 - Dep Pres

*Col*

*Above communicated  
verbally to  
accepted by him*

*Jan 24/44*

*To*

U. S. SECRET  
Equals British SECRET

*Col Spottford*

*For filing with ~~missing~~ Bond Jones  
subcommission papers*

*Carl  
29 Jan 4029*



U. S. SECRET  
Requiescens SECRET

TO JAN 1944

OUTGOING

WBS/hjp

9/16

2002

161526A  
JAN

SECRET

PRIORITY

FATMA

FREEDOM

I FIND THAT CONTENTS OF YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO DATED JANUARY SEVENTH WERE ONLY BROADLY REPRESENTED PD MARSHAL MESSE IN THE MEANTIME HAS REQUESTED RETURN OF GENERAL SOLDARELLI TO COMUS DIVISION IN PALESTINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING STATED TO HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON WITH BRIGADIER MACCARELLI OF MIDEAST HEADQUARTERS ON THIRTY DECEMBER PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATMA SIGNED *MacFarlane* HE HAS ALSO SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMUS DIVISION AS A FIGHTING UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT STATED TO HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT IN CAIRO ON TEN DECEMBER IN CONFERENCE BETWEEN GENERAL SOLDARELLI AND GENERAL WILSON PD SINCE REPORTS OF BOTH AGREEMENTS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO DATED JANUARY SEVENTH REQUEST CONFIRMATION BEFORE ADVISING MARSHAL MESSE THE FULL CONTENTS OF YOUR TWO FIVE ONE FIVE TWO

AUTHENTICATED:

ELBERT W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
acting Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION:  
2 - AD Files  
1 - Diary  
1 - Gen MacFarlane

U. S. SECRET  
Requiescens SECRET

4028

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

SECRET

2151

1 FEBRUARY 1944

SECRET

PRIORITY

FATIMA FOR REQUISITE ORDERS BY ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND. FADIR FOR CO NORBS AND FALCON.  
DAGGE AND FLAMBO

SIGNED CINC

281350A

311332A

44084

FMOT



PART I

REF PBS (FARGO) 6261 OF 25 JAN FROM FISKE OF FATIMA.

1. AGREED.

2. THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH FRENCH HERE AND NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL  
DECISION ANNOUNCED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

3. 1 PROVISIONAL TRUCK BN WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM SARDINIA TO CORSICA AT ONE.  
THE OTHER PROVISIONAL TRUCK BN IS ALLOTTED TO ACMF AND WILL MOVE TO NAPLES AS INDICATED  
ON THEIR PRIORITY LIST NUMBER 7. THE BN FOR ACMF WILL CONTAIN AT LEAST 400 DRIVERS  
IC. CO NORBS ALSO MAY HAVE 1 OF THE 2 ALPINE BNS NOMINATED BY FATIMA IN THEIR 2139  
OF 25 JAN. CO NORBS TO NOTIFY ALL CONCERNED ON DECISION.

4. DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT SAME TIME AS THAT FOR PARA 2 ABOVE

5. APPROVES WITH PRIORITY AS ESTABLISHED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.

PART II

THIS ALSO ANSWERS FOLLOWING NOTE TO ALL ADDRESSES: FALCON WM 1265 OF 25 JAN.  
FATIMA 2157 OF 25 JAN. CO NORBS 170 OF 26 JAN.

*original handed  
to Brig Dunsheane  
by Col Fiske*

4027

SECRET



(PAGE 2)

SECRET

PART III

ATTENTION CO NORBS DIRECTED TO AG400-1 (ITALY) GGT-AGM SUBJECT "DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN ARMY" OF 2 JAN, COPY OF WHICH BEING FORWARDED BY AIR. THIS PAPER GIVES ACMP 1 FIRST PRIORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ITALIAN UNITS. FUTURE NEEDS OF CO NORBS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IN ORDER THEY CAN BE COORDINATED WITH OVERALL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE LOCAL ACTION IS INITIATED.

PBS DIST

INFO AMG HQ  
CG  
SECY

ACC DIST

(ACTION) SOL SPOFFORD  
FOR COL FISKE



\* PES OR FARGO NOT SHOWN AS INTERNAL ADDRESSES BUT RADIO HEADING DIRECTS MSG TO THIS HQ

12117

4026

SECRET



U. S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET

872

201 22

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

: : : : :  
: S E C R E T :  
: Auth: C in C, AF :  
: Initials W. J. :  
: 12 November 1943 :  
: : : : : :

AG 014.1-1 GGT-AGM

12 November 1943

SUBJECT: Relations between Military Commanders and  
Officers of Allied Military Government.

TO : All concerned.

C. M. McSherry  
B. G. Ginterbuck  
C. J. Stafford  
A. C.  
C. J. Allbright  
C. J. Rathbone

1. a. As outlined in Administrative Memorandum No. 69, this headquarters, cs, the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory has been divided into two units; one under Allied Military Government 15 Army Group, to operate in the combat zone, and the other, under Headquarters Allied Military Government, to operate in all other occupied territory.

b. This directive defines the relationship between Military Commanders (British District, Sub-District, Area, Sub-Area and Garrison Commanders and U.S. Base Section and District Commanders) and AMG Officers, in the area which is under Headquarters Allied Military Government for military government purposes.

2. a. It is intended that the government of Italian territory in rear of the combat zone shall be handed over to the Italian authorities as soon as the situation permits. Headquarters Allied Military Government will then be replaced by an Allied Control Commission which will administer a system of post-armistice control over the Italians.

b. Until this transfer of responsibilities takes place, the existing system of military government will continue in operation, under the direction and control of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer at Headquarters Allied Military Government, and through his subordinate Regional Civil Affairs Officers.

3. a. Allied Military Government personnel will be under command of the Commander of the Base Section, District, Sub-District, Area, Sub-Area or Garrison concerned for disciplinary purposes, subject to the provisions of Administrative Memorandum No. 11, this headquarters, cs, (Revised to 21 Oct. 1943).

b. In cases of military emergency, the Allied military commander responsible for defense and security will assume full command of Allied Military Government personnel and will issue such orders to them as the situation demands.

4025

U. S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET



**U. S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET**

AG 014.1-1 GCT-AGM, 12 Nov. '43 (cont'd.)

c. In special circumstances, e.g. where there is a very small garrison under a commander junior to the Allied Military Government officer, or where an Italian commander is responsible for the administration, defense or security, special instructions will be issued by this headquarters.

4. It will be the duty of the Regional Civil Affairs Officer to assist military commanders in his region in their dealings with the civil population. Similarly it will be the duty of the military commander to assist the Regional Civil Affairs Officer, and to uphold his authority in the civil sphere, by military action if need be.

5. Military commanders and Allied Military Government officers will maintain liaison at all times and will carry out their respective functions in close cooperation. Any difference which may arise between them will be promptly reported to this headquarters. If however an immediate decision is required, the military commander will make that decision and Allied Military Government Officers will comply with his orders, pending receipt of instructions from this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

*T. J. Davis*  
T. J. DAVIS, *6403*  
Brigadier General, USA,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

5 - GOC-in-C, 15 Army Group  
2 - CG, Fifth Army  
2 - GOC, Eighth Army  
10 - Chief, Hq. Allied Mil. Govt.  
5 - Chief, Allied Mil. Govt, 15 Army Gp.  
2 - Air C-in-C, Med.  
3 - CG, NAAF  
1 - DTC, NATOUSA  
2 - CG, Pen. Base Sec. } THRU:  
2 - CO, Island Base Sec. } CG, NATOUSA  
1 - CG, SCS NATOUSA }  
2 - GOC, No. 1 District  
2 - GOC, No. 2 District  
1 - Allied Military Mission  
1 - D/C.A.O., AFHQ Adv Adm. Echelon  
1 - Military Governor Sardinia  
1 - Military Comdr.(Allied) Sardinia  
1 - SG/S

DISTRIBUTION

2 - C.A.O.  
2 - G-1 (A)  
2 - G-1 (B)  
2 - G-2, AFHQ  
3 - G-3, AFHQ  
2 - G-2, NATOUSA  
2 - G-3, NATOUSA  
2 - G-4  
1 - Civil Affairs  
5 - Mil. Govt. Section  
1 - British Resident  
2 - AG Records



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

ED/ca

24 January 1944

Subject: Italian Government Military Offices.

To : Executive Officers and Col. Spafford

Commando Supremo

Marshal MESSE. Policy regarding all three services - but 90% Army. Goes into quite a lot of Army detail.

General Staff

General BEPARDI. Army G-2 and G-3 including organization.

War Ministry

General ORLANDO. G-1 and G-4.

Air Ministry

General SANDALI. The extent to which the Italian air force will be kept in being is not yet decided.

Marine (Navy)

Admiral DE COURTEN.

*Car Gueterbock*

E. GUETERBOCK,  
Brigadier

cc to Brig. Gueterbock.

4024



221711A

00 - 3346

1483

201

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

22 JANUARY 1944

CLEAR

ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FARGO AND FOR 5th ARMY FOR POLLOCK

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : AMG REGION II

DATE TIME SIGNED : 21MPT

DATE TIME REC'D : 221711A

REFERENCE NR. : RT/127/21/1

CITE : NONE



SAUNDERS AGREED NOT TO TAKE CORR FROM POTENZA. NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR  
POTENZA CONTINUED. SALERNO HAS 40 CORR READY FOR ENTRAINMENT AWAIT YOUR ORDERS.

*PBS*  
DISTRIBUTION:  
INFO AMG HQS  
SEC:  
CG

*AG*  
DISTRIBUTION:  
ADM DIR (2)  
(INFO) DOCAO 92)  
AND 5th ARMY

4023

SECRET

1419

RE. AT PER. BASE SECT.

SIG. MES. CENT. 23 JAN. 44

SECRET

PRIORITY

FATIMA REAR REPEATED FARGO REPEATED FILPOT FOR AMG

NONE

CINC

221500A

230315A

41478



PHMS (REFERENCE FATIMAS 2067 OF 21 JANUARY)

ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN REGION 2 ORIGINAL PAID BY REGIONAL CHIEF OFFICER. PAYMENTS WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND LATER RESUMED ON ORDERS FROM GENERAL MACSHERRY. PAYMENT OF 80,000,000 REQUESTED BY CORPS COMMANDER WAS EFFECTED. IN MEANTIME JUNG WITHOUT NOTIFYING. REGION 2 HAD SENT 80,000,000 LIRE TO CORPS COMMANDER (12,000,000) IN VAGLIE AND (68,000,000 IN CASH). WHEN DUPLICATION ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED ALL PAYMENTS SUSPENDED ON SECURITY GROUNDS UNTIL MACALLE REMOVED. NOT THEREFORE CLEAR HOW REFUSAL TO MEET VAGLIE CAUSED DUPLICATION AS DUPLICATION ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED FACT. (2) AS JUNG SENT PHYSICAL CASH ONCE NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW IN REGION 2 IF HE WILL REPEAT THIS OPERATION. SUGGEST THAT IF ALL MILITARY EXPENDITURE NOW CONTROLLED BY YOU ONLY NECESSARY TELEGRAPH ADVICE TO BANCA D'ITALIA CATANZARO OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE APPROVED FOR CORPS FOR PARTICULAR MONTH AND NO REPEAT NO NEED SEND VAGLIE. NECESSARY NOTIFY REGION 2 AMOUNTS INVOLVED SO AS BANCA D'ITALIA CATANZARO CAN BE PUT IN FUNDS. (3) ABOVE SENT BY MACFADDEAN IN CAPACITY AS EX REGIONAL CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

Action----AMG HQ.

Econ Div. (2)

Info ----F. O.

DCCAO (2)

Secy

C. G.

4022

PBS-DIST

SECRET

A.G. MISC-DIST



SECRET

1441

RE. AT PEN. BASE SECT.

21 JANUARY 1944

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR MGS, CG PBS FOR PENCE FOR ACC/AMG, FILPOT FOR AMG  
NONE

FATIMA REAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

211645A

212117A

2067

NONE



ALL PAYMENTS TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES EXCEPT SARDINIA  
SHOULD BE MADE BY JUNG TO AFFOD CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF EXPENDITURES.  
DIPLICATION MENTIONED IN YOUR 20 JANUARY 40599 WOULD NOT OCCUR  
IF VAGLIA WERE PERMITTED TO BE HONORED. THIS PROCEDURE IN EFFECT  
IN REGION 1 STARTING WITH PAYMENT OF 31 JANUARY. VAGLIA SHOULD  
BE USED TO AVOID NECESSITY OF TRANSPORTING CURRENCY; TO ABSORB  
CURRENCY DEPOSITED IN BANKS; AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INCREASE  
IN CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION ~~XXXXXX~~ ON .

4021

SECRET

1044Mg

RECEIVED  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APR 29 1945

AM/201.

26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Deserters from the Italian Army

TO: 1. R.O.A.O., Region I  
2. R.O.A.O., Region II

1. The question has been raised from several sources as to the treatment to be accorded Italian deserters, particularly those who deserted between the period July 10 and September 18. This question has been raised with higher headquarters.

2. Pending formulation of policy and instructions from A.F.M.G., nothing should be done that will embarrass the Italian authorities; any deserters coming within your jurisdiction as from this date should be promptly handed over to the Italian Military authorities, through police channels.

CHARLES E. STOFFARD  
Colonel, U.S.C.  
By C. of A. (M. & S.I.)

4020



HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

AIR/201/

26 January 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Italian Deserters  
TO : C.G., Portmouthe Base Section

1. Reference your letter of 8 January 1944.
2. We have not yet received a reply from A.M.G. on the recommendations submitted in Radio R 152 SVC 684. Until the policy is definitely laid down it is considered that the best course is to hand over all Italian deserters to the Italian police authorities.
3. Accordingly we are instructing the Regional Civil Affairs Officers to:
  - (a) Refrain from any act in respect to deserters that will embarrass the Italian authorities.
  - (b) Hand over to the Italian Authorities any deserters that come within their jurisdiction.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
D/ C. of S. (O. & S.I.)

4019

**SECRET**

HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 782

779  
PBS 2542  
DC of S (052)

8 January 1944

HEADQUARTERS

11 JAN 1944

AMG.

MEMORANDUM TO: C.G. ACO/AMG

SUBJECT : Arrest of Italian deserters

1. Inclosed are letters from and to General Basso, commander of Italian Forces in Campania.

2. I am informed that you have taken the matter up with Commander in Chief AFHQ by radio RA52SVC 684. *Copy att'd.*

3. Request advice of policy you recommend to be pursued in cases in which my command may be involved.

*A. W. Pence*  
A. W. PENCE  
Brigadier General, AUS  
Commanding

AWP:js

2 Incl's

Incl. 1. Ltr fr Gen. Basso to CG  
Incl. 2. Ltr fr CG to Gen. Basso

4018

**SECRET**



S E C R E T

COPY

ARMED FORCES OF CAMPANIA HQS  
INFORMAZIONI

N.0898 SEGRETO

S E C R E T

To: GENERAL  
A. W. PENCE  
A.P.O. 782

Dear General,

On 23d December 1943, an English major, in company of the mayor of S. Gennaro Vesuviano, going to the village of Palma Campania, imposed the release of Nobile Antonino, arrested for desertion, following the order of Cosenza Military Tribunal.

On 24th December 1943, Lieut. Bisbix, of the U. S. Military Police, imposed the release from the prison of Pomigliano d'Arce (Naples) of the arrested Di Marzo Domenico and Andreotti Michele, for desertion, following orders of the Military Tribunals of the 7th Army and Bari respectively.

The said Officer invited the Carabinieri Commander of Pomigliano d'Arce not to arrest other soldiers denounced for desertion considering that such crimes had been committed in favor of the Allies.

I have informed you about these facts, in order to point out the eventual consequences they could assume if they should represent a system.

Even considering, indeed, that these crimes have been committed in favor of the Allies (experience has shown their egotistical and not ideological origin) and even recognising that the Allies have drawn some benefits from these desertions, the crime is persisting and represents the offence to law; practically the failure of the restoration of law, if persistent, could produce the most unthinkable consequences.

In fact, the failure to give punishment for such desertions, the veto to the Carabinieri to execute arrests, ordered by our Military Tribunals, the consequent obstacle to the functioning of the latter, spread and consolidate still more the conviction that the Italian Authorities are valueless, with the well known results on public order.

In the particular military case, such a system mines the bases of every possible reconstruction of the Italian armed forces affecting also those units which are collaborating with Allied troops.

This system would be of great damage and would have serious consequences in the rebuilding of our Country, in which also the Allies are deeply concerned; and for the Allied Forces themselves, who would not find from the military and civil authorities that energetic help they have the right to

S E C R E T

4017

S E C R E T

A. W. PENCE

-2-

4 January 1944

attend and that only discipline can guarantee.

Dear General, I hope you agree with my point of view and I beg you, therefore, to examine the matter with spirit of comprehension so that events of the kind will not be repeated.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours

THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
ANTONIO BASSO

MS

S E C R E T

4016



C O P Y

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 782

8 January 1944

General Antonio Basso  
Commander of the Armed Forces of Campania

Dear General Basso:

Thank you for your letter of 4 January bringing to my attention the situation with regard to the arrest of deserters from the Italian Army. I fully understand your position.

Inasmuch as this is a matter which affects all of southern Italy and not only PBS, it is being handled by Allied Control Commission. I understand that General Joyce has taken it up with the Commander in Chief and no doubt a sound policy will soon be announced.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. PENCE  
Brigadier General, AUS  
Commanding

AWP:js

4015

S E C R E T

S  
E  
C  
R  
E  
T  
C  
O  
P  
Y

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

7 JANUARY 1944

SECRET

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FREEDOM, FILPOT FOR AMG, CG PBS (FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD)

NONE

FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE

061755A

071553A

RL52 SVC 684

NONE

(PARAPHRASE BY CRYPTO FATIMA OF OUR MESSAGE 1856 DTG 061755A CITING YOUR  
SERVICE 6548)

THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR WAR REPORTS THAT AMG OFFICIALS IN CALABRIA HAVE  
DIRECTED THAT ITALIAN SOLDIERS WHO DESERTED IN THE PERIOD JULY 10TH-SEPTEMBER  
18TH BE NOT TRIED FOR DESERTION BY ITALIAN ARMY COURTS MARTIAL. THE ATTITUDE  
TAKEN BY AMG IS THAT THESE MEN MAY HAVE DESERTED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF EN-  
COURAGEMENT GIVEN THEM BY ALLIED RADIO AND LEAFLETS. AMG FIFTEENTH ARMY  
GROUP CONCURS IN THIS VIEW POINT. GOC FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP CONSIDERS THAT  
IT IS A QUESTION FOR DECISION BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF. THE ITALIAN ATTITUDE  
IS THAT FEW IF ANY DESERTED IN THE PERIOD IN QUESTION FOR REASONS OTHER  
THAN COWARDICE FOR WHICH THEY SHOULD BE AMENABLE TO MILITARY JUSTICE. THE  
WAR MINISTRY CONSIDERS FAILURE TO PUNISH THESE MEN WILL DESTROY MILITARY  
PRESTIGE AND DISCIPLINE. THE WAR MINISTRY SUGGESTS THAT TRIAL BE PERMITTED  
AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY AN ACT OF CLEMENCY BE CONSIDERED AND BE PROMULGATED

4014



SECRET

IN FAVOR OF THE CULPRITS. THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FORWARDS THIS MATTER FOR YOUR DECISION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT TRIALS FOR DESERTION BE AUTHORIZED PERMITTING THE DEFENDANTS TO ADDUCE THE EFFECT OF ALLIED PROPAGANDA IN EVIDENCE AS A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE. WE CAN WATCH THE SENTENCES CLOSELY AND ENCOURAGE A LIBERAL POLICY OF CLEMENCY.

4013

8253

SECRET

FARGO 480

SECRET

FARGO

SECRET

PRIORITY

24 January 1944

10050 Spofford for  
Fiske

FAKIR

FIND ON RETURN ORDERS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED ALLOTING TWO  
PROVISIONAL TRUCK BATTALIONS TO MAINLAND THEREFORE ADDED PARAGRAPH TO OUR TELEGRAM  
TO AFHQ PD PENBASE PAREN FARGO FROM FISCHE OF FATIMA PAREN TO FAKIR FOR CONCERNS  
REPEATED FATIMACMA FABLE PD CITE FARGO FOUR EIGHT ZERO PD YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THESE  
UNITS UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY AFHQ OFFICIALS

J. P. NICKEL  
Lt. Col., AGO  
Adjutant General

SECRET

4012



FARGO 479

SECRET

FARGO

25 January 1944

SECRET

10050 Spefford for  
Fiske

PRIORITY

FREEDOM (ACTION) FATIMA (INFO) FAKIR (INFO) FABLE (INFO) HQ ACMF (INFO)

AT CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AJACCIO PRESENT RATAV CONORBS CMA LAZZARINI CMA ITALIAN HQ CORSICA CMA FISKE ACC CMA AND SCAPATI OF ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND FOLLOWING WAS AGREED UPON AND IS SUBMITTED WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL PD PENSEASE PAREN FARGO FROM FISKE OF FATIMA PAREN TO AFHQ TO MGS FOR CINC REPEATED FATIMA CMA FAKIR FOR CONORBS CMA FABLE CMA HQ ACMF PD CITE FARGO FOUR SEVEN NINE PD CITE PHGOT YOUR RADIO TWO ONE JANUARY REFERENCE FATIMA CMO ZERO TWO FOUR PD PARAGRAPH ONE PD NO RPT NO ALPINI CMA ARDINTI CMA NEMBO TROOPS TO BE SENT CORSICA PD PARAGRAPH TWO PD ITALIAN TROOPS NOW IN CORSICA TO BE DESIGNATED SERVICE TROOPS AND GRADUALLY BROUGHT UNDER COMMAND CONORBS PD PARAGRAPH THREE PD FIRST AND SECOND PROVISIONAL TRUCK BATTALIONS NOW IN SARDINIA ESPECIALLY ORGANIZED CMA TOTAL STRENGTH THREE SIX OFFICERS CMA NINE EIGHT ZERO MEN TO BE TRANSFERRED IMMEDIATELY TO CORSICA PD PARAGRAPH FOUR PD ALL ITALIAN TROOPS IN CORSICA TO BE EVENTUALLY UNDER CONORBS COMMAND FOR OPERATIONS CMA UNDER ITALIAN CORSICAN COMMAND PAREN GENERAL LAZZARINI PAREN FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE PD PARAGRAPH FIVE PD FIVE THOUSAND LABORERS TO INCLUDE TWO TWO COMPANIES ITALIAN FOREIGN LABOR TROOPS DESIGNATED COMPANIES TWO TWO THREE CMA TWO TWO FOUR CMA TWO TWO FIVE CMA TWO TWO EIGHT CMA TWO TWO NINE CMA TWO THREE ZERO CMA TWO THREE ONE CMA

J. P. NICKEL  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Adjutant General

SECRET

4011

SECOND PAGE CABLE FAKIR 412

SECRET

25 January 1944

10050 Spofford for  
Flake

FARGO

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM (ACTION) FATIMA (INFO) FAKIR (INFO) FABLE (INFO) HQ ACMF (INFO)  
TWO THREE TWO CMA TWO THREE THREE CMA TWO THREE FOUR CMA TWO THREE FIVE CMA TWO FOUR TWO  
CMA THREE TWO ONE CMA THREE TWO SEVEN CMA THREE TWO EIGHT CMA THREE TWO NINE CMA THREE  
THREE ZERO CMA THREE THREE ONE CMA THREE THREE TWO CMA THREE FOUR ZERO CMA THREE FIVE  
ZERO CMA THREE FIVE FOUR SEMICOLON NOW IN SARDINIA TO BE FURNISHED TO CONORBS PD  
CONORBS REQUIRES WITH THESE TROOPS FIVE ZERO ITALIAN OFFICERS AND FIVE ZERO ITALIAN  
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS PD PAY CMA ADMINISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE WILL BE UNDER  
ITALIAN COMMAND BUT OPERATIONS WILL BE UNDER CONORBS PD WITH YOUR APPROVAL FISKE  
WILL PRESENT TO ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND FOR REQUISITE ORDERS PD REFERENCE PARAGRAPH  
THREE THESE ARE PROBABLY SAME BATTALIONS PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR FIFTH ARMY THEREFORE  
AFHQ SHOULD ESTABLISH PRIORITY PD NOT POSSIBLE TO FORM ADDITIONAL TRUCK UNITS IN  
SARDINIA IMMEDIATELY PD ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND HAS ORDERED THESE UNITS TO BE AT  
DISPOSITION ALLIED COMMAND SARDINIA THEY WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT TWENTY SIXTH AFHQ  
SHOULD ADVISE SARDINIA DIRECT

J. F. NICKEL  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Adjutant General

SECRET

4010



503

U.S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

: : : : :  
: S E C R E T :  
: Auth: C in C / AF :  
: Initials / :  
: 2 January 1944 :  
: : : : :  
: : : : :

30



2 January 1944

AG 400-1(Italy)GCT-AGM

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army.

TO : General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group.  
Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Maj.Gen.Joyce)  
Acting Deputy Vice President, Military Section, A.C.C. (Major  
General Middleton)

1. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/109 of 3 October, letter this headquarters, file AG 400.93-1 GCT-AGM, subject "Italian Equipment," dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith are rescinded. The Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.

2. The Italians will assemble the following units:

a. One Mountain Division and the DAPINO Brigade now with the 15th Army Group. The Mountain Division is to be organized, equipped and placed in combat at the earliest possible moment to assist in operations. One ARDITI Battalion will be brought from SARDINIA to replace combat losses in the DAPINO Brigade.

b. Two additional Divisions (PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions) which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our own requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat in territories which may be turned over to Italian control, these two Divisions will be at the disposal of the Italian Government.

3. The Italian division now in SICILY (SABAUDA Division) will remain intact and be equipped from Italian resources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by 15th Army Group in the normal manner.

5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared excess by the OSS/SOE.

- 1 -

U.S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET

4009



**U.S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET**

AG 400-1(Italy)GCT-ACM, 2 January '43 (cont'd.)

6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and 15th Army Group fully informed of the status of their resources.

7. The necessary equipment above and beyond Italian resources to accomplish 2 a above will be provided from Allied resources, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The provision of Allied equipment for the divisions mentioned in paragraph 2 b above will depend upon the effectiveness in combat of the troops in 2 a and future requirements for the two additional divisions. This decision will be announced at a later date.

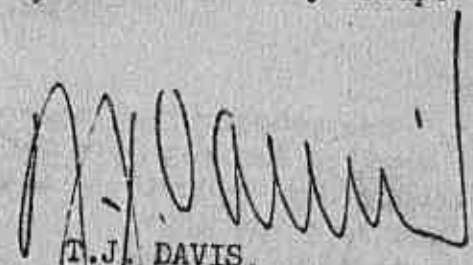
8. The rationing of the Italian Army of not to exceed 225,000 will be accepted as an Allied responsibility.

9. In order to provide officers needed by the Italian High Command, a liberal policy will be pursued in bringing back prisoners of war, particularly from NORTH AFRICA.

10. Subject to the above, the labor requirements of CORSICA and the defense requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian ration strength up to 225,000 total are at the disposal of the 15th Army Group.

11. The Military Mission with the Italian Army (MMIA) is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing, in accordance with the terms of this directive, all demands from 15th Army Group for Italian Army units and resources. The senior officer of MMIA is designated a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with 15th Army Group.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

  
T.J. DAVIS,  
Brigadier General, USA,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 - SG/S  
1 - G-1(A)  
1 - G-1(B)  
3 - G-2  
6 - G-3  
1 - G-4(A)  
1 - G-4(B)  
1 - G-4(Mov & Tn)  
1 - QM  
1 - QM(CEMEC)  
1 - Q(Maint)  
1 - Q(AE)  
1 - Dir Labour  
1 - Liaison

DISTRIBUTION:

6 - MGS - A7264(25-30)  
2 - C.A.O.  
2 - C in C Mod  
2 - MAAT  
1 - Allied Garrison Comdr. Sardinia  
1 - DTC  
1 - PBS  
1 - IBS  
6 - SOS NATOUSA  
1 - FLAMBO  
1 - No. 1 District  
1 - No. 2 District  
1 - Adv. Force 133  
10 - Spares

**U.S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET**



ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394.

LC 078 (April 2)  
4112

File R.P.S. 476.

26th November, 1943.

SUBJECT - MARINE MINES.

TO - A. F. HQ. THROUGH A.M.G. HEADQUARTERS.

- (1) Information has been received at this Headquarters from Lt. Colonel Floyd E. Thomas, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Trapani, that a number of mines were floating free in the area west of Sicily and particularly around Favigna Island.

The situation has become critical as the result of recent storms at sea; some of the mines have been blown in an easterly or north-easterly direction towards shore. One drifted ashore near Trapani Harbour and others were seen floating free in that vicinity.

Should the wind change to the opposite direction, the floating mines would be a grave danger to shipping; so far one ship laden with grain has been lost.

The mines are partly magnetic, are named "Antennae Mines" and are of German origin. Attempts to explode them by rifle fire have been unsuccessful.

- (2) Considerable correspondence has passed between this Headquarters and Naval Operating Base, Mines Disposal Section, Palermo, on this matter.

Naval Operating Base originally promised attention but later altered their decision by letter, the main part of which is as follows;

"The sweeping of defensive mine fields such as the one in question is normally the responsibility of the nation that created the field. In this case the Italian Navy should be requested to provide the ships and personnel for the work. It is not possible to sweep the field with forces available at Palermo."

- (3) It is requested that immediate steps be taken by the competent authority to remove the danger.

Charles Poletti  
CHARLES POLETTI  
LT. COLONEL  
REGION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.



U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

242

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AMGOT

201

21 December 1943

AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) GBI-AGM

SUBJECT: Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ.

TO : All Concerned.

1. An Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee will be formed immediately with the object of:

a. Collating and disseminating through normal departmental channels all information dealing with items listed in paragraph 3 below.

b. Determining the responsibility for handling specimens of certain types of enemy equipment handled by the Committee, in which all services are interested.

c. Carrying out preliminary examinations, and in the case of new missiles, devising emergency measures for disposal and for neutralization.

d. Insuring that all intelligence under sub-paragraph a. above is passed to similar organizations in other theaters of war.

2. The Committee is to be called "The Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ".

3. The Committee is to handle the following items of enemy equipment only:-

Mines - land and sea.  
Bombs  
Torpedoes  
Explosives  
Demolition charges  
Booby Traps.

4. It will consist of not more than two representatives from each of the following:-

Navy (R.N.)  
Navy (U.S.)

U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL



**U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL**

AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) GBI-ACM  
(Cont'd)

21 Dec. 43

G-2 (Technical)  
Engineer Section  
Ordnance (A)  
Ordnance (Br)  
Ordnance Intelligence Unit (A)  
Weapons Technical Staff Field Forces, AFHQ.  
Joint Intelligence Collection Agency, AFHQ.  
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

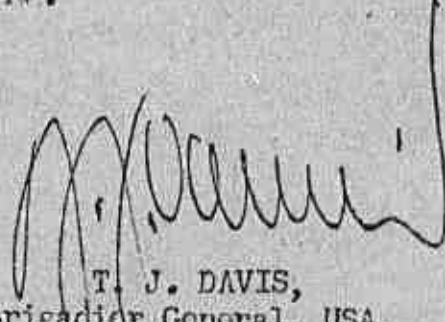
5. The Committee will meet only to discuss questions of policy and procedure.

6. The Chairman of the Committee will be the Staff Officer Grade I. (Staff Duties, Personnel and Bomb Disposal) of the Engineer Section, this headquarters.

7. On receipt of this instruction all branches nominated in paragraph 4 will forward the names of their representatives with addresses and telephone number to:

The Chairman,  
Inter Services Mines & Missiles Committee, AFHQ  
c/o Engineer Section, AFHQ.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

  
T. J. DAVIS,  
Brigadier General, USA,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

"B"



U.S. CONFIDENTIAL **EQUALS** BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
AFO 512

729  
P. 9

21 December 1943

AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) CBI-AGM

SUBJECT: Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ.

TO : All Concerned.



1. An Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee will be formed immediately with the object of:

a. Collating and disseminating through normal departmental channels all information dealing with items listed in paragraph 3 below.

b. Determining the responsibility for handling specimens of certain types of enemy equipment handled by the Committee, in which all services are interested.

c. Carrying out preliminary examinations, and in the case of new missiles, devising emergency measures for disposal and for neutralization.

d. Insuring that all intelligence under sub-paragraph a. above is passed to similar organizations in other theaters of war.

2. The Committee is to be called "The Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ".

3. The Committee is to handle the following items of enemy equipment only:-

Mines - land and sea.  
Bombs  
Torpedoes  
Explosives  
Demolition charges  
Booby Traps.

4. It will consist of not more than two representatives from each of the following:-

Navy (R.F.)  
Navy (U.S.)

U.S. CONFIDENTIAL **EQUALS** BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL



**U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL**

AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) CBI-AGM  
(Cont'd)

21 Dec. 43

G-2 (Technical)  
Engineer Section  
Ordnance (A)  
Ordnance (Pr)  
Ordnance Intelligence Unit (A)  
Weapons Technical Staff Field Forces, AFHQ.  
Joint Intelligence Collection Agency, AFHQ.  
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

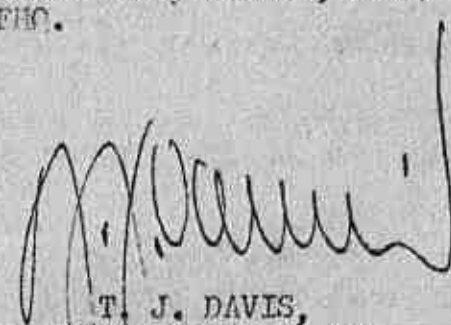
5. The Committee will meet only to discuss questions of policy and procedure.

6. The Chairman of the Committee will be the Staff Officer Grade I. (Staff Duties, Personnel and Bomb Disposal) of the Engineer Section, this headquarters.

7. On receipt of this instruction all branches nominated in paragraph 4 will forward the names of their representatives with addresses and telephone number to:

The Chairman,  
Inter Services Mines & Missiles Committee, AFHQ  
c/o Engineer Section, AFHQ.

By command of General TIBBETTS:

  
T. J. DAVIS,  
Brigadier General, USA,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

"B"

**U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL**

SECRET

DCLHO (2) 1410

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

21 JANUARY 1944

SECRET

ROUTINE

FLAMBO RPT FANGO

NONE

FATIMA FROM FISKE SIGNED SIGNED MACFARLANE

201830A

211315A

2050

NONE

ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND REPORT SAYS DIFFICULTY IN PROVISION OF ARMY RATIONS FOR  
? CORR IN SICILY. LATTER IS INTERNAL PART OF ITALIAN ARMY. ASSUME THAT ARMY SUPPLY  
? CORR  
AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE RATIONS FOR CONSUMPTION BY CORR. PLEASE  
ADVISE.

dg

? ACT. - ECON. DIR. (2)

10993

4005

SECRET



SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian Forces

201

MAIL

Copy to: No. 2 District  
71 Sub-Area

ADP  
ST  
C-4

HEADQUARTERS

18 JAN 1944

AMG.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

25/01

17 Jan 44

1. (a) The latest ration scales for the Italian Armed Forces laid down by AFHQ are as follows:-

RATION SCALES - ITALIAN MILITARY.

| Item                    | Unit        | Basic Ration | Combat Ration            |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Whole wheat or flour    | oz.         | 16           | 18 +                     |
| Pulses                  | "           | 12           | 14 (or pre served fish). |
| Canned meat             | "           | 2            | 4                        |
|                         | "           | 2            | 4                        |
| Preserved fish          | "           | 4            | 1                        |
| Cheese                  | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Sugar                   | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Macaroni                | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Rice                    | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Beans, dried            | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Tomato catsup or paste  | "           | 1/2          | 1                        |
| Coffee                  | "           | 1/200        | 1/200                    |
| Pepper                  | "           | 1/200        | 1/200                    |
| Onions                  | "           | 1/200        | 1/200                    |
| Matatoes (weekly issue) | book or box | 2            | 2 or 1                   |

\* Bread or biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary  
\*\* May be increased to 4 oz. when engaged in heavy manual labour.

Additional to be procured, stocked, and furnished by Italian Military:

| Item             | Unit  | Basic Ration | Combat Ration |
|------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Fruit            | oz    | 4            | 4             |
| Fresh vegetables | "     | 8            | 8             |
| Olive oil        | "     | 1            | 1             |
| Wine             | litre | 1/2          | 1/2           |
| Meats            | oz    | 1/2          | 1/2           |
| Salt             | "     | 1/2          | 1/2           |

| Item                   | Unit       | Basic Ration | Combat Ration           |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Whole wheat or flour   | oz.        | 15           | 18 +                    |
| Butter                 | "          | 12           | 1 1/2                   |
| Condensed milk         | "          | 2            | 4 (or pre served fish). |
| Preserved fish         | "          | 2            | 4                       |
| Cheese                 | "          | 4            | 1                       |
| Sugar                  | "          | 1 1/2        | 1                       |
| Macaroni               | "          | 1 1/2        | 3                       |
| Rice                   | "          | 1 1/2        | 2                       |
| Beans, dried           | "          | 1 1/2        | 2                       |
| Tomato catsup or paste | "          | 1 1/2        | 1 1/2                   |
| Coffee                 | "          | 1 1/2        | 1 1/2                   |
| Pepper                 | "          | 1 1/2        | 1 1/2                   |
| Onions                 | "          | 1 1/2        | 1 1/2                   |
| Matches (weekly issue) | box or box | 1/200        | 1/200                   |
|                        |            | 2            | 2 or 1                  |

\* Bread or biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary  
 \*\* May be increased to 4 oz. when engaged in heavy manual labor.

Additional to be procured, stocked, and furnished by Italian Military:

| Item             | Unit  | Basic Ration | Combat Ration |
|------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Fruit            | Oz.   | 4            | 4             |
| Fresh vegetables | "     | 8            | 8             |
| Olive oil        | "     | 1            | 1             |
| Wine             | litre | 1            | 1             |
| Buts             | Oz.   | 1            | 1             |
| Salt             | "     | 1            | 1             |

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.

where it is impracticable to supply the above items from Italian sources to Italian troops forward of army rear boundaries, substitutions from Allied stocks of suitable equivalents except for canned fruit.

(b) It will be seen that ST this HQ have issued on the basis of this scale for the period 5 Jan to 14 Jan.

(c) The above scales have not been circulated as yet owing to the many and confusing changes which are being made to the ration scale and to the fact that this HQ has again represented to AFHQ the inadequacy of the basic scale and the desirability of having one scale for all Italian Armed Forces and that that scale should be the combat scale.

(d) Certain application of the scales applicable in the Army Areas has been allowed. No alteration to any other scale can be approved by this HQ until such time as AFHQ reply to our recommendation

2/.....

217



- 2 -

(d) contd.

as above. This fact must be accepted and no useful purpose will be served by further applications for increases.

2. As regards the additional 2 ozs. Preserved Meat which may be authorised for heavy manual labour, there does not appear any insuperable difficulty in ensuring that the increase goes in full to the personnel concerned. The additional 2 ozs. can be drawn under Area or Sub-Area arrangements and issued on the spot by the employing service. This can be arranged mutually between MIA and No. 2 District.

3. (a) Your para 3 is not a strictly accurate appreciation of the situation. The scale of rations issued to the Italians is governed by the scales authorised by AFHQ and not by the state of our stocks. Stocks available may from time to time, under the existing system of supply, enforce a reduction in the scale and do enforce the issue of alternatives for certain items. The issue of alternatives is of course commensurate with the ration scale for British troops.

(b) The administrative difficulties we have affect the holding and distribution of the rations, but do NOT affect the size of rations. There is no point therefore in explaining these difficulties to the Italian authorities except insofar as they explain our insistence that they themselves hold and distribute the bulk ration.

(c) The fact that supplies destined specifically for the Italian Army will begin to arrive early in February will not affect the scale of rations to be issued unless AFHQ revise the scales given above. The only effect will be that rations for the Italian Army will no longer come from stocks which have been provided for the Allied Armies.

(d) On no account must any promise or indication be given that any increases in the scale of rations can be expected.

4. The above should not be taken to mean that this HQ is of opinion that the present scales are satisfactory. Every effort has been made to obtain an increase but it will be appreciated that such increase is dependant on authority from AFHQ and no promise can be given that such authority will be forthcoming.

*Reg. P. P. P.*

of the situation. The scale of rations issued to the Italians is governed by the scales authorized by AFHQ and not by the state of our stocks. Stocks available may from time to time, under the existing system of supply, enforce a reduction in the scale and do enforce the issue of alternatives for certain items. The issues of alternatives is of course season with the ration scale for British troops.

(b) The administrative difficulties we have affect the holding and distribution of the rations, but do NOT affect the size of rations. There is no point therefore in explaining these difficulties to the Italian Authorities except insofar as they explain our insistence that they themselves hold and distribute the bulk ration.

(c) The fact that supplies destined specifically for the Italian Army will begin to arrive early in February will not affect the scale of rations to be issued unless AFHQ revise the scales given above. The only effect will be that rations for the Italian Army will no longer come from stocks which have been provided for the Allied Armies.

(d) On no account must any promise or indication be given that any increases in the scale of rations can be expected.

4. The above should not be taken to mean that this HQ is of opinion that the present scales are satisfactory. Every effort has been made to obtain an increase but it will be appreciated that such increase is dependent on authority from AFHQ and no promise can be given that such authority will be forthcoming.

*Page 10*  
*Page 11*  
*Page 12*  
*Page 13*



P.A. Hill

201 Info. D O/S (OSI) 11110 (2)

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

15 JANUARY 1944

TO (ACTION) : DISTORE FOR IBS FOR HAMILTON  
(INFORMATION) : AFHQ 15 ARMY GROUP PBS PLAMBO MMLA  
FROM : ADV HQ FORCE 133  
DATE TIME SIGNED : 151640  
DATE TIME REC'D :  
REF NR :  
CITE :  
*Not RECEIVED*

*3 copies*  
HEADQUARTERS  
16 JAN 1944  
AMG.

YOUR 26453. 1. MAJOR HAMILTON HILL WILL SUPPLY LIST OF ARMS  
AND STORES EQUIPMENT ALREADY TAKEN ALREADY EARMARKED AND TO BE  
EARMARKED TO AFHQ DISTORE AND MMLA COPY TO QM CEMEC.

2. UNDERSTAND NOTED THAT ALL UNWANTED RPT  
UNWANTED STORES AND EQUIPMENT IN SICILY TO BE RESERVED FOR ITALIAN  
ARMY AS ON MAINLAND.

INFO. - AMG HQS  
MGS ADVANCE  
G-4  
QM  
ORD O  
SECY  
C.G.

(Info) DC/S(OSI) 121

4002

517

*PA. Sec*  
*Mil. Sec*

IN MESSAGE

SIGS N° 2245

*Dec 1/10/41*

IMPORTANT

*(copy)*

TO DISTWO 71 SUB AREA 6 BASE SUB AREA 52 AREA RPTD AIR DIV  
ACC FIAMBO MINISTRY OF WAR

FROM MMIA

*No Recd*  
Q311

4

REF DISTWO SIGNAL Q 616 OF 1 JAN. CONFIRMED HERewith THAT ITALIAN  
AUTHORITIES WILL UNDERTAKE RATIONING OF OPERATION UNITS IN CATEGORY  
A WEF 8 JAN NO RESERVE OF CAT A RATIONS YET FORMED. WILL DISTWO  
PLEASE ALLOT SAME AND PERMIT AIR DIV ACC TO ISSUE SUPPLEMENT TO  
1 AF PERSONNEL IN EXCESS OF STRENGTH 4841. THEREFORE ANTICIPATE  
THAT SUPPLEMENT MUST BE ISSUED IN PART UNTIL RESERVE AUTHORIZED BY  
YOU CAN BE DEMANDED ON FIAMBO

SMC DISTRIBUTION ACTION Q INFO ACC ✓ ST MMIA LO

IMPORTANT

SMC TOR 051430A LE



*Copies: Gen Dir  
Acc Brindisi*

4001



Doc of S (051)

SUBJECT: - Maintenance Italian Forces

AFHQ (3)

Copy to: - Allied Control Commission

MAIA

PRS

No. 2 District

DDST., FILMBO

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

5/21

Jan 14

528

HEADQUARTERS

6 JAN 1944

AMG.

1. Reference previous correspondence on the subject of maintenance of Italian Forces contained in this HQ letters 25/9 dated 12 and 14 Dec 43 and my discussions during my recent visit to ALGIERES.

2. (a) The present position of rationing of Italian Forces on the mainland of ITALY is as follows:-

(i) Numbers being fed on operational scale as laid down in your signal 11262 dated 8 Dec 43 from OG NATOUSA. These include Italian Navy vide your signal HQDQ 17113 of 21 Dec 43.

| ARMY   | NAVY   | AIR FORCE |
|--------|--------|-----------|
| 13,000 | 33,104 | 4841      |
| TOTAL  |        |           |
| 50,945 |        |           |

(ii) Numbers being fed on scale B as laid down in your signal 8181 dated 8 Nov 43. These also include Italian Navy.

|             |        |        |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| 202,193     | 27,119 | 16,225 |
| TOTAL       |        |        |
| 245,537     |        |        |
| GRAND TOTAL |        |        |
| 296,482     |        |        |

(b) The present position of employment of the Italian Forces on the mainland of ITALY is as follows:-

- (i) Combat or operational zone including Army, Navy and Air Force
- (ii) Navy (ashore)
- (iii) Air Force (non-operationally employed)
- (iv) Army on RE Works Services
- (v) Army on Docks, Depots etc.
- (vi) Carabinieri, Militia etc.
- (vii) L of C and Adm Duties CALLERIA
- (viii) Not employed at present directly by Allied Forces

|        |
|--------|
| 50,945 |
| 27,119 |
| 16,225 |
| 10,533 |
| 31,000 |
| 21,000 |
| 42,000 |
| 97,660 |

40000

ARMY Navy Air Force

- (i) Numbers being fed on operational scale as laid down in your signal 11262 dated 8 Dec 43 from CG NATOUSA. These include Italian Navy vide your signal HEDQ 17413 of 21 Dec 43.

|              |        |      |
|--------------|--------|------|
| 13,000       | 33,104 | 4841 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |        |      |
| 50,945       |        |      |

- (ii) Numbers being fed on scale B as laid down in your signal 8184 dated 8 Nov 43. These also include Italian Navy.

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 202,193            | 27,119 | 16,225 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |        |        |
| 245,537            |        |        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> |        |        |
| 296,482            |        |        |

- (b) The present position of employment of the Italian Forces on the mainland of ITALY is as follows:-

- (i) Combat or operational zone including Army, Navy and Air Force
- (ii) Navy (ashore) 50,945
- (iii) Air Force (non-operationally employed) 27,119
- (iv) Army on RE Works Services 16,225
- (v) Army on Docks, Depots etc. 10,533
- (vi) Carabinieri, Militia etc. 31,000
- (vii) L of C and Adm Duties CILARRIA 21,000
- (viii) Not employed at present directly by Allied Forces 42,000

|              |
|--------------|
| 97,660       |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |
| 296,482      |

Included under (vii) and (viii) above are the three field divisions which are not available for administrative duties. They number 27,000.

A demand has been placed on the Italian Military Authorities requesting the provision of personnel for administration in excess of the present balance unemployed by us.

3/.....

286



- 2 -

3. A medical opinion on the two ration scales is shown in the attached letters. It is clear from this that both scales are inadequate in caloric value. It is the opinion of the medical authorities that the Italian troops are undernourished. In this condition they can neither fight nor work properly, and they are liable to contract disease, thus becoming an additional burden on Allied resources.

4. We have to rely to a larger and increasing extent on the Italian troops. The fighting portion is probably the least important to us; their value resides mainly in the safeguard which they afford against civil disturbances, provided that they themselves are content and well disposed towards our cause.

More important are the large numbers employed on labour, and the further numbers which we intend to employ in administrative units. We are dependent on these men to clear the docks, work the depots, mend the roads etc. At present their output is poor for no other reason than that they are ill-fed and ill-clothed. This is seriously reducing the intake into our ports. Thus economy is defeating its own object.

We must form Italian administrative units to replace British and US units required elsewhere. We have no hope of obtaining effective replacement units from the Italians under present conditions. We have already had trouble about rations in the units which we have formed.

5. The establishment of two separate ration scales is an unfair discrimination, difficult to operate and negates our desire to make use of the Italians. Scale "B", even with the additional preserved meat, is quite inadequate for sustained work. Nor is it wise to keep on a low diet the men not actually employed by us. We intend to employ them all and shall do so as soon as they can be clad and organized. To refuse them an adequate ration now means that they will be weak and listless when they are put to work, and will take a long time to get fit.

6. There have been several changes in the ration scales since they were first introduced. There is some doubt as to whether we have yet arrived at a scale which, on the one hand is convenient from the point of view of provision, and on the other hand is suitable for the Italians. In order to bring the combat scale up to a correct caloric value I have been advised to recommend the addition to it of 1 oz. of margarine, olive oil, cooking fat, or the equivalent ( $1\frac{1}{4}$  ozs.) of cotton seed oil. A better plan might be to have a discussion here at which the Quartermaster's Department and the Italian Intendance were both represented.

7. To sum up, my recommendations are:-

- (a) A common ration scale to be applied to all recognised Italian Armed Forces in the occupied or controlled portion of the Italian mainland.
- (b) A ceiling of 300,000 to be fixed, beyond which no Italian Armed Forces on the mainland may be recognised as entitled to rations from us.



More important are the large numbers employed on labour, and the further numbers which we intend to employ in administrative units. We are dependent on these men to clear the docks, work the depots, mend the roads etc. At present their output is poor for no other reason than that they are ill-fed and ill-clothed. This is seriously reducing the intake into our ports. ~~This~~ economy is defeating its own object.

We must form Italian administrative units to replace British and US units required elsewhere. We have no hope of obtaining effective replacement units from the Italians under present conditions. We have already had trouble about rations in the units which we have formed.

5. The establishment of two separate ration scales is an unfair discrimination, difficult to operate and negates our desire to make use of the Italians. Scale "B", even with the additional preserved meat, is quite inadequate for sustained work. Nor is it wise to keep on a low diet the men not actually employed by us. We intend to employ them all and shall do so as soon as they can be clad and organised. To refuse them an adequate ration now means that they will be weak and listless when they are put to work, and will take a long time to get fit.

6. There have been several changes in the ration scales since they were first introduced. There is some doubt as to whether we have yet arrived at a scale which, on the one hand is convenient from the point of view of provision, and on the other hand is suitable for the Italians. In order to bring the combat scale up to a correct calorific value I have been advised to recommend the addition to it of 1 oz. of margarine, olive oil, cooking fat, or the equivalent (1 1/4 ozs.) of cotton seed oil. A better plan might be to have a discussion here at which the Quartermaster's Department and the Italian Intendance were both represented.

7. To sum up, my recommendations are:-

- (a) A common ration scale to be applied to all recognised Italian Armed Forces in the occupied or controlled portion of the Italian mainland.
- (b) A ceiling of 300,000 to be fixed, beyond which no Italian Armed Forces on the mainland may be recognised as entitled to rations from us.
- (c) The ration scale to be the present combat scale plus 1 oz. margarine (or equivalent), or such other scale as may be fixed having the same food value.
- (d) Until the new provisioning takes effect, we must work on the existing scales, supplemented from Allied rations where essential and on due authority.

*W. J. P. L. C.*

Major General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.



(C O P Y)

SUBJECT: - Ration Scales - Italian Military Personnel

Allied Force Headquarters  
Adv Adm Ech CMF.  
Ext 130  
3807 M

D.D.S.T.

Copy to: - DQMG., AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.  
DADES, Military Mission to Italian Army

Reference your 4012/ST1 dated 15 Dec 43.

1. Opinion on Scale "A" for Combat Troops, Italian Army

- (a) Total energy (calorific) value is 3377 calories - adequate for most purposes involving moderate output of work. This contrasts with 4274 calories total of Field Service Ration Scale for our own troops.
- (b) The proximate principles of protein and carbohydrates are correctly proportioned. Fat, however, is low and it would be advisable to supplement it with say Margarine - 1 oz. and/or Olive Oil - 1 oz.
- (c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable.
- (d) Vitamins A and D are low owing to low fat ration, but would be corrected by addition of margarine as in (b) above.

2. Opinion on Scale "B" for L of C Troops, Italian Army

- (a) Total calorific value is too low, and barely sufficient for output of light work. (See attached copy of this office letter 3807 M dated 17 Dec 43).
- (b) The proximate principles of protein, fat and carbohydrate are correctly proportioned.
- (c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable.
- (d) Vitamins and Mineral Salts are present in moderate amounts.

(Signed) R.W. GALLOWAY,  
Brigadier.  
DMS.

101/WGT

3999

- (a) Total energy (calorific) value is 3377 calories - adequate for most purposes involving moderate output of work. This contrasts with 4274 calories total of Field Service Ration Scale for our own troops.
- (b) The proximate principles of protein and carbohydrates are correctly proportioned. Fat, however, is low and it would be advisable to supplement it with say Margarine - 1 oz. and/or Olive Oil - 1 oz.
- (c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable.
- (d) Vitamins A and D are low owing to low fat ration, but would be corrected by addition of margarine as in (b) above.

2. Opinion on Scale "B" for L of C Troops, Italian Army

- (a) Total calorific value is too low, and barely sufficient for output of light work. (See attached copy of this office letter 3807 M dated 17 Dec 43).
- (b) The proximate principles of protein, fat and carbohydrate are correctly proportioned.
- (c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable.
- (d) Vitamins and Mineral Salts are present in moderate amounts.

MM/WCT

(Signed) R.W. GALLOWAY,  
Brigadier.  
DAMS.

3339



(Copy)

Subject - Ration Scale "B" - Italian Army

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.  
OMF.  
Ext. 130  
3807 M  
17 Dec. 43.

Military Mission to the Italian Army

Copy to - DQMG, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

1. An opinion on the above ration scale has been requested by Major HEGGIE, RAMO.
2. The total calorific value is 2346 calories, with an extension at a later date to 2590 calories when 4 ozs fish (calorific value 244 calories) will be added to the present scale.
3. This represents the gross calorific value, from which a 100 calories loss on cooking and food preparation and a further 10% loss with digestion and absorption, must be deducted, leaving a net value of some 2000 calories, (or 2341 calories when augmented by 4 ozs fish). The waste and refuse deduction is conservative as the list is essential vegetarian.
4. It is considered that any man employed on moderate muscular work has a daily energy output of some 3000 calories, and must receive at least 3400 calories gross to cover loss in cooking and preparation, and loss during digestion and absorption.
5. Scale "B" is reasonably balanced in the main food principles of Protein, Fat and Carbohydrates.
6. The recommended Scale "B" is thus grossly inadequate, calorifically, if these men are to carry out a day's work in road construction, Port labour, Ad defence or any L of C duties. These soldiers will be unable to yield the necessary amount of energy, nor will they maintain health.

(Signed) W. GALLOWAY  
Brig.  
D.D.M.S.

0

Postal EO

how you plan  
deal with this

Andy

9 Dec 43

Admin. Director.

3998

The development of  
Postal services in Italy has  
been held up to some extent  
owing to the non-provision  
of that territory.  
of about 1000 or more postal  
personnel.\* Two A.C.C. postal officers  
are still at Tizi Ouzou;

Restoration of services  
is under way, & it is expected  
that they will be on a  
fairly sound footing - with  
connections to Sicily, Sardinia,  
abroad - as of about Jan. 1944.  
\*Censorship has also  
had to be provided for.

10.12.43.

(58)

A/Dir. Postal Sub. Com.

Admin. Dir.

Forwarded.

11 Dec

Seal  
M. H. C. 11



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ACTION SHEET

9 Dec.  
Date

Suspense \_\_\_\_\_

| FROM                                                    | TO |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> C.G., A.M.G.                   |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. of Staff                    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. of Staff for (O&SI)       |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. of Staff Admin.           |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Plan                |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mil. Sec.                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pol. Sec.                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Econ & Admin Sec.              |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Sec.            |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Director              |    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Dir. |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Off. Admin.          |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-1                            |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-4                            |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjutant General               |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publications                   |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous                  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supply Officer                 |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billeting Officer              |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Off.            |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hq Commandant                  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Commandant                |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Messing Center                 |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Commission on;             |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Communications</u>          |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>18 - 6th fl.</u>            |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>2 via Para</u>              |    |

For: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approval or Disapp. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriate Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Investig. & Rept. \_\_\_\_\_  
 File \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return to Cont. Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transmission \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Attention invited to  
par. 5 basic commun.  
ication and par. 3  
of letter from A.C.P.  
(ACC. Request appropri-  
ate comments up high  
answers may be drafted  
by

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

BUCK SLIP

18 6 DEC  
Date

Sus: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

| FROM                                              | TO                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C.G. AMG      |                                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. of S.      |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exec Off                 |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Director        |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry & Commerce      |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel                     |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture              |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P. W. & Utilities        |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor                    |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior                 |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information              |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health            |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                    |                                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | (2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Control         |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts                |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping                 |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Transportation  |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications       |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hq Commandant            |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C of Secretariat         |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Message Center           |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-1                      |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-4                      |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displaced Persons        |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjutant                 |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Office         |                                         |

FOR: ☒ Admin Director (1) ☒

- ☐ Signature and return
- ☐ Recommendation & Remark
- ☒ Information & Guidance
- ☐ Approval or Disapproval
- ☐ Necessary Action
- ☐ Investigation & Report
- ☒ To note and return
- ☐ File
- ☐ Dispatch

REMARKS: *Interesting enough; but if action is desired on recommendation regarding Postal communication, best is to send this to a subject over which the Sub Comm. has no jurisdiction.*  
PSK



SUBJECT: REFUGEES CROSSING TO  
SICILY-STRAGLERS POST.

TO:-----A.M.G.  
PALERMO.

FROM:-----CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER  
ADVANCED COMMAND POST  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

On 13 Oct. '43, under AMG/26/91 com to you, A.M.G.O.T.  
15 ARV GNOTI requested us to take with the Italian Military  
Authorities the question of establishing a STRAGLERS POST  
in the vicinity of the STRAITS of MESSINA where deserters  
could be collected prior to return under escort.

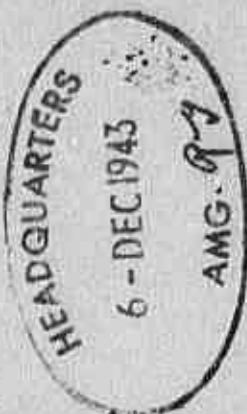
Attached is a copy of memo No. 250 M.I. of 26 Nov. '43  
of Italian Ministry of Interior outlining what has been done.

You will see that they stress once again the urgent need  
of re-establishing Postal Communications.

*2 B Marini*

*for* CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER.  
ADVANCED COMMAND POST.  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

30 NOVEMBER, 1943.  
AMG/12/9.



FROM-----CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER  
ADVANCED COMMAND POST  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

On 13 Oct. '43, under A 3/26/23, copy to you, A.M.C.O.T.  
15 ARMY GROUP requested us to take with the Italian Military  
Authorities the question of establishing a STRAGGLERS POST  
in the vicinity of the STRAITS of BRINDISI where deserters  
could be collected prior to return under escort.

Attached is a copy of memo No. 250 M.I. of 26 Nov. '43  
of Italian Ministry of Interior outlining what has been done.

You will see that they stress once again the urgent need  
of re-establishing Postal Communications.

*2 B Mar*

for CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER.  
ADVANCED COMMAND POST.  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

3997

591. *(initials)*



Nov. 26, 1943

To the Allied Control Commission

Subject: Refugees (Deserters) which are found in Sicily.

With reference to the letters of the Commission dated October 26 and November 16, relative to the question, there is hereby presented the intention of the Italian Supreme Command.

A. From the first days of last October, there were all ready instituted posts on the part of the XXXI Army Corps along the Straits of Messina and along the principal routes of Calabria (particularly along the route from Bagnara to Reggio of Calabria) for the purpose of halting and redirecting to their proper units those military personnel who may have arbitrarily deserted.

B. Following the request of this Commission, dated October 28, in order to integrate the provisions, there were instituted in the zone of the Straits two command posts and between these two posts there was instituted a rigorous vigilance by means of a mobile night patrol.

The military personnel halted by the blockades and by the mobile unit were assembled at the two ~~supply~~ posts to be returned under escort to their original units.

The Supreme Command has made it known that one of the principal causes of the arbitrary desertion of military personnel from their units is the lack of communication with their families, a cause which might be eliminated with the reestablishment of postal communications with Sicily.

The interest of this Commission upon this particularly urgent question is requested as per contents of letter No. 2485 A.C. of Nov. 9th last.

The Under Secretary  
(Vito Reale)

Lo/No



MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

P. M. 151, 11 26 Novembre 1943

N. 250/M.I.

Risposta alla lettera

N.

del

OGGETTO

Profughi che si recano  
in Sicilia.

A P P U M T O

per la COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO

In riferimento agli appunti di codesta Commissione in data 26 ottobre e 16 novembre c.a. relativi all'argomento, si comunica quanto in proposito ha fatto presente lo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito:

- a)- già dai primi dello scorso ottobre vennero istituiti dei posti di blocco da parte del XXXI Corpo d'Armata lungo lo stretto di Messina e su tutte le principali rotabili della Calabria (particolarmente sul tratto da Bagnara a Reggio Calabria) con il compito di fermare e di avviare al proprio reparto quei militari che se ne fossero arbitrariamente allontanati;
- b)- a seguito della richiesta di codesta Commissione, in data 28 ottobre, fu provveduto ad integrare i provvedimenti suddetti con la costituzione nella zona dello stretto di due comandi di tappa e alla attuazione nella zona interposta tra gli stessi di una rigorosa vigilanza a mezzo di pattuglie



Profughi che si recano  
in Sicilia.

A P P U N T O

per la COMMISSIONE ALLEGATA DI CONTROLLO

In riferimento agli appunti di codesta Commissione in data 26 ottobre e 16 novembre c.a. relativi all'argomento, si comunica quanto in proposito ha fatto presente lo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito:

a)- già dai primi dello scorso ottobre vennero istituiti dei posti di blocco da parte del XXXI Corpo d'Armata lungo lo stretto di Messina e su tutte le principali rotabili della Calabria (particolarmente sul tratto da Bagnara a Reggio Calabria) con il compito di fermare e di avviare al proprio reparto quei militari che se ne fossero arbitrariamente allontanati;

b)- a seguito della richiesta di codesta Commissione, in data 28 ottobre, fu provveduto ad integrare i provvedimenti suddetti con la costituzione nella zona dello stretto di due comandi di tappa e alla attuazione nella zona interposta tra gli stessi di una rigorosa vigilanza a mezzo di pattuglie mobili.

I militari fermati dai posti di blocco e delle pattuglie mobili predette vengono attualmente riuniti presso i due comandi di tappa per essere successivamente avviati sotto scorta

./.

MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

N. ....

Risposta alla lettera

N. .... del .....

OGGETTO

ta ai reparti di provenienza.

Lo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito ha infine fatto presente che una delle cause principali dell'allontanamento arbitrario dei militari dai loro reparti è la mancanza di notizie dei loro familiari, causa che potrebbe venir eliminata con il ristabilimento delle comunicazioni postali con la Sicilia.

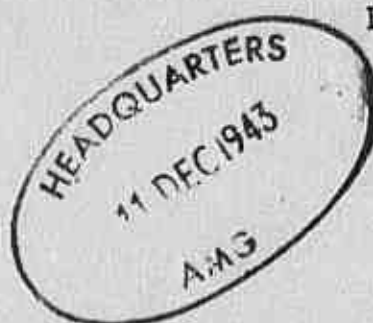
Sulla questione, particolarmente urgente, si ebbe a richiedere l'interessamento di codesta Commissione da ultimo con l'appunto n. 2485 A.C. del 9 novembre c.a.

IL SOTTOSGEGNATO  
(Vito Reale)



Subject: Refugee

Headquarters,  
A.M.G.,  
PALERMO. (2)



H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C. M. F.

AMG/653/55.

7. Dec. 43.

43

There are on the mainland a number of Sicilians who were evacuated, or who evacuated themselves, from Sicily when the island was invaded. These people now wish to return to their homes and take up permanent residence there.

2. In your memo No. 399/HQ of 20. Oct. 43 addressed to M.G.S., A.F.H.Q., it was stated that the only Italian personnel allowed across the Straits of Messina were Sicilian ex-P.O.s and authorised officers travelling on essential duties.

3. Evacuations from the forward areas and refugees coming through the lines are causing a housing problem on the mainland and the return to Sicily of even a small number of Sicilians will help to ease it. Will you, therefore, please consider the relaxation of the ruling given in para. 2 above and, if this is agreed to, state what formalities will be required before movement can commence.

TFS/JG.

*P. R. Smith*  
Lt. Col.  
Major-General,  
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to: M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.

7 Copies to Regt  
- Regt II.  
PS has arranged  
for release.  
PS to see  
JP to see.

3993

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ACTION SHEET

2 Dec. '43  
Date

Suspense \_\_\_\_\_

| FROM                                                          | TO                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. of Staff                          |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D.C. of Staff (or (OASD)) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. of Staff Admin.                 |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Plan                      |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mil. Sec.                            |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pol. Sec.                            |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Econ & Admin Sec.                    |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Sec.                  |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Director         |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Dir.       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Off. Admin.                |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-1                                  |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G-4                                  |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjutant General                     |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel                            |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publications                         |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous                        |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supply Officer                       |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billing Officer                      |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Off.                  |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hy Commandant                        |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Commandant                      |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Message Center                       |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Commissioning                    |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Sub Com (2)            |                                     |

For: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information ☒ See info by P.S. *W. H. H. H.*  
 Approval or Assent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriate Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invention \_\_\_\_\_  
 File \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transmission \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Will you please report, from  
 knowledge, on any *399*  
 organizations for *399*  
 variant. *399*  
 such as *399*  
 reporting post. *399*  
 This *399*  
 after receipt of your report *399*  
 (over)



TO: P. S.

Request comment  
on what has been  
done, and also a  
draft of proposed  
letter to AFHQ.

By  
Adm. Dir

Adm. Dir

This office has no knowledge  
of existing plans for stagger  
collection by the Italian Army.  
Such knowledge is a condition  
precedent to the preparation of any  
plan by us. When contact can be  
had with Italian military author-  
ities, mutually supporting plans  
can be devised, if required. Mean-  
time, as stated in basic letter 15th  
Army Gp should be best source  
of information. PLS: JF



*Dec'd*  
*(CONST)*

*J/DW/jjr*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

*Bly*

27 November 1943.

MGS - 321-12

*also PS what has been done  
draft proposed letter.*

SUBJECT: Italian Army - Stragglers.

TO : HQ, AMG, CMF.

Reference our MGS 387, 4-1 of 28 October, and a memorandum from A/Chief of Staff to the Deputy Chief MGS dated 8 November.

1. The question of vagrant Italian ex-soldiers in Italy has been taken up by this Section with G3 and other authorities at this Headquarters, and the following ruling obtained.

2. Allied military responsibility for former members of the Italian Army ceased as of the moment of the Armistice, and that responsibility, as apart from PW captured prior to the Armistice, rests with the Italian Government.

3. In view of the fact that the problem may develop in such a way as to embarrass the military effort, it is suggested that the views of 15 Army Group should be obtained and the necessary directions thereafter issued to the Italian Government through Allied Control Commission.

*J. G. Walker*  
*major*  
JACKLING,  
Lt Col.

399

566.



1461/1030/20-12

168

AMG.

039



NAMES

LRXO V LRHY NR8 (114) IMPORTANT QVR2  
FROM FLAMBO (GSD)  
TO 15 ARMY GROUP (GSD) RPTD  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (FOR GEN. JOYCE)  
INFO: MMIA PBS  
GR110

SECRET  
(ONE) FOR 15 ARMY GROUP X REQUEST YOU RAISE IN PRIORITY ONE REMOUNT  
STATION FROM SERIAL 15 TO SERIAL 2 ON OUR 2553/G(SD) 7 DEC. X  
(TWO) FOR ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION X REFERENCE YOU CONVERSION  
WITH GEN. ROBERTSON X NEED EXISTS FOR ONE(1) ITALIAN REMOUNT STATION  
BN X UNIT TO BE ATTACHED TO PBS X  
(THREE) REFERENCE LETTER MMIA (SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ITALIAN TROOPS)  
DATED 6 DEC 43, PBS CAN, IF AND WHEN NECESSARY, FURNISH CERTAIN ITEMS  
OF CLOTHING EQUIPMENT X  
(FOUR) REQUEST A REPRESENTATIVE BE SENT TO PBS WITH INFORMATION AS  
TO STRENGTH OF UNIT, CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND ETA  
OF UNIT X  
THI 0900

SENT NR8 16/1030 A FJM

RD NR8 16/1030 WBE B2

3990

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Secret

Allied Central Commission  
% A.M.G.

(20-8)

039

(26)

IMPORTANT



FARGO 1181

SEARS FOR FARGO-1181

13 DECEMBER 1943

RESTRICTED

PRIORITY

FATIMA FOR HAMLYN RPT FREEDOM FOR MCS RPTD FLAMEO FOR DDV AND RS TOWNSEND RPT  
DISTONE FOR BELL

AM INFORMED BY REMOUNT PURCHASING COMMISSION DISTONE THAT MULE TRANSACTION PROPOSED  
BY JUNG IS NOT RPT NOT CONNECTED WITH CURRENT PURCHASE MULES AND HORSES IN SICILY  
PAREN FROM SEARS FOR FARGO FROM STOFFORD TO FATIMA FOR HAMLYN RPTD FREEDOM FOR MCS  
RPTD FLAMEO FOR DDV AND RS TOWNSEND RPTD DISTONE FOR BELL CITE FARGO ONE ONE EIGHT  
ONE PAREN REFERENCE YOUR ONE THREE EIGHT SEVEN OF TWELVE DECEMBER X DETAILS  
REGARDING CURRENT TRANSACTION AS FOLLOWS PAREN ABLE PAREN OUT OF TWELVE HUNDRED  
MULES FIVE FOUR SEVEN ALREADY ACQUIRED PAREN BAKER PAREN FIFTY FIVE HORSES ACQUIRED  
FREE EX ITALIAN ARMY X NO FURTHER REQUISITION HORSES PROPOSED TIME BEING PAREN  
CHARLIE PAREN OF MULES ACQUIRED CMA ABOUT EIGHTY FIVE OBTAINED FREE EX ITALIAN  
ARMY CMA TWENTY REQUISITIONED AND BALANCE PURCHASED FOR BETWEEN SEVENTY FIVE  
NINETY FIVE POUNDS PER MULE PAREN DOG PAREN PURCHASES MADE FROM LOCAL SICILIANS CMA  
THROUGH AGENCIES AND AMG PAREN EASY PAREN UNDERSTAND ANIMALS BEING ACQUIRED BY  
FREEDOM FOR ARTILLERY PURPOSES ALLIED FORCES

Capt TALBOT



*Confidential*  
**RESTRICTED**

88

**INCOMING MESSAGE**

Nr: 1387

RESTRICTED

|                           |                     |              |          |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO : | WARGO FOR SPOFORO   | IBS NUMBER : | 5381     |
| FOR INFORMATION TO :      | -                   | TIME SENT :  | 112045A  |
| FROM :                    | FATIMA FROM HAMLYN* | TIME REC'D : | 120815A  |
| IN REPLY REFER TO :       | 1387                | PRECEDENCE : | PRIORITY |

\*SIGNED JOYCE

- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

JUNG has requested us to advance to ITALIAN GOVERNMENT 50 million Lire for purchase of 2400 mules and horses in SICILY. We have been informed that purchase is intended primarily to replace animals which ITALIAN ARMY has turned over to Allied Military Forces. It is probable that this transaction is related to purchase of mules under discussion between COLONEL TOWNSEND and CAPTAIN TALBOT. Please sent us full details of mule purchases, including number, unit price, by whom sold and purchased, and for what purpose.

*Info copy to Econ. Div.*  
5988

**RESTRICTED**

DISTRIBUTION :

ACC (ACTION) ✓

CO



MGS-454.2

2nd Ind.

*By fast car*  
JCH/TBJ/byg

MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION, AFHQ, 8 December 1943.

TO: HQ, AMG, Palermo, APO #512.

Request copy of letter RC/27, forwarded you in our letter of 3 December, 1943.

*J. C. Holmes*  
J.C. HOLMES  
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,  
Chief, Military Government Section.

3987

COPY

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

November 24, 1943

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mules

TO : Headquarters No. 1 District  
(for attention of O.C. Remount Purchasing Commission  
Colonel Townsend)

Reference our cable 808 of 22 November on the above subject.

1. These Headquarters do not favor the requisitioning of mules but there is no objection whatever to the purchase of mules in Sicily in reasonable numbers.

2. AFHQ have asked these Headquarters to treat this matter as urgent. The following information is requested.

- a. The number of mules it is proposed to purchase.
- b. The practice by which Colonel Townsend proposes to make his purchases.
- c. The policy in the future i.e. is this an isolated transaction or are further purchases proposed.

As regards (b) above RCAF Region I has expressed his desire to cooperate through his SCAOs and CAOs in every way possible. On receipt of the necessary information from you, these Headquarters will ask the RCAF to issue the appropriate instructions.

For the Commanding General:

(s) CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
(t) CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, Palermo, APO 512, 26 November 1943.

✓ TO: AFHQ, MCS

Forwarded for information.

3986  
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.



*S. J. [unclear]*

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

*File 454.2*

13 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Purchasing of Mules

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ

Reference your MGS 454.2 of 3 December 1943.

1. You will receive latest details of the current mule transaction in Sicily in a cable to Brigadier Hamlyn repeated to you number 1181 dated 13 December 1943.

2. As regards the availability of mules in Sicily, these Headquarters consider that the acquisitioning of up to 3,000 would not be over taxing the resources of the Island in this respect.

For the Commanding General:

*[Signature]*  
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief Civil Affairs  
Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:  
Hq No 1 District (Attn: Col Bell)  
Hq Region I  
Files

3985

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 312

454.2

AG 454.2

December 7, 1943.

SUBJECT: Mules

TO : Headquarters, Region I

1. The Recent Purchasing Commission No. 1 District is purchasing mules in Sicily.
2. They propose buying up to 1000 high grade Artillery mules and have already bought 500.
3. The price they are paying is L. 30 - L. 50 per mule.
4. Headquarters, No. 1 District have informed these Headquarters that it will assist the Purchasing Commission if all AGOs and GAOs could be notified of the above facts and asked to render any assistance possible when visited by representatives of the Purchasing Commission.
5. These Headquarters will be obliged if you will take action on these lines.

By Command of Brigadier General ROBERTSON:

Copy to AFHQ for Townsend.

*W. H. H. H.*  
WILLIAM H. HUFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Actg Chief of Staff.

3984



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

BY FAST AIR

454.29  
TBJ/jjr  
DC 3(011)

3 December 1943.

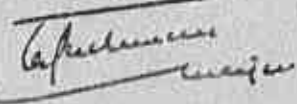
MGS - 454.2

SUBJECT: Purchasing of Mules.

TO : HQ AMG, CMP.



1. Attached is <sup>original</sup> ~~inquiry~~ of letter RC/27 of 28 November which appears to be intended for you.
2. It appears that this letter, with the letter of 24 November referred to, will supply answers to queries which have been urgently raised here as to availability of animals in Sicily and it is requested that a copy of the letter of 24 November be furnished here urgently together with any relevant detail on the subject.

  
T. B. JACKMAN  
Major.

1-Incl  
as above

Remount Purchasing Commission,  
H.Q. No.1 District,  
C.M.F.

Subject:- Purchasing of Mules.

RC/27.  
28 Nov 43.

Deputy Chief of Staff,  
H.Q. Allied Military Government  
A.P.O.512.

Ref your cable 808 of 22 Nov and letter  
of 24 Nov.

Para 1. Noted.

Para 2. 1000, 350 of these have already  
been obtained by

1. Purchase.
2. Requisition.
3. From Italian Army

Para (b) By direct purchase or requisition.

(c) An isolated transaction.

C.M.F.

*J. B.*  
Lt. Col.  
Remount Purchasing  
Commission



FILE

454.2 Mules

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

6 December 1943

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mules

TO : HQ. No. 1 District  
(For Attention Col. Bell, O.C. Remount Purchasing Commission)

With reference to our letters of 24th and 26th November on the above subject an immediate reply is urgently requested to enable these Headquarters to report to A.F.H.Q.

For the Commanding General:

*SJ*  
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff (O&SI)

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

CMS/pjm

26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mules

TO : HQ. No. 1 District  
(for attention of O.C. Remount Purchasing Commission  
Colonel Townsend)

1. With reference our letter of 24 November on the above subject and subsequent telephone conversation, these headquarters understand that AFHQ consider this matter to be of some urgency.
2. An early reply to the letter under reference will be much appreciated.

By command of Brigadier General MONTGOMERY:

*[Signature]*  
CHARLES M. STOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Deputy Chief of Staff

*Col Townsend has left.*  
*has Col Bell*

*Capt Watson*  
*No. 1 District left here*

*2/a* *Ram* *to Col Bell*

*Also ram Col French's office*  
*asked him to contact*  
*Major Mawney (1100)*  
*let him to see*  
*Col Bell*  
*CO 381*



COPY

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

November 24, 1943.

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mules

TO : Headquarters No. 1 District  
(for attention of O.C. Remount Purchasing Commission  
Colonel Townsend)

Reference per cable 808 of 22 November on the above subject.

1. These Headquarters do not favor the requisitioning of mules but there is no objection whatever to the purchase of mules in Sicily in reasonable numbers.

2. AFHQ have asked these Headquarters to treat this matter as urgent. The following information is requested.

- a. The number of mules it is proposed to purchase.
- b. The practice by which Colonel Townsend proposes to make his purchases.
- c. The policy in the future i.e. is this an isolated transaction or are further purchases proposed.

As regards (b) above RGAO Region I has expressed his desire to cooperate through his SCAGs and CAGs in every way possible. On receipt of the necessary information from you, these Headquarters will ask the RGAO to issue the appropriate instructions.

For the Commanding General:

(s) CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
(t) CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, Palermo, APO 512, 26 November 1943.

TO: Headquarters, Region I.

Forwarded for information.

*[Signature]*  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff.

5980

SEARS FOR FARGO - 808

22 November 1943

RESTRICTED

PRIORITY

DISTONE FOR TOWNSEND RPT FREEDOM FOR MGS RPT FILPOT FOR AMG RPT FATIMA

SUBJECT MULES PAREN FROM SEARS FOR FARGO TO DISTONE FOR TOWNSEND RPT FREEDOM  
FOR MGS RPT FILPOT FOR AMG RPT FATIMA CITE FARGO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT PAREN  
QUESTION IS BEING TAKEN UP HERE AS URGENT X REPRESENTATIVE WILL VISIT YOU  
SHORTLY.

*Sent 1400 hrs.*

3979

Capt. E. Talbot



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

ATM/dlc  
13 November 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel Jackling  
Lt. Colonel Parkman

See attached telegram. General Rooks is anxious to obtain the maximum number of mules. We have ~~had~~ no objections to the requisitioning by purchase of any mules surplus to the minimum requirements of the civil economy. We are further informed that a number of mules were sold at the time of disbandment of Italian Forces during the Operation Husky.

In these circumstances, number of mules in Island may be considerably more than normal civilian numbers. Will you arrange for a message to be sent to us from Palermo during your visit?

  
A. T. MAXWELL  
Colonel

What are we doing about mules -  
Payment.

3978



**SECRET**  
EQUALS BRITISH ~~TOP SECRET~~ AND SECRET

201930A NR 3534 SECRET PRIORITY  
FROM: EISENHOWER  
TO : IBS-PARGO

IBS-3918  
210838A

Survey of animals urgent. Contact should be made with OC Remount  
Purchasing Commission Distone, Colonel TOWNSEND.  
(HQ No. 1 District, CATANIA)

(TO PARGO FOR JACKLING SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FOR INFO)

DISTRIBUTION:

ACC ( ACTION )  
CO

3977

**SECRET**  
EQUALS BRITISH ~~TOP SECRET~~ AND SECRET



0373