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CCRR, STRENGTH & REINFORCEMENTS, ROUTINE
SEPT. 1944 - SEPT. 1946

Ex. Comm.
C.S.

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Ref. your verbal request for Cal Bright's views on the relevant persons of Cal Bright's letter.

please see folio 10.

Cal Bright's D.O. is ^{EC 1/15} ~~petitioned~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{Aut} ~~Aut~~ ^{29/10} ~~29/10~~

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CSO.

56 for info: Ex. C. ^{will not} ~~should~~ have had it

CPS 27/3

58

Ex. Comm. 56 for info also 59

For
28/4.

Please in future tell me what P.S.S. is doing?

DM 27/5

(61)

cp Lybil Wilson tells me that he has taken action on 59 & that a copy of his cable to AFHQ dtd. 28/9 should now be in the office: for file

CPS 27/9

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Thanks

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CSO. For P.S. S/C action see 62

CPS 4/10

C30

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Ref 103, para 7 of Signal, MILAD LATER is in CALABRIA. The two Bns referred to as being relieved for movement to Sicily belong to the ACOTA Div and are joining the remainder of the Div in Sicily.

5 Jan 45

E. J. H. [Signature]
C. J. H. [Signature]

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C50

Does COS intend to reply to AFHQ letter at 31? His memo to COTEC at 40 does not call for a reply on any points. CA see answer is at 46.

6 Jan 45

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[Signature]

C50 COS

Draft at 48 is submitted as reply to Col Mitchell's letter at 31.

Ref COS' memo at 40, please see reply from CA see at 46.

6 Jan 45

[Signature]

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Does CAS intend to reply to HTHP letter at 40?
His memo to CAs at 40 does not call for
a reply on any points. CA Sec. answer is
at 46.

6 Jan 45

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CSO COS

Draft at 48 is submitted as reply to Col Mitchell's
letter at 31.

Ref COS' memo at 40, please see reply from
CA Sec at 46.

6 Jan 45

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What does 47 imply? Please return for the study

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(52)

8 Jan. 45. Capt. MCHEN:

Please speak to Col. SHIPP re: 51.
Ref. Folio 49, see 50 above.

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Ref 41, para 2 of signal, HILLY LINES is in COLUMBIA. The two Bns
referred to as being relieved for movements to SICILY belong to the 408TA
Div and are joining the remainder of the Div in Sicily.

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TO: C S D

Move of Montegrano Bn.

1. Ref is made to the following:

Memorandum from AFHQ, folio 31 file 3606/003.
 Letter (undated) from PS 3/C, folio 56a file AG/14522/1/PS.
 Letter dated 22 Dec 44 from Land Forces 3/C folio 33 file 3606/003.

2. Attached is table showing:

Statements from AFHQ memo Col (b).
 Corresponding action taken by PS 3/C compiled from their files and
 their letter furnished in explanation. (Col. (c)).

3. It is not easy to examine this matter for the following reasons:

- (a) Explanation from PS 3/C does not answer exactly AFHQ memo.
- (b) The files furnished by PS 3/C are very untidy and indeed one cannot be sure all correspondence is on file.
- (c) There is no record of telephone conversations by Col Chapman and Col Wilcox.
- (d) There is, in some instances, considerable overlap in dates due to time lag between dispatch and receipt of communications.

4. Conclusions.

- (a) In para 4 of PS 3/C letter the matter is summed up and it is stated that coordination was upset between 7 and 14 Dec by unexpected operational moves, but there is no evidence of these on file.
- (b) It is extremely difficult to see exactly what happened but I am left with the impression that, far from the matter being coordinated, between 7 - 14 Dec individuals were making arrangements by telephone and failing to ensure that action was complete.
- (c) Land Forces 3/C state, in their letter dated 22 Dec 44, that the reasons for the Bn being moved to Alconal were unknown to them, as were subsequent changes. It is evident that they were not consulted at any stage and were informed only by receipt of copies of communications from outside sources. (Capt Serial 12) 61
- (d) In my opinion CA Sec should have presented a summary of the case.

26 Dec 44.

Shepherd

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C-8

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Letter opposite submitted for signature.

It is in further ref to yours at 21.This further information was provided
by PS/SC on file ACC/14601/6/PS known with him.
1224

1 Dec 44

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C-50

Please see 24 + 25 on tp movements to Sicily.
also 69 on formation of mobile bus of Carabinieri
for Sicily.

20 Dec 44

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C-11

You should see 25 about the use of
a. Montegrano bus; to Sicily to reinforce C-88

ETA on 22 Dec.

b. Use of 2 15. Bus from Calabria to Sicily
after arrival of their relief from Sanitella is
10-12 days time.

CSD

Please see ~~24~~ ²⁴ & ~~25~~ ²⁵ on ops movements to Sicily.
also by on formation of mobile bus of Carabinieri
for Sicily.

20 Dec 44

Cot.

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You should see ~~25~~ ²⁵ about the use of
a. Montegrano bus: to Sicily to reinforce CERA

ETA on 22 Dec.

b. bus of 2 15. Bus from Calabria to Sicily
after arrival of bus which from Sanitella is
10-12 days time.

Ref by. This is an old pet idea of La Young
which he has a lot put upon. I think it is
a good idea.

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20/12

Chief Commissioner

PP 67 467 for review

7/8/20/12 ²⁹

6 of 3 noted 20/12 22/12

12/12/44

PS Reference Form 46.

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 Will you please mount below a short resume of the present position. It may be considered desirable at the moment please obtain letters for signature on your form and set in this and your file together.

10/10/54
 J. C. C.

10/10/54

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CA Sec.

Col Jackling B.G. AFHQ is dealing with re-attachment of COOK from N. Africa. Early in October Mr. Col. Wilson explained the Public Safety view on this subject to Col Jackling at AFHQ.

The matter has also been discussed between Col. Chapman and W.M.D. and I.P.W. S/C during the past 3 weeks.

A copy of 46 was received by P. Sully, and full details with A.B./10001/6/PS were forwarded to you on 5 Dec 54.

12/10/54
 J. C. C.

6 Dec 54
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COS

Please see 10001/6/PS. The matter is under active discussion and will be kept under review.

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COS

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 Memorandum to CC submitted for signature copies
 to 10001/6/PS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 184/20

4 September 1946.

Many thanks for your D/O letter No. P.O./103 dated 22nd Aug 46.

On the subject of CC.RR. in your province, I have again looked into the matter and report that there is nothing that I can add to my letter No. 14011/24/PS dated 14 Aug on this subject.

Until such time as recruits become available in numbers large enough to cover normal wastage and to build up the Force to their new ceiling I am afraid that you will have to make do with those that you have.

The Chief Commissioner has taken up with the Prime Minister the matter of Scocimarro's report published as a result of his trip to Udine and a full investigation has been ordered within 5 Territorial Command.

(sgd) *[Signature]*

Bugadus

Lt. Col. J. Bright, MBE,
Provincial Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
UDINE PROVINCE

Copy to: file 3624.

5461 *[Handwritten]*

(CAM K)

File 70

Ref: 362/17/10

17 August 1946

TO: C.O.M.R.
Lima Province.

TO: 1 P.O.
C.A. Section

19.

I enclose an extract from a D/O letter from P.O. Udine,
and the Executive Commissioner would be grateful if you would ask
the Director, Public Safety & C to give his comments.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU:

See Minutes 34 & 35 on File 184/EC. Also Folio 36 & 43, on same file. *Alonso*
Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner

Re: as above and the daily state of C.O.M.R.

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COPY:

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Extract of DO Letter PU/103 dated
22 August 46, from Lt. Col. Bright
Udine Province to Ex. Commissioner

On the subject of Carabinieri, I attach a State showing
exactly the number of men available for station duty throughout the
Province, i.e., 172 Companies with 65 Bases.

From those available, a small reserve must always be kept
in hand for emergency, including patrols against armed robbery etc.
I should also mention that I have now dispensed with the British
Military Guard, and have reduced the Italian Military Guard on the Udine
Gaol by 50%.

This Gaol contains the Soble murderers and a few other
notorious types, whom a certain element of the population considers
should be released, on account of their gallantry with the Partisans.
This may at any time demand the direct intervention of the Carabinieri.

The Eastern boundary, particularly the Mandamento of Cividale
and the Tarvisio District, and frequently the Aquileia district require
more policing than is possible with our present strength.

In addition, we have, as you know, the problem of hidden areas
and the rival clandestine ex-Partisan movements, whose activities
require a deal of attention.

The latest incident in this connection occurred during
Socconigaro's visit last Saturday and Sunday. After reading the Police
Reports yesterday, I sent them down to Treviso by special D.R., so as
to catch this morning's plane, and he is in your office today.

I am afraid that from the evidence available, certain officers
of the 5 Italian Territorial Division commanded by Gen. Amellini
appear to be implicated. Previous to the Prestante Case I asked Gen.
Amellini if he was aware of any such movement as the ex-Scoppo, and
he assured me he had no knowledge of it. In the reports leading up to
the Prestante Case, Col. Oliviero and a Lt. Spaccogri were mentioned.
The first named again features in this Case, and I am inclined to think
he is the moving spirit in this Province for ex-Scoppo activities.
It is possible that others may be behind him, but doubt if Gen. Amellini
is one.

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The Garibaldi (left wing) Partisans are by no means unorganized, nor are they without means of arming themselves, but at present are considerably more cunning than their rivals, both in their activities and in the concealment of their arms.

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CARABINIERI - UDINE GROUP

On the basis of 75.0.0

Establishment and effective strength as on August 22, 1946.

Authorized Establishment	-	726	all ranks
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Effective strength	-	617	all ranks
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(includes 25 attached from other Groups of the Legion of PADOVA)

Sick, leave, etc.	-	70	all ranks
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Specially employed (Clerks, drivers, etc.) (Cooks, BAs, sentries.)	-	93	all ranks
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Actual strength available for ordinary duty	-	454	all ranks
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an average of about 6 - 7 men
for station (total 65 stations)

23.8.946

/s/ Andrew G. May, Major

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 14011/2A/RS.

14 August 1946.

AUG 15 1946

With reference to our conversation whilst you were in ROME on the subject of additional Carabinieri for URSI, I have looked into the matter and feel that we have not sufficient grounds for pressing the Italian Government on this point as your posted strength is only one below establishment.

Compared with many other areas in Italy public order in URSI is good. However, Colonel HIR is getting a report from your AFSG on conditions on your Eastern Boundary, and if necessary, I am prepared to reconsider the matter then.

In connection with this I am enclosing for your information a copy of Colonel HIR's letter on this subject.

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Lt.Col. H.B. Bright, MBE,
Provincial Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
URSI PROVINCE.

copy to the Com ✓

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794

AG/14011/24/PS

Ext. 416

8 August 1946

SUBJECT : Strength of OC.RR.

TO : VP., GA. Section.

1. The establishment of the OC.RR in Udine Province under the 65,000 ceiling was 621. The actual strength is 620. Under the 75,000 ceiling the establishment will be 786.

2. Recruitment to augment the force is exceedingly slow and barely exceeds normal wastage.

3. The force in Udine will be increased as soon as additional men are available.

4. I have spoken with Major Manuel. He is satisfied that Public Order is reasonably good and is reporting to this HQ. on the conditions at the Eastern Boundary.

He also appreciates the fact that until recruits are available additions cannot be made without seriously depleting OC.RR in other areas.

H.J. BYE, Colonel,
Acting Director.

Copy: 3624/20.

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Ref: 3624/EC ✓

5 August 1946.

SUBJECT: OO.RR for UDINE Province.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Lt.Col.BERGET is anxious, in view of the delicate situation on his eastern frontier, that the OO.RR should be increased. He finds that the Italian Government authorities whom he has approached are inclined to say that the number of Allied troops in the area make it unnecessary for any increase. Would you get Public Safety to look into this and make recommendations.

HENRY S W

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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To AFHQ INFO MOV BARI DEPDOCKS ROME MOV TARANTO

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29 September 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

OCT - 1 1945

SUBJECT IS POLICE PERSONNEL FOR BARI DOCKS PD

PAREN TO AFHQ INFO MOV BARI DEPDOCKS ROME MOV TARANTO FROM ALCOM CITE

ACFSE PAREN

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY FOUR FIVE NINE SIX ONE CITE
PHGDM DATED TWO SEVEN SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PD

PARA TWO PD THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECURITY CMA MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
NOT MINISTRY OF MARINE CMA HAS BEEN APPROACHED AND STATES ADEQUATE
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DOCK GUARDS IN BARI PD THE PROBLEM
OF ACCOMMODATING THE PERSONNEL IS IN HAND BY THE QUESTORE CMA BARI PD
PARA THREE PD MINISTRY OF MARINE IS BEING INFORMED OF THE ACTION
TAKEN PD

INT DIST : Chief Commissioner
Exec. Commissioner
CAS
Navy

From : Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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F.J. WILSON LT. COL.

G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

See 7/63
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Ex. Com.

(62A)

I telephoned to Captain Butler, Naval Sub-Commission, who informed me that he was taking no action on the attached cable as it had been correctly routed to Public Safety for action. He assured me that the Minister of Marine had nothing whatever to do with police personnel at Bari.

CSO

PT 6 R

29.9.45.

Ask Pub Safety to report
action.

12/15/5

Capt B. K. 24/9.

See 62

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RESTRICTEDPX 45961
27 SEP 447/9209
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FROM: AMTC HIGHLY SENSITIVE CITE PRISM

To: MOV BARI THRU ALGER DEPARTURE FROM MOV TARANTO.

CFO 25 1945

RESTRICTED.

Your 20/7233 of 26 September.

1. Delay in handover of civil area for reasons stated by you is not acceptable and you should so inform Italian Port authorities.
2. Military responsibility for security in civil area will cease with effect from 1st October but there is no objection to provision military police during interim period subject agreement local area commander and provided security in military area not prejudiced.
3. For ALGER. Request you represent most strongly to Italian Ministry of Marine that police personnel for civil area at BARI must be provided immediately.
4. For MOV TARANTO. Note paras 1 and 2 above.

DIST

INFO-ACTION P SAFETY
 INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 EX COMMISSIONER 2
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 NAVY
 FILE 2
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HEADQUARTERS

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PG/7233
SEP 26

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SEP 162000
IMMEDIATE

FROM: NAV BARI

TO: FREEDOM CITY PHOEN ALCON INFO DEPODONS HOME NOV TARANTO

SEP 27 1945

RESTRICTED.

1. Col LAURIDEMI Italian Ministry of Marine Rep has requested through Ministry of Marine 120 Police personnel for BARI. These urgently required for police duties in Civil Area.
2. Request you apply pressure to Ministry of Interior to ensure these arrive before October 1st.
3. Non arrival will necessitate postponement of handover to civilians.
4. An informed same conditions apply to BRINDISI and TARANTO.

HEADQUARTERS
27 SEP 1945

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See M/24158
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30 May, 1945

AD/14601/21/PS

MAY 31 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

The War Ministry has represented the need to demobilize and send to their homes in the North the personnel of the Montegrano Battalion, Italian Army. These men are entitled to be demobilized on account of their age.

You will remember that the Montegrano Battalion was sent to Sicily and temporarily attached to the Carabinieri in December 1944, on the occasion of unrest in Catania.

The number of men concerned in this demobilization is 560 and no objection is raised by this Commission. However, it is realized that this will mean a further depletion in the policing strength in Sicily, which you will no doubt represent to your Minister of War should you consider it desirable.

These facts are brought to your notice in view of our recent correspondence on the subject of Carabinieri strength in the South.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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MO/14601/21/PS

30 May. 19.

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Yours very truly,

ELIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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SUBJECT : MONTESGRANERO Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tel 489031 Ext 533
A 017
19 May 45

JUN 1 1945

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

COPY TO : Ministry of War (SMRE 16723/Mob of 16 May refers)

1. The War Ministry has represented the need to demobilize and send to their homes in NORTH ITALY the personnel of the above unit.
2. The men are entitled to be demobilized on account of their age.
3. It is hoped that you will issue the necessary instructions to Carabinieri HQ to release and despatch the 560 men concerned as soon as possible. Please keep me informed of action taken.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

(ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER
IS ON FILE AC/14622/1/12)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Ref/3624/33/003.

9 Jan 1945

Mr. I. L. Murray 31

With reference to Guy Shipp's talk to you on 6 Jan 45 about your letter of 19 December 44, I have had a full investigation made into the memorandum you enclosed on the move of the Montegrana Battalion.

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I enclose for your information report from the Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission on the subject, together with a copy of my minute in reply.

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Thank you for bringing the matter to my attention. I have taken action which I hope will avoid a repetition of indifferent staff work of this kind.

Yours Sincerely,
(sgd) MAURICE LUSH

Colonel J. Murray Mitchell, G.B.C.,
G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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3624/57
Ref: ~~306/107/003~~

Tel: 735

6 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri Strengths.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Will you please furnish by 1200 hours on 7 Jan 44 present strength of Carabinieri in the following places :

SICILY, SARDINIA, CALABRIA.

2. This information should be up-to-date so that it takes into account any moves which have just taken place, so that for this purpose the usual monthly strength return of Carabinieri which you provide might not be suitable.

See Capt Norden
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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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3606-1
ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT: Move of Montegranero Battalion

FILE NO. AC/14622/1/PS

TO : COS ✓

5 Jan 1945

JAN - 6 1945

- 1 The contents of your 3606/86/COS of 27 Dec have been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Safety.
- 2 The table of comparative statements is returned (attached hereto) in accordance with your request.

G.R. URJOIN Brig
VP CA Section
DCOS

MOVE OF MONTEGRANERO BATTALION

(a) Serial No.	(b) AFHQ Memorandum	(c) P.S. S/C Action	(d) Land Forces S/C Action
1.	AFHQ letter 9 Nov, addressed attention P.S. S/C, asks to be informed if we concur in the transfer of the bn to CC.RR	No reply made.	On 28 Oct MIA wrote to AFHQ, P.S. S/C, in connection with units of the FIGERO Group and movement table showing move MONTEGRANERO bn to ANCONA on be advised by AAI. On 27 Nov MIA addressed to P.S. S/C, another movement again showing MONTEGRANERO B ANCONA on a date to be notified. From previous correspondence apparent that the FIGERO Gr selected for CC.RR duty, so have been in the picture at
2.	On 2 Dec AFHQ referred to theirs of 9 Nov and said that it appeared that MIA and AAI had no objection to the move. We were asked if MONTEGRANERO bn was suitable for incorporation in CC.RR indefinitely. Also asked for recruiting reports.	P.S. S/C replied 7 Dec and referred to letter of MIA dated 27 Nov (see serial 1). No direct answers to questions were given. No copy to MIA.	--
3.	1 Dist cabled AG and MIA 7 Dec that advance party of bn would move to ANCONA.	P.S. S/C signalled ARRUZZI-MARESE Region 7 Dec giving this info and said balance would move between 18 and 24 Dec.	--
4.	Col. Chapman stated on telephone on 7 Dec to AFHQ that AG would accept the transfer of the bn and planned to use it in ROME area.	It is stated by P.S. S/C that AFHQ telephoned it was believed no accommodation was available in ANCONA and that efforts would be made to find accommodation in ROME.	--

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MOVE OF MONTESERRATO BATTALION

(a)

Land Forces S/C Action

(c)

Remarks

(c)
P.S. S/C Action

reply made.

On 23 Oct MIA wrote to AFHQ, copy to P.S. S/C, in connection with the move of units of the PIERO Group and enclosed movement table showing move of the MONTESERRATO Bn to ANCONA on a date to be advised by AAI.

On 27 Nov MIA addressed to AFHQ, copy to P.S. S/C, another movement order again showing MONTESERRATO Bn moving to ANCONA on a date to be notified by AAI.

From previous correspondence it was apparent that the PIERO Group had been selected for CC.RR duty, so AFHQ should have been in the picture at this stage.

At this point P.S. S/C remark in their memo that arrangements for accommodation at ANCONA had been made by CC.RR prior to 23 Oct.

P.S. S/C replied 7 Dec and referred to letter of MIA dated 27 Nov (see serial 2). No direct answer to questions were given. No copy to MIA.

P.S. S/C signalled ARMY-REGION 7 Dec giving this info and said balance would move between 18 and 24 Dec.

It is stated by P.S. S/C that AFHQ telephoned it was believed no accommodation was available at ANCONA and that efforts would be made to find accommodation in ROME.

The difference in the statements in columns (b) and (c) will be noted.

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(a) Serial No.	(b) AFHQ Memorandum	(c) P.S. S/C Action	(d) Land Forces S/C
5.	Letter 11 Dec to MIA says it is understood that P.S. S/C planned to employ the Bn in the ROME area.	Letter in column (b) received on 16 Dec.	Copy received.
6.	Signal from AAI 11 Dec to AFHQ, MIA and AC requested move of Bn to ANCONA, between 18 and 24 Dec.	---	---
7.	Cable 12 Dec from 1 Dist to AAI, copy to MIA and AC requested postponement of move in view of accommodation situation.	AFHQ telephoned 12 Dec they understood no accommodation in ANCONA. Agreed that endeavours would be made to accommodate in ROME.	MIA not advised of
8.	Col. Chapman telephoned 12 Dec no accommodation in ANCONA. Desired Bn move to ROME.	---	---
9.	AFHQ signalled AC and MIA on 14 Dec that Bn would move to ROME and on arrival would be under command AC.	Comment made that at this time GOC CC.RR was still confident Bn could be accommodated in ANCONA.	Copy received.
10.	Stated by Col. Wilcox of P.S. S/C on 14 Dec that there was accommodation in ANCONA, requested cancellation of ROME move and ANCONA move to be held open until accommodation confirmed.	It is stated that owing to arrival of troops of the PIERO Group in ROME insufficient accommodation for the MONTENAPOLI Bn. AFHQ requested to suspend move to ROME pending confirmation of ANCONA accommodation.	MIA not advised.
11.	AFHQ signal 15 Dec to 3 Dist, info MIA, AC, cancelling movement to ROME, restoring move to ANCONA.	---	---
12.	16 Dec AC to AFHQ cancelling moves to both ROME and ANCONA.	Signal to AFHQ on 16 Dec, copy MIA, cancelling move. No accommodation ANCONA or ROME. P.S. S/C explains "It was finally confirmed that owing to unexpected and secret operational concentrations the original arrangements made by CC.RR in ANCONA had to be abandoned."	---

(c) P.S. S/C Action	(d) Land Forces S/C Action	(e) Remarks
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Signal to AFHQ on 16 Dec, copy MIA, cancelling move. No accommodation ANCONA or ROME. P.S. S/C explains "it was finally confirmed that owing to unexpected and secret operational concentrations the original arrangements made by GOC.RR in ANCONA had to be abandoned."	--	--

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(a) Serial No.	(b) AFHQ Memorandum	(c) P.S. S/C Action	(d) Land Forces S/C Action
13.	AC requested 17 Dec that In be moved to PALERMO.	Signal in column (b) the result of riots in SICILY. Copy to IMIA.	—

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Remarks

Signal in column (b) the
result of riots in NIGERIA.
Copy to IMIA.

IMIA comment that the reasons for
the sending of the B1 to AMOIA
were unknown as were the subsequent
changes. IMIA further state that
these troops were placed at the
disposal of AG, and they have
since been only in the position
of receiving copies of messages.

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JAN QANFT

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TO: DIA INFO DISTRICT, ALCON

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Our FX73116 dated 2nd January refers.

1. 2 bns CALABRIA Niv arrived MESSINA 2nd January.
 2. They are to relieve 2 bns at BILAN LAKES for move SICILY. Our
- FX71471 of 19th December refers.

Seen by C.S.O.
RFA m. 27 Ehl
read to 27 Ehl
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Our FX73116 dated 2nd January refers.

1. 2 bus CALABRIA FIV arrived MESSINA 2nd January.

2. They are to relieve 2 bus at MILAN LAKES for move SICILY. Our
FX71471 of 19th December refers.

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" : Land Forces 2
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Seen by C.S.O.
RFA on 21/1/45
ready to go 27/1/45
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Ref: 3606/84/COS.

27 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Move of Montegrano Battalion.

TO : DCOB, Civil Affairs Section.

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1. I note that you have submitted the memorandum from Public Safety Sub-Commission (AD/14622/1/PS undated) without comment. I should have expected from you some comment on the explanations given.

2. I have the following comments to make:

- (a) The AMHQ letter of 9th Nov asked a specific question and clearly should have received an answer.
- (b) There is obviously divergence between what was understood to be said on the telephone on 7th December, 12th December and 14th December.
- (c) I cannot understand why, if the Director of the Sub-Commission desired the battalion to move to Rome on 12th December, the request should have been cancelled two days later because of accommodation. The information contained in the signal sent on 14th December cancelling the move owing to lack of accommodation in ANCONA and ROME should have been obtained before any commitments were made to receive the battalion.
- (d) It is an unhappy story of lack of co-ordination and shows the danger of unrecorded telephone conversations which are not confirmed by telegram.

3. The attention of the Director of the Public Safety Sub-Commission should be drawn to these comments. I am attaching table of comparative statements which please return after perusal.

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Officer

see file 46

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

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AS/14612/1/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

SUBJECT : A.F.B.Q. Memorandum concerning the Montegranero Battalion.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission.

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1. As instructed in your Memorandum, dated 21st December, 1944, the following report is submitted regarding the move of the Montegranero Battalion, Italian Army.

2. Public Safety Sub-Commission accepts full responsibility for the arrangements, the closest co-operation having been received from Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA).

3. The Memorandum from G-3, A.F.B.Q. is substantially correct, apart from the specific points explained below:

i) A.F.B.Q. letter, dated 9th November, 1944, offering the Montegranero Battalion to the CC.RR, was received by Public Safety Sub-Commission on the 11th November, 1944. Since this Battalion had already been included in the Italian troops to be attached to the CC.RR and had been notified to A.F.B.Q. in MFA letter SD/28 of 28th October, 1944, (Serial No. 9 of Appendix A), the letter did not appear to call for an answer. Certain amendments were made to Appendix A and on the 27th November, 1944, A.F.B.Q. were again notified by Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA) that arrangements had been made for the Battalion to be attached to the Ancona CC.RR Legion.

ii) When A.F.B.Q. letter dated 2nd December, 1944, was received at this Headquarters on the 5th December, 1944, a reply (AS/14622/PS, dated 7th Dec. 1944) was sent referring to Appendix A of MFA letter SD/28 sent to A.F.B.Q. on the 27th November, 1944, and pointing out that the Montegranero Battalion was part of the Piacenza Group scheduled to be transferred to CC.RR.

iii) Arrangements for accommodating the Montegranero

Battalion at Ancona had been made by the General Commanding CC.RR prior to 26th October, 1944. On the basis of Appendix A, which had been prepared by MEMA in co-operation with Public Safety Sub-Commission, transport arrangements were ordered by A.F.H.Q.

iv) On the 7th December, 1944, A.F.H.Q. telephoned that it was believed that no accommodation was available in Ancona. It was agreed that if that were so efforts would be made to find accommodation in Rome.

v) The letter dated 11th December from A.F.H.Q. confirming the move to Rome did not reach this Headquarters until the 16th December, 1944, that is, the same day as our cable cancelling the move owing to lack of accommodation.

vi) Since confirmation of the statement that no accommodation existed in Ancona had not been received on the 11th December, 1944, the original move proceeded as planned.

vii) On the 12th December, 1944, A.F.H.Q. again telephoned to the effect that they understood that no accommodation was available in Ancona. It was agreed that if that were true, rather than lose the services of the Montegrano Battalion, endeavours would be made to find room for them in Rome.

viii) On the 14th December, 1944, a copy of A.F.H.Q. signal ordering the Battalion to Rome was received by Public Safety Sub-Commission. At this point the Commanding General of the CC.RR was still confident that the Battalion could be accommodated in Ancona.

ix) In the meantime it had been ascertained that owing to the arrival of 40 officers and 960 troops of the Piceno group in Rome, insufficient accommodation could be found for the Montegrano Battalion. A.F.H.Q. were immediately requested to suspend the move to Rome pending confirmation of the situation in Ancona.

x) On the 15th December, 1944, it was finally confirmed that owing to unexpected and secret operational concentrations in that area, the original arrangements made by the CC.RR in Ancona had to be abandoned. Accordingly

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the Ancona move was cancelled. As reinforcements of Police were urgently needed in Sicily, owing to the call-up riots in Catania and elsewhere, the Montegrano Battalion was diverted to Palermo. This was finally settled by AS signal dated 17th December, 1944.

4. To sum up, the arrangements made to accommodate and use the Montegrano Battalion at Ancona were properly co-ordinated with all concerned from the 28th October, 1944, but were upset between the 7th and 14th December, 1944, by unexpected operational moves of which this Headquarters was unaware.

5. It is pointed out that the move of the Piceno Group involved eight moves of Italian troops arranged by SMIA and Public Safety Sub-Commission. The move of the Montegrano Battalion was the only one in which difficulty was experienced.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, I.A.S.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy: Land Forces Sub-Commission (SMIA).

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SUBJECT: MONTEGRANERO Bn

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/28
27 December 1944

TO : Chief of Staff
HQ A.C.

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In reply to your 3606/COS of 21 Dec.

1. Comments on accuracy of statement:

- a. Para 1-4, we know nothing of this. On 25 Oct it was suggested to AFHQ that the unit be absorbed in the CC.RR. On 28 Oct, 7 Nov and 27 Nov stated location and suggested movement to Ancona in accordance with AFHQ signal FX 38608 of 14 Nov; a copy of these communications was furnished A.C. (for Public Safety).
- b. Par 5 - A copy of this letter was received in this office.
- c. Par 6 - The cable was from AAI to AFHQ, not from MMIA to AFHQ. Copy went to A.C. (Public Safety for action).
- d. Par 7 & 8 - We know nothing of this.
- e. Par 9 - Correct.
- f. Par 10 - We know nothing of this.
- g. Par 11 - Correct.
- h. Par 12 - We have a copy of this cable.
- i. Par 13 - We have a copy of this cable.

2. Comments on reasons for action taken:

It appears that A.C. asked for a battalion to be sent to Ancona. The reasons for this and for the subsequent changes are not known to us.

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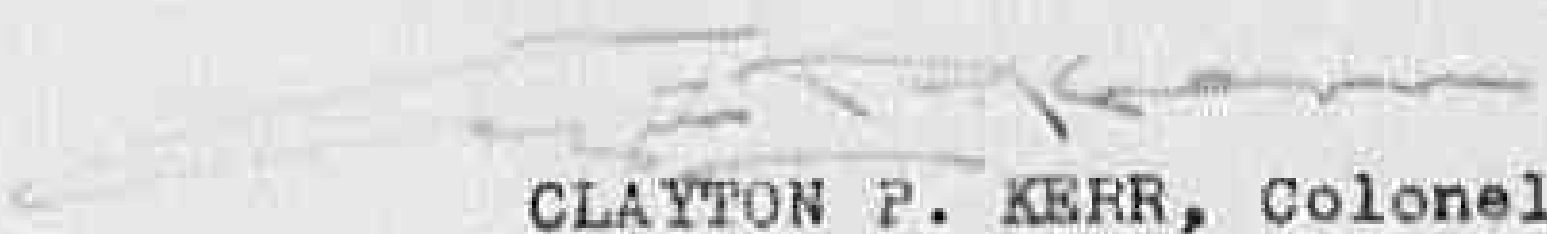
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3. Comments on coordination:

These troops were placed at the disposal of A.C. We have since been only in the position of receiving copies of messages.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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TO: HQ ALONG SARDINIA FOR SIMONS INFO: DISTRICT 3, MILA, MOVEMENTS,
WEST ITALY, MOVEMENT CATANIA, HQ ALONG**CONFIDENTIAL**

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1. Ref our PK 71471 of 19 December not to all.
2. MONTESUCOLI eta CAGLIARI 28 December will embark one guard battalion ex Calabria Division inclusive strength 800.
3. This battalion to be selected? and as far as possible equipped with personal arms and equipment and minimum house keep ? equipment by AC SARDINIA (Colonel SIMONS).
4. Vessels will proceed direct CAGLIARI to MESSINA.
5. After disembarkation MESSINA vessel will return to CAGLIARI to resume ferry.
6. CINC MED concurs.

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INF: C. COMMISSIONER

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1. Ref our FX 71474 of 19 December not to all.
2. MORTEGUCCI etn CAGLIARI 28 December will embark one guard battalion ex CALABRIA Division inclusive strength 800.
3. This battalion to be selected and as far as possible equipped with personal arms and equipment and minimum house keep equipment by AC SARDINIA (Colonel DISCHES).
4. Vessels will proceed direct CAGLIARI to MESSINA.
5. After disembarkation MESSINA vessel will return to CAGLIARI to resume ferry.
6. CINC MED concurs.

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INF: C. Commissioner

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21 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOARD

TO: 1. Land Forces Sub-Committee
Civil Affairs Section.

Re report by 23 December 1944.

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In courtesy of statement.
Spans as for action taken.
Coordination, if any, effected between Land
Forces Sub-Committee and Public Safety Sub-
Committee.

W. H. C. [unclear]

Deputy
Chief of Staff.

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Land Process Sub-Committee
Civil Affairs Section.

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On request by S.S. December 1964

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In accuracy of statement.
Reasons for action taken.
Coordination, if any, effected between Land
Process Sub-Committee and Public Safety Sub-
Committee.

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Delegation,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 Section
APO 512

19 December 1944

Dear Brigadier:

The attached memorandum has been passed to me. You may want to have a look at it and let me know whether the facts are as bad as the appearance of the record.

I merely bring this up because of the discussions we have had on Carabinieri reports and because, just between you and me, G-3 are a little bit peeved about this record, though the last action in para 13 is, of course, understood.

Therefore, if there is a good answer to give them, I will be most happy to receive it.

As always with my very best.

Sincerely yours,

J. Murray Mitchell
J. MURRAY MITCHELL
Colonel, G. S. C.

Incl:
Memo 18 Dec.

Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, GHE, MC.
Chief of Staff
Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

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Memorandum by AFHQ 83.

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Memorandum Concerning Montegrano Battalion. - 18 December 1944

1. By letter dated 9 November this HQ wrote to the Allied Commission, stating the number of overage soldiers were available for transfer to the CCN and requesting a reply as to whether or not the AC desired the soldiers. No reply was ever received to this letter.

2. By letter to AC dated 2 December, a reply was requested to the above letter of 9 November.

3. By cable dated 7 Dec. from Dist #1, an advance party of the Bn was ordered to Ancona. Authority for move was quoted as being an AI letter.

4. On 7 Dec., Col. Chapman stated on telephone that AC would accept the transfer of the Bn and planned to use them in the Rome area.

5. By AC letter dated 11 Dec. to Allied Commission, SACMED confirmed the transfer and stated it was understood the Bn would be employed in the Rome area.

6. By cable dated 11 December, AFHQ to AFHQ, it was requested that the Battalion be moved to Ancona between 18 Dec. and 24 Dec.

7. By cable dated 12 December, Dist #1 to AI, it was requested that the move to Ancona be postponed because there was no accommodation available at Ancona and because the GAO there stated there is no need for them there as yet.

8. On 12 December, Col. Chapman stated by telephone that since there was no accommodation at Ancona, the AC desired the Bn to be moved to Rome.

9. By cable dated 14 December, AFHQ to Dist #3, the Bn was ordered to move to Rome.

10. On 14 Dec., Col. Wilcox of Allied Commission, stated there was accommodation in Ancona and requested the Rome move be cancelled, and the Ancona move held open until the accommodation could be definitely confirmed.

11. Consequently, on 15 Dec. by cable, AFHQ cancelled the move to Rome.

12. On 16 Dec., by cable, AC to AFHQ, it was requested that the moves both to Rome and Ancona be cancelled since there was no accommodation at either place.

13. On 17 Dec., by cable, AC of AFHQ, AC requested that the Bn be moved to Palermo.

It would appear that the above record indicates there has been a singular lack of coordination and planning in this matter. The availability of this Bn was first called to the attention of the AC in early November. Not until 7 December was this Bn able to elicit a reply. Apparently little or no coordinated planning was done as to the proposed location for employment of the Bn nor toward acquisition of accommodation for them.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHER CITE PHOOT

To: HQ ALCEM INFO; DISTHREE, MIA, AG SARDINIA

20 DEC 1944

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Ref your 8386 of 18 December and 8374 of 18 December neither to
3 DISTRICT.

1. MONTESGRANERO Battalion (36 officers and 795 EN) now en route
from VAIRANO and JESI to PALERMO with eta 22 December to reinforce
CARABINIERI.

2. Italian Guards Battalion (CALABRIA Division with approx
strength 800) will be moved from SARDINIA to CALABRIA with eta 10 to 12
days hence. This Battalion will replace the two Battalions of the
ACOSTA Division now on guard duty in CALABRIA. Upon relief the two
Battalions of the ACOSTA Division will move to SICILY to rejoin their
Division.

3. Per 3 DI TRICT. You will make arrangements to re-equip the
Italian Guards Battalion immediately upon its arrival in CALABRIA. All
possible preparations will be made in order that relief of the two
Battalions of the ACOSTA Division may be completed with minimum delay.

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Ref your 8386 of 18 December and 8374 of 18 December neither to
3 DISTRICT.

1. MONTIGRANERO Battalion (36 officers and 786 EM) now en route
from VAIANO and JENI to PALERMO with eta 22 December to reinforce
CARABINIERI.

2. Italian Guards Battalion (CALABRIA Division with approx
strength 800) will be moved from SARDINIA to CALABRIA with eta 10 to 12
days hence. This Battalion will replace the two Battalions of the
AOSTA Division now on guard duty in CALABRIA. Upon relief the two
Battalions of the AOSTA Division will move to SICILY to rejoin their
Division.

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Italian Guards Battalion immediately upon its arrival in CALABRIA. All
possible preparations will be made in order that relief of the two
Battalions of the AOSTA Division may be completed with minimum delay.

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FROM: 20TH, SIGNED WACHEN GIER, MUGDM, PHOTO

TO: 20TH 701 RAILWAY GRAND DIVISION, INFO 20TH VAIKANO, 1 DIST
 56 AREA, HQ 15 ARMY GROUP, DOWNS ROAD, NOV 1 DIST, 51 AREA
 -- 20TH, HQ ALONG, 204 20TH AREA.

19 DEC 1944

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Reference the HQ FX 68182 of 13th December and FX 69245 of
 16th December. 20TH BATTALION less 533 COY will now move by
 rail from VAIKANO to VAIKANO on 19th December. Strength and
 arrangements unchanged.

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ROUTINE

AA DEC 1964

From: AFHQ BIRMINGHAM CITE FROTH

To: NOVIT, 701 RLY GRAND FLY, NOV YAIRANO, DISTHREE, 56 AREA, MAIN AAI,
DGERE HOME, NOV HOME, DISTONE, 61 AREA, MBIA, HQ ALCON

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MONTENAPERO Bn less 533 Coy strength 30 officers, 620 GRs with
30 tons stores will move by rail from YAIRANO to ALCONA on 18 December.
Details of rolling stock and departure timing is under arrangement
NOVIT.

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Ref: 3606/52/008

Tel: 735

11 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri PW in North Africa.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

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1. Further to your memorandum of 1 Dec on the subject of 5,000 Carabinieri in N. AFRICA, more information which I now have casts doubt on this figure; in fact, Col AFISQ considers that the correct figures are as follow :

350 attached to the British Forces -
573 attached to the American Forces.

2. As I informed you previously negotiations are in hand for their repatriation and I will keep you advised of developments.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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(Sgd) M. S. Lach
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

PA MP 12/12

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394.

DEC 10 1944

AC/14601/61/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 165

9 Dec 1944.

SUBJECT : Recruiting of CO.RR.

TO : G-5, A.P.H.Q.

1. The following recruitment of CO.RR has taken place during the month of November:

	<u>Regular CO.RR.</u>	<u>Auxiliary CO.RR.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st to 15th Nov. 1944	65	6	71
16th to 30th Nov. 1944	226	49	275
November	291	55	346

2. It is pointed out that the strength of CO.RR has been increased during the month of November by a total of 2,235 men. This increase is mainly due to CO.RR who have rejoined the Force from territory in Northern Italy.

For the Chief Commissioner.

R.H. Cripps
p. G.S. PARKINSON, Brig.
A/VP, CA Sec.
A/DCOS, AC.

(Signed in chain of duty)

Copy to Chief of Staff.

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DEC 08/0855

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-8 DEC 1944

FROM: NOV BARLETTA

TO: NOV ANTRONCO, NOV ROSE, 56 AREA, INFO: NOVHIT, NOVHIT, NOVHIT
L O 54 AREA, RAAC, FREEDOM CITY FREEDOM, 3 DIST, 3 DISTRICT, 94 ++
++ SUB AREA, RMS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

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o - DEC 1944
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Ref NOVHIT NOVHIT/1412 of 4th December 2nd Bn 336 INF REGT 20
offre 478 OR's 24 tons stores despatched BARLETTA 071525 NTA ROSE
PM 9th December. Authority FREEDOM signal PX59861 of 18th November.
All informed.

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FROM: DISTONE

TO: 61 AREA, INFO; CAG ANCONA, AFHQ, MAIN AAI, HQ ALCON, ASIA
HQ 209 ITALIAN DIV.

-8 DEC 1944

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533 Coy MONTECARABERO BN placed under comd Allied Commission WEF
6 December for duty with GCHB at ANCONA. In conjunction with CAG
ANCONA arrange move Coy STR 5 affrs 166 GR's 20 tons stores from JESI
to ANCONA earliest. Notify WEA all concerned. Authority MAIN AAI SD
1780 of 6 December.

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Ref: 3606/55/COS

Tel: 735

8 December 1964.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri PW in N. AFRICA.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

In reply to your memorandum dated 1 Dec 64 the present situation is that we are actively pursuing the matter with AFHQ. Both discussions and correspondence are taking place and I will keep you informed of developments.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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DEC 051240Z
 ROUTINE

FROM: NOVIT

5 DEC 1944

TO: ACTION: DYNAMILLO BARI, NOV BARI, NOV BRINDISI. INFO: MILA, BIS-
 THREE, DA T, FREEDOM CITY PHOEN, 54 AREA, 208 SUB AREA, MILA 10
 54 AREA, HQ ALCON

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Move of units of FIERNA DIV.

First. 3 Bty 152 Arty Regt strength 3 officers 154 OR 6 tons move
 by rail from DI FERRINO to BARI in 7 box on 8 December. CISTERING dep
 0900 BARI arr 1335.

Second. 1 Bty 152 Arty Regt strength 10 officers 172 ORs 8 ton
 moves by rail from NOCI to BARI in 8 box on 8 December. NOCI dep 1110
 BARI arr 1335.

Third. 2 Bty 152 Arty Regt strength 3 officers 154 ORs 6 tons
 moves by rail from ALBEROHELLO to BARI in 7 box on 8 December. ALBERO-
 HELLO dep 1200 BARI arrv 1335. Authority FREEDOM signal VI 59851 of
 28 November.

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15 DEC 1944

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52 AREA, 54 AREA, 208 SUB AREA INFO AFRI (G3 ORG BRIT), ROME AREA, BRIA, (ROME AREA PLEASE PASS) BRIA 10, 54 AREA, DISTHRE, MOVIT, NOV TARIATO, NOV ROME, ALLIED COMMISSION, MOVIT, NOV BRINDISI, NOV FOGGIA, NOV BARI, NOV BARI

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The following units FLENO Combat Group will move from under Comd SAGE to under Comd ALLIED COMMISSION. Read in 7 columns.

Unit	Offrs	Ors	Tons Stores	Location	Destination	Date of departure
1st. 3 BN 235 Inf Regt	20	480	24	MARSAPRO	NAPLES	7 December (Under orders from MOVIT)
2nd. 2 BN 336 Inf Regt	20	480	24	BARIETTA LOCROTONDO	ROME for LAZIO	7 December (Under orders from MOVIT)
3rd. 1 Bty 152 Arty Regt	20	480	24	CIGLIO NOCI ALBENICHELLO CISTERNINO	BARI	8 December (Under orders from MOVIT)
4th. 20 AAC	20	480	24	BARI	ORTONA	9 December (Under orders MOVIT. Onward move from ORTONA to CHIETI under arrangements Allied Commission)

5th. No animals or carts will accompany units which will exclude tradesmen and specialists as far as possible. Tentage not required.

6th. 1 BN 235 Inf Regt will not move until further orders. AFHQ TX 59561 of 28 November and TX 61825 of 2 December refer

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5 DEC 1944

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ACTION: DETACHMENT BARI, NOV BARI, NOV FOGGIA, NOV BARLETTA, BARI,
BARI LO 54 AREA, FREEDOM CITY FOGGIA, DISTRESS, DI THREE EAST,
210 SUB AREA, 209 SUB AREA, ALLIED COMMISSION, 54 AREA.

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Move of units of PICHIA DIV. 20 AAC strength 20 officers 480 ORs
24 tons moved by rail from BARI to ORTONA for CHIETI in 20 box on 9
December. BARI dep 1220 FOGGIA arr 1802 dep 1910 TERNOLI arr 0038
dep 0236 ORTONA arr 0456. Authority FREEDOM signal F1 59861 of 28
November.

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TO: DESTABILISE NAHI (2) MOV TARANTO (3) MOV BARLETTA (4) MOV ROME

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Move of units of PIGNA Div.

1. 3 Bn 235 Inf Regt strength 20 offrs 480 ORs 24 tons moves by rail from MASSAFRA to NAPLES in 20 box on 7 December. MASSAFRA dep 1126 TARANTO arr 1309 dep 1258 POTENZA arr 2102 ETA NAPLES PM 2 (PM 5) December.

2. 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt strength 20 Offrs 480 ORs 24 tons moves by rail from BARLETTA to ROME for LAZIO in 20 box on 7 December. BARLETTA dep 1456 CERVARO arr 1844 dep 1915 ETA ROME PM 9 December. Authy FREEDOM signal #X39851 of 28 November.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

(446)
(9)

From: Chief Commissioner

3 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri POW in North Africa

FILE No.

TO: Chief of Staff

1 December

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On more than one occasion the Italian officials have spoken of the presence of some 6,000 Carabinieri POW in North Africa whom they feel it would be of great advantage to return to lift the Carabinieri strength. Can you advise me what steps have been taken to secure their return? If we have been unsuccessful in the past, perhaps AFHQ is in a more receptive mood to arrange for their repatriation and employment.

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E. W. S.

cc: DCS, Civil Affairs Section
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NOV FOCCIA, NOV HOME, MEIA, BARI, NOVIT

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Ref my PX 52861 of 28. MEIA state following amendments made to
list of units moving.

Para 1. FOR 2 Bn 235 Inf Regt substitute 3 Bn 235 Inf Regt,
20 officers, 480 ORs, 24 tons stores from NABEAFRO to NAPLES.

Para 2. For 20 officers, 480 ORs, 24 tons stores, location
BARLETTA and TARANTO; read 15 officers, 326 ORs, 18 tons stores, loco-
tion BARLETTA plus 3 Coy 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt, 5 officers, 154 ORs, 6 tons
stores from LOCOROTONDO- destination for both units is HOME for LALIO.
No animals or carts will accompany units which will exclude tradesmen
and specialists as far as possible. Tonnage not required.

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Para 1. FOR 2 Bn 235 Inf Regt substitute 3 Bn 235 Inf Regt, 20 officers, 480 ORs, 24 tons stores from MASSAFRO to NAPLES.

Para 2. For 20 officers, 480 ORs, 24 tons stores, location BARLETTA and TARANTO; read 15 officers, 326 ORs, 18 tons stores, location BARLETTA plus 3 Coy 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt, 5 officers, 154 ORs, 6 tons stores from LOCOMOTONO- destination for both units is HOME for LALIO. No animals or carts will accompany units which will exclude tradesmen and specialists as far as possible. Tentage not required.

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Ref AFHQ 21 9268; of 18 November not to all.

1. Take action save units PLUMBY MY less units in para second as ordered in conjunction with MYLIE MIA HO WUI and commando TUGLIA.

2. VOT 2 MS 036 IN 1967 now at DARTFO will not move until orders received from this H.

3. For AFHQ. Request you deal direct with DISTANCE EAST on matters affecting this move.

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FROM: AFHQ

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION, INFO: MOV HOME, MILA, REAC

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4th. For Allied Commission. Confirm earliest whether ordered to report tentage required. Request you confirm your action in paras 1st and 2nd above. Balance personnel for ANCONA and HOME will move later. On arrival all personnel (?) till 15 February 45 in lieu CORR.

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TO: (1) DISTRICT 3 (2) ALLIED COMMISSION. INFO (3) MOVIT (4) MOVIT (5) NOV BARI
(6) NOV FOGLIA (7) NOV ROMA (8) MAILA (9) NAAC (10) ALI (11) DISTRICT 3 EAST

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1. For DISTRICT 3. Following units of PIGNO Combat Group will move according to under orders of DISTRICT 3 in conjunction with MOVIT from under command of SMITH to under command of Allied Commission. Pres in 6 columns.

UNIT	OFFICER	Q.M.	TONS STORES	LOCATION	DESTINATION
1 Battalion 235 Infantry Regt	20	480	24	MARTINA FRANCA	CATANZARO
2 Battalion 235 Infantry Regt	20	480	24	LOGGROFONDO	NAPLES
1 Battery 152 arty Regt	20	480	24	CEGLIE RUOI ALBEROBELLO and CISTERNINO all on LECCE TO BARI line	BARI
20th Group	20	480	24	BARI	ORTONO for onward move. CHIETI under arrangements Allied Commission.

2. 2 Battalion 336 Inf Regt 20 offrs 480 Q.M.s 24 ton stores will move under orders of DISTRICT 3 in conjunction with MOVIT on or after 4 December from under

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1. For DISTRICT 3. Following units of PICKED Combat Group will move soonest under orders of DISTRICT 3 in conjunction with MOVIEIT from under command of NAME to under command of Allied Commission. Read in 4 columns.

UNIT	OFFICERS	P.R.	ARM STORES	LOCATION	DESTINATION
1 Battalion 205 Infantry Regt	20	480	24	MARTINA FRANCESCA	CATANZARO
2 Battalion 235 Infantry Regt	20	480	24	LOCROTUNDO	MAJES
1 Battery 152 Arty Regt	20	480	24	CECILE MOCI ALBEROHELLO and CISTERNINO all on LECCATO BARI line	BARI

20AA Group 20 480 24 BARI CANTONE for
ONWARD MOVE.
CHISTI under
arrangements Allied
Commission.

2. 2 Battalion 396 Inf Regt 20 offers 480 O.R.s 24 tons stores will move under orders of DISTRICT 3 in conjunction with MOVIEIT on or after 4 December from under

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command of JUNE at DANIELITA and TARANTO to HOME for LALLO to under command of ALLIED COMMISSION who will arrange onward move as required.

3. Units will be administratively self contained with cooking utensils, blankets and proportion of unit stores. Personal equipment including rifles will be carried.

4. For ALLIED COMMISSION. Confirm earliest whether ordered to report tents Required. Request you confirm your action in paras 1 and 2 above. Balance of personnel for AHCUNA and HOME will move later. On arrival all personnel available till 15 FEB 45 in lieu CORR.

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and proportion of unit stores. Personal equipment including rifles will be carried.

4. For ALLIED COMMISSION. Confirm earliest whether ordered to report tentage required. Request you confirm your action in paras 1 and 2 above. Balance of personnel for ANCOMA and HCMA will move later. On arrival all personnel available till 15 FEB 45 in lieu COMB.

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PARA ONE PD IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH DCGAO AAI THAT FIVE ZERO ZERO ITALIAN
MILITARY WILL NOT BE POSTED TO ANCONA TO REPLACE CO RR PD

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PARA TWO PD WHEN THE MILITARY ARE MOVED THEY WILL PROCEED TO ROME PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CMP
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel : 478730

27th October 1944.

Ref : 255/7/008.

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letters of the 2nd October on the question of Madame Saccopoulo and of the 19th of September on the question of O.C.R.R. (1)

Regarding Madame Saccopoulo I am sorry that there is no suitable employment of the type which she wants here. I have tried the Monuments and Fine Arts Section who regret that they have nothing to offer and I do not see that she would be useful in anything else.

With regard to O.C.R.R. from Eritrea I thought I had written to you that such a small number would not be worth the trouble of getting here, but it may be that I asked somebody else to write to you officially on the subject. I have spoken to Tom McCarthy who will be seeing you on his way to Eritrea, telling him this and saying that if he can arrange transport no doubt these people can be used and there should be no difficulty about the immigration. I am sorry you did not hear from me about it.

Yours sincerely

G.W.T. SHIPP

Brigadier R.D.H. AMUNDSELL
Civil Affairs Branch
HQ., MCP.

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No. 12116/19/CA

Civil Affairs Branch,
CHQ., MEF.

19th September, 1944

Dear Guy

*Answered
see file 255
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You will remember that in my letter 12116/19/CA of 12th July I told you that 58 ex-Carabinieri and 18 ex-Finance Guards in Eritrea would be willing to go to Italy on the usual terms of service of their Corps. As I have heard nothing further from you I was surprised to see from AFH signal No.F 94893 Cite FIGEG of 10th September (to which AGS have replied as regards Italian PW) that your need for such men is urgent.

Will you let me know officially if you wish this matter pursued? Any alleviation of the surplus male population of Eritrea would benefit the Administration.

Yus see 2
Russ Anderson

Lt.Col.G.W.I.Shipp,
HQ., Allied Control Commission,
G.M.F.

*Copy of this letter & reply
sent to PHS, IC. who agreed
on phone there was no
objection to absorbing this number
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