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IN

FOLIO NO: 36145
23 MAY 65

FROM: MMIA
TO: AGS FOR SIMON'S BARE INFO REPT TO
FILFOT ANG FOGIA PROVINCE
ORIG. NO: AQ 1274

TCO 15308/23
TOR 18508/23

CONSIDERATE AND ALL OTHER TROOPS FOR HARVESTING WILL BRING ONE HEADQUARTER,
HAVERSACK, SPOON AND MESS TIN, PERSONAL EFFORTS BUT NOT REPT NOT AGES.
EMRS WILL PROVIDE GOOD HALF UNIT DIVULGING SETTING FOR RESERVE FOR ISSUE
BY ANG LUERA. TROOPS FROM GARDINIA WILL BE ISSUED WITH 7 DAY'S
RATIONS ON DEPARTURE

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Col. Shipp.

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1. I telephoned Col. Temperley this morning.
2. All harvesters will detrain at Foggia reporting to the reception organisation at the Station.
3. The 6000 men from Internal Security Divisions will be required, tentatively, on 15 June. The exact date depends on the ripening of the harvest and arrival of men from Sardinia.
4. Will you please ascertain from MMIA where the 6000 men are to entrain so that SD may call them forward when the exact date is known?
5. I have informed SD of paras. 2 and 3. They are in touch with Movements.

22. May.
1300 hrs.

P. Friend James.

mentioned to
Col Shipp.
Says MMIA
is collecting info.
for SD.
J.G. 1/5

Vol Shipp

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22 MAY

1300 hrs.

Thos Jones

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22 MAY
1300 hrs.

Thos D Jones

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A.C.C. Liaison.

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My Dear Guy,

I think Thrupp's problems are being solved.

Anyway I spoke to Nichols "Q", Tentage or bivouacks is the answer. Thrupp is in touch with 57 Area.

Fetch (Lov) was my next chap. He plays with trains. So I phoned Thrupp who will complete.

You and I will remember this harvest.

Yours ever,

"Jimie"

[Handwritten signature]

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Yours ever
Jimmy

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MESSAGE FROM

From: META

To: SERZ rptd

ACC MAIN for OFFICIALS
HQ AAI
ACC MAIN

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for shipment from SARDINIA to the mainland the following new serials in

Shipping List 7

Serial	Unit	Personnel
92A	Congedatd	2,000
109	"	2,000
117A	"	2,000
120	"	2,000

Personnel from Internal
Security Formations or
Italian Army Administration

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109	"	2,000
117A	"	2,000
120	"	2,000
122	Personnel from Internal Security Formations or Italian Army Administration	2,000
124	"	2,000
125	"	3,000
126	"	4,000

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23 MAY 1944
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FROM MMIA 221315

TO ACC MAIN

GR - BT

SD759 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF ~~THIRD~~ THIRD PARA YOUR 5358 OF 21 MAY (.)

PLEASE REFER TO OUR SD 752 OF SAME DATE TO AAI AND YOU

(.) SUGGEST YOU CONC// CONSULT AAI

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22 May 1944
H3
SUBJECT: Congedati

Minute for File:

Major Friend-James was informed by phone at 2100 hours, May 20th that the Congedati can be shipped now and arrangements have definitely been made for its reception at Naples.

Morning meeting of R.C. & M.C. Section conference of October 22nd of May, Colonel Offenhauer was spoken to by Colonel Shipp and me regarding this item. He stated that everything had been arranged. He would check with Major Friend-James.

JW-Cunliffe
J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major, AGD

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MEMORANDUM ON CONVERSATION WITH MAJOR FRIEND JAMES, SATURDAY,
20 May 1944, on the following points.

1. Colonel Temperley to let Movements know tomorrow at A.A.I. which station Italian Army labour was to detrain. *write leaf 21/5*
2. Find out what happened to Col. Fiske's letter on Congedati. How it was delayed. *Delayed in ship's baggage not marked urgent*
3. Tell Temperley boots would be provided on arrival for all harvest labour except Congedati, the latter were an A.C.C. responsibility. *See 1 above*
4. Major Friend James would produce a memorandum tomorrow about what has happened to keep Executive Commissioner in the picture. *Heard, 22/5*
5. The full quantity of labour asked for including the extra 4,000 will repeat will be provided by A.A.I. *See file*
6. Undertook to inform Temperley and Col. Young to make sure that arrangements were laid on to prevent Congedati from absconding on arrival in Naples. They will have the help of Carabinieri where possible. The Italian Government is publishing a decree making it an offence for Congedati to abscond. *See 1 above*
7. *Up to* 8,000 to arrive any time on Wednesday, 24 May at Naples. Transportation Sub-Commission to arrange with Movements for onward transport to harvest areas. *See 1 above*

G.W.I. SHIFF,
Lieut. Col.

21 May 1944.

*Col Fiske }
Ex Comm } & see -*

W. M. J.

Emp.

Copy to: Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission - For action with regard to para. 3 above.

Subject: ITALIAN HARBOR, 1944.

22 MAY Recd

1968 C.A. Br. HQ AAI, CEF. 2086/11/02. 20 May 44.

Chief Commissioner,
HQ, ACC.

Reference your 195/60/CA dated 15 May 44.

1. Your application for 25,000 Italian Military personnel to be used for gathering the harvest in the FOGGIA PROVINCE has been considered and action is being taken to make available the maximum numbers possible, subject to overriding military needs.

2. It is agreed that the Italian Supreme Command should be instructed to grant agricultural leave to 6,000 men from the Picono Division and the Mantova Division; this leave to be granted as soon as the labour is required.

3. The shipping available for the movement of troops from SARDINIA has a capacity of approximately 20,000 troops per month, thus a maximum of 30,000 troops can be brought from SARDINIA by 30 June. There are certain high priority military commitments which have to be met from SARDINIA, and these will take up 15,000 of the available capacity. It has been agreed that other military commitments can be put back to allow the remaining 15,000 troops, which can be brought from SARDINIA by 30 June, to be made available for work on the harvest.

4. It is understood that there are in SARDINIA at the present time some 8,000 Italian troops who are due to return to the mainland for discharge to the reserve, and arrangements are being made to bring these troops over in phase with Italian military units required for employment by the Allies. It is anticipated that these will have arrived in Italy before the 15 June, and will be available to you for work on the harvest. A further 7,000 troops will be brought over between 15 and 30 June from either:-

- (a) Italian Divisions scheduled for internal security duties in Italy - or
- (b) Troops destined for Italian Army administrative duties.

These also will be available as harvest labourers.

5. Thus a total of 21,000 Italian Military personnel can be made available as follows :-

When required		6,000	from Internal Security Divs.
By 15 June		8,000	from Italian troops in SARDINIA.
By 30 June		7,000	" " " "

6. All these troops will land in NAPLES and will be temporarily accommodated at the Italian Staging Camp in AFRAGOLA. Movement to FOGGIA will be at the rate of approximately 1,200 per day, and it is requested that you inform this HQ as soon as possible of the stations to which these trains should be despatched.

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It is agreed that boots may be issued where necessary to Italian personnel forming part of either Italian Internal Security Divisions or Italian Administrative Units. Boots cannot, however, be issued to the Italian Troops awaiting demobilisation.

It is understood that you will accept the responsibility for the accommodation and maintenance of all Italian Military personnel employed on harvesting duties. 330

In preparing your plans for gathering the 1944 harvest it is requested that adequate arrangements are made with regard to the Tibbon harvest, and that a fair proportion of the available labour is utilised to gather in and stack this crop, large quantities of which are required for the Allied forces. We should like your assurance that such arrangements can and will be made.

Copy to:- 3 District 2(AS)
 HMIA - for action 2(MCY)
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[Signature]
 Major General,
 Chief Administrative Officer

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REF PRIORITY LIST 7. MAKE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS. FIRST. INSERT NEW SERIALS. READ IN COLNS (A) SERIAL NUMBER (B) UNIT (C) PERSONNEL.

(A)	(B)	(C)
92A	CONGEDATI	2000
109	CONGEDATI	2000
117A	CONGEDATI	2000
120	CONGEDATI	2000
122	PERS EX INTERNAL SECURITY FMNS OR ITALIAN ARMY ADM	2000
124	PERS EX INTERNAL SECURITY FMNS OR ITALIAN ARMY ADM	2000
125	PERS EX INTERNAL SECURITY FMNS OR ITALIAN ARMY ADM	3000
126	PERS EX INTERNAL SECURITY FMNS OR ITALIAN ARMY ADM	4000

ALL ABOVE UNDER COMD ACC ON ARRIVAL FOR HARVESTING. SECOND. RENUMBER SERIALS 110 114 AND 116 TO READ 132 134 AND 136 RESPECTIVELY. THIRD. DELETE SERIAL 200. OBJECT OF AMENDMENT IS TO PROVIDE FOR ACC PERSONNEL FOR HARVESTING AS FOLLOWS. 8000 BY 15 JUN FURTHER 7000 BY 30 JUN FURTHER 4000 EARLY JUL. TOTAL 19000. IF TOTAL OF 8000 CONGEDATI NOT AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTE ADDITIONAL PERS EX INTERNAL SECURITY FMNS OR ITALIAN ARMY ADM. NO RPT NO CONGEDATI TO BE SHIPPED UNTIL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THIS HQ.

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HARVESTING.

As authorized by Col. Fiske at 2010 hours on 20 May, S.D. are calling forward the 8,000 Congedati immediately.

It is anticipated the first contingent will arrive on 24 May. Owing to the short distance it is improbable that any E.T.A. will be given. The numbers in each contingent are unknown but as stated in my previous report, Movements estimate 3,500 every three days with a total break of 10 days in every 30.

S.D. told me this morning that as experience has shown that these figures by Italian Cruisers are not always maintained, they have signalled a request to A.F.H.Q. for additional shipping. However, this is a Movements problem.

The Congedati are an unorganized body of men who are awaiting demobilisation. The only officers accompanying them will be themselves time expired Italian soldiers. As it is obvious that these men will be undisciplined, it may be expected that numbers will try and desert. To avoid this, I called to see Col. Negroni, Head of I.M.V. yesterday, and followed it up with a phone call late last night. He has already spoken to the Comando Supremo and these men will be told that it is in both the Allies and their country's interest that this harvest be gathered. Deserters will be tried by Court Martial.

May I suggest you confer with S.M.R.E. regarding adequate guards from point of disengagement to AFRAGOLA which is the transit camp, 12 kilometres from Naples on the Caserta road.

It is the responsibility of A.C.C. to ensure as far as possible that these men do not desert after arriving at their post until the harvest is gathered.

Army Sub Commission are responsible for providing 48 hours rations for both their own men and also Congedati. Will you please ascertain that these arrangements are complete.

"Q" are arranging to issue boots to Italian soldiers who require them with the exception of Congedati. It is A.C.C.'s responsibility to provide for these men.

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21 May 44
1345 hrs

Frank James

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Major,
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Distribution:- Brig Lush.
Col. Fiske.
Lt.Col. Shipp.

all in hand
21 May 44
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/169/10A

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Congedati

TO : HQ., A.A.I.

1. Permission has been given by the Italian authorities for the Congedati to be retained in the Army for the period of the harvest. They will be given agricultural leave and be employed as soldiers.

2. This headquarters will take every reasonable precaution to ensure these men do not desert. However, if any of them should desert before the harvest is gathered, a request will not be made to have additional Italian soldiers transferred from Sardinia.

3. Arrangements will be made for their reception at Naples.

KORMAN E. PICKER
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

ACC Liaison, HQ., AAI

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Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HARVESTERS.

1. It was resolved at a meeting at "Q" Branch A.A.I. at 1100 hrs, 18 May 1944 (Brig. Ritchie, D.Q.M.C. Presiding) that A.C.C. should be asked to explore the possibility of obtaining harvesters from the following sources:

- (a) Italian Navy.
- (b) Italian Air Force.
- (c) Italian soldiers (estimated 7000) at Sardinia who were now due for demobilization.

2. Col. Shipp having reported to Major Friend James at 1700 hrs that so far A.C.C. had been unable to contact the Italian Government, Major Friend James telephoned Major General Browning, Army Sub-Commission, who happened to be at HQ. A.A.I. General Browning directed that endeavour should be made to get a message to the Italian War Ministry or SMRE through his second-in-command Col. Kerr at Lequile. He further stated that if these 7000 soldiers were not available, or alternatively if the Italian authorities could not be contacted by 1200 hrs, 19 May, that he agreed for the Italian soldiers under his command to be provided.

3. Major Friend James was able to put through a priority call to Lequile and conferred with Col. Kerr. Col. Kerr personally handled the matter and an answer was received at HQ. A.A.I. by telephone at 1930 hrs that the Italian Government agreed to postpone the demobilization of the soldiers in Sardinia for the period of the harvest and that the men affected would be given agriculture leave as soldiers.

4. The Italian Government asked whether in view of the previous promise of demobilization, these men could be granted leave at a thousand a time to visit their families. Col. Kerr informed them that this was impracticable owing to lack of transportation.

5. Col. Kerr said that the number available was 8000 and not 7000.

6. Major Friend James informed Lt.Col. McQueen (SD Branch) of the decision stating that he had been unable to get in touch with Brig. Ritchie.

7. It had been reported by A.C.C. that neither the Italian Navy nor the Italian Air Force could contribute any men for harvesting. This information was passed to Lt.Col. McQueen.

8. The position regarding harvesters may be summarised as follows :

(a) From Italian security, Italians in S. Italy (available at call from A.C.C.)	6,000
(b) Italian soldiers at Sardinia (Congedati)	8,000
(c) Italian soldiers Sardinia under command of Army Sub-Commission	7,000
Total:	<u>21,000</u>

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The men from Sardinia will be available in Naples for transmission to Foggia as follows :

By 15 June	10,000
By 30 June	5,000

9. Endeavour is being made by A.A.I. to obtain the remaining 4000 harvesters which A.C.C. require by either additional shipping or else during the first few days of July. These men, if obtained, will be additional Italian soldiers under command of the Army Sub-Commission.

Robert James

19 May 1944.

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

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20:00

To: Maj Druffield White.

1. Col Fiske will be in his office tomorrow afternoon. If the Gen want him earlier he can be reached by calling 10941 (Naval House) and asking for the CAO who will take message. Call Fiske will call there for messages.

Value 235. Villa Elena.

2. Maj Friend-James has been told that the Angedoti can start at once and we shall be ready to receive them in Naples in groups of 500-1000+ (plus) starting about 23rd to 25th of May 44.

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Please tell Col Offenbauer M.M.I.A. that we are now committed to this by Col Fiske's saying we will handle as indicated. Col Offenbauer ^{is to make} make necessary plans + take appropriate action.

3. The letter was found last night in our secret mail in ACC Message center + will go out in a.m.

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20 May 1944

Minute for file:-

TO: Col. Fiske

Telephone conversation with
Major Friend-James, Liaison Officer
with AAI. Major Friend-James stated
that he spoke to Col. Megroni, IMM,
who says that Congedoti will be "sold"
upon the harvest work and warned that
they will be courtmartialed if they
desert.

J. W. CUNLIFFE
Major, AGC

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TO MMIA FALCON FOR SIMMONS
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//// ARRANGEMENTS NOW MADE FOR RECEPTION C O N G E D A T I (.)

REQUEST YOU SHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIST 7 SERIALS

THI 1859

SENT SJP ²¹³⁵ AR

RCD RWC ²¹³⁵ AR

*MMIA Confirmed
ARR reception
Arrangement OK.
E. J. S.*



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TO AAI RPTD ACC MAIN .OR LUSH AMG FOGGIA PROVINC
ACC SARDINIA FOR SIMMONS ACC A MAIN FOR OFFENHAUER
FROM MMIA

SD752 . CONFIDENTIAL . FIRST . IN VIEW OF EXISTING CONGESTION IN
NAPLES TRANSIT CAMPS CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT ALL RPT ALL MILITARY
PERSONNEL COMING FROM SARDINIA FOR HARVESTING SHOULD BE MOVED DIRECT
FROM SHIPS TO FOGGIA AREA THEREBY ELIMINATING LOSSES AND CONSIDERABLE
ADM DIFFICULTIES . SECOND . SUGGEST SEVEN DAYS RATIONS ISSUED SARDINIA
TO COVER COMPLETE JOURNEY TO FOGGIA . THIRD . PROPOSE THAT BOOTS WHEN
ESSENTIAL BE ONLY ITEM ISSUED FROM ARMY STOCKS AND ISSE BE MADE AT
FOGGIA UNDER DIRECTION AMG FOGGIA . FOURTH . FOR SIMMONS .

CONGEDATE SHOULD BRING ONE EKNKX BLANKET EACH BUT NO RPT NO ARMS

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IS THAT CONGEDATE IN LAST LINE YES AS PER COPY OM THIN ITS

RONG THO NEVER ERD OF THE WORD HAVE U ?"

NO BUT GA WITH OTHER HOW LONG PLS SHORT ON PAPER

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- FILE 1
- FLOAT 520 1

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21 May.

Dear Guy,

This is just to confirm:-

I Our DR did not report at your HQ on 19 MAY at 0900 hrs owing to a serious injury, but the message Centre did not apparently notice that AA mail had not arrived.

We ourselves knew nothing of the accident until Cobb failed to return. The official mail was returned to us by MP and was delivered that afternoon.

The May Centre delivered two letters to Messrs Centre yesterday morning, one of which was

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urgently required by AFI. These were
omitted & be given to the OR in the
afternoon. I received them this
morning.

I don't want to get anyone a
"blackmark" but do want to
ensure that there is no further
delay in AFI mail.

Yours sincerely
J. J. J. J.

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The Committee has decided to
get a copy of the report as early
as possible.

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MEMORANDUM

As authorized by Col. Picke at 2010 hours on 20 May, S.D. are calling forward the 3,000 Congedati immediately.

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21 May 44
1345 hrs

Phyllis Jones

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Major,
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FRIEND JAMES

Info copy by MHA to
Major Friend James,
AGC Liaison, Hq.A.A.I.

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L.T. MURKIN, Jr.
1st Lt. AGC.
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To
ACC MAIN

From
AMTC FOGGIA PROVINCE

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For Lt., Col. Vining. Confirm message FP/1 of 16 to Brig. Lush cancelling bid rail transport 7000 Italian Soldiers to Foggia as arranged with you. Much regret failure notify you direct first movement will be Naples-Foggia 3500 every three days beginning about 26 May but AMIA should notify you actual dates and times

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HARVESTERS.

1. It was resolved at a meeting at "Q" Branch A.A.I. at 1100 hrs, 18 May 1944 (Brig. Ritchie, D.Q.M.G. Presiding) that A.C.C. should be asked to explore the possibility of obtaining harvesters from the following sources:

- (a) Italian Navy.
- (b) Italian Air Force.
- (c) Italian soldiers (estimated 7000) at Sardinia who were now due for demobilization.

2. Col. Shipp having reported to Major Friend James at 1700 hrs that so far A.C.C. had been unable to contact the Italian Government, Major Friend James telephoned Major General Browning, Army Sub-Commission, who happened to be at HQ. A.A.I. General Browning directed that endeavour should be made to get a message to the Italian War Ministry or SHAE through his second-in-command Col. Kerr at Leghite. He further stated that if these 7000 soldiers were not available, or alternatively if the Italian authorities could not be contacted by 1200 hrs, 19 May, that he agreed for the Italian soldiers under his command to be provided.

3. Major Friend James was able to put through a priority call to Leghite and conferred with Col. Kerr. Col. Kerr personally handled the matter and an answer was received at HQ. A.A.I. by telephone at 1930 hrs that the Italian Government agreed to postpone the demobilization of the soldiers in Sardinia for the period of the harvest and that the men affected would be given agriculture leave as soldiers.

4. The Italian Government asked whether in view of the previous promise of demobilization, these men could be granted leave at a thousand a time to visit their families. Col. Kerr informed them that this was impracticable owing to lack of transportation.

5. Col. Kerr said that the number available was 8000 and not 7000.

6. Major Friend James informed Lt.Col. Moqueen (SD Branch) of the decision stating that he had been unable to get in touch with Brig. Ritchie.

7. It had been reported by A.C.C. that neither the Italian Navy nor the Italian Air Force could contribute any men for harvesting. This information was passed to Lt.Col. Moqueen.

8. The position regarding harvesters may be summarized as follows:

(a) From Italian security, Italians in S. Italy (available at call from A.C.C.)	6,000
(b) Italian soldiers at Sardinia (Comedati)	8,000
(c) Italian soldiers Sardinia under command of Army Sub-Commission	7,000
Total:	21,000

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The men from Sardinia will be available in Naples for transmission to Foggia as follows :

By 15 June	10,000
By 30 June	5,000

2. Endeavour is being made by A.A.I. to obtain the remaining 4,000 harvesters which A.C.G. require by either additional shipping or else during the first few days of July. These men, if obtained, will be additional Italian soldiers under command of the Army Sub-Commission.

Phred James

19. May 1944.

Major,
A.C.G. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 196/75/CA.

18th MAY 1944

I enclose copies of two letters sent to HQ AAI and a memorandum regarding the provision of Italian soldiers for the harvest in FOGGIA.

AAI are out to help us all they can but they have brought to my notice that there are 7000 Italian soldiers demobilised and awaiting shipment to the mainland and they have asked me whether these cannot be used instead of soldiers on the strength. I am perfectly prepared to use them provided they can be brought over in military or para military organisations until they reach FOGGIA and can be dispersed into the farms.

Can you give any suggestions from your end as to how this could be done?

The plan in FOGGIA is to bring the soldiers in organised units to the Headquarters, whence they will be dispersed as individuals and live with the farmers, drawing civilian pay and civilian rations. After the harvest they will be re-assembled and brought back to their stations in the mainland. The move is due to begin at the end of this month and I should be grateful for an early reply.

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Executive Commissioner

Brigadier M. Carr, C.B.E., M.C.,
Regional Commissioner,
Region VI,
Allied Control Commission.

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Copy to: Lt.Col.Temperley, P.O., FOGGIA - I should be grateful for your comments.

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				22
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TO	AMG FOGGIA PROVINCE	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	GP
Originator's No.		ACCL 23		
TEMPERLEY from FRIEND JAMES © please signal whether all harvesters should detain at FOGGIA. If NOT specify other railway stations with numbers				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
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Itai Harari :cc Q 91

1. Memo sent to "Q" branch on following points.
 - A. Para 8 deleted from Selection Commission's letter to AAI. (196/60/CA of 15 MAY 44), owing to decision at Q-adj's conference.
 - B. Extremely unlikely that additional personnel (para 9) will be required.
 - C. The figures of 40 days harvesting is approximate. "Q" demands Itai soldiers to report when harvest is gathered at respective farms.
 - D. AAI requested to provide 48 hours ration after sustenance. Thereafter retaining will be under civilian arrangements.
 - E. Confirmed accommodation at farms. No action by AAI.

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- D. DAI requested to provide 48 hours ration after attainment. Thereafter rationing will be under civilian arrangements.
- E. Confirmed accommodation at farms. No action by DAI.
2. The point DCMG (or) raised was arithmetical. He wanted to be satisfied there was a sufficient margin of time to get personnel to Paggia by 30 June. He is now satisfied as to this.

3. DQMB(M) would like to know details of points of detainment with numbers, if not Taggia. (See copy of signal attached)

15 May 44
2010 hrs.

Frank James
Maj.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 196/69/CA.

15th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Harvest - 1944.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

The present situation regarding the harvesters for FOGGIA Province is as follows:-

1. AAI have approved the release of 6000 Italian troops from the security divisions now in Italy on 40 days agricultural leave. These men are available on application by ACC. Provincial Commissioner, FOGGIA, is arranging movement with MMIA and Q Movements. These 6000 will be the vanguard.
2. AAI HQ have agreed to move 8000 Italian troops from Sardinia by 15th June and a further 11000 by 30th June. They will arrive at NAPLES at the rate of 3500 every three days and will be railed to FOGGIA at the rate of 1200 per day. AAI HQ is signalling MMIA to arrange this movement.
3. AAI HQ will do their best to provide boots for these troops.

(Sgd) M.S. LUBH.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: R.C. Region 5.
Economic Section.
Agriculture Sub-Commission.
M.M.I.A.
Provincial Commissioner, FOGGIA.

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ITALIAN HARVEST - 1944.

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1. Brigadier STANIER (DGS (SD & T) states that G(Ops) approve the releasing of 6000 Italian soldiers in Italy for 40 days agricultural leave.

These men may be had on application by AOC.

2. Interview with Brigadier FRIEDMAN (DQMG(N)):-

- (a) Italian cruiser transporting Nesebo Div will be available on 18 May.
- (b) 3500 Italian soldiers can be shipped from SARDINIA to NAPLES every 3 days.
- (c) Rail facilities NAPLES to FOGGIA 1200 per day: 40 per box car; 1 car available for baggage.
- (d) It is an Italian practice that Italian ships rest one week in three but even so shipping is adequate.

3. Brigadier RITCHIE (DQMG) away today but he had made arrangements for conference.

Conference held in "Q" offices as follows:-

Present: Labour - Lt. Col. McAdam.
"Q" - Major Nichols.
SD - Major Morgan.
AOC - Major Friend James.

Decision:

- (i) SD to signal DEITA copy to AOC Italian Army personnel required from SARDINIA as follows:-

Labour - 10000 by 15 June.
AOC - 8000 by 15 June.
AOC - 11000 by 30 June.

- (ii) Replying to question FRIEND JAMES stated harvesters would be available for allocation by SD 40 days after they had reported to respective farmers. The last quota being 40 days from 30 June.

- (iii) FRIEND JAMES raised question of boots. "Q" will confer with "Q" AE. In any case these will be available at NAPLES whether or not they can be issued in SARDINIA.

- (iv) FRIEND JAMES was asked about accommodation and rations, in particular as to whether Italian Army channels would apply. He replied in his opinion all harvesters would be housed and fed on the farms and no Army aid was therefore necessary. He stated this would be confirmed.

- (v) The question of availability arose. FRIEND JAMES replied that Army Sub Commission could not supply the personnel required by Labour and AOC from the mainland but that they were available in SARDINIA.

(Sgd) R. FRIEND JAMES. Major. 507

15. May. 44.

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Foggia Harvesters

1. Discussed with Lt Col Tenfordey as a result of which H. Sg 880 written. He & Agricultural Sub. Com. think that Makere can recruit locally & will not need soldiers.
2. Liaison Officer in AAI rang up to say that C. O's had given permission for 6000 troops in mainland to take Agricultural harvest and
- 3 That Q Marks was arranging more of remainder from Sardinia commencing May 18.

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Ref: 136/60/1A

15th May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Harvest - 1944.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Forces in Italy.

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1. I refer to my 136/54/3A of 13th May and wish to confirm conversations with Brigadiere, Ritchie, Stagner and Fellows, on 14th May.

2. Twentyfive thousand harvesters are needed for the crop in Foggia Province. The Italian Army provides the best source of labour if we are to prevent a serious flow from Italian civilian labour now employed in Allied military service in No. 2 district and A.A.F.S. area. The more Italian soldiers who can be produced and given agricultural leave, the less this flow will be. The Regional and Provincial offices will of course do their utmost to prevent dislocation of military labour while fulfilling their primary duty of getting the harvest in and are taking special steps to this end.

3. The harvest begins at the end of May. The peak is reached by 1st July. The following numbers are required:-

Before 15th June.....	14,000
Before 30th June, a further....	11,000

4. It is requested that the 14,000 be provided by allowing the Italian Supreme Command to grant agricultural leave to 6,000 men from the Piacenza Division (5,000) and the Mantova Division (1,000) and by bringing the balance of 8,000 from troops now in Sardinia before 15th June.

5. It is suggested that the further 11,000 be produced from troops now in Sardinia before 30th June.

6. All men required in Foggia Province by the dates mentioned and details can be arranged direct with Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province at Lusera.

7. It is also requested that these men be provided with boots and that the ruling which prevents the issue of boots to Italian troops until they come under command of A.A.I. be relaxed to this end.

8. I would also ask that if labour is found to be insufficient for what is hoped to be a bumper crop, the Regional Commissioners concerned be given permission to recruit civilian labour in No. 2 District from areas least likely to affect the supply of military labour - i.e., not closer than 15 miles from the coast.

9. It is possible that the 6,000 for Vateria Province referred to in para. 3 of my letter of 15th May, may be found from local civilian labour. If not, an additional number of troops will be required from Cardinia. I will give you the earliest information regarding this.

WEL/SJL

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Economic Section.
M. M. I. A.
ACC Liaison Officer, HQ. AAL.

Action being taken by AAI.

- 1 GSD (Brig Stagner) state that Newbo Division from Sardinia are now coming to mainland when they are required for immediate operations.
- 2 G.S. Ops (Brig Mainwaring) will give approval for the 6000 from Divisions in Mainland to be given Agricultural leave.
- 3 Q. Morants (Brig Fellowes) will study arrangements to bring ~~up to~~ further troops from Sardinia immediately Newbo Div. move is completed (about May 20th).
- 4 AQMG (Brig Ritchie) will study release of further men for Agricultural leave including those in 3 originally earmarked for Labour.
5. A.C.C. L.O. (Major Francis James) will coordinate above and let me know a.m. 15/5.

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Understand full requirements
are being met
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Ref: 195/50/CA.

19th. May. 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Harvest - 1944.

TO: Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

1. The harvesting of cereals in this territory will begin before the end of May. Successful efforts have been made to induce Italian farmers to sow a maximum amount of seed. The present estimates give expectations of a good crop.

2. The successful harvesting and amassing of this crop is a vital question. On it depends the feeding of the population of this country and the release of shipping for other operations and purposes. Every endeavour is being made in occupied and liberated territory to help the farmers at harvest time.

3. In some Regions additional labour is required annually for the harvest and must be found now. In Campobasso and Foggia Provinces, from which a total crop of 270,000 tons of wheat and barley is expected, 25,000 people must be imported from other provinces in order to reap the harvest. In accordance with Italian custom the bulk of these people should be recruited from Bari Province and other provinces in Apulia. In Matera Province 6,000 are needed. But the General Officer Commanding No.2. District considers that this will seriously affect the supply of labour for military services and finds himself unable to agree to recruitment for this taking place within 15 miles of the coast.

4. This means that the normal method of recruiting additional labour for the harvest may well produce only negligible results.

5. In view of the urgency of the question I have anticipated your sanction and have obtained agreement from Marshals Badoglio and Messe to the necessary labour to make up the numbers required being provided by the Italian army. It is clear that it will probably be necessary to augment considerably the numbers which were to have been made available on a normal 'harvest leave' basis.

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6. The necessary arrangements are now being made direct between General Browning, the Italian General Staff and the Provincial Commissioner of Foggia.

7. Although the bulk of the additional harvest labour this year will have to come from Italian army sources, I hope that District Commanders may be asked to give such facilities as regards recruitment and transport of extra civilian harvesters as may be possible without interfering with labour of military importance.

8. I hope also that the attention of formations and units may be drawn to the importance of avoiding wherever possible damage to crops in the rear areas and especially in the provinces of Foggia and Matera.

HOWE MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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13 MAY 1944
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to AGC Mann. T.I. May 12/1940B.

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for BRIGADIER LUSH FROM TEMPERLEY—
HARVEST 0 MMIA has received NO repeat NO
instructions from AAI 0 Preliminary discussion
indicates subject entirely AAI giving the necessary
orders, the following are the only possibilities 0
First 0 Agricultural leave maximum estimated
by MMIA PICENO DIV 5000 repeat Food
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one week's notice if no repeat no national
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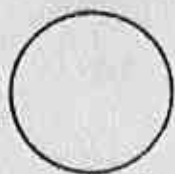
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CONSULTATION WITH TEMPERLEY AND ITALIAN ARMY

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L.T. MONTANT, JR.,
1st Lieut. AGD.,
ADJUTANT.

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RC & MC SECTION (Brig. Lush).

10 May 44

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PERSONAL FOR BROWNING FROM LUSH PD PAREN TO ARMY SUBCOMMISSION LUCEE FROM
ACC MAIN PAREN PD OWING SHORTAGE OF CIVILIAN LABOUR NEEDED FOR MILITARY SERVICES
GRANT
MUST ASK IF YOU CAN ARRANGE/AGRICULTURAL LEAVE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO
PAREN TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PAREN TO BE SENT IN ORGANISED BODIES AS IN PREVIOUS
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Army S. Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILLE (LECCE)
DO/8.

7 May 44.

My Dear

Lush

Reference our talk on up to 5000 Italian Army personnel to help in getting in the FOGGIA Crop - my people have warned S.M.R.E. that such a demand may be made shortly and that details will be sent to us by you.

They have been told to think about how they will do it.

Meanwhile my AQ/8 dated 27 April as amended by AQ/8 of 7 May shows you what I have proposed as regards agricultural leave for Italian Army personnel

Yours Ever

54 Langley Browning

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WV Lush

Brigadier M. LUSH, O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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13 MAY Recd

Subject: - Reinforcement Scheme - ITALIAN Army.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MILITARY)
IS/CHIEF (LECCO)
AD/8

7 May 44

HQ. AAI.

subject. Reference my letter AD/8 dated 28 April 44 on this

1. I request that the following paragraph 8(a)(iii) may be inserted in the letter.

(iii) AGRICULTURAL LEAVE: When confirmed by the appropriate Allied Formation Commander upon the request of the Regional Commissioner ACC - NOT exceeding 60 Days.

2. The Chief Commissioner has emphasized the importance of 'providing' manpower in certain areas in order to collect the harvest and it is understood that he is discussing the subject with you.

Inserted on file 138 of
file 6
L. Browning

to

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

Copy to: - HQ. ACC. with copy of AD/8 of 28 April as amended
(For Brigadier LUSH.)

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements Home - Italian Army.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEXUTLE (LECCO)
AQ/8

27 Apr 44.

To: HQ, A.A.I.

1. OBJECT. The object of this letter is to define the procedure by which the C.I.L. (14100), other Forces under Allied Comd (180000) and other authorised Forces of the Italian Army (147070) are maintained at the correct strength as laid down by the C.C.S. (see Appendices "A" and "B").

2. GOVERNING FACTORS.

The procedure, to be effective, must incorporate the following main factors : -

- (a) the Forces maintained and fed by the Allies must always be only those who are "in fact effective". Non-effectives must be eliminated and immediately replaced by effectives.
- (b) the total number of personnel must not exceed the ceiling as laid down from time to time.
- (c) The procedure must provide for : -
 - (i) as regards C.I.L. - immediate battle replacements, normal wastages, replacement of complete units for rest, re-equipment and reorganisation.
 - (ii) as regards Forces under Allied Comd - normal wastages.
 - (iii) as regards other authorised Forces - normal wastages and reinforcements to enable (i) and (ii) above to be implemented.

3. REINFORCEMENT OF CIL.

- (a) Immediate Battle Replacements and Normal Wastages.

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(b) Replacement of Complete Units.

The Italian Army will train and prepare the Internal Security Divisions in such manner as to enable complete units to be moved into CIL when considered desirable by the Allied Command. The CIL units so replaced and returning to Internal Security Divs will be reformed within the latter and be again available as replacements when needed.

4. REINFORCEMENT OF OTHER FORCES UNDER ALLIED COMMAND.

The reinforcement of other Italian Forces operating under Allied Command will be based on a unit to be formed within the ceiling of the 180,000 troops working under Allied Command and to be called the 'ALLIED REINFORCEMENT UNIT' (A.R.U.)

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5. STATUS, LOCATION and DUTIES of the A.R.U.

(a) STATUS. The A.R.U. will operate under Allied Command with the primary function of providing efficient trained reinforcements for the Italian Forces working under Allied Command (180000) and with the secondary function of performing local guard and labour duties.

(b) LOCATION. The A.R.U. will be placed in a location having -

- (i) communications to enable troops to be readily moved by rail etc.
- (ii) facilities to draw and hold the necessary stores and equipment to re-equip the men.
- (iii) suitable training areas.
- (iv) suitable opportunities usefully to employ the personnel in guards, labour etc.

(c) DUTIES.

- (i) To hold train and equip 9000 all ranks, being a basis of 5% to cover normal wastage (of 180000) including possible small numbers of battle casualties.
- (ii) To forward suitable trained and equipped men in accordance with reinforcement demands received from the appropriate Allied reinforcement demand organisation.

(d) COMMAND & STAFF. An Allied cadre will command and supervise an Italian Army A.R.U. staff formed within the ceiling of the 120,000 troops under Allied Command.

(e) SUPPLY OF PERSONNEL. The strength of 9000 all ranks in the A.R.U. will be maintained by drafts from Italian DEPOTS.

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6. REINFORCEMENT OF OTHER AUTHORISED FORCES OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

(a) STATUS Italian Army Depots will operate under Italian Army Command under such control as may be laid down by the Allied Command.

(b) COMMAND and STAFF. These Depots will be commanded and staffed by Italian Army personnel within the ceiling of 45870 laid down for Italian Administration.

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(c) DUTIES. To receive, document, control, discharge and otherwise handle Italian Army personnel and incoming civilians in order to maintain : -

- (i) The Internal Security Dirs (101200) and Italian Administration (45870) at the correct ceiling.

(ii) The inflow of personnel necessary to maintain the A.R.U. 9000.

7. REMOVAL OF INEFFECTIVES.

In order that the ceiling for the Italian Army may be completely filled by military personnel who are "in fact effective" the following casualty procedure will operate : -

REMOVAL OF INEFFECTIVES (Contd)

(a) Hospital Casualties. A patient will remain on the strength of his unit for 30 days while in hospital. After 30 days he will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army, ceased to be maintained within the Armed Forces ceiling and become an Italian civil liability. He will then be automatically replaced by a reinforcement demanded as outlined above.

(b) Personnel A.M.C.L. Personnel absent without leave will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army after 30 days and be replaced by a reinforcement. Personnel so struck off strength may, when apprehended, be subject to such disciplinary action as the Italian Army consider appropriate, but will NOT be maintained or rationed within the ceiling of the Italian Army as laid down by the C.C.S.

(c) Personnel Undergoing Detention. Personnel who are sentenced to periods of imprisonment or similar punishment or are awaiting trial so as to render them ineffective, will be struck off strength after 30 days and will cease to be maintained or rationed within the ceiling of the Italian Army as laid down by the C.C.S.

8. LEAVE. Leave may be granted, subject to operational requirements, under the following conditions only. Leave will NOT be granted for any other reasons or periods:

(a) (i) REGULAR LEAVE: after 3 months service and thereafter at 3 monthly intervals - 10 days.

(ii) COMPASSIONATE LEAVE: on urgent compassionate grounds - 10 days.

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(iii) AGRICULTURAL LEAVE: When confirmed by the appropriate Allied Formation Commander upon the request of the Regional Commission - 60 - NOT exceeding 60 Days.

Allied and Italian Unit Comdr.

(b) (i) Periods of leave count from the day of departure from the Unit until the day of return to the Unit.

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9. CONCLUSION.

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

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A certificate will be produced from the CC.RR confirming the reason for the application and must be agreed by the appropriate Allied and Italian Unit Comds.

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

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APPENDIX "A".

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(DAO/8 dated 27th April 1944)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY (All Ranks.)

- (a) Combat Division (C.I.L.) 14,100.
- (b) Other Forces employed or to be employed by the Allies. 180,000.
- (c) Other authorized Forces of the Italian Army.

Internal Security Formations 101,200.

Italian Administration: -

Central Organisations	4,470	} - 45,870.
Static Formations	15,000	
Services.	26,400	

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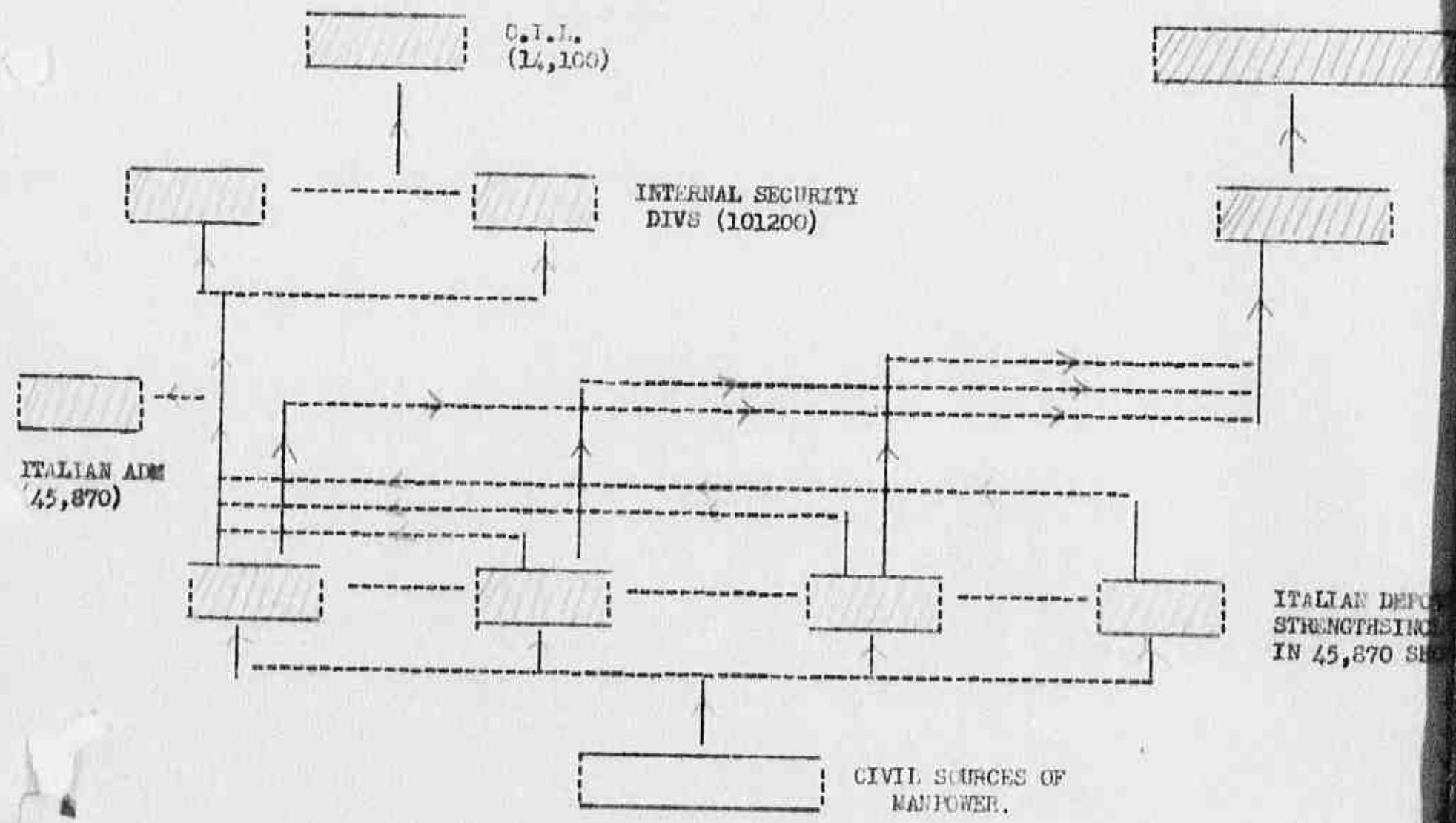
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APPENDIX "B".

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Italian Tps under Allied Comd.



Italian Tps under Italian Comd.

C.I.L.
(14,100)

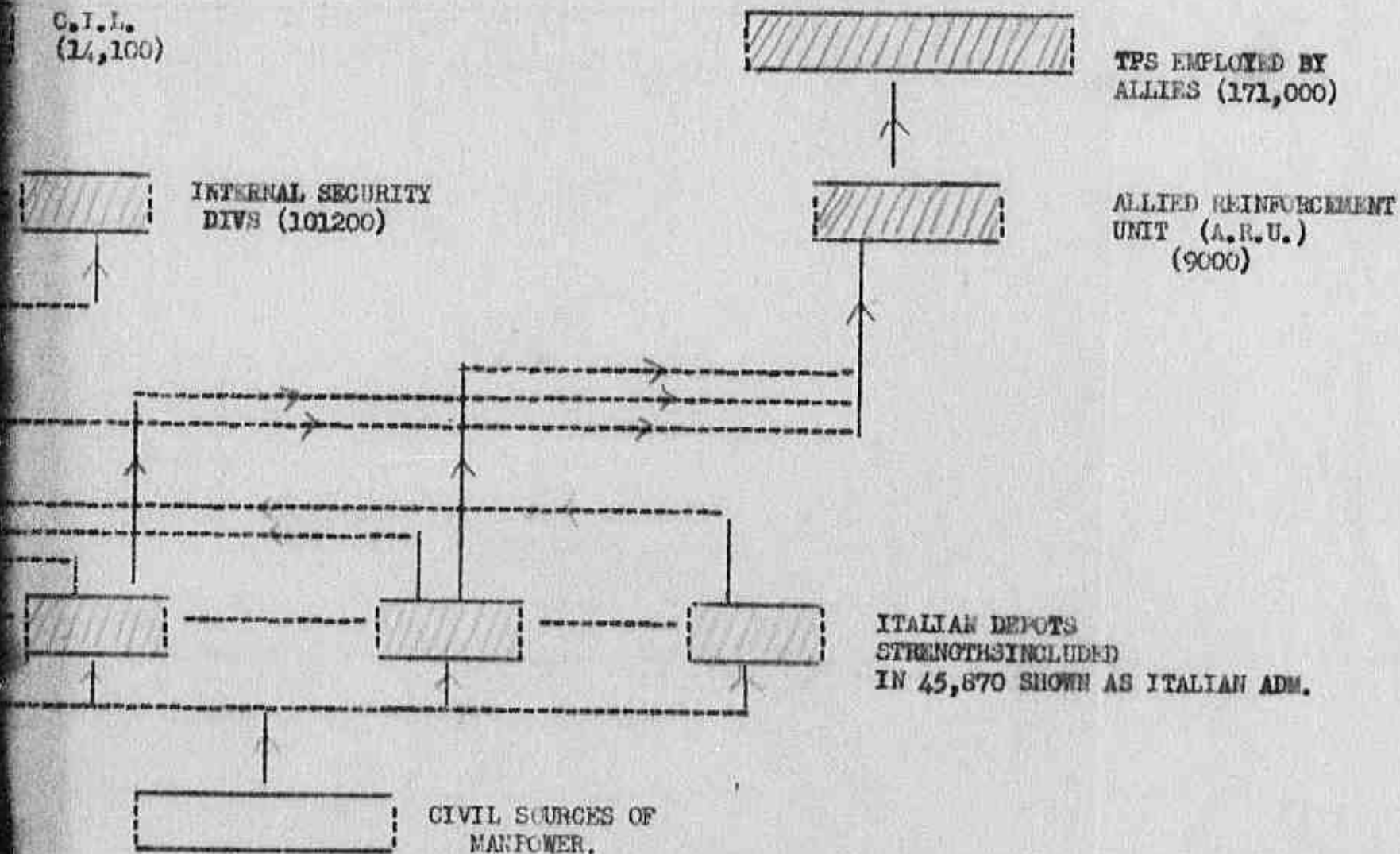
INTERNAL SECURITY
DIVS (101200)

TPS EMPLOYED BY
ALLIES (171,000)

ALLIED REINFORCEMENT
UNIT (A.R.U.)
(9000)

ITALIAN DEPOTS
STRENGTHS INCLUDED
IN 45,870 SHOWN AS ITALIAN ADM.

CIVIL SOURCES OF
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC REFUGEE BRANCH NAPLES INFO CC FOGGIA REFUGEE CAMP
FROM: AMM FOGGIA PROVINCE
REFERENCE No: PP/2
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 22 1400
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: NONE
CLASSIFICATION: URGENT
PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/ NONE

UNIT'S ITALIAN ARMY FOR HARVEST WORK EXPECTED ARRIVE FOGGIA 24 MAY
ONWARDS UNEXPECTEDLY EARLY BEFORE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.
IF EMERGENCY ARISES AND FOGGIA REFUGEE CENTRE UNOCCUPIED CAN CAMP
BE USED FOR FEW DAYS TO PROVIDE MEALS ON ARRIVAL AND TO ACCOMMODATE
SMALL BALANCE SOLDIERS WHO POSSIBLY CANNOT BE DISPERSED SAME DAY
MAXIMUM MAY 500

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