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Employment of ITI units

Apr. - Oct. 1945

SUBJECT: Guarding of Material Dumps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MILIA)

SD/13

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Oct 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 222629/11 dated 17 Oct 45.
227-3-2

1. The importance of safeguarding material which may become available from Allied sources is fully recognised.
2. The employment of troops from such units of the Italian Army as are under control of the War Ministry in support of the CC RR and CF is justified to a certain extent, which is a matter for the Italian Government to decide.
3. It is pointed out that such employment of Italian Army personnel in large numbers is to be deprecated in view of the interference caused to training and reorganisation.
4. For this reason it is urged that Territorial Comds be instructed to restrict their guard commitments to a minimum and to secure wherever possible storage accommodation which in itself will constitute a safeguard against theft, fire or other losses.

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**Major-General,
MILIA.**

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGCT

TO : MMIA INFO ALCOM

REF : FX 37355

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YOUR SD/9 OF 18 (.) REQUIREMENTS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
FOR ITALIAN ARMY RAILWAY ENGINEER UNITS HAVE NOT YET
BEEN NOTIFIED BY ALCOM IN RESPONSE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS
LETTER Q5091.711.1 (ITALY) OF 03 (NOT TO YOU) (.)
FROM YOUR PARA 2 IT IS NOTED THAT UNITS ARE CURRENTLY
OVER 1000 PERSONNEL BELOW WE STRENGTH BUT NO ACTION
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REINFORCE UNITS MEANTIME (.)

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 18 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

As you know, the Italian Government is very much interested in obtaining surplus allied and ex-German war material. Operations for the assignment of some camps are already taking place. However, the result which the Italian Government aims at, risks to be frustrated, because of the scarcity of our police forces, and the impossibility of using even a small part of them for anything except for public order, if there is no way of assuring the protection of the camps that have been ceded.

Unfortunately a large amount of property has already been stolen, to the great damage of national economy, for the stolen material is sold on the black market, thus causing regrettable speculations to take place.

To be able to dispose of a certain number of well armed guards, the High Command of the CCIR, Corps and the War Department, in agreement with the Minister for Reconstruction, sent requests, of which we enclose a copy, to the Public Safety and Land Forces Sub-Commissions.

I take the liberty of bringing such requests to your attention, my dear Admiral, requests which cannot be refused, for they express the requirements of the Italian Government; I feel sure that you will understand the importance and urgency of the question. At the same time, I want to ask for your kind intervention with the Supreme Allied Commander, so that the Allied Military Authorities have the guard duty carried on, at least in the larger among the camps which are being ceded to the Government, this, till the above mentioned special units are formed.

Believe me,

Truly yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Elsey W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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E.C. DIST - 23 Oct

ACTION - CA Sec

INFO - Lord Forster s/c

- Chief Commr.
- Gen Commr.

translation

COMMAND OF THE CC.BR. - UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

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Rome, 16 October 1945

Subject : Personnel of the Corps, required for guard duty and vigilance of the depots of allied material to be ceded to the Italian Government.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission

and
War Department (Cab.)

Rome

The Ministry for Reconstruction asked this Command for 4 thousand soldiers of the Corps, for watch duty and vigilance of the depots of materials which will be ceded to the Italian Government by the Allies.

The Command can only agree to the request on the following conditions:

1 - this personnel must be considered in surplus to the present force of the Corps, fixed to 65 thousand units (including the territory of the Trieste Region) or 70 thousand men, should the request for an increase of 10 thousand soldiers be granted,

2 - The War Department must supply everything in the way of clothing, armament, outfit and food for the said personnel, as well as bedding, vehicles and billeting for the soldiers.

3 - The men must be taken from among the draftees and soldier who had been kept in service, that should now be discharged to keep the Corps within the limits fixed by the authorities concerned, and who have or shall express the wish to remain in service.

We beg this Sub-Commission to give its approval for the assignment of this personnel on the above mentioned conditions.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

G. BRUNETTO BRUNETTI

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Translation

War Department
Cabinet

Rome, P.M. 3800 17 October 1945

Prot. n. 222629/II-227.5.2.

Subject : Surveillance of depots of materials

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

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As it is known, the Allied Authorities concerned informed beforehand the Italian Government that a large amount of surplus war material existing in various large depots, was to be ceded against payment.

The Ministry for Reconstruction pointed out that it was necessary to have such depots watched during the time which must elapse between the handing over of the depots and the selling of the materials to civilian industries.

Considering that this question is of great interest for national reconstruction, I suggest it would be advisable to have Army units as well as elements from the CC.RR. and R. Guardia di Finanza participate in the surveillance of the above mentioned depots.

I shall therefore be most grateful if this Mission gives permission to use, for this temporary service, units taken from the territorial brigades which are being formed, and, should the above mentioned depots be located in the neighbourhood of the garrisons of combat teams, also elements from the said teams.

I cannot at present specify exactly the number of men to be employed in this task, for the allied authorities haven't yet stated what depots are to be ceded. However, considering that the handing over may take place suddenly, it is necessary to have as soon as possible a permission on general principles, to be able to provide at once to the above mentioned requirements. Delay would imply robbery of material to the great prejudice of national economy.

THE MINISTER

G. JACINI

P.O.C.
CHIEF OF LIAISON OFFICE
S. Lt. Col. Fausto Monaco

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Subject:- Italian Rly Personnel

Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MIA)

SD/9

18 Aug 45

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Further to MIA letter SD/9 of 25 Jul. Request
decision please.

There are at this time 3000 personnel in Italian
Rly Engineer units being carried as BRITISH MIL commitment.

[Signature]

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1 Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MIA) Maj Gen

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SUBJECT: Intakes and Wastage of Italian Personnel
May/June 1945.

8/9/27

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R.O.M.E.
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 116
7 Aug 48.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)

1. A statement is attached at Appendix 'A' showing the intake of personnel into the Italian Army for the months of May and June, and the allotment made to each category.
2. Losses in posted strength are compared with the May/June intake at Appendix 'B'.

W.F. ...
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Soviet Representative, A.C.

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SECRET.Appx 'A' to MMIA A 116
of 9 Aug 45.Intake and allotments of personnel
May/June 1945.

SOURCE	US-ITI	DR-ITI	COMBAT	ITI-ITI	TOTAL
<u>Call-ups.</u>					
SARDINIA	404	3863			4267
SICILY		560	133	204	897
CAMPANIA		624			624
APULIA		926			926
REPATRIATES	906	1406	9	142	2463
Screening Agencies and Military Districts		6541	455		6996
<u>Transfers from:-</u>					
DR-ITI			1619	1138	2757
Combat		31			31
ITI-ITI			71		71
TOTAL	1310	13951	2287	1484	19032
Loss by Transfer		2757	31	71	2859
TOTAL NET INTAKE	1310	11194	2256	1413	16173

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~~SECRET~~INTAKE AND WASTAGE - MAY/JUNE 1946Appx 'B' to MIA A116
of 9 Aug 1946

CATEGORY	INTAKE	WASTAGE	NET VARIATION	
US-ITI	1310	21396	- 20086	
B R-ITI	11194	27188	- 15994	
COMBAT	2256	12333	- 10077	
ITI-ITI	1413	12711	- 11298	
TOTAL	16173	73628	- 57455	

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TO : FIFTH ARMY
INFO: ALCON
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REF : FX 31801

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YOUR CABLE TIME DATED 311755 B AND OUR FX 23164
OF 16 JULY (*)

PROVISION OF PERSONNEL FROM 210 ADM DIV APPROVED (*)
MMIA WILL CHANGE STRENGTH AGAINST COMBAT
GROUPS (*) AGREED COL NOAKES FOR MMIA

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FROM: 5th ARMY

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TO : AFRQ

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INFO: ALCON
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- 1 (*) A F H Q RADIO FX 23164, CITE PHOCT 16 JULY EXPERS (*)
- 2 (*) SUITABLE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL (INCLUDING CLERKS) CAN BE PROVIDED FROM 210 AIN DIV WHICH IS NOW IN COURSE OF DISARMAMENT (*)
- 3 (*) FRIULI AND FOLGORE GROUPS, ALTHOUGH NOT PRESENTLY FULLY COMMITTED, WILL BE INCREASINGLY EMPLOYED AS P B S CORRIDOR IS TURNED OVER TO DISTONE (*) FURTHERMORE CLERKS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE GRUPPI AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF 22 OFFICERS WILL SERIOUSLY REDUCE THE EFFICIENCY OF THESE UNITS (*) ALSO GRUPPI ARE NOW PROVIDING REFUGEE CAMP STAFFS AT BOLOGNA, REGGIO, MODENA, AND VERONA (*)
- 4 (*) REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE TWO TEAMS FROM 210 AIN DIV EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT BE COMBAT PERSONNEL AS CONTEMPLATED IN A F H Q FX 72728, CITE PHOCT 8 MAY (*) PERSONNEL SO PROVIDED COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO B R - I T I CATEGORY

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SUBJECT: Italian Rly Business

Lend Lease Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/9

25 July 45

TO : AFHQ (3)

5/8/24

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Reference Tn (Br) Main letters Tn AL/100/8 of 14 Jul and of 22 Jul, and AFHQ Signal FX 25809 of 20 Jul.

1. The policy of AFHQ, as expressed in AG-091.711/115 SAC-0 of 10 Jul, is NOT to employ military personnel where civilian manpower can be made use of. This HQ naturally supports the above policy and therefore recommends the disbandment of the Rly units in question when their usefulness to the Allies has been completed.

2. It is thought, however, that Italian Ministry of War would like to retain a small proportion of the above personnel within the Army, especially in view of the fact that before the War they employed an Operating Company on lines in the North and various other Rly establishments.

3. Even if such units were transferred to the ITI-ITI category, they would still have to be rationed, clothed and equipped by the Allies. It is recommended therefore, that the Italian Government should either employ key personnel in a civilian capacity or, transfer them to fill existing vacancies within such other BR-ITI units as are retained.

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Tn Sub Commission A.C.

L.M. England
Major General, IMIA, *JK-CL*

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for
Major General,
MMIA.

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FROM : AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PROCT

TO : FIFTH ARMY

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INFO : ALGER
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REF : FX 23164

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CUR F 72728 OF 8 MAY (.) ALGER REGIME 2 TROOP EACH 11 OFFICERS
15 NOG 40 ON INCLUDING 15 CLERKS TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO COMD
OFFICER OF REFUGEE CAMPS AT MODENA AND FLORENCE
RESPECTIVELY (.) ARRANGE PROVISION INCLUDING CLERKS IF AVAILABLE (.)
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FROM : A F H Q BGD SACM TD PHOCT
TO : 5TH ARMY
INFO : RAAG
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REF : FI 19304

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REF OUR FA 91140 OF 11 JUNE (.) LUAL MOBILE X-RAY ?
UNIT 3 THROUGH 1 CTR 5 CTR 2 VMS ? WILL MOVE IMMEDIATELY
BY RD UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM C A P A G 3 I O L O
MAP REF Q 8344 ? FROM UNDER COMD FIFTH ARMY TO E C M S
TO UNDER COMD R A A C ALL PURPOSES (.) UPON ARRIVAL REPORT
TO HIGH TERRITORIAL H Q MEDICAL CENTRE ? FOR FURTHER
INSTRUS

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FROM : 56 BIL

TO : M M I A

INFO : F BIL (MMIA PLEASE PASS)

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REF YOUR SD 2319 OF 3 JULY (.) WARNING ORDER A F H Q
FX 14755 OF 29 JUNE (.) M A N T O V A GROUP TO MOVE
SOONEST AFTER 6 JULY TO D I S T W C FOR INTERNAL
SECURITY DUTIES (.) OTHER (?) DETAILS UNKNOWN

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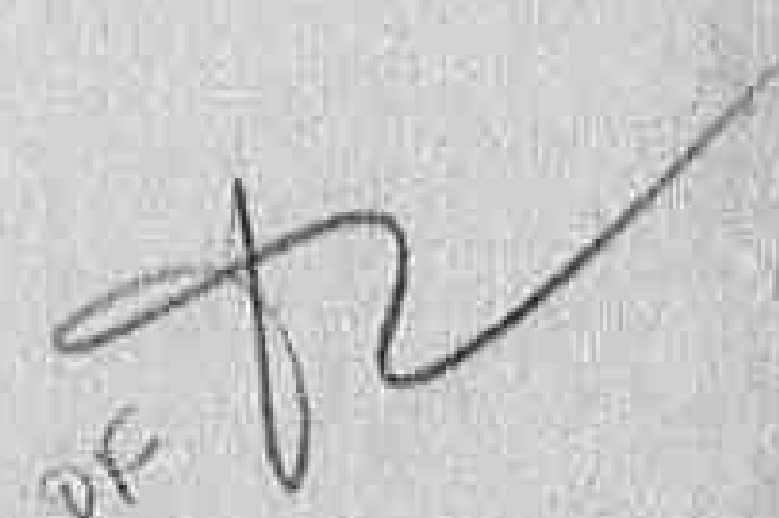
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FOR INFO: HEREWITH EXTRACT OF AMER SIG:

PK 97114, DATED 21 JUN ADDRESSED

TO : 15 ARMY GP

INFO: 8 ARMY,
5 ARMY,
DISTONE,
DISTWO,
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LEGHANO GP, GARIBALDI INF
REGT, ANOTHER COMBAT GP AND 1 ITALIAN CO REGT
CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DISTWO

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FROM: DISTWO

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TO : 71 SUB AREA

INFO: 46 TOWN MAJOR (SILMA) FOR CAPT FEAR
DISTONE
57 AREA
220 ITALIAN ADM DIV
MILA

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ROUTINE

REF : SD 1/1353

REFS REF REF 1 ITI SD REGT AND 502 ITI GE BN
REQUIRED TO REPORT SCORING HQ 57 AREA
GENOA (.) REQUEST YOU ORDER MOVE AND SIGNAL
ETA 57 AREA (.) DISTWO LO
CAPT FEAR AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THRU
46 TOWN MAJOR

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FROM : DISTURBANCE
TO : 22 AA HQB NOV NAPLES
INFO : 56 AREA, 3TH (G-3) ORG
AND
MEDIA
DISPOSE
203 PIRMS DEFS
REF : 82 250

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ROUTINE

FIRST (.) 833 AND 834 ITALIAN SL PLS WILL MOVE SOONEST AFTER COMPLETION EACH PL FROM NAPLES TO CERVIA UNDER ORDERS NOV NAPLES FOR DUTY AT SUMMERED KENNY PERSONNEL CAMP (.) APPROX 8TH EACH PL OFFER 2 ORS 45 VEH 3 (.) ON ARRIVAL PLS WILL COME UNDER COMD 1 DIST (.) 22 AA HQB WILL SIG SOONEST DATES PLS READY TO MOVE AND CONFIRM SIGS (.) SECOND (.) DET ITALIAN SL KEEP SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN 4 PLS WILL MOVE WITH PLS IN PARA FIRST FROM NAPLES TO UNDER COMD 1 DIST CERVIA (.) 22 AA HQB WILL SIG THIS HQ A (A) TOTAL 8TH OF DET OFFER ON VEH B (B) 8TH OFFER ON AND WEIGHT OF STORES REQUIRING RAIL LIFT (.) THIRD (.) 83 ITALIAN SL BN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF PLS (.) FOURTH (.) A P M 1 FX 91369 OF 12 JUN NOV NO ALL REFERS

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TO : DISTONE
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203 FIXED DEFENCES

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INFO: MIA

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REF: EX 91899

1 (.) 831 AND 832 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS COMPLETE
WILL MOVE FORTHWITH BY ROAD FROM UNDER COMMAND 203 FIXED
DEFENCES AT ANCONA AND LEGHORN RESPECTIVELY
TO CERVIA TO UNDER COMMAND DISTONE FOR DUTY
AT SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL CAMP (.) STRENGTH EACH
PLATOON 2 OFFICERS 46 OBS 8 VEHICLES (.)

2 (.) DISTHREE WILL COMPLETE FORMATION AT
NAPLES OF 833 AND 834 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS
FORTHWITH AND ON COMPLETION MOVE PLATOONS COMPLETE TO
CERVIA TO UNDER COMMAND DISTONE FOR DUTY
AS IN PARA 1 ABOVE (.)

3 (.) DETACHMENT OF ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT WORKSHOPS
SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN 4 PLATOONS WILL MOVE WITH PLATOONS
DETAILED IN PARA 1 ABOVE FROM UNDER COMMAND DISTHREE
42 NAPLES TO UNDER COMMAND DISTONE AT

PLATOON 2 OFFICERS 46 ORS 8 VEHICLES (.)

2 (.) DISTHREE WILL COMPLETE FORMATION AT
NAPLES OF 833 AND 834 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS
NORTHWITH AND ON COMPLETION MOVE PLATOONS COMPLETE TO
CERVIA TO UNDER COMD DISTONE FOR DUTY
AS IN PARA 1 ABOVE (.)

3 (.) DETACHMENT OF ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT WORKSHOPS
SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN 4 PLATOONS WILL MOVE WITH PLATOONS
DETAILED IN PARA 1 ABOVE FROM UNDER COMD DISTHREE
AT NAPLES TO UNDER COMD DISTONE AT
CERVIA (.) STRENGTH TO BE NOTIFIED BY
DISTHREE TO AFHQ AND DISTOY (3335)

4 (.) DISTHREE WILL INSTRUCT OC ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT
BN HQ TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE PLATOONS (.)

5 (.) HQ ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT COY (MOBILE) WILL BE FORMED
IN NEAR FUTURE AND WILL BE ORDERED TO PROCEED TO CERVIA

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FROM: AFUC SIGNED SIGNED SITE PHOTO

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TO : 5 ARMY

INFO: 15 ARMY OF
RAAC
DISTON
MIA

REF : PX 91140

143 ITALIAN MOBILE X-RAY UNIT STRENGTH 1 OFFR
6 ORS IN VEH WILL MOVE BY ROAD SOONEST UNDER
UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM CAPASSIOLO
(4 8290) FROM UNDER COMD 5 ARMY TO
R G H E TO UNDER COMD RAAC ALL PURPOSES (.)
NEW PARA (.) UPON ARRIVAL REPORT TO 8th
TERRITORIAL HQ MEDICAL CENTRE
FOR FURTHER INSTNS

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FROM: DISTNO

TO : 57 AREA

59 AREA

71 SUB AREA

INFO: 46 TOWN MAJOR (SIMA) FOR CAPT PEAR

HFO ARRESC

MOV POLIGNO

EASTMOVNS

DISTONE

230 ITALIAN ADM DIV

MIA

PWB 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCR

PEAR 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCR

163 GEN TPT COY

REF : SD 1/1338

FIRST FOR 71 SUB AREA (.)

BALANCE 502 ITI QD BN REQUIRED TO MOVE COMPLETES WITH

HORSES TO M I L A N 14 MAY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS

H T O A R E S S O (.) 50 X 3 TON VEHES EX 163 GEN

TPT COY AS ORDERED IN PARAS SECOND AND THIRD REPORTING

H Q 502 ITI QD BN M O N T A L O I N O MAP REP

V 9558 PM 12 JUNE FOR LOADING 13 JUNE MOVE M I L A N

14 JUNE (.) REQUEST YOU ORDER MOVE (.)

D I S T W O L O CAPT P E A R AVAILABLE TO ASSIST

THRU 46 TOWN MAJOR (.) SIGNAL E T A 59 AREA

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FIRST FOR 71 SUB AREA (.)

BALANCE 502 ITI 02 BN REQUIRED TO MOVE COMPLETE WITH
HORSES TO M I L A N 14 MAY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS

R T O A A L C I N O (.) 30 X 3 TON VEH EX 163 GEN

TPT COY AS ORDERED IN PARAS SECOND AND THIRD REPORTING

H Q 502 ITI 02 BN M O N T A L C I N O MAP REF

V 9308 PM 12 JUNE FOR LOADING 12 JUNE MOVE M I L A N

14 JUNE (.) REQUEST YOU ORDER MOVE (.)

D I S T W O L O CAPT F E A R AVAILABLE TO ASSIST

THRU 46 TON MAJOR (.) SIGNAL B T A 59 AREA

RPTD D I S T W O (.)

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SECOND FOR 57 AREA (.)

ORDER 28 X 3 TON VEH EX 163 GEN TPT COY TO REPORT

M O N T A L C I N O PM 12 JUNE FOR DETAIL PARA FIRST

WITH REP AHEAD (.)

THIRD FOR 59 AREA (.)

ORDER 22 X 3 TON VEH EX 163 GEN TPT COY TO REPORT

M O N T A L C I N O PM 12 JUNE FOR DETAIL PARA FIRST

WITH REP AHEAD (.) ON ARRIVAL UNIT UNDER YOUR COMD (.)

FOURTH (.) ON COMPLETION DETAIL VEH WILL RETURN PARANT

UNIT 57 AREA (.)

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FROM : ALCON SITE ACQPR (DISPER)
 TO : COMAD POST DISTRO (FOR ACTION)
 : DISTRO
 INFO : AMO 6 ARMY FOR A GROUP DISPER
 PIEMONTE REGION FOR B GROUP DISPER
 LOMBARDIA REGION FOR D GROUP DISPER
 EMILIA REGION FOR E GROUP DISPER
 VENETIA REGION FOR F GROUP DISPER

7 NPT.

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PRIORITY

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REF : 9318

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1 (*) REFERENCE CP/3312/6 OF 31 (*) 2 (*)
 PLEASE ARRANGE HOSPITAL 522 ORIGINAL DESTINATION TO
 GENOA TO GO TO VERONA (*) 3 (*) RE MOTOR AMB
 GUY PREFER TO HAVE 8 AMBULANCES AT EACH OF FOLLOWING
 WHERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITALS IS
 PROPOSED PADUA BOLOGNA VERONA MILAN TURIN (*) 4
 (*) MAY FOLLOWING MOVES BE INITIATED HOSPITAL 331
 TO PADUA TREVISO AREA HOSPITAL 429 BOLOGNA AREA

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TO : ALCOM ROME
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REF OUR FX 75594 INFO TO YOU 14 MAY (.)
ITALIAN EVACUATION HOSPITALS
576 AND 866 CAN NOW BE MADE AVAILABLE (.)
WHERE AND WHEN DO YOU WANT THEM ? (.) MUST
BE UNDERSTOOD 1 HOSPITAL WOULD BE TEMPORARY
ATTACHMENT BASIS ONLY

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FROM: MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO: DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
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REF : SD 2745

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S E C R E T

526 I T A L I A N G D B N STRENGTH 28 OFFRS
772 ORS MOVES BY RAIL WEEK 11-17 JUNE FROM
O R V I E T O TO B O L O G N A THEN BY ROAD
TO FINAL DESTINATION T R E C E N T A COMING
UNDER COMD D I S T O N E ALL PURPOSES

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FROM: MAIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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DISTONE FOR MAIA LO

REF : SD 2741

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ALLNOE OF 019 GD EN MOVES FROM S I L N A TO
G E N O A 8 JUNE IN 24 x 3 TONS VES OF 163 GEN
TPT COY (.) STRENGTH 280 ALL RANKS STORES 30 TONS
APPROX

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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FROM: DISTONE

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TO : ALCCM

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INFO: AFHQ CITE PHOOT
15 ARMY GP
REAR 8TH ARMY
EASTMOVES
56 H.U.
M7 AREA

CONFIDENTIAL

ROUTINE

REF : SD 54

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REFERENCE AFHQ FX 83913 OF 29 MAY (.)

321 ITALIAN EVACUATION HOSP NOT LOCATED ORSENA

15907 (.) REQUEST YOU CALL FORWARD WHEN REQUIRED

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TO : DISTONE
INFO : IEKIA
EASTMOVES
REF : FX 66042

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IMPORTANT

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TIMOTHY - BRAGHNESSY
REMARK (*) 536 ITALIAN GUARD IN STRENGTH
26 (?) OFFICERS 772 GR'D WILL MOVE BY RAIL WEEK 11-17 JUNE
FROM CREVIERO TO BOLOGNA UNDER ORDERS
DISTONE IN CONNECTION WITH EASTMOVES (*)
UNIT TO MOVE BY ROAD (?) FROM BOLOGNA TO REVERE
FINAL DESTINATION TREGENTA (GO 107) UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS (?) DISTONE (*) UNDER COMMAND
DISTONE ALL PURPOSES

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FROM: FWD DISTRO

TO: 71 SUB AREA
60 SUB AREA

INFO: RTO AMERCO
MOV POLIUS
MOV LAMSON
MOV FLORENCE
57 AREA

REAR DISTRO (SINHA)

EASTMOVED
FWD 3 ARMY FOR BRIT INCH
REAR 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCH

IV US CORPS
COMD POST DISTRO (MILAN)
163 GM TPT COY LATERINA
LIMIT REAR C/O 40 TOWN MAJOR SINHA
MIA

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UNDER ARRANGEMENTS RTO A R E Z E C MOVE

BALANCE 519 I T I: COMFROM SINHA TO

0 SINHA 8 JUNE (.) STRENGTH PERSONNEL 880

STONES APPROX 20 TONS (.)

24 X 2 TNS VMS OF 143-GM TPT COY FROM

LEO HORN WILL REPORT TO REP OF SIN I T I

ODIN IN THE P I A 2 2 2 2 DELIA POSTA

SINHA AT 1400 HRS 7 JUNE (.)

ON COMPLETION INSTALL VMS WILL REMAIN IN

0 SINHA UNDER COMD 57 AREA (.) SIGNAL

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BALANCE 319 I T I 00-1000 3 I E N A TO
 0 2 N O A 3 JUNE (.) STRENGTH PERSONNEL 280
 STONES APPROX 30 TONS (.)
 24 X 3 TNS VMS OF 101-010 INT COY FROM
 L 2 0 H O R N WILL REPORT TO REP OF 319 I T I
 0 0 IN THE P I A 2 2 A D E L L A P O S T A
 3 I E N A AT 1400 HNS 7 JUNE (.)
 ON COMPLETION DETAIL VMS WILL REMAIN IN
 0 2 N O A UNDER COMD 57 A R 2 A (.) SIGNAL
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT
TO : PENINSULAR BASE
INFO: MMIA
EASTMOVES
DISTONE
REF : FX 87538

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IMPORTANT

FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE BY MARCH ROUTE ON OR
ABOUT 6 JUNE FROM M E E Z A N A TO A R E E E O
UNDER ORDERS OF P B S IN CONJUNCTION WITH
E A S T M O V E S (.)
PARA 1 (.) H Q ITALIAN PACK TPT GP 347 AND 250 PACK
TPT COYS STRENGTH 17 OFFRS 498 ORs 2 VEHs 340 ANIMALS (.)
PARA II (.) MOBILE PORTION H Q 21 ITALIAN TPT
PACK GP STRENGTH 7 OFFRS 34 ORs 4 VEHs WILL MOVE SOONEST
UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
REF : SD 2739

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REF PARA 4 OUR SD 2724 DATED 31 MAY (.) H Q
COMD 212 T P T COLN (AC) NOW MOVES TO
BOLOGNA NOT FLORENCE

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TO : 5 ARMY
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ROUTINE

S/A/27

INFO: BKIA
POW COMMAND
PENSOUTH

REF : FX 86961

A CONSOLIDATED REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ADDRESSEES
AS OF 1800 HOURS WEDNESDAY BY CABLE ON UTILIZATION
OF GERMAN PERSONNEL GIVING (.)

(A) NUMBER OF GERMANS UTILIZED BY EACH SERVICE (.)

(B) NUMBER OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL RELEASED BROKEN
DOWN INTO ITI ITI, US ITI AND CIVILIAN
CATEGORIES

(C) TOTAL CAPACITY OF CAGES AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING
GERMANS EXCLUSIVE OF LARGE CAGES IN PBS AREA (.)

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PREVIOUS REPORTS REQUIRED ON UTILIZATION OF GERMAN
PERSONNEL ARE SUPERSEDED BY THIS REPORT

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FROM: AAG LIGURIA REGION
TO : HQ ALCOM
REF : 176

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IMPORTANT

PLEASE CLARIFY POSITION OF ITALIAN FIELD
HOSPITAL AND 1 PLATOON M A C ASSIGNED
G B H O A (.) CABLE FX 83106 ADVISES THESE
UNITS TO BE UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND
ALCOM ADMINISTRATION D I S T W O (.)
NO NEED EXISTS FOR CIVILIAN, PARTISAN AT
PRESENT ITALIAN MILITARY REQUIREMENTS

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INFO : Chief Commissioner
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FROM : DISTHREE

TO : 54 AREA, MOV BARI

INFO : ROME AREA,
5 ARMY BRIT INCR,
COUTMOVES,
ALCOM

227 ITALIAN DIVISION

REF : 8D/55

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REFERENCE CONVERSATION WHITHEAD -KIRKER OF 29 MAY (.)

1 (.) AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR THE MOVE OF 222 ITALIAN

GEN TPT COY AS STR OFFNS 9 (77) OR ⁹⁴⁷ ~~VE~~ VENS 158 ~~ON~~ 50

MAY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV B A R I FROM TRANH TO

P L O R E H C E TO UNDER COMMAND A L C O M (.)

(2) (.) HQ 211 AND 212 TIT JOINS AUTHO ISSD TO MOVE

IN ABOVE TPT RESPECTIVELY TO C I V I T A V E C C H I A

ON ROUTE AND P L O R E H C E (.)

(3) (.) 462 LAD WHEN COMPLETELY EQUIPPED WILL MOVE

SCORSET UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM T H A N I TO

P L O R E H C E TO REJOIN 222 TPT COY AND COME UNDER

COMMAND A L C O M ON ARRIVAL (.)

(4) (.) A P H Q PX 84405 OF 29 MAY NOT TO ALL REFERS

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INFO-ACTION: MT GROUP

IN ABOVE TPT RESPECTIVELY TO CIVITAVZCHIA

ON ROUTE AND FLOORHOLE (.)

(3) (.) 462 LAD WHEN COMPLETELY EQUIPPED WILL MOVE

SOONEST UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM TRANI TO

FLOORHOLE TO REJOIN 222 TPT COY AND COME UNDER

COMMAND ALGOM ON ARRIVAL (.)

(4) (.) AFHQ FY 84105 OF 29 MAY NOT TO ALL REFERS

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FROM: LAMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : SD 2724

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FOR INFO FOLLOWING PROSPECTIVE MOVES AND CHANGES OF COMD

ARE ADVISED (.)

(1) LAMIA TO V A COMBAT GP TO ARE... R I K I N I
SHORTLY (.)

(2) 331 ITALIAN RE HOSPITAL BY RD SOUTHWEST FROM
R... P D A TO F O R L I OPERATIONAL COY A L C O M
LOCAL AREA DISTON E (.)

(3) 222 ITALIAN TPT COY AC BY RD 301 AY FROM T R A N I
FROM UNDER COLD DISTON E TO F L O R E N C E
TO UNDER COLD A L C O M (.) 462 ITALIAN L A D (.)
ATT THIS COY WILL MOVE SOUTHWEST IN OWN TPT FROM T R A N I
TO F L O R E N C E WHEN FULLY EQUIPPED (.)

(4) R COMPELL, 313 TPT COLNS (.) MOVE IN 222 ITALIAN
TPT COY TPT FROM T R A N I TO

F L O R E N C E (.)

(5) 40 ITALIAN UNDER V... THERMAN COY PASSED FROM UNDER COY D

8 JULY TO UNDER COY DISTON E TPT 35

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FROM UNDER COLO DISPERSED TO FLORENCE
 TO UNDER COLO ALCOLO (.) 462 ITALIAN LAD (AC)
 ATT THIS COY WILL MOVE SOONEST H ON TPT FROM T R A N I
 TO FLORENCE WHEN FULLY EQUIPPED (.)

(4) H COMDALL, 313 TPT COLNS (AC) MOVE IN 222 ITALIAN

TPT COY TPT FROM T R A N I TO

FLORENCE (.)

(5) 40 ITALIAN AT R V. THERMAN COY PASSED PM UNDER COLO

SADY TO UNDER COLO DISTONL MAY 25 MAY

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FROM: DISTONE

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TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
201 SUB AREA

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INFO: AFHQ CITE FREQOT
HEAR 8 ARMY
EAD MOVES
58 ELU
MIA
214 SUB AREA : PW INCOR 21 TK BDE: 71 SUB AREA.

REF : SD 46

22.

REF MAIN 8 ARMY SD 2299 OF 26 MAY (*)

MANTOVA COMBAT GP MOVING SHORTLY TO AREA
RIMINI (*) REQUEST 218 ITALIAN PD BAKERY BE
MOVED TO THAT AREA WITH REF AHEAD TO 214 SUB AREA

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY FRONT

TO : DISTONE

INFO: ALCOM
MMA
15 ARMY GROUP
REAR 8 ARMY
EASTMOVES

REF : FX 83913

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IMPORTANT

REFERENCE YOUR SD/13 OF 28 MAY (*)

331 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL WILL MOVE BY ROAD SOONEST
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTONE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH EASTMOVES FROM RADDI TO
FGR I OPERATIONAL COMMAND ALCOM LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION DISTONE (*) ON ARRIVAL
REPORT TO LOCAL AEG AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION

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FROM : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY 26 1720 B
 TO : 301 SUB AREA CONFIDENTIAL
 INFO : AFHQ
 56 BLU
 DISTONE
 MSIA
 REAR EIGHT ARMY
 REF : SD 2299

IN CONJUNCTION ST REAR EIGHT ARMY
 MOVE 31.5 ITALIAN PD BRY
 SOONEST TO UNDER OP COMD AFHQ LOCAL
 ADM DISTONE AT RADDA FOR
 MANTOVA COMBAT OP

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FROM : 5th ARMY

TO : ACTION 211 SUB AREA
AND 216 SUB AREAINFO : AFHQ 15 ARMY GP,
DISTONE,
GP DISTWO,
FWD DISTWO,
REAR DISTWO,
MMIA,
ALCOM AND 57 AREA

REF : 4496

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ROUTINE

SD 1311 (.) 1 (.) FOR 211 SUB AREA (.) REQUEST YOU
ORDER MOVE 470 AND 522 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITALS 1 JUNE
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV FLORENCE AND MOV THIS HQ FROM
CAFFAGIOLA MAP REFERENCE Q8390 TO TURIN AND
G E N O A RESPECTIVELY, TPT^{to be} SUPPLIED BY G4 BMIT THIS
HQ (.) 2 (.) FOR 216 SUB AREA. ORDER MOVE HQ AND 1
PLATOON 1 ITALIAN M A C FROM B O L O G N A TO
T U R I N AND 1 PLATOON TO G E N O A (.) 3 (.)
ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND A L O O N
LOCAL ADMIN DISTWO (.) UPON REACHING DESTINATION ABOVE
UNITS WILL CONTACT LOCAL AND AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION (.)

UNDER ARRANGEMENTS NOV FLORENCE AND NOV TERN AND
 CAPPAGIOLA MAP REFERENCE Q8390 TO TERN AND
 GENOA RESPECTIVELY, TPT SUPPLIED BY G4 BRIT THIS
 HQ (.) 2 (.) FOR 216 SUB AREA ORDER MOVE HQ AND 1
 PLATOON 1 ITALIAN MAC FROM BOLOGNA TO
 TERN AND 1 PLATOON TO GENOA (.) 3 (.)
 ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND ALCOM
 LOCAL ADMIN DISTWO (.) UPON REACHING DESTINATION ABOVE
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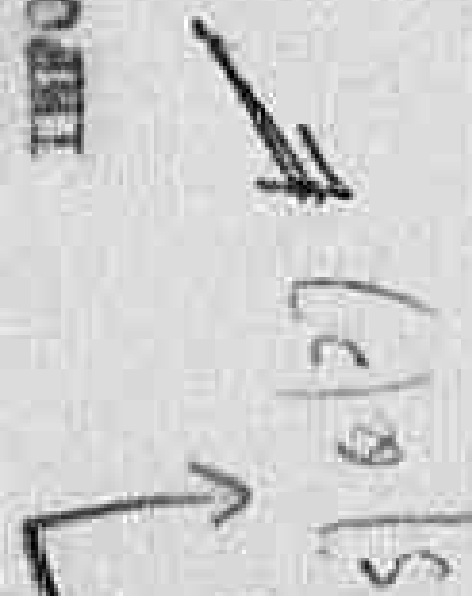
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FROM : MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : SD 2718

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318 ITALIAN PD BAKERY STRENGTH 1 OFFR 32 ORS 2 VEH3
MOVES BY ROAD SOONEST UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 8 ARMY FROM
UDINE TO RADD A FOR MANTOVA GP TO
UNDER OF COMD AFHQ LOCAL ADM COMD DISTONB

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G-5 AFHQ FOR ACTION TO ALCOE FOR INFO

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M.M.I.A.
16/28
SIGNALS

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Displaced persons in north east ITALY are finding the greatest difficulty in extracting from 8 ARMY or number ONE DISTRICT the Italian military assistance granted under your PX 72728 of 8 May. Grateful if you will give immediate instructions that the requisite numbers be supplied without delay. Failure to do so will ensure breakdown in disposal of displaced persons.

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: 151 SUB AREA FROM HOWARD

TO: ~~MAIA~~INFO: 4 US CORPS
HQ PIERMONT

REF: R 1

B A U M A N RETURNING SUNDAY NIGHT WITH ALL DETAILS
UP TO 25 MAY OF T R A B U C C H I CASE AND PROTECTED
ENLISTMENT OF PARTISANS (.) REFERENCE T R A B U C C H I
/ P R A C O R M G I PERSUADED GENERAL C A D O R R A
LAST NIGHT TO ISSUE ORDER TO ALL NORTH ITALY PARTISANS
COMMANDS CONFIRMING THE FUNCTIONS OF ALL ITALIAN
ARMY TERRITORIAL COMMANDS AND REQUESTING THEIR CO-
OPERATION (.) COPIES OF THIS ORDER ARE BEING SENT TO
TERRITORIAL COMMANDS AND TO ALL REGIONAL COMMITTEES OF
NATIONAL LIBERATION (.) I CONSIDER THIS ORDER
SATISFACTORILY ENDORSES TAKING OVER LEGALITY TERRITORIAL
COMMANDS AND WILL SERVE TO CLEAR THE AIR CONSIDERABLY (.)

REVIEWING THE PERSONAL ATTITUDE OF GENERAL

T R A B U C C H I MY WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS (.)

AM RETURNING T U R I N (P) TOMORROW (.) PLEASE

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COMMANDS CONFIRMING THE FUNCTIONS OF ALL ITALIAN
ARMY TERRITORIAL COMMANDS AND REQUESTING THEIR CO-
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SATISFACTORILY ENDORSES TAKING OVER LEGALITY TERRITORIAL
COMMANDS AND WILL SERVE TO CLEAR THE AIR CONSIDERABLY (.)
REFERENCE THE PERSONAL ATTITUDE OF GENERAL
T R A B U C C H I MY WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS (.)
AM RETURNING T U R I N (?) TOMORROW (.) PLEASE
ADDRESS ALL FUTURE SIGNALS 151 SUB AREA FOR H O W A R D

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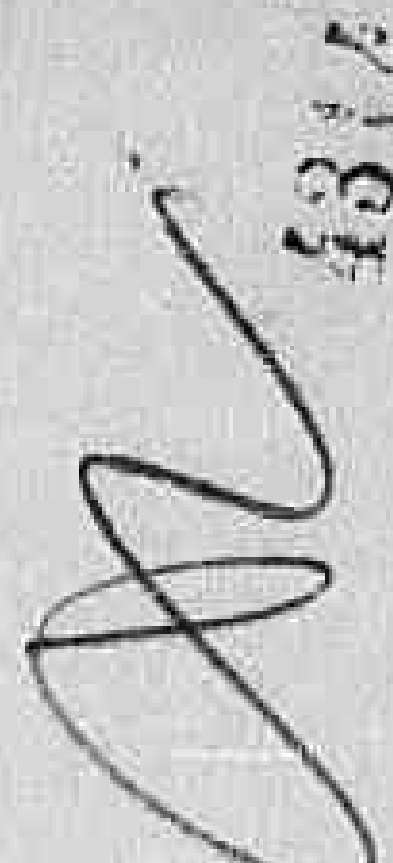
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TO : 8 ARMY
5 ARMYINFO: ALCOM
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15 ARMY GROUP
REAR HIGHWAY ARMY
WESTMOVES,
EASTMOVES.

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IMPORTANT

FOR 8 ARMY (.) FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE SOONEST UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN ARMY DISTONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH EASTMOVES (.)
THEY ARE 29 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL FROM CATPOLICA
TO VENICE (.) 519 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL FROM
RICCIONE TO MILAN (.) ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER
OPERATIONAL COMMAND ALCOM LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
8 ARMY DISTWO RESPECTIVELY (.)

FOR 5 ARMY (.) FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE SOONEST UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
5 ARMY AND DISTWO (.)

470 and 522 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITALS FROM PRESENT LOCATION TO
TURIN AND GENOA RESPECTIVELY (.) REGULAR OFFICERS
AND 1 PLATOON MAC WILL MOVE TURIN AND 1 PLATOON MAC TO
GENOA (.) ABOVE UNITS TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND ALCOM
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DISTWO (.) UPON REACHING DESTINATION ABOVE

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 LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DISTRO (.) UPON REACHING DESTINATION ABOVE
 UNITS WILL CONTACT LOCAL AMO AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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FROM : AFHQ FREEDOM Sgd BACKED CITE PHGOT
TO : DISTHRE
INFO : MEIA
RNF : FX 81824

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OUR FX 80650 DATED 23 MAY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:
OUR COY 501 ITALIAN GUARD BN WILL MOVE
BY RAIL 27 MAY FROM TARANTO TO NAPLES
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTHRE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH SOUTHEROV

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FROM : FREEDOM Sgd BAGMED
TO : MAIN S ARMY
INFO : 15 A GP,
DISTONE,
EMIA,
REAR,
ARMY.

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IMPORTANT

REF : PX 81929

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YOUR SD 2251 DATED 23 MAY REFERS (.)
318 (?) ITALIAN PD BATTERY STRAIGHT 1 OFFICER
32 GRS 2 VEHICLES WILL MOVE BY ROAD SCORSET UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS S ARMY FROM J D I N E TO R A D D A
FOR M A N T O V A GP TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND
A P H Q LOCAL ADMIN DISTONE

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REF 1200 HRS MAY 24 270 V a COMBAT OF GAMB
UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD DISTON R AS SDS
FOR SURRENDERED ARMY PERSONNEL

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TO : DISTONE

INFO : 15th ARMY GP
MAIN 8th ARMY
REAR 8th ARMY
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5th ARMY

REF : PX 61130

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MAIN 5 ARMY IN ERROR (.)

2 (.) REF PARA 2 (.) FOR 2 GUARD BDE READ 2 CDO BDE (.)
2 (.) FOR MAIN 8 ARMY FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE ABOVE
SIGNAL BEGINS (.)

(A) MAIN TO V A ITAL COMBAT OF COMES UNDER
OPERATIONAL COND D I S T O N E 4 AD 803 FOR SURRENDERED
ENEMY PERSONNEL (.)

(B) IT IS PROBABLE THAT 2 CDO BDN WILL REVEAL TO COMD
AFHQ FIRST WEEK JUNE (.) END

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1. 5 ARMY IN ERROR (.)

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 SIGNAL BEGINS (.)

(A) M AN T O V A ITAL COMBAT GP COMES UNDER
 OPERATIONAL COMD D I S T O N E AS GDS FOR SURRENDERED
 ENEMY PERSONNEL (.)

(B) IF IS PROBABLE THAT 2 CDO BDE WILL REVEAL TO COMD
 AFHQ FIRST WEEK JUNE (.) END

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TO : DISTONE

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1 (.) WEF 241200 B MAY E A H T O V A ITALIAN
COMBAT GP COMES UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD
D I S T O N E AS GUARDS FOR SUMMERED ENEMY
PERSONNEL (.)

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2 (.) IT IS PROBABLE THAT 2 GUARDS BDE WILL
REVERT TO COMD A F H Q FIRST WEEK JUNE

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE SIGCT
TO : DISTHREE
INFO: DMIA
REF : FX 80650

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ONE COY RPT ONE COY OF 601 ITALIAN GUARD BN
WILL MOVE BY ROAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
DISTHREE FROM TARANTO TO
NAPLES ON OR ABOUT 27th NPT 27th MAY
FOR TRAIN GUARD DUTIES (.) UNIT UNDER
OPERATIONAL COMD AFHQ LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
DISTHREE

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FROM: MAIN 8 ARMY

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TO : AFHQ

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INFO: 15 ARMY GP,
DISTONE,
MMIA,
REAR 8 ARMY

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RE 15 ARMY GP SD 1691 OF 21 (.)

1 (.) 216 ITALIAN PSU AND 104 ITALIAN MBU
ACCOMPANIED MANTOVA GP (.)

2 (.) 318 ITALIAN PD BRY AT UDINE

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FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP
TO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
INFO: AFHQ
DISTONE
PRIA
REF : SD 1651

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AFHQ FX 79012 CITE PRCT OF 20 MAY (.) REQUEST
YOU SIGNAL LOCATIONS 216 ITALIAN PSU 104 ITALIAN MOB
EU 318 ITALIAN FD BRY DIRECT TO AFHQ

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED BACKED WITH FHGT

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TO : 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO: 5 ARMY
8 ARMY
DISTONE
MMIA
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REF : FX 79012

FURTHER TO OUR FX 74930 OF 13 MAY THE FOLLOWING
AUXILIARY UNITS PASSED TO OPERATIONAL COMMAND
THIS H Co, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND DISTONE
WITH EFFECT FROM 1200 HRS 14 MAY (.)
216, 104 MOB BATH UNIT, 216 F D
BATTERY (.) REQUEST YOU SIGNAL DETAILS FOR
ANY MOVES REQUIRED

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FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

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TO : 5 ARMY
MAIN 8 ARMY
MOV BRIT INCR EASTMOVES

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INFO: AFHQ
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DISTONE
CP DISTWO
FWD DISTWO
5 ARMY REAR FOR BRIT INCR
50 BLU
53 BLU

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REF : SD 1657

REF MY SD 1627 OF 12 MAY 5 ARMY 1852/SD 1199 OF 15 MAY
AND MY 05589 OF 15 MAY NONE TO ALL (.)

FIRST (.) FRIULI AND FOLGORE COMBAT GROUPS
WILL MOVE COMPLETE FROM OP COMD 8 ARMY LOCAL
ADAIN DISTONE TO UNDER COMD 5 ARMY AT
DESTINATIONS GIVEN IN 5 ARMY 1852/SD 1199 OF 15 MAY
SECOND (.) RECCE PARTIES FROM BOTH GROUPS WILL REPORT TO
G4 BRIT INCREMENT 5 ARMY REAR
AT VERONA EARLIEST 16 MAY (.)

THIRD (.) MAIN BODY FRIULI COMBAT GROUP WILL START
MOVE 17 MAY (.) 462 GT COY EX 5 ARMY REPORTING
50 BLU 16 MAY FOR LEFT NON MOB PORTIONS AND 4

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MOVE 17 MAY (.) 462 GT COY EX 5 ARMY REPORTING
50 BLU 16 MAY FOR LEFT NON MOB PORTIONS AND 4
ADDITIONAL TPT PLATOONS EX 5 ARMY NOW REPORTING
53 BLU 17 MAY WITH COMPLETE LIFT OF FRIULI
18 MAY (.)

FOURTH (.) MAIN BODY FOLGORE COMBAT GROUP WILL
MOVE ON COMPLETION OF MOVE OF FRIULI COMBAT GROUP
IN TPT TO BE PROVIDED BY 5 ARMY (.)

FIFTH (.) MOVES IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
EASTMOVES AND BRIT INCR 5 ARMY (.)
SIXTH (.) FOR 8 ARMY (.) REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE REPLY
PARA 3 MY SD 1627 OF 12 MAY

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TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
CG 5 ARMY
DISTONE

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INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
REAR 8 ARMY
DISTWO
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REF : FX 75594

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FURTHER MY FX 74087 OF 12TH (.)

1 (.) REPORT EARLIEST WHETHER FOLLOWING ITALIAN
ARMY UNITS (WHERE UNDER YOUR COMMAND) CAN BE
RELEASED FROM SERVICE WITH COMBAT GROUPS TO
DEAL WITH P O WS AND DISPLACED PERSONS (.)
ONE ITALIAN M A C (.)

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ITALIAN EVACUATION HOSPITALS (.)

2 (.) REPLIES WILL STATE LOCATION AND EARLIEST DATES
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FROM: MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY

TO : MMIA ROME

REF : MM 540

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REF YOUR SD 2677 OF 13 MAY (.)
ONE (.) MAIN 288 DIV OPENS B A D U A 15 MAY (.)
R E A R H Q AND DEPOTS AT C E S E N A (.)
HAVE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH ADV H Q
U D I N E (.)
TWO (.) FURTHER MOVE AT PRESENT IMPRACTICABLE OWING TO
POLITICAL SITUATION V E N I C E , DESTRUCTION OF
P O BRIDGES, NO MOVE OF I T A L I A N S (?)
AUTHORIZED FORWARD OF V E N I C E , LACK OF TRANSPORT
AND IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF 8th A R M Y INTO
A U S T R I A (.)
THREE (.) ARMY L OF C WILL SHORTLY BE U D I N E
NORTHWARD (.) ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO SITE COMPLETE
DIV H Q THERE WHEN SITUATION CLARIFIES

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TO : 15 ARMY GP

INFO: 5 ARMY
8 ARMY
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PARA 1 (.) M A N T O V A COMBAT GP WILL COME
UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD THIS H Q WEF 1200 HRS
14 MAY REMAINING (?) PRESENT LOGU (.)
GP WILL REMAIN UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE COMD OF
D I S T O N E (.)
15 A R M Y G P SD 1627 OF 12 MAY REFERS (.)
PARA 2 (.) FOR D I S T W O (.)
REQUEST YOU SIGNAL EARLIEST IF YOU REQUIRE
M A N T O V A COMBAT GP IN NEAR FUTURE

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TO : 15 ARMY GP
8 ARMY
5 ARMY
ALCOM
DISTONE
DISTWO

INFO: DISTONE
MMIA
PENBASE

REF : FX 74087

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PARA 1 (.) PROBLEM OF ITALIAN EX PW REFUGEES AND DISPLACED
PERSONS IN NORTH ITALY EVEN GREATER THAN ALCOM PREVIOUSLY
ANTICIPATED (.) PARA 2 (.) FURTHER ITALIAN MILITARY
ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED AND CEILING OF 4500 ITALIAN
MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM COMBAT FORMATIONS AND UNITS
AUTHORISED IN OUR FX 72728 OF 8 MAY IS RAISED TO 6000 (.)
PARA 3 (.) CONDITIONS FOR 6000 CEILING WILL BE IDENTICAL
TO THOSE CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS CABLE

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INFO: DISTHREE
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PARA ONE (.) ALLIED COMMISSION ALREADY EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH ITALIAN ?? EX POW REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN NORTH ITALY AND MUST FACE MUCH LARGER NUMBERS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE (.) ITALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND GRANTED UP TO A CEILING OF 4500 ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM COMBAT FORMATIONS AND UNITS (.) PARA TWO (.) ARMIES DISTRICTS AND BASE SECTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALLIED COMMISSION ITALIAN ARMY COMBAT UNITS WITH THEIR COMMANDS AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THE INCREASED WORK AS IT DEVELOPS (.) PARA THREE (.) SUCH UNITS WILL BE ON TEMPORARY ATTACHMENT ONLY UNTIL THE COMMITMENT HAS DECREASED AND CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ALLIED COMMISSION NORMAL DISPLACED PERSONS ORGANISATIONS (.) ALLIED COMMISSION ARE AUTHORIZED TO DEAL DIRECT WITH ALL COMMANDS IN THIS THEATRE IN THIS MATTER (.) PARA FOUR (.) ALLIED COMMISSION WILL ENSURE THAT DEMANDS PLACED DO NOT EXCEED THE 4500 CEILING AUTHORIZED (.) PARA FIVE (.) ALCOM 7115 OF 6 MAY REFERS

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TO : FOR ACTION AFBA

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PARA ONE (.) REFERENCE MIA SIGNAL SD/2858 of 5 MAY (.)

PARA TWO (.) SUBJECT PROVISION OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL FOR
DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNING POW (.)

PARA THREE (.) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO LESS THAN 4270 ITALIAN OFFICERS
AND MEN BE PROVIDED TO HANDLE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY OF DEALING WITH AN
ESTIMATED ONE MILLION DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNING POW UNCONFIRMED REPORT
FROM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS STATES THAT 76,000 HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN
B O L Z A N O MOST STRONGLY URGE THAT 15 ARMY GROUP BE ORDERED TO PROVIDE
THIS TOTAL FROM ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES NOW ATTACHED TO THEM SUGGEST 1/2
ARTILLERY REGIMENT (S) WOULD SUIT PURPOSE (.)

PARA FOUR (.) IN VIEW URGENCY SUGGEST THAT RESTRICTION OF ERI - ITI
PERSONNEL BEING PROVIDED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT BE WAIVED IN THIS
INSTANCE (.)

PARA FIVE (.) MIA STATE THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND OR
EMPOWERED TO SAY HOW MANY TROOPS UNDER COMMAND OF 15 ARMY GROUP ARE EMPLOYED (.)

PARA SIX (.) REQUEST IMMEDIATE DECISION (.)

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SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Troops Outside Italy.

TO: President, Allied Commission
President, Allied Commission For: Land Forces Sub-Commission, 1211A
Commanding General, 15th Army Group, APO 777
Headquarters Fifth Army British Increment *
Headquarters Eighth Army
General Officer Commanding, Number 1 District
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1. Reference is made to letter, MTIA file G/6 dated 10 April 1945.
2. The following general policy has been established regarding the employment of Italian troops outside Italy:
 - a. Restraint will be observed in the use of Italian troops in VENEZIA GIULIA.
 - b. The following exceptions to the above policy will be authorized:
 - (1) Use of TRIESTE by Italian naval vessels and employment of Italian personnel at that port.
 - (2) Such other employment of Italian personnel in the immediate area of the Allied L of C into AUSTRIA as, for military reasons, might be unavoidable.
3. British Headquarters and units to which Italian troops are attached will shed such personnel at a suitable time before entry into AUSTRIA.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: G/6
10 April 45.

To: AFHQ (2)
through A.C. (1 copy for retention)

I wish to raise the question of the employment of Italian Forces outside Italy.

1.

The immediate problem concerns EIGHT Army.

2.

(a) Today, four Italian Combat Grps (approx. 10,000 each) are committed. The fifth moves into the operational area in the next few days.

Presumably these groups will remain in ITALY for internal security.

(b) This Combat Force has an authorised strength of 50,000 plus a reinforcement holding of 11,250.

There are in additions -

(4) The proposed force of five patriot recce battalions - ceiling 2,500.

(ii) The proposed GARIBOLDI Regt - veterans of the YUGOSLAVIA Campaign - which might well prove a steady influence in ITALY - suggested ceiling 2,700.

3. 44,000 Service Troops in the national categories BR-ITI and US-ITI are also employed in the Army Areas and are directly under command of the Army concerned.

(a) 27,000 of these are BR-ITI.

(1) 11,000 serve EIGHT Army - including 31 Pioneer Companies (6,700 personnel).

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(i) 11,000 serve EIGHT Army - including 31 Pioneer Companies (6,700 personnel).

(ii) 16,000 are now under command FIFTH Army (Br Incr), 10,566 of these are authorised for labour.

(iii) There are 14 BR-ITI Pack Transport Companies serving in the Army Areas - each 500 strong - a total of 7,000 Muleteers.

(b) The remaining 17,000 are US-ITI and are under command FIFTH Army. The Engineer Combat Group for example, has an authorised strength of 1362. There are 15 Pack Transport Companies each on a T/O of 400 all ranks, a total of 6,000 Italian soldiers.

(c) There are in addition a proportion of hospitals and Adm installations some of which are in the ITI-ITI Category. These, however, except for the Guard Bns. are under command of the Army for local Adm only.

I do not know how EIGHT Army would be affected operationally if the Italian Service Troops did not accompany it across the border into

4. Austria.

5. The international aspect is of importance. If Italian

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Forces, co-belligerents, cross the border and assist in conquering and occupying enemy country, a political handle might be given to the Italian Government. If it is essential that Italian manpower be made available to the Allies outside Italian borders it may be considered desirable to take the risk of greater demands being made by ITALY at the Peace Treaty, the general outline of which may of course have already been arranged.

6.

(a) The size and composition of the Italian Army after the war is a further factor. The date by which the new army is to be implemented is the governing factor, and whether Italian soldiers could remain operating outside ITALY at that time.

(b) Control of the Army will no doubt be handed over to the Italian Government again, but the question remains whether we or ITALY should maintain a large number of Italian soldiers outside the country - perhaps for some time.

7.
an early answer.

As this matter is imminent I would greatly appreciate

(Signed)

L. BROWNING.

Maj. Gen.
M.M.I.A.

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