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Q/1 Maintenance Survey
opened Oct. 31, 1943 - Closed July 23, 1944
Oct. 1943. July 1944

Subject - Polish Corps Daily Maintenance.

SECRET

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

1022/3/Q1B
23 Jul 44.

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The attached copy of POLCORPS letter 3287/Q dated 20 Jul 44, giving their rail maintenance programme for the period 31 Jul - 6 Aug inclusive is passed to you for necessary action.

Admiral
Brigadier. May
D.Q.M.G.

Passed to the ACC

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When do we come in?

Subject: Rail Tonnage Programme

SECRET

REAR HQ 2 POLISH CORPS

3297/Q

20 Jul 44

HQ AAI (10)

Copy to: - Mov AAI (3)
 - No. 2 District
 - 60 Sub Area
 - MOVEIT
 - Mov ORTONA

Polish Corps (interval)
 - CPE
 - CSO
 - Q (M) (3)
 - S & P
 - ORD
 - 26 BLU
 - AMQ

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For 2 Polish Corps - Pack No. 13 to ORTONA.

Rail Tonnage Programme for the period 31 Jul - 6 Aug 44
 attached at Appx 'A'.

Appx 1.

W. W. W.
 for Lieutenant General
 Commander 2 Polish Corps

Ser No		ORTONA	AMCONA	TOTAL
1	Sups	127 1/2	180 xx	307 1/2
2	FOL bulk	14 1/3 x)		14 1/3
3	Ann	300		300
4	Cré Stores (incl Sig)	50		50
5	RE Stores		80 xxx)	80
6	AMG			
TOTAL		491 5/6	260	751 5/6

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- MOVEIT
- Mov ORTONA

Polish Corps - CPE
(internal) - CSO
- 3 (M) (3)
- 3 4 7
- ORD
- 26 ELL
- AMG

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APPX 1.

for Lieutenant General
Commander 2 Polish Corps

Ser No	ORTONA	ANCONA	TOTAL
1	Sups	12742	180 xx)
2	FOL bulk	1443 x)	30742
3	AMM	300	1443
4	Ord Stores (incl Sig)	50	300
5	RE Stores	80 xxx)	50
6	AMG		80
T O T A L	491 5/6	250	751 5/6

x) + AMG as available

xx) AMG by see

xxx) by see

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Industry & Commerce Sub Commission

Ref. IC/10

Bari 25 April 44

Subject:- Soap production Lecce Province.

To:- Director Industry & Commerce Sub Commission
H.Q. Allied Control Commission C.M.F.

1. Letter of 17 April 44 forwarding AQ/1 of 14 Apr. 44 from EMIA refers.
2. It is noted that Ditta SAPONIFICIO RISORGIMENTO has produced since last December 500 Qli/month for the Italian Army and it is learnt that negotiations for a further six month's contract at the same rate are almost completed.
3. It would appear, therefore, that a considerable quantity of soap in BULK has hitherto been supplied to the Italian Ministry of War, amounting to 50% of the stated washing soap requirements.
4. A contract for 1500 Qli of soap for delivery May-September to the Regia Aeronautica is also under consideration. It is understood that the caustic soda is to be supplied in liquid form from the Naples area.
5. It was further noted that soap awaiting d/y is in part packed in British or American fibreboard cartons.

[Signature]
R.O. Wilson

Major R.A.

L.O. Industry & Commerce Apulia

Copies to:

Army Sub-Commission ACC

Prov. Comm. ACC, Bari for S.I.O. Apulia ✓

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FILMED AS FOUND
IN COLLECTION

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SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF BLACK ARMED

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Main HQ (M.L.)
LONDON (L-1000)
AS/L

1 Apr 64.

Industry & Commerce Sub Commission, A.C.C.

1. The policy as laid down by AFHQ is that the Italian Armed Forces will NOT be maintained from Allied sources except in the following particulars:

- (a) Substances - (Sole 'A' and Sole 'B' regions.)
- (b) Medical Supplies.
- (c) Clothing and certain personal equipment.
- (d) Fuel (Coal, Petrol, Oil Etc.)

2. All other commodities, therefore, have to come from local Italian resources. This is at present being done in the case of wine, tobacco, olive oil and some other items.

3. Many commodities held in military stores are wearing, extinction and in particular, mending, shoring and bullet soap, razor blades and black boot polish. The Italian Ministry of War is unable to obtain supplies in bulk from local resources, and it is not desirable for the Italian Armed Forces to be maintained on the basis of purchases in local shops.

4. By this Sub Commission please be informed that machinery exists whereby BUX allocations of such commodities can be made from local industry to the Italian Ministry of War, and how far this is possible also in GANDARA and SUCHIA.

5. Appendix 'A' shows the monthly estimated requirements of the Italian Armed Forces for soap, razor blades and black boot polish. Estimate for other requirements will be forwarded as and when they become necessary.

Enc. 1/1.

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

copy 101 H.Q. IAI (Adm Bch.)
H.Q. MCC

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- (a) Substances - (Sole 'A' and Sole 'B' systems.)
- (b) Medical supplies.
- (c) Clothing and on land personal equipment.
- (d) Fuel (Coal, Petrol, Oil Etc.)

2. All other commodities, therefore, have to come from local Italian resources. This in at present being born in the case of wine, tobacco, olive oil and some other items.

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4. May this Sub Commission please be informed that machinery exists whereby UNR allotments of such commodities can be made from local industry to the Italian Ministry of War, and how far this is possible also in GREECE and SICILY.

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Wm. J. H.

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

copy to: E.C. 141 (Adm. Sec.),
E.C. 142
CEN, USA.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS.

Appendix 'A' to AQ/1.
dat Apr 44.

ITALIAN ARMED FORCES,	Washing Soap at 200 gr per man.	Toilet Soap at 200 gr per man.	Razor Blades at 2 per man.	Black Boost polish at 100 gr per man.
MAINLAND 300,000	cli. 600	cli. 600	600,000	cli. 300
SARDINIA 170,000	" 340	" 340	340,000	" 170
SICILY 30,000	" 60	" 60	60,000	" 30
TOTAL :	" 1,000	" 1,000	1,000,000	" 500

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bvs.FJA.

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ARMY FORM 6200 (Rev. 8-58)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
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Ext. Action FATIMA for OFFENHAUER			Office Date Stamp AD 1/1	
(W) For Information (INFO)			Message Instructions GR	
Originator's No. AQ 870 (*) ref. your letter of 18 Mar (*) Subject is ITI Gen Tpt Cops (*) Two ops Preserved Heat should be issued by Allied Employing Service presumably same under arrangements by FATIMA (*) Additional pay for such units is ITI responsibility				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE DESTROYED IF IT IS NOT REPRODUCED OR TRANSMITTED TO THE ADDRESSEE IN THE MESSAGE CENTER OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS, EXCEPT BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY MESSAGE CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315 4590				

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Subject: Italian G.T. Coys

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L.O.
Army Sub Commission (ACC)
HQ A.C.C.

18 Mar 44.

To: Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main HQ (MEIA)
Lequile (LEQUE)

MILITARY MESSAGE

Date 27 Mar 44

Ref your AQ/1 of 8 Mar:

The 21st and 22nd Q.M. Truck Coys (Italian) under comd Region III are only receiving 5 lire a day. Italian HQ are willing to pay 20 lire a day only to those drivers who actually drive on any particular day. All other personnel are being paid 5 lire per day.

As these Coys are working a 24 hour shift and cover ground in the combat zone, it is desirable that they should go on to the higher rate of pay.

They are not receiving the additional 2000 P.Meat as to date they have been fed by PBS, to their entire satisfaction. Will they be entitled to this increase as from 25 Mar, when they will be fed by the Italians? if so, should the 2000 be issued by A.C.C. their employing formation?

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S.D. James Cpt
Lt Col
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

Answer will be sent from Rome

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Subject:- Works Services - Italian Army

File

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/1
20 Mar 66

HQ No 2 District

Copy to SOPE, MMIA

Reference your 1468/703 of 22 Mar.

1. Requests for the execution of works services for the Italian Army are unlikely and in any event it is not thought that they would be large.

2. A monthly request for certain essential stores is made to AAI Ada Ech after a preliminary check through in this HQ. This demand is only for items required for work on essential jobs i.e. repair of hospitals etc and which are not available in Italian hands.

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Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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TO MMIA

SUBJECT: Works Services - Italian Army

HQ No.2 District
CMF

1468/70 Q

22 Mar 44.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.G.

1. AAI (Adm Ech) have envisaged the possibility of assistance being requested by you in the provision of Engineer Stores and the execution of Works Services required by the Italian Army.
2. AAI (Adm Ech) are of the opinion that it should be very exceptional for Allied resources to be called on to meet Italian Army requirements. Exceptions may arise in the case of Italian combat units during their period of assembly.
3. It is understood that AAI (Adm Ech) are preparing an instruction defining the policy regarding Works Services for the Italian Army. Will you kindly let this HQ know what are your views on this matter, as they will be of assistance to RE Services in 2 District in implementing the instruction under issue.

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R.D. Foster
Lieut. Col.
Colonel,
Col i/c Adm.

Copy to: CE - ref 1104/NEW dated 14 Mar.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 10/11 - 29 Mar 44.

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- 1001 (Italian) ST Coy

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Liaison Officer,
Army Sub Commission, ACC
S/o 2 District
Ref: MF/106
11 MAR 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC
REQUITE (LEONE)

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File
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Ref your AQ/1 of 8 MAR 44.

I have contacted Maj KNIGHT ACC, Regional
Pool officer, BARI, who controls 1001 ST Coy.

He is going to apply for the issue of
extra F.Meal as laid down to be made from British
sources to the coy, through 63 D.I.D., BARI.

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He will also produce a certificate to the
effect that 1001 Coy has been working on his behalf
since 1 MAR 44 upon receipt of which IX CORPS will
arrange for the payment of the extra 20 Lire per day
to the personnel of the coy.

MILITARY MISSION

12 MAR 44

[Signature]

Capt.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

✓
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SECRET--REFUGEE

Army Sub Commission A.M.,
U.S.A.A.),
U.S. 3rd. Italian Corps,
Milan.

1 Mar 44.

Ref: G.S.

AG/1

1.3. Italian Corps.

Your message no. 04/1121 of 6 Mar 44 refers.

It is regretted that your 503 Regt. Commander issued 200 ration to the refugees at CARROVILLARY without obtaining prior authority.

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Further it has become evident that A.S.C. Allied officials, referees and others are not making proper arrangements for the feeding, housing and transport of refugees and are then turning to your Corps for assistance.

In order to clarify your position, please advise your officers that this is the procedure to be adopted for assistance to refugees:-

(a). Transport.

Transport will only be supplied on demand from an A.C.C. Allied official. If you think the demand is not justified, refer to the A.C.C. In all cases the A.C.C. officer forwarding the transport will make provision for P.O.L. in advance and not on request of it.

(b). Food.

Food will not be supplied under any circumstances without prior authority of your C.M.A. or Ministry of War.

(c). Housing.

Where refugees are required to be billeted for one or two nights all assistance should be given to accommodate them in any Corps building for any permanent stay, wooden hut which are no longer required by you should be placed at their disposal. These huts remain the property of the Army.

(d). In principle the Corps should assist wherever possible but the Corps are not to be imposed upon by people whose job it is to look after refugees.

Please arrange with A.C.C. 30002A for the return of the rations issued to refugees at CARROVILLARY.

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the refugees at ARVN 303 Regt. Commander issued 200 letters to

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Army.

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Corps are not to be imposed upon by people whose job it is to look after

refugees.

Please arrange with A.C.C. for the return of the refugees

issued to refugees at Camputilla.

Copy to: S.M.A. ✓

A.C.C. Section 2.

U.Y.J.

Major.

Johnston

Major.

Copy to: S.M.A. ✓

A.C.C. Section 2.

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SUBJECT: Italian Transport Coys.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILS (LACUX)
AQ/1
7 Mar 44.

MMIA LO with 2 District.
MMIA LO with HQ, ACMF (ALMICH)

1. It is not known here whether Italian GT Coys. e.g. 1001 GT Coy
PBS Truck Coy are receiving ; -

- (a) 20 lire per day extra - from Italian sources,
- (b) 2 oz. P. Meat - from Allied sources.

2. Will you please investigate and report findings to this HQ as
soon as possible.

tvs.

John, Capt
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJ: Italian Service Corps

Acting Chief of Staff, A.C.C. (3)

File: 7-8-82
 Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 Gen. H. (MIA)
 LUNELLI (LUNELLI)
 AGM.

Feb 41.

1. Marshall MESS has recently that, as a fundamental policy, the Canada Supreme attached great importance to each of the three arms taking a fair proportionate share in supplying men for Post Labour.

The Navy, at present, supply a nominal 1,000 at BAHUENI, ^{and} being asked, through H.C. Z.A.L.I., to examine the feasibility of supplying a further 7,500 for Post Labour at BAHUENI and TUBARO, in addition to 2,000 truck drivers and 2,000 assorted specialists for dock operation and construction.

The Air Force have had until recently some 5,000 men engaged in Post Labour in BAHU, but within the last fortnight this figure has shrunk to some 2,000 as a result of airmen being released to meet heavy commitments for new Air requirements undertaken by the Air Division, A.C.C.

Air Commander ROGER is counting on the eventual total relief by Military of the Air Force Labour in BAHU in order to fulfil his programme. This runs counter to Marshall MESS's policy, and I am now discussing with him the possibility of meeting one requirement without jeopardising the other, either by drawing more heavily on Air Force resources in SARDINIA, or by re-evaluating cancelled airmen junior to the 1942 class.

2. Marshall MESS also raised the question of shipping facilities between SARDINIA and the Mainland, in connection with which he has asked for S.C. "CONTRIBUTOR" to be released from its present duties. As a corollary to this I attach at Agst. 11, extract from a letter from Air Commander MESS regarding S.C. "CONTRIBUTOR".

At the present moment I believe that certain Italian civilians have been allocated for this service, but I understand these are capable of transporting men only, and cannot cope with vehicles, heavy equipment or artillery. Furthermore, the A.C.C. S./MARCO Shipping Programme is planned for lifting 10,000 Military per month, without provision for Air Force requirements, which will have to be added.

3. It would, therefore, appear that early co-ordination between the Navy, Army and Air Sub Commissions of A.C.C. is necessary to establish

(a) the proportion of Post Labour to be supplied by each of the Italian Services.

(b) what additional shipping facilities can be provided from SARDINIA, and what status of personnel, if any, can be provided to be

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The Air Force have had until recently some 2,000 men engaged in Port Labour in BARI, but within the last fortnight this figure has shrunk to some 2,000 as a result of aircraft being released to meet heavy contingents for new Air requirements indicated by the Air Division, A.C.C.

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3. It would, therefore, appear that early co-ordination between the Navy, Army and Air Sub Committees of A.C.C. is necessary to establish:

- (a) the proportion of Port Labour to be supplied by each of the Italian Services.
- (b) that additional shipping facilities can be provided from SARDINIA.
- (c) revised figures of Army and Air Force personnel and material to be moved co-ordinately on the basis of the shipping available.

4. Further co-ordination on the same level is necessary to ensure that:

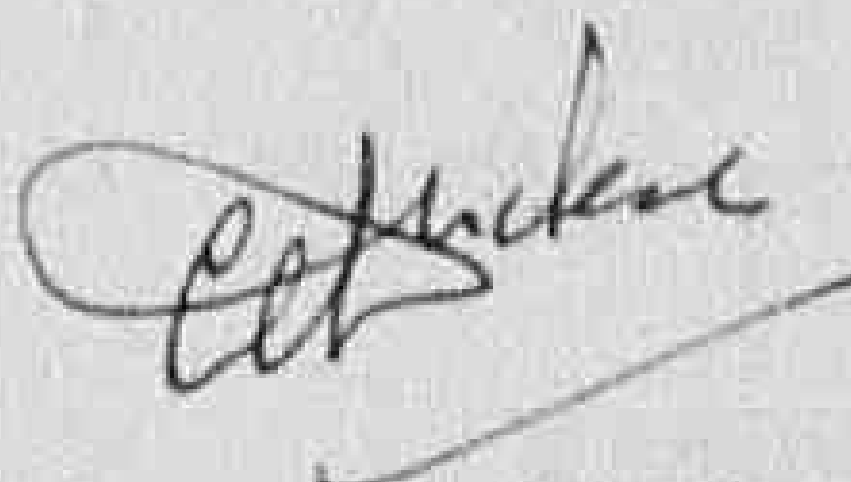
- (a) the fullest possible use is made of Italian manpower in all three Services.
- (b) the various suggested measures, including re-mobilisation and voluntary enlistment or re-enlistment, do not result in the total nation-rolling of the combined Services being overstepped.

ARMY have laid down a ceiling of 500,000 to cover Army, Navy and Air Force on the mainland, and in SARDINIA, SARDINIA and CORSIKA. It appears from Marshal MESSER's figures attached at Annex 'B' that these Services totalled 520,000 on 1 Jan. This figure is being progressively reduced by estimated demobilisation and the various forms of leave and may be expected to be in the region of 500,000 when the next returns are collected. In any case there seems little room for re-mobilisation or new enlistment within this ceiling.

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I suggest a conference of the three Sub-Commissions concerned to determine the Service strengths necessary to cover the tasks set to each.



Brigadier
Army Sub Com, A.C.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Extract from Air Div A.C.C. letter
to HQIA of 4 Feb ref 606/39

For meeting the increasing operational activities of the I.A.F. the transfer from SARDINIA of 600 men, 100 vehicles including mobile workshops, and 300 tons of technical and general stores, belonging to bomber and fighter units recently flown across to S. ITALY, is an urgent need. Furthermore, to compete with the large substitution programme under which Allied Air Forces are being provided with 7 to 10 thousand I.A.F. personnel of all trades, some three thousand or more NCO's and OR's are needed from the surplus numbers now in SARDINIA.

Thus both the Italian Army and Air Force are in serious need of the transport for men and equipment from SARDINIA. In mid-January I enquired if an Italian ship, the S.S. Cherso, could be made available to bring these reinforcements from SARDINIA and Rear Admiral McGregor (F.O.T.A.L.I.) was good enough to ask the Mediterranean Shipping Board in his TCC.121619 of 19th January if this ship could be allotted for 3 lifts from SARDINIA to TARANTO. I assume that his representations were not successful, as no more has been heard of this proposal.

I suggest that we should again ask for sea transport, and that, in the event of shipping being allotted, the Italian Army and Air Force could come to a mutual agreement on the division of tonnage between the two forces. If in the interim the Mediterranean Board authorise the use of the Cherso for Air Force purposes as recommended by F.O.T.A.L.I. I will of course undertake that a good proportion of the tonnage required by the Italian Army is made available to HQIA.

COMANDO SUPREMO
Ufficio Operazioni

ALLEGATO 1 al foglio n. 10497
del 20 gennaio 1944

FF. AA. ITALIANE

ALLA DATA DEL 1° GENNAIO 1944 (1)

(forza presente)

ZONA	E.SERCITO	R. MARINA	R. AERONAUTICA	TOTALI
PENISOLA				
Calabria	36,000	500		36,500
Puglia e Inconia	117,000	31,000	23,500	171,500
Campania	30,000	8,000		38,000
Totale Penisola	183,000	39,500	23,500	246,000
ISOLE				
Sardegna	215,000	10,000	9,500	234,500
Sicilia	21,000			21,000
Corsica	6,000			6,000
Totale Isole	242,000	10,000	9,500	261,500
EQUIPAGGI NAVI DA GUERRA				
		32,500		32,500
Totale Generale	425,000	82,000	33,000	540,000

(1) - compresi CC. RR. e R.O.F. in servizio territoriale;

CC. RR. R.O.F.

ZONA	R. ESERCITO	R. MARINA	RAZIONARIA	TOTALI
PENISOLA				
Calabria	36,000	500	-	36,500
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Campania	30,000	8,000	-	38,000
Totale Penisola	183,000	39,500	23,500	246,000
ISOLE				
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Sicilia	21,000	-	-	21,000
Corsica	5,000	-	-	5,000
Totale Isole	242,000	10,000	9,500	261,500
EQUIPAGGI NAVI DA GUERRA				
	-	32,500	-	32,500
Totale Generale	425,000	82,000	33,000	540,000
(1) - compresi CC. RR. e R.O.F. in servizio territoriale:				
	CC. RR.	R.O.F.		
Penisola	14,000	5,800		
Sicilia	10,000	-		
Sardegna	7,000	1,200		
Totale	31,000	7,000		

Movements/Misc Units

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151 Sub Area
259/10 Q

27 Dec 43

Military Mission to Italian Army

1. Reference your AQ/1 dated 26 Nov 43.
2. (a) The Allied Air Forces have no objection to the movement of Artillery. Tools and automobile spares if still in existence will be required by the Air Force authorities.
- (b) The office furniture is at present being used by the British Unit now in occupation and is therefore not available.
- (c) Nothing of any value remains in the Pastore Bks.
3. It is noted that materials are to be moved to RUDI.

This place is required for occupation by British Troops and before agreeing to this full details of accommodation requirements must be given to this HQ.

HY/43

J. Myaton

Maj Gen

SC
From 16 SNARE to 14/10/43
Note page

Col Command 4579

3. Agent Pend. Draw a 7 day letter
and may move to 14/12.
Later info. The Italian Army
would then stay already.

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SUBJECT: Labour PersonnelMilitary Mission to
Italian Army.

AO/1

15 Jan 44.

General ALBERTI
MINISTRY OF WAR.

I have been investigating the complaints listed in your letter of 4 Jan, reference 49/C with the following results : -

1 and 2. Enquiry at the Ports shows that employment on coal and supervision by coloured M.C.Os have never occurred at TARANTO, and ceased at other Ports over a month ago, in some cases earlier.

3. Every effort has been, and still is being made by local British Commanders to assist in improving accommodation, but it is emphasised that this is, and must remain, primarily an Italian responsibility. Conditions at TARANTO show what can be achieved by an Italian Commander with energy and initiative who keeps his subordinate officers alive to their responsibilities, and always works in the closest contact with the British Area and Labour commanders. His example might, with advantage, be followed in BARI and BRINDISI.

Moreover the position in BRINDISI has been made needlessly more difficult by the Italian Commander, who persisted in keeping accommodation vacant for large numbers of Naval personnel who failed to arrive.

4. Authority for the release from MATERA of 3 tons of straw for bedding was given in our message, SE/14 dated 12th Jan, of which one copy was addressed to the Ministry of War.

TVV/.

Brig
Genl.

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Subject: Volunteer Camp at RADURA.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.
I.O. Regt. Italian Corps.

10/12/43. Ref: -G.

M.C.I.A.

I am informed that the camp at RADURA is a voluntary camp
for youths of 18 years of age who wish to join the Italian Army.

The camp is being moved to VIBO VALENTIA.

need for possible use
if forced on them

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Geertz
Major.

Supreme Command
Office of Operations
No. 3867 OP

TRANSLATION

P.M. 151 18 December 1943

Note for the Liaison Office with the
Allied Control Commission

Referring to the request dated 17 of this month:

a) - Purpose of enrollment of volunteers: The establishment of "volunteer units" destined to work in collaboration with other units of the army.

For the instant companies are planned; the formation of battalions is not ruled out.

b) - Number enrolled: It has not been possible up to now to accept more than 3,000 requests from civilians because of the impossibility of clothing them.

Many soldiers under arms have presented a request to be enrolled in such units, hoping to be employed in combat; for example the entire "Benbo" division wishes to be put to use as soon as possible.

c) - Present system for allowances:

1. From the Act of Enrollment to the time of alerting the unit for active operations:

- a. Food rations equal to those fixed for all mobilized units.
 - b. Pay equal to one and a half times the normal (that is an increase of 50% for officers and sergeant-majors and twice the normal for non-commissioned officers and privates;
 - c. Family subsidies at the present rate.
- Conclusion: A simple private gets 9 Lire a day.
5 Lire a day in addition are paid his wife.
For every child 2 Lire a day.

2. From the moment the unit is alerted to take part in active operations:

- a. Supplement of food ration
 - b. Pay twice the normal (100% increase) for officers and sergeant-majors and three times the normal (increase of 200%) for non-commissioned officers and privates.
 - c. Doubling of family subsidy
- Conclusion: A simple private gets 13 Lire a day. An additional 16 Lire a day are paid his wife. For every child 2 Lire a day.

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3. On discharge all the volunteers will receive a monthly allowance and pay for every three months of service.

d) - No information on the economic treatment of volunteers recruited from the American 5th Army.

For the Commanding Officer

Lt. Col. Pietro Mellano

Signal Out to Flambo

Quile

Ref attached letter

Adm. 72

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1. I am most anxious to get them for part laborer bedding.
2. Estimate required for 4,500 men at PIRNOST 3 - Vans
3. Can this be obtained from the area relevant to Nations for forage?
4. Can it be subcontracted from all the units intended for under forage without starving the Rules
5. M & W have asked for + obtained from me anything for movement of 90 + 60 Trenches for period Jan 44
6. Pl. check.

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Pgct 7/1/43

MINISTRY OF WAR to MMIA

4 Jan 44

The physical and morale conditions of Italian tps engaged on lab duties are causing great concern. Notwithstanding the steps taken to improve these conditions, such as the bonus of 10 Lire and precedence over other non-combatant units in the distribution of clothing, the morale of the workers is still very low for the following reasons:

1. The tps are put on discharging coal, which requires great physical effort which is beyond the very average strength of the tps with the scale of rations they are receiving.
2. They are frequently put to work under the surveillance of coloured tps.
3. Several dets are housed in buildings which do NOT afford protection against the cold weather.
4. The men do NOT have straw for their bedding on the scale laid down, as this item is NOT to be found locally, nor has it been possible to obtain sups from the areas of CERIGNOLA (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~) - ORTONOVA (FOGGI and MATERA), ~~XXXXXX~~ where there are total stocks of 40,000 quintals. For despite repeated requests the necessary tpt has NOT been allotted to Ord IX Army Corps, and this item has also been blocked by the Allies.

The workers at BRINDISI are specially dispirited and complain of the complete lack of comfort in their billets.

It is clear that this state of mind will also influence the work of the lab gps.

It would be appreciated if the mission would use its good offices to have the following pts carefully considered by the competent Allied HQs:

- a) Unfreeze the straw of the provinces of FOGGIA and MATERA and allow Ord of IX Army Corps (BARI) to have rly trucks for regular sup of straw for bedding.
- b) allow tps engaged on lab better arrangements than at present for

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 7 Jan 44

ITALIAN ARMY.

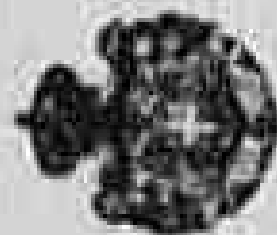
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H. C.

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MOISEM VRAITHI
—
YENNA WADJATI

Q. What is the name of the person who is the author of the book "The History of the County of York"?

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA



CABINETTO

N. di prot. 49/C.

P.M. 107 li 4 Gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: - Personale di manovalanza.-

- ALLA N.M.I.A.

- LEQUILE -

Le condizioni materiali e morali dei militari italiani addetti al servizio di manovalanza costituiscono oggetto di viva preoccupazione. 4573

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- 2°) - sovente vengono comandate per la sorveglianza sui lavori truppe di colore;
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- 4°) - gli uomini non hanno la paglia per giacitura nella misura prescritta perchè tale derrata non si può trovare sul posto e non è ancora stato possibile farla affluire dalle zone di Cerniola - Ortanova (Foggia) e Matera, dove esistono disponibilità complessive di 40.000 quintali, sia perchè, a malgrado di ripetute richieste, non sono stati messi a disposizione della Direzione di Commissariato del IX Corpo d'Armata i vagoni occorrenti per trasporto, sia perchè tale derrata è bloccata dagli Alleati.

I lavoratori del porto di Brindisi sono maggiormente depressi e lamentano specialmente la mancanza di ogni conforto negli alloggiamenti.

E' evidente quanto tale stato di depressione influisca anche sul rendimento dei reparti di manovalanza.

Sarebbe perciò molto gradito un intervento di codesta Missione per ottenere che venga esaminata con benevolenza da parte dei competenti comandi alleati la possibilità ed opportunità di:

a) - sbloccare i foraggi delle provincie di Foggia e Matera e concedere alla Direzione di Commissariato del XI Corpo d'Armata (Bari) i vagoni occorrenti per regolare ~~il~~ rifornimento della paglia per giacitura;

b) - concedere alle truppe impiegate nei lavori una sistemazione di alloggiamenti migliore di quella attuale;

c) - non impiegare i lavoratori per lo scarico del carbone;

d) - evitare di porre le nostre truppe sotto la sorveglianza di truppe di colore.

GENERALE ALIBERTI

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Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY

AG/1

29 Dec 43

To: Allied Control Commission

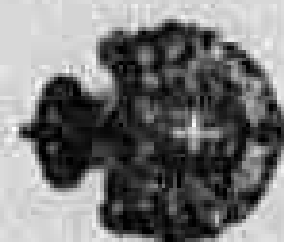
Copy: Ministero della Guerra

The translation of the Italian Ministry of War letter 213/C dated 23 Dec. is forwarded for your consideration and action as you may consider necessary.

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Dir.
Comm.

/BJR

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento con Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 213/C.-

E.M. 107, li 26 dicembre 1943.

OGGETTO: Provvedimenti contro la disoccupazione.

ALLA M.M.I.A.

LAQUILIS

Sono pervenute al Ministero della Guerra insistenti segnalazioni che mettono in evidenza l'aggravarsi della disoccupazione **4571** regione della Puglia.

Sembra che l'aggravamento dipenda, almeno in parte, dal fatto che l'Ufficio Genio del Quartier Generale Alleato in Napoli - che ha il compito dell'organizzazione della produzione e dello sfruttamento delle risorse del territorio occupato per rifornimento delle truppe operanti - non tiene conto delle esigenze della popolazione civile e devolve alle forze armate l'intera produzione dei pochi stabilimenti in funzione (cementerie di Modugno, Bari (S.M.P.I.C.), Barletta e Iaranto; acciaierie e ferriere Pugliesi, fabbriche per la lavorazione del legno G. Sogler di Bari e P/lli Pannini di Molfetta).

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In conseguenza, sarebbe molto gradito un intervento di codesta Missione presso il suddetto Ufficio del genio allo scopo di prendere in

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LEQUILLE

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.

N° 1595 di prot.

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O G G E T T O: Magazzini e installazioni.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE
- presso il R. Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

Seguito foglio 1336 in data 8 corrente
si comunica numero e dislocazione dei carri
cisterna carburanti, facendo riserva di tra-
missione di analoghi dati - non ancora per-
venuti - della delegazione di Reggio Calabria.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(A. Mariotti)

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*Capo Base PI sono S.M.E. whether they are
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M&A +/or E. Services. Report 27/12.*

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Allegato n°1 al foglio n° 1595

SITUAZIONE CISTERNE

DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI - BARI -	
Stazione Location	Carri cisterna Cisterns
Bari	118
S. Spirito	1
Molfetta	5
Bisceglie	1
Treni	1
Barletta	11
Giovinazzo	4
Taranto	7
Mesagne	1
Nassisi	22
Mola	1
Monopoli	71
Fasabo	1
Ostuni	2
S. Vito Norman.	2
Brindisi	6
Tuturano	1
Squinzano	28
Lecce	4
Torre a Mare	51
FF. Sud Est.	10
Treni in viag- gio	2
Totale.....	350

DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI - NAPOLI -	
Stazione Location	Carri cisterna Cisterns
Apice	3
Ariano Irpino	1
Avellino	17
Benevento	7
Cancello	3
Caserta	9
Gricignano	4569
Marigliano	1
Telese	8
Napoli C.	9
Napoli C.F.	2
Napoli S.M.	41
Nocera Inf.	2
Ponte Cass.	3
S. Giuseppe	1
Maddaloni	17
S. Severino Rot.	1
Totale....	153



DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI
- CAGLIARI -

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Gricignano	4
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Mola	22
Monopoli	1
Fasano	71
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-CAGLIARI-	
Stazione	N° Cisterne
Cagliari	7
Macomer	8
Sassari	3
Chilivani	8
Monti	1
Totale...	27

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SUBJECT:- Port Labour

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. 49/1.
26 Dec. 44.

To:- State Messieurs H. Macerite.

Reference your 3414/08 of 23 Dec. and in confirmation of our conversation with Marshal MARELLI :-

1. I am arranging for Lt-Col MARIANI and my Medical Officer Major. MARELLI to inspect the living conditions of the Italian troops employed on port labour in MILANO and TAVERNO. Would you be so good as to arrange for one of your officers to contact them around.
2. As regards clothing and boots, I have reported the situation fully to General MARELLI by letter on 6 Dec and by personal visit on 11 Dec: and have kept General ALBERTI informed. He will explain to you our hopes in this respect.
3. Lt-Col. MARIANI will take up with the British Commanders of Sub-divisions the question of transport of those units who have far to march to work : conditions of work with coloured labour: and the organisation of two days rest per fortnight as may be possible.
4. The supplementary ration for port labour is at present two ounces of preserved meat per man per day. I am aware of your need for flour rather than meat and will keep General ALBERTI informed of what is possible from time to time. As explained verbally, I do not think that we can make much change between now and the end of February, but it should improve then.
5. I am in entire agreement as to the desirability of turning round the units employed on port labour to allow them from time to time a period of military training. The practical difficulty which I foresee is that the programme shortly to be issued will probably call for the employment of all available military units in Italy. I therefore suggest that you arrange for tailors and/or kitmen to be made available to allow this turnaround.

Col. Macerite
Col.
Marelli.

AMM.

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TRANSMISSION

From: War Ministry Cabinet
To: Gen. Duchesne, Chief of MIA

Ref: 46/3
7 Dec 53

Dear General,

In order to obtain co-operation to settle matters of great interest to our troops, I refer the following to you.

1. A JCT in CALABRIA declared an embargo on purchases by Italian troops of vegetables, potatoes and wine from the local market, commodities which the units themselves find it very difficult to most provide for the completion of their men's rations. - 10/10/53
Folios 7

We have already asked for the revocation of this embargo, but it should be done as soon as possible, to improve the ration of the troops which has already fallen off for the above reasons.

2. We asked the Mr Mil Auth to draw from the provinces of PUGLIA and APUZIA the straw and oats required for the army (2434/Comm of 4565 11.11.43 from Intendence 7 Army) and 800 qle of animals' food from the Military Admin Stores in the S.A. RECREATION of TARANTO now controlled by 6 Jdb Area. 10/10/53
Folios 8, 9, 10

This is to ameliorate the conditions of the animals, as forage cannot be obtained elsewhere. (21/10/53)
Folios 11, 12

3. DIR. COMM. of BARI has a certain quantity of hides to be sent to "DITTA SARTI" in NOIA DI BARI for tanning. 10/10/53
Folios 13, 14

Urgently required to settle the problem of boots, tanning, cannot be carried out because the British Mil Auth have not allotted the 3 goods trucks necessary for the transport of raw materials from COSENZA - CASALI to NOIA di BARI.

4. Owing to a fire, materials stored in the Central Depot V.E. in PUGLIA were removed. One part was sent to the 9th Regt. Arty. Barracks. These barracks are now occupied by Allied Troops who prevent transfer of some thousands of water bottles and several cooking cases which should, for sheeking, upkeep and re-issue, be systematically stored in the depots of the COMMISSARIATO.

5. The present stocks of wood cover cooking requirements to 10 Dec only. Italian and Allied transport authorities were approached with a view to obtaining the transport necessary to forward to the various distributing centres, wood, at present in various goods stations in PUGLIA and CALABRIA.

This problem is very urgent and its solution cannot be delayed.

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2. We asked the Br Mil Auth to draw from the provinces of PROVIA and ARTERA the straw and oats required for the army (2434/Comm of 4565 11.11.43 from Intendenza 7 Army) and 600 qls of animals' food from the Military Admin Stores in the S.A. MARCHIONI of TARANTO now controlled by 6 Sub Area.

This is to ameliorate the conditions of the animals, as cannot be obtained elsewhere.

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I would like to inform you of an embargo put by the British Authorities on 5000 qls of wood to be sent from S. BASILIO MOTTOLA to the Divisional Victualling Store in BARI.

We above Intendenza 7 Army passed the matter on to the MIA in letter No 2648/Comm of 17 Nov also stating that the DIR. of BARI gave from their own stocks 5000 qls of wood for the Allied Troops in BARI.

6. Col D.J. Russell Ord. Pd. Stores 8 Army requisitioned nearly the whole depot of TARANTO DIR. ARMY at CHIANO, where are sent all the ARMY salvage collected for sorting and reorganizing. This has caused the DIRECTORATE grave difficulties seeing that it has no other depot.

P.T.O.

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It is then necessary, for the time being, to allot to the DIR. at least 1500 sq metres of covered area and to arrange for the clearing of the whole depot.

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Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Gen. ALBERTI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

P.M.107,11 7 dicembre 1943

GASINETTO

Prot.n.46/C

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIGNORE GENERALE DUCHESNE CAPO DELLA MISSIONE BRITANNICA

Caro Generale,

Mi rivolgo alla Vostra cortesia affinché vogliate interporre i Vostri buoni uffici per le seguenti questioni di vivo interesse per le nostre truppe.

1) - L'AMMOR della Calabria non consentirebbe alle unità italiane di dislocare l'acquisto di legumi, patate, vino e mercato locale, per cui le unità stesse trovano molta difficoltà ad approvvigionarsene per il completamento del rancio.

E' stato chiesto di far revocare il divieto, ma sarebbe necessario che ciò avvenisse nel più breve tempo possibile, per migliorare senz'altro il vettovagliamento di dette truppe, già scadente per le ragioni.

2) - E' stato richiesto all'Autorità britannica di autorizzare ad attingere liberamente dalle provincie di Foggia e Matera la paglia e la avena occorrente per le Forze Armate (Foglio n° 2414/Comm. in data 11/11/43 dell'Intendenza 7° Armata), inoltre, di autorizzare il ritiro di quintali 600 di mangime di proprietà dell'A.M., immagazzinato in locali della S.A. Montecatini di Taranto, attualmente a disposizio-

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1) - L'AMMORI della Calabria non consentirebbe alle unità italiane **4562** di dislocare l'acquisto di legumi, patate, vino sul mercato locale, per cui le unità stesse trovano molta difficoltà ad approvvigionarsene per il completamento del rancio.

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2) - E' stato richiesto all'Autorità Britannica di autorizzare ad attive gare liberamente dalle province di Foggia e Matera la paglia e la avena occorrente per le forze Armate (Foglio n° 2414/comm. in data 11/11/43 dell'Intendenza ^{di} Armata), inoltre, di autorizzare il ritiro di quintali 600 di mangime di proprietà dell'A.M., immagazzinato in locali della S.A. Montecatini di Taranto, attualmente a disposizione della 6° Subarea.

Anche questa questione è assai urgente perchè i quadrupedi stanno deperendo per mancanza di alimento e non si possono trovare foraggi altrove.

3) - La Direzione di Commissariato di Bari ha disponibile un quantitativo di pelli grezze, che dovrebbe passare alla ditta SAMRA di Mola di Bari per la conciatura.

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Non è possibile procedere alla concia, operazione di evidente assoluta urgenza in relazione all'acillante problema delle calzature, per la mancata messa a disposizione, da parte delle Autorità Britanniche, di 3 carri ferroviari necessari per il trasporto del materiale conciante da Cosenza - Casali a mola di pari.

4) - Dal Deposito Centrale V.E. di Roggia, in seguito ad incendio, dovette ro essere sgomberati i materiali ivi accantonati. Una parte venne immagazzinata presso la caserma del 9° Reggimento Artiglieria.

Poichè la caserma fu successivamente occupata da truppe Alleate, queste ora impediscono che vengano da essa trasferite alcune migliaia di borracce e un certo numero di casse di cottura che sarebbe invece opportuno, per ragioni di ordine, manutenzione e competenza di consegna, sistemare nuovamente nei magazzini del servizio di commissariato.

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È evidente però che il problema è impellente e che la sua risoluzione non può essere dilazionata.

In merito, faccio presente che si sta organizzando un servizio che permetta l'avviamento via mare dalla Calabria, ma è indispensabile assicurarsi anche il licero svolgersi dei rifornimenti dalla Lucania.

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Per tale divieto, l'Intendenza 7^a Armata ha interessato contestualmente l'Armata Britannica con foglio n° 2648/Comm. del 17/11, soggiungendo che la Direzione di Bari, sottraendoli dalle proprie disponi-

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bilità, ha messo a disposizione delle truppe Alleate dihari, pari quantitativo di combustibile.

b) - Il Colonnello D.J. Russell Ord. Md. Stores della 8^a Armata ha richiesto quasi totalmente il Deposito Materiali di Cimino della Direzione Artiglieria di Sarento, Direzione alla quale affluiscono molti materiali del servizio di artiglieria recuperati e che debbono essere selezionati e riordinati.

Poichè la detta Direzione Artiglieria non dispone di altri depositi di materiali, la requisizione del Deposito di Cimino la mette in gravi difficoltà.

Sarebbe quindi necessario lasciare, per ora, a disposizione della Direzione Artiglieria di Sarento almeno 1000m² di area coperta e provvedere allo sgombero dell'intero deposito.

Quanto sopra è stato già segnalato dall'ex Intendenza 7^a Armata 4561 codesta Missione che ha già provveduto, con foglio n° 40/10/A del 1° novembre u.s., ad interessare in merito il District n° 2.

La pratica però non ha avuto, finora, nessun esito.

Grazie, caro Generale, di quanto vorrete fare per una favorevole soluzione delle questioni sopra prospettate e gradite i miei più cordiali saluti.-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

Subject:- Removal of Materials

Main HQ Eighth Army
C.I.F.

11 29/9 AQ

4 Dec 43

1st Sub Area Foggia

Copy to:- WLA

Attached letter No. AQ/1 dated 26 Nov 43, received today,
from Military Mission to Italian Army is forwarded to you for action.

Althope ^{WLA}
Brigadier,
D.A. & Q.E.G. Eighth Army
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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/1
26 NOV 43

Main Eighth Army

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Italian Army
AQ/1
26 Nov 43

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artillery, workshops, machines and tools, reserve artillery, automobile spares and materials
- (b) From ALALA Barracks
office furniture, officer's furniture
barrack materials etc
- (c) From PASTORE Barracks
and adjacent premises
formerly clothing stores
whatever remains there.

3. If the above is agreed, ALALA will find out from the Italian Army the number of vans they envisage sending in order to transfer the stores, so that proper routing and convoy discipline may be arranged.

sgd J. Bird Capt
for Brig Comd

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Subject:- Channels of Communication

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/1

4 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Capt MURCELL MM LO c/o FLAMBO (for information)

Ref your 62Q of 1 Dec.

1. On all matters pertaining to the Italian Army as a whole the correct channel is through the Military Mission to Italian Army. 15 Army Gp letter 8/2/G(Ops) of 18 Nov, copy to you, refers.

2. On matters of local administration only:

- a) No 2 District and PBS deal direct with the headquarters of the main Italian formation in the area; in CAMPANIA this is Gen BASSO who is correctly approached through MMIA Liaison Officer attached to him (Capt MURCELL) who has his office in your headquarters. **4359**
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- d) I believe it would be correct to describe Italian units as "Co operating Co belligerent Units".
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EJD/ee

Brig
Cmd

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Subject :- Channels of Communication.

A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.P.

62 Q.

1 Dec. '43.

H.M.I.A.

1. It is not clear as to which Italian H.Q. is the correct channel of communication when dealing direct with the Italian Army on administrative matters.

2. It would appear that in the FIFTH ARMY Area, General Basso's H.Q. is the right H.Q. with which to communicate.

3. The EIGHTH ARMY, on the other hand, has attached to it the equivalent of an Italian Divisional H.Q. Is it correct to deal direct with that H.Q., or is there any higher formation on the L. of C., such as the Corps H.Q. at BARI, to whom matters should be referred?

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Wg. Roc

Colonel,

for Deputy Chief of Staff

EUR/emb.

Copy to:- G-4
Capt. Murrell.

Aali

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Subject:- Rations for 351 Coastal Bn

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/1

Dec 43

S M R E

Ref 7 Italian Army letter 2/10490 dated 18 Nov 43.

1. 7 Italian Army made a report that the British authorities had refused to ration HQ 351 Coastal Bn, on the grounds that they were not working.

2. This allegation has now been fully investigated, and the following reply received from EIGHTH ARMY.

"Rations for HQ 351 Coastal Bn are delivered in bulk with N° 1 Coy's Rations to N° 1 Coy TORRE MAGGIORE.

There has been only one instance when rations were not supplied, and that was when Bn HQ first arrived and were not included by N° 1 Coy in their ration strength".

3. Will you please convey the above to 9 Italian Corps who were responsible for the mis-statement.

EJC/ec

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for
Brig
Comd

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Subject: Italian Units - Rations

230 Army Troops Coy., R.E.

C.F.F.

Ref. RAT/140

25 Nov. 43.

Nº 3 C.G.B. Army Troops.

Copy to: D.C.E. Rear H.Q. Eighth Army.
S.M.M. 7th Italian Army.

Reference your 29/85 of 22 Nov. 43.

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[Signature]
Capt., R.E.
for C.C. 230 Army Troops Coy., R.E.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Italian units - Rations.

URGENT

No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops,
EIGHTH ARMY. CAP.
Ref:- 28/88.
28rd Nov. 45.

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CO 290 A Tps Coy RH

Comm to:-

D.S.M. Rear Hq. EIGHTH ARMY

S.M.S. 7th Italian Army.

1. It has been reported that HQ 351 Bn who are attached to you for admin of 3 Coys of 351 Coastal Bn are not receiving any rations.

2. Please investigate and report to this office with copies as above.

ref: SAQ/1 Folio 34

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Field.
RAF/LS.

Conciliate

Lt. Col. Hq.
Commander.

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A/2

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Subject: Trenti Group and Pianosa Island.H.Q., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.To: Capt. Lurie,
Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

AMG/542/5.

28 Nov. 43.

1. The Trenti Group and Pianosa Island are in Foggia Province and therefore the responsibility of AMG 8 Army until AMG Region IV takes over. It is believed, however, that they have been supplied in the past from Bari, and that the Italian garrison at Bari and the Commando Supremo at Brindisi are familiar with the procedure for supply of these islands.

2. According to a report from 15 Army Group, they received supplies on November 2, and were expecting more in early December. Generally speaking, the supply situation, including water, was easy, but they need a monthly shipment to fill the needs of 600 people, 75 of whom are soldiers, sailors and police. In addition to food, they want medical supplies, water and clothing for everybody, including 40 military uniforms and overcoats.

3. Their greatest economic hardship is their lack of market for their fish. A very useful trade might be established here.

4. Will you look into this and see if a system for automatic provisioning of these islands is in hand, as this 15 Army Group report would indicate. Let us know what you discover.

WILLIAM L. BATT, Jr.
Captain, Inf.
Economics & Supply Division.

WAC.

Copy to: B.G.S. 15 Army Group.
No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A.
AMG, 8th Army.
" Region IV.
MIO BARI.
File 112.

Circulate
I have already sent some
extra info from original report
Regd
1/12
Holt
1/12

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SUBJECT:- Italian HQ with EIGHTH ARMY

Chief of Staff
S.M.H.K.

Copy to:- 15 Army Gp
Main EIGHTH ARMY
Major Fieldman
File AQ/1

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/2/11
18 Nov 43

URGENT

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AS/1

11/11/43

Ref my SD/2/7 of 25 Nov.

1. At a conference held at Main HQ EIGHTH ARMY on 26 Nov it was decided amongst other things that

(a) The Italian organisation should be called 'ITALIAN CONTROL'.

(b) A Medical officer will be required at the Main HQ to arrange for the despatch of sick and wounded to Italian hospitals.

2. Will you please take note of these two points and add to Appx B under With Main Eighth Army Medical Officer and car.

3. The cars and lorries required are essential and it is suggested that some of them be found from those recently drawn from MONOPOLI.

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ABC

29/11/43

Pa. Dittgrel-Ren
19/11/43

1/11/43
Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Removal of materials

Military Mission to
Italian Army

Main EIGHTH ARMY

AQ/1
26 Nov 43

Copy to:- 2 District (2 Copies, one for Col VALLONE)

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3. If the above is agreed, MMIA will find out from the Italian Army the number of vehicles they envisage sending in order to transfer the stores, so that proper routing and convoy discipline may be arranged.

EJC

Brig
Comd

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Subject: ADMINISTRATIVE SITUATION IN ISLANDS OF TREMITI GROUP

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AG/1
26 Nov 43

To: S.M.R.E.

1. A recent reconnaissance of this group of Islands has disclosed information of which extracts regarding administration are forwarded below.
2. A visit will shortly be made to PELAGOSA Island.
3. The question of supplying these Islands is being taken up between AMG, No 2 District, and EMIA.

*Bylandthorpe,
Pier*
for BRIG 4551
COMD
(absent on duty)

I. WELFARE OF THE ISLANDS.

General food, water and health situation appears satisfactory. Some medical supplies are needed. Local Italian Army Doctor handed list to Recce party giving his requirements.

Most serious outlook for the Islanders is the lack of a market for their fish.

There seems to be no reason why the present population and garrison should not remain, provided food and water is sent at reasonable intervals.

2. SAN NICOLA

(a) POPULATION. 360.

(b) ITALIAN FORCES Comd. Lt MIRAGLIA
Type. 30 ALPINI (2nd Coy III Bn).
12 CARABINIERI

14 Naval personnel.
6 Customs Guards
5 Bess M.G.s

Rifles, Revolvers.
Plentiful supply of S.A.A.

(c) PAY troops have not been paid for some time
(d) COMD Lt. MIRAGLIA appears competent and reliable.
(e) BOATS.

1 Motor fishing boat (out of order).
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Comd.	Lt MIRAGLIA
<u>Tps.</u>	30 ALPINI (2nd Coy IIA Bn).
	12 CARABINIERI
	14 Naval personnel.
	6 Customs Guards
<u>Arms</u>	5 Bess M.G.S
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3. SAN DOMINO

(e) POPULATION. 140. Who have recently moved from S. NICOLA into the houses previously used for internees.

(b) POWER PLANT. The generator which provides light for S. NICOLA and S. DOMINO has about two months supplies of oil.

(c) LIGHT HOUSE. Manned properly and log kept. No acetylene for light. Building in poor state of repair.

(d) AGRICULTURE. A few sheep and small cultivated areas.

(e) WATER. About two months supply remains. Water has to be brought by tanker from mainland for SAN DOMINO and SAN NICOLA.

(f) BOATS. 12 rowing boats 12 ft.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) Lt. MIRAGLIA considers strangers would have difficulty in reaching the islands and remaining undiscovered.

(.../(b)...))

for BRIG 4551
 COMD
 (absent on duty)

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- (b) Fishing boats from the Mainland often call at S. NICOLA.
- (c) There are NO Fascists on the islands.
- (d) Food supply at present satisfactory. Further supplies awaited early in December.
- (e) Water supply satisfactory for the present.
- (f) Supplies of medicines, clothes and food were received 2 Nov 43. Further medical supplies wanted. Outbreak of typhus in hand.
- (g) Supplies most needed PASTA, FLOUR, OIL, CONSERVA, CHEESE, CANNED MEAT, TOBACCO, SOAP. Clothing for 600 people required and uniforms and great coats for 40 military personnel. (Suggested Source BARI ITALIAN Garrison).
- (h) Lt. MIRAGLIA requests permission for him to visit POTENZA.
- (i) Lack of market for their fish appears to be greatest hardship for the islanders.

4. PELAGOSA. (Not visited).

It is reported that PELAGOSA has a garrison of 12 naval personnel. No communication with other islands since 17 Oct 43. On 31 Oct an Italian Tanker with water and supplies from BARI was unable to get any answer to their signals, and the crew did not land. The ship left S. NICOLA on 2 Nov 43 to report to COMANDO SUPREMO BRINDISI.

SECRET e-mail U.S. SECRET.

H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP,
C.G.P.

15 AF/24/G(ops).

21 Nov 45.

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SUBJECT: Plans of Islands of
THESOTI and FIANKA

To : No. 2 District,
M.H.L.A.,
AFG HQ HAIT.

Copy to : M.P.H.Q. (G-2),
MAY CH,
G ARCT.

1. Attached is an extract from the report of a Recon carried out in the Islands of THESOTI and FIANKA on 15 Nov 43.

2. A Recon will be made to PELAFOSI ISLAND shortly.

3. The operational aspect of this recon report will be dealt with by HQ 15 Army Group, in conjunction with the authorities concerned.

4. Will Maj Gen, No. 2 District and M.H.L.A. take up the administrative points brought out in the report.

5. Should it be intended to use these Islands for any operational purpose, HQ 15 Army Group will issue the necessary orders.

W. J. Dwyer
J.M.H. HASTON,
Brig G.S.,
for Major General,
C.G.S.

RECOMMENDATION:

PA to CIG.
GSI (a).
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War Diary.

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TRENTI GROUP AND PLANOSA ISLANDS
OF 15 NOV 43.

(REF MAP 1/500,000 ITALY)

PART I

GENERAL.

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1. ENEMY OCCUPATION.

No indication of presence of Germans on any of the islands.
Few German chocolate papers found on S. DOLINO.

2. IMPORTANCE OF TRENTI GROUP AND PLANOSA.

(a) S. NICOLA Island has a cable station which is a link in the CAPOIALE - NICOLA PELAGOSA - LAGOSTA inter island cable, which may have value in later operations in the Eastern Adriatic.

(b) The TRENTI Group and PLANOSA are possible locations for watching enemy shipping or aircraft. Might be of use for guiding signals to our own aircraft.

(c) Apart from the above the islands appear to have no operational possibilities. Any further garrison placed in these islands would have to be self contained for food and water.

3. WELFARE OF THE ISLANDS

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4. PELAGOSA.

PELAGOSA Island was not visited. Has a small party of Naval personnel; 17 Oct 43 was the last date that cable communication was through to S. NICOLA (See 2 (a) above).

The geographical situation of PELAGOSA appears ideal for reporting shipping movement.

5. PART II.

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S. NICOLA

(a) ARMAMENT. 300.

(b) ITALIAN FORCES. - Card. Lt MIRAGLIA
30 ALPINI (2nd Coy 112 Bn).
12 CARABINIERI.

14 Naval personnel.
6 Customs Guards.
5 Base M.Cs.

Rifles, Revolvers.
Plentiful supply of S. ...

Total 720

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(c) PAY. Troops have not been paid for some time.
 (d) CAMP. Lt. MIRAGLIA appears competent and reliable.
 (e) CABLE AND SIGNAL STATION. Signal and Cable Station were visited. Register of shipping sighted is kept. No enemy shipping reported.
 (f) VISUAL SIGNALS. Visual signals to Mainland have received no reply.
 (g) CABLE COMMUNICATION. Up to 4 Nov 43 there was cable communication with Mainland at CAROLINE. (Note as a security measure the Mainland cable terminal has been disconnected).

(H) TELEPHONE. Normally telephone communication exists between S. NICOLA and S. DOMINGO.

(I) W/T Set. A dismantled W/T set is kept in Camp office. Power is generated from local generator on S. DOMINGO.

(J) BOATS.
 1 Motor fishing boat (out of order).
 10 Fishing smacks 32 ft.
 27 Rowing boats 16 ft.
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 1 Sailing boat 30 ft.
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7. SAN DOMINGO.

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(b) Power Plant. The generator which provides light for S. NICOLA and S. DOMINGO has about two months supplies of oil.

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(d) Agriculture. A few sheep and small cultivated areas.

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(f) Signs of German Occupation. German chocolate wrappers picked up. Several unused slit trenches.

(g) Boats. 12 rowing boats 12 ft.

8. CAPITAL. No population. Lighthouse disused since 1940. Light is acetylene type. All tracks appear unused.

9. GEOLGIC. 1 barren rock.

10. FLORA. Owing heavy seas it was impossible to land. No sign of life on island. Two signal pylon towers and a few broken down houses were seen. Fishermen report they have not seen any signs of life there.

7. SAN DOMINGO.

- (a) Population. 140. Who have recently moved from S. NICOLA into the houses previously used for internees.
- (b) Power Plant. The generator which provides light for S. NICOLA and S. DOMINGO has about two months supplies of oil.
- (c) Light House. Manned properly and log kept. No acetylene for light. Building in poor state of repair.
- (d) Agriculture. A few sheep and small cultivated areas.
- (e) Water. About two months supply remains. Water has to be brought by tanker from mainland for SAN DOMINGO and SAN NICOLA.
- (f) Signs of German Occupation. German chocolate wrappers picked up. Several unused slit trenches.
- (g) Boats. 12 rowing boats 12 ft.

8. CAPRA.

No population. Lighthouse disused since 1940. Light is acetylene type. All tracks appear unused.

9. CESTACIO.

A barren rock.

10. PIANOSA.

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11. General Information.

- (a) Lt. MIRALLA considers strangers would have difficulty in reaching the islands and remaining undiscovered.
- (b) Fishing boats from the Mainland often call at S. NICOLA.
- (c) There are NO Fascists on the islands.
- (d) No hostile aircraft have been seen.
- (e) Food supply at present satisfactory. Further supplies awaited early in December.
- (f) Water supply satisfactory for the present.
- (g) Supplies of medicines, clothes and food were received 2 Nov 43. Further medical supplies wanted. Outbreak of typhus in hand.

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27 Rowing boats 16 ft.
2 Rowing boats 26 ft.
1 Sailing boat 30 ft.
1 Sailing boat 20 ft.

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(h) Supplies most needed PASTA, FLOUR, OIL, CONSERVA, CHEESE, CANNED MEAT, TOBACCO, SOAP. Clothing for 600 people required and uniforms and great coats for 40 military personnel. (Suggested Source BARI ITALIAN Garrison).

(i) Lt. MIRAGLIA requests permission for him to visit POTENZA.

(j) Lack of market for their fish appears to be greatest hardship for the islanders.

12. PELAGOSA. (Not visited).

It is reported that PELAGOSA has a garrison of 12 naval personnel. No communication with other islands since 17 Oct 43.

On 31 Oct an Italian Tanker with water and supplies from BARI was unable to get any answer to their signals, and the crew did not land. The ship left S. NICOLA on 2 Nov 43 to report to Comando Supremo. PRINDISI.

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Subject - Maintenance Italian Forces.

AMHQ Adv Adm Romecom.

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26 Nov. 43.

No. 2 District.

Copy to - Military Mission to Italian Army.

Ref. your 9 190 of 20 Nov. 43. *27*

1. This HQ letter 550 of 13 Nov 43 does NOT cancel our 620 of 2 Nov. 43. The instructions of 13 Nov 43 refer specifically to maintenance i.e. rations, forage, clothing and other consumable commodities, the consumption of which can be forecasted with reasonable accuracy. The instructions of 2 Nov 43 apply in the case of captured and recovered equipment. It is not considered that the two instructions are incompatible.

2. If you still consider there are difficulties in complying with both the instructions please state in detail what difficulties are being encountered. **4546**

John P. ...
Colonel.
A.D.Q.M.G.

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URGENTSubject: ITALIAN TROOPS WITH EIGHTH ARMYMilitary Liaison to
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21 Nov 42

Chief of Staff, SURE

Copy to: 13 Army Group
Main EIGHTH ARMY }
Major FIDELMAN }
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1. Further to my SD/2/2 of 21 Nov an Italian military oration is required in the EIGHTH ARMY area for:-

a) Administrative control of all Italian troops in EIGHTH ARMY area, including Italian liaison personnel attached to EIGHTH ARMY units. Details at present known are given in Appendix "A".

b) Liaison in the control of Italian civilian labour employed in the EIGHTH ARMY area in conjunction with the Allied military authorities. See para 3 below.

2. Under para 1(a) the administration of troops will comprise their discipline and maintenance in pay, clothing and equipment; the reporting of casualties through enemy action, sickness or detention; arrangements for keeping units up to strength; the organisation into units of Italian troops at present unofficially allotted to Allied units.

3. Under para 1(b) civil labour employed from villages in the two Corps areas numbers some twelve thousand. The Italian military HQ in each Corps area will be required to provide officers and NCOs to assist the Allied military authorities in the provision and control of Italian civilian labour. As a start it is envisaged that this assistance can be provided from the Italian military units allotted to each Corps area from time to time.

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5. British liaison officers will be allotted to the above Italian HQ on the scale of two with Main EIGHTH ARMY and one with each Corps HQ. Major FINKMAN at present liaison officer to IX ITALIAN CORPS at BARI is nominated for the Main HQ.

6. It is necessary for the Italian officer who will command the Main HQ to report for duty on Dec 1.

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Appendix 'A'1. ITALIAN TROOPS SERVING WITH EIGHTH ARMY

U S I S	S E R V I C E				L O C A T I O N
	Personnel	By	Rank	Armed	
28 ARTILLERY Bn	370	NK	NK	NK	SAN SEVERO
1 FORM ARTILLERY Bn	346	"	"	"	VOLTURNARA
2 FORM ARTILLERY Bn	147	"	"	"	MARINEROGGIA
29 MINUTEMAN Coy	224	"	"	"	MOGLIA
34 LAVATERA I Bn	635	"	"	"	ARCHIDOLA
351 COASTAL Bn	333	"	"	"	SAN SEVERO
353 COASTAL Bn	500	"	"	"	FOGLIA
358 COASTAL Bn	280	"	"	"	FOGLIA - SAN SEVERO
308 COASTAL Bn	630	1	8	8	en route
346 COASTAL Bn	600	2	8	8	en route
MULE UNITS	(say) 1,000			600	Not Known
TOTALS	5,265				

2. ITALIAN LIAISON PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE WITH EIGHTH ARMY

(a) Already with EIGHTH ARMY

Capt RAR - 5 CORPS
 Lieut FACCHETTI - 13 CORPS
 2/Lieut DUSCIO - 1 Cdn Div
 Capt GATTI - 13 CORPS
 Lieut DOMENICO - 13 CORPS

(b) Ordered to report to EIGHTH ARMY are 4 officers and 10 NCOs

3. ITALIAN TROOPS UNOFFICIALLY ATTACHED TO ALLIED UNITS

(a) With 5 CORPS - About 500

2 Para Battalion Bn	147	"	"	"	VOLUNTARIA
25 HEADQUARTERS Coy	224	"	"	"	RAMFREDENIA
34 LAVATERA Bn	635	"	"	"	FOGGIA
391 COMBAT Bn	333	"	"	"	ASUNZIO
353 COASTAL Bn	900	"	"	"	SAN SEVERO
356 COASTAL Bn	280	"	"	"	FOGGIA
308 COASTAL Bn	630	1	8	8	FOGGIA - SAN SEVERO
345 COASTAL Bn	800	2	8	8	en route
MULE UNITS	(say) 1,000				en route
TOTALS	3,265			600	Not Known

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2. ITALIAN LIAISON PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE WITH EIGHTH ARMY

(a) Already with EIGHTH Army

Capt RAB = 3 CORPS
 Lieut FALCETTI = 13 CORPS
 2/Lieut DOMINIC = 1 Can Div
 Capt GATTI = 13 CORPS
 Lieut DOMINIC = 13 CORPS

(b) Ordered to report to EIGHTH Army are 43 officers and 10 NCOs

3. ITALIAN TROOPS UNOFFICIALLY ATTACHED TO ALLIED UNITS

(a) With 3 CORPS = About 500

(b) With 13 CORPS = No reports yet

Appendix 'B'

EUROPEAN ITALIAN ESTABLISHMENTS

	Officers	Capt	Lorry 5 tons	Lorry 30 tons
<u>With Main British Army</u>				
Comd (Brig)	1	1		
Staff Officers (major)	2	1		
Intelligence major	1	1		
HCs and men			1	
<u>With X Corps HQ</u>				
Comd (Lt Col)	1	1		
Staff Officer (major)	1	1		
Intelligence (Capt)	1	1		
HCs and men				1
<u>With Y Corps HQ</u>				
Comd (Lt Col)	1	1		
Staff Officer (major)	1	1		
Intelligence (capt)	1	1		
HCs and men				1

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<u>With Main Higher Army</u>				
Comd (Brig)	1	1		
Staff Officer (major)	2	1		
Intendence major	1	1		
HCos and men			1	
<u>With X Corps HQ</u>				
Comd (Lt Col)	1	1		
Staff Officer (major)	1			
Intendence (Capt)	1	1		
HCos and men				1
<u>With Y Corps HQ</u>				
Comd (Lt Col)	1	1		
Staff Officer (major)	1			
Intendence (capt)	1	1		
HCos and men				1
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Details of HCos and men to be decided by H H H B.

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(.) Please contents of your letter dated 17th June received.

Vladimir Lukin

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SUBJECT: - Italian Pack Tpt Coys.

Main HQ Eighth Army,
C.M.F.

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20 Nov 43.

Headquarters,
B.M.M., to 7 Italian Army.

The following points regarding the administration of Italian Pack Transport Companies are forwarded for consideration:-

- (a) Pay. It is understood that personnel will receive payment at the rate of 5 lire per day which is quite insufficient to enable them to make any local purchases whatsoever.
- (b) LAAL. Will cigarettes or minimum personal comforts be available to personnel?
- (c) Sickness. Italian hospitals are available to casualties but procedure and channels of evacuation for casualties within Eighth Army have still to be laid down.
- (d) Clothing and Equipment. It is considered that a proper scale of equipment, warm clothing and boots should be laid down.
- (e) Mail. What facilities will be available to personnel to despatch or receive letters?
- (f) Leave. What opportunities will be given to personnel to visit their families?

Field.
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22/11/43
BF for DAAQMC

W. S. Richards Lieut. Col.
Brigadier, D.A.G.
for D.A.S.Q.M.G.
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MESSAGE FORM

To : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY rptd 3 ORR

From : MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

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Understand that Hq 351 Bn not being fed by you contrary to policy stated in FLAMBO letter 25/Q of 13 Nov (.) Please investigate and inform me

Signed

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COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

n. 2/10490 di prot.

OGGETTO: 351° btg. costiero - manovalanza.

F.M. 107, 11

novembre 1943.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA = LEQUILLE

I.- Il comando del IX Corpo d'armata ha rappresentato che il comando e le truppe del 351° btg. costiero attualmente dislocati a Poggia alle dipendenze del 3° C.R.E. Army Troops, sono attendati, mentre nella zona vi sarebbe possibilità di accantonamento.

I comandi inglesi interessati al riguardo non hanno ritenuto aderire alla richiesta.

In considerazione dell'attuale stagione e tenuto anche conto che migliori condizioni di vita accrescerebbero il rendimento del lavoro, si prega volersi compiacere interessare i comandi competenti per dare una adeguata sistemazione al personale del battaglione in questione.

II.- Il comando del IX Corpo d'armata ha rappresentato inoltre che i comandi inglesi non hanno fornito agli ufficiali del comando ed alla truppa del reparto comando del 351° btg. i viveri necessari ed hanno giustificato il rifiuto con l'osservazione che gli elementi su citati non lavorano.

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Missione perchè vengano forniti i viveri a tutto il personale
del battaglione, nessuno escluso.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)



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Subject:- Rationing of Italian Armed Forces

SECRET

Hq 7 Italian Army

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9 Nov 41



1. It is believed that certain Italian ships with cargoes of Italian Military stores of all kinds put to sea before the Armistice was signed and are still due to arrive in port.

2. Will you please ensure that SHE are informed of all such arrivals, both expected and actual, with a statement of respective cargoes so that the distribution of stocks may be balanced accordingly.

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Capuchese
Brig
Comm

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Subject.- ITALIAN LIAISON PERSONEL

Military Mission to
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19 Nov 43

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

15 ARMY GROUP for information

1. Ref your M 709 I of 16 Nov, see my AQ/1 of 18 Nov addressed Italian General Staff, copy to you. It is essential to have some form of Italian administrative headquarters to deal with all Italian troops working with Eighth Army: whose numbers are now equivalent to a Brigade and may well expand to the equivalent of a division in the near future. It should be located in Eighth Army area so as to be able to visit the Italian units it administers. I suggest near Army Railhead, so as also to deal with Italian Military refugees if required.
2. Money advanced to Italian personnel should, I suggest, be regarded as a loan and adjustment made with this Italian HQ when set up. Only Italian rates of pay admissible.

Brig
Comdr

Military Mission to Italian Army.

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Subject: Italian Liaison Personnel

Chief of Staff

STAFF OFFICER

15 ARMY GROUP

15TH EIGHTH ARMY (ref para 4)

FIFTH ARMY CP

IN 7 ITALIAN ARMY

IN ITALIAN FIFTH IN CAMPANIA (for information)

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AD/1

14 Nov 43

1. The status of Italian liaison personnel attached to, and living with, the Allied Armies requires consideration. Some have been collected during the advance and kept attached to Allied units, and some have been sent up officially C.O. as interpreters.

2. I understand that General BANSO has already addressed you on the subject of those attached to FIFTH ARMY; and has proposed that, in order to meet expenses such as mess bills, Italian Officers so attached should have an allowance of 100 lire per day and Italian NCO's 50 lire per day. It is recommended that this be made applicable to all such liaison attachments to the Allied Armies.

3. As set forth in my AG/1 dated 18 Nov to you it will be necessary to organize a small administrative headquarters with each the FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies to organize the maintenance in pay, clothing and equipment of all Italian units working in their respective areas. The headquarters could also administer the liaison personnel.

4. Will FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies please forward to me a list of all liaison personnel attached to them so that their position can be regularized and their maintenance arranged for.

RJC.

Enig
Comd, MIL

Edw. M. Kane

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Subject:- ITALIAN TROOPS WORKING WITH EIGHTH ARMYMilitary Mission to
Italian Army

Ref A&A

18 Nov 43

Chief of Staff, STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY)
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY) for information

1. At Appendix 'A' is a list of Italian Units at present serving with EIGHTH Army. These units have all been sent up as a matter of urgency and the setting up of some form of administrative organisation for them is now for consideration: so that they may be maintained in pay, clothing and equipment. If you will let me have your proposals I will forward them to EIGHTH Army for agreement.

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2. At Appendix 'B' is a list of Italian Liaison personnel known in this office to be working with EIGHTH Army who should come under the same administrative arrangements. The list is incomplete and is recorded as a first approach to the problem.

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Brig
Comd

Appendix 'A'

ITALIAN TROOPS WORKING WITH EIGHTH ARMY

<u>Unit</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>			
	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>MT Carts</u>	<u>Animals</u>	
28 ARTIERY Bn	370			SAN SEVERO
1 FORM ARTIERY Bn	346			FOGGIA
2 FORM ARTIERY Bn	183			MANFREDONIA
29 MINATORI Coy	224			do.
351 COASTAL Bn	516			SAN SEVERO
353 COASTAL Bn	500			FOGGIA
54 LAVORATORI Bn	635			AMERDOLA
Mule Units	ky 600 ?			SAN SEVERO
308 COASTAL Bn	630	1	8	under orders for
				FOGGIA
TOTALS	4004	1	8	608

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Appendix 'B'

ITALIAN LIAISON PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE WITH EIGHTH ARMY

(a) Already with Eighth Army

Capt	NAR	5 Corps
Lieut	PAOLETTI	13 Corps
2/Lt	DUSSIO	1 Can Div
Capt	GATTI	13 Corps
Lieut	DOMENICO	13 Corps

(b) Ordered to report to EIGHTH ARMY

43 officers and 10 M.C.Os.

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Subject: Italian Units in EIGHTH Army Area
- Administration

Military Mission to
Italian Army
Ref RE 2/2
15 Nov 43

7th Italian Army
copy C.V. EIGHTH Army
12 Airforce Engineer Comd
2 C.R.L.

17 NOV 1943

1. As you are aware, the Italian Units working in EIGHTH Army Area are at the moment lacking essential clothing, boots, blankets, etc.

2. As arranged at the Engineer Conference, held at No 2 District on 6 Nov, Lt Col ALBANO visited EIGHTH Army Area and is forwarding a consolidated demand for all the administrative requirements of the Engineer Units.

Lt Col ALBANO did not, however, visit either the Coastal Bns or the LAVINATTORE Bn, and I will be grateful therefore if you will make the necessary arrangements for a Staff Officer to visit EIGHTH Army in order to investigate their requirements.

3. The units to be visited, with locations, are as follows:

351 Coastal Bn	TORRELAGGIORE
353 Coastal Bn	FOGGIA
356 Coastal Bn	SAN SEVERO
34 LAVINATTORE Bn	AMENDOLA

The advanced party only of 353 Coastal Bn is at present in FOGGIA. It is presumed that the main body will have arrived by the time your Staff Officer visits FOGGIA.

4. A Pass will be issued by this HQ on receipt of the following information:

- (a) Names of personnel visiting EIGHTH Army
- (b) Date of visit
- (c) Registration Number of vehicle

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SUW/207:--Reinforcement - Italian Forces.

AFHQ, Adv Adm Bohelen.
U.M.P.
Tel Ext 12.
25/3.

13 Nov 42.

15 Army Group.
Fifth Army.
Fifth Army (1st Increment).
Main Eighth Army.
Rear Eighth Army.
Peninsular Base Section.
No. 2 District.
Military Mission to 7th Italian Army.
87 Area.
84 Sub Area.

Copies to: A.M.C.O.F., 15 Army Group.
A.M.C.O.F., Region II.
A.M.C.O.F., Region III.
G-4, G(31), ST. OS, MGS(Adv).
Post-Section, MPA, AFHQ.
LC to Italian Forces Company.

1. Reference AFHQ signal 8181 dated 8 Nov 42 and in reply 4531 of this HQ signal Q 178 of 8 Nov, the following instructions with regard to the subsistence of the Italian Forces are issued.

2. All Italian units under command, armor and employed in Army areas will be rationed from Allied Military Sources on the scale laid down in the above quoted signal. The fresh items will be supplied by local purchase under Army arrangements.

3. All demands for supplies to Italian Forces will be initiated by the British Military Mission attached to 7th Italian Army who will transmit them to G Branch this HQ. Those demands will cover the Italian Navy and Air Force to the extent that we are to supply them.

4. The JMM must support the demands by an Order of Battle and must make recommendations as to which units can be considered as rendering service to the Allies and therefore entitled to supplies under the terms of the above quoted AFHQ signal. The JMM will therefore submit the return called for in para second of this HQ signal Q 178 of 8 Nov as soon as possible.

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 Post-Section, EAPL, AFHQ.
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5. All demands will be approved by G1 Wiesbo and passed to ST and OS for action (i.e. issue or demand on AFHQ as the case may be).

6. ST and OS will receive all supplies which arrive by air for the Italian Forces and will hand them over to the Italian Military Authorities obtaining receipts and keeping records. This means that unless the supplies arrive in such a way as to be clearly identified, they will have to be taken into depots before they can be re-issued to the Italian Authorities.

7. The British Military Mission is further responsible:-

- (a) For obtaining information regarding stocks of supplies etc now in Italian hands.
- (b) For ensuring that the demands do not include supplies which could be provided from civil sources without detriment to essential civil needs.

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Sheet 2/. (c). For General...

Sheet 2.

(c) For general supervision of the issue of supplies, furnished by the Allies, by the Italians to ensure that in general these supplies are devoted to the object for which they are provided.

8. The LMA will require a special staff to carry out these responsibilities.

9. Until full instructions are received from AEM and a regular system of supply of rations and steriles working, all demands submitted by the LMA will be judged by HQ branch this HQ on their merits.

10. Ordnance will ensure that a stock of dyed battle dress, multitable boots, etc., is held.

11. All Italian troops in the P.D.S. Area can be treated at present as if they were in the Combat Zone and G.S., P.D.S. can make his own arrangements for supplies within the terms of the AFHQ signal above quoted, but it is essential that duplicate demands for the same troops are not received from the L.M.A.

12. ~~1723~~ separate instruction on the issue of POL to the Italian Military Authorities is being prepared by the Petroleum Section this HQ and will be issued shortly.

DLG/WC.

for Major-General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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for

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U.S. District,
(Pacific),
O.P.

1402

21 Oct. 1955.

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Copies to Brig. Taylor, Allied Military Mission.
 Brig. Duchesne, British Military Mission. ~~and~~
 10 Army Group.

Further to my letter dated 11 Oct., I have had today a general discussion with Brigadier Taylor of the Allied Military Mission regarding the maintenance of the Italian Army. It is clear that if any good use is to be made of this Army it must be properly maintained in all respects. If it is supplied out of available Italian resources, we shall have to rely on those resources for the sake of the civil population. This applies particularly to foodstuffs. As regards military equipment, the Italian Government cannot at present provide anything in the way of clothing, personnel equipment, etc., and it seems unlikely that it will be able to do so for a very long time.

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W. Johnston

WJ/csb.

Major-General,
S.O.C.
H.Q. No. 2 District (FORTRAN)

G II

This conference which I heard yesterday
from Gen. ALBERTI

Byrd 22/10

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SECRET

153213 Capt C.F. Murcell,
L.O. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

30/11
8 Nov 43.

Dear Carew,

Man, thanks for your card of a few days ago.

The "Q" posn about Basso at the moment is this.

His HQ which consists, or rather will consist when they are all over here, of about 250 to 300 all ranks, is getting American rations, and so are the 113 Inf Regt. An Italian ration scale has been issued and later they will come on to that: the items will be more bread than at present, pasta, oil and the usual Italian food-stuffs. I have asked for a copy to be sent me by 5th Army Base Sec who set the scale out, but this hasn't reached me yet. When it does I will send you a copy.

For Administration 113 comes under Basso, that is to say that B will have to find them clothes, arms, pay and the rest, but 5th Army Base Sec detail 113 for guard duties etc.

The way that 113 are being supplied at the moment is this: where detachments are doing guard duties on dumps and VPs they are att to the American unit for which they are doing guards, for rations.

Gen Clerk has promised to supply any number of Italian tps that he may ask for. He wants some mule trains, and he has promised to feed the personnel. Animal fodder is apparently plentiful in the area so there is no particular head-ache there for the moment. Italian

One thing is definite, that no large numbers of tps will be allowed in the area just yet, but later when the Army moves forward and there is room Basso may be allowed to bring over from Sardinia some of his tps.

Basso is rather handi-capped at the moment by the fact that he hasn't yet been allowed to issue a proclamation. The one of which he made a draft has gone up to Army Gp for their consideration, but there has been no answer yet.

Things move rather slowly in the Basso world.

Any dope you would like which I can supply, just ask for.

Yours,

Frank
Maj Carew-Hunt,
DAQMG,
British Military Mission to
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*File Rations
13/11/44*

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COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

n. 2/10027 di prot.

I.M. 107, 11 31 ottobre 1943.

OGGETTO: Rifornimenti viveri e carburanti.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso il Comando della 7^a Armata

AQ/2

Risponde al foglio AQ/2 in data 30 corrente.

1. L'Intendenza della 7^a Armata sin dal 20 corrente ricevette
sentò al MAGE. Carew-Hunt il fabbisogno viveri e carburanti per
le truppe dell'Armata.

2. Su proposta del predetto Maggiore lo stesso giorno 20
corrente un ufficiale dell'Intendenza ed il MAGE. Carew-Hunt si pre-
sentarono a Taranto per conferire col Generale Robertson sull'argo-
mento. Il Generale Robertson, che parlò col solo Maggiore **4528** as-
serendo che la questione non era di sua competenza, stabilì in 100
tonnellate mensili il rifornimento carburanti al XXVI Corpo d'Arma-
ta, basandosi sulla richiesta di quest'ultimo. Conseguì, inoltre,
di rappresentare la questione dei viveri e dei carburanti alla Mis-
sione Militare Britannica presso il Comando Supremo Italiano (Colon-
nello Montfort).

3. Il giorno 21 corrente il MAGE. Carew-Hunt, il Capitano Moni-
co e l'ufficiale dell'Intendenza si recarono a Brindisi per conferi-
re col Col. Montfort, il quale, però, non era in sede. Neanche il suc-
cessivo giorno 22 fu possibile trovare a Brindisi il Col. Montfort.

1. L'Intendenza della 4^a Armata fin dal 20 corrente aveva sentito al magg. Carew-Munt il fabbisogno viveri e carburanti per le truppe dell'Armata.

2. Su proposta del predetto Maggiore lo stesso giorno 20 corrente un ufficiale dell'Intendenza ed il magg. Carew-Munt si recarono a Capriolo per conferire col Generale Robertson sull'argomento. Il Generale Robertson, che parlò col solo Maggiore **4528** esprimendo che la questione non era di sua competenza, stabilì in 300 tonnellate mensili il rifornimento carburanti al XXI Corpo d'armata, basandosi sulle richieste di quest'ultimo. Conseguì, inoltre, di rappresentare la questione dei viveri e dei carburanti alla Missione Militare Britannica presso il Comando Supremo Italiano (Colonnello Montfort).

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4. Il giorno 23 corrente i tre ufficiali tornarono a Brindisi e conferirono col Capitano Isry. Dopo il colloquio il magg. Carew-Munt disse all'ufficiale dell'Intendenza che ormai non era più necessario tornare a Brindisi e che, su richiesta del comando XXI Corpo d'armata, erano state consegnate allo stesso 20 tonn. di benzina - per 10 giorni - sul deposito di Francavilla Angitola. Tale assegnazione doveva considerarsi straordinaria in vista dei trasporti che il Corpo d'armata doveva compiere per conto delle truppe inglesi.

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