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Q/18 Mules . 1st Cover

Opened Oct. 4, 1943. Closed Apr 9, 1945

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Subject : Requisition of remounts at SAVIGNANO-GREGI
(Avellino)

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/I3

9 April 45.

A.F.H.Q.
Q Maint.

The attached translation of a letter received
from the War Ministry is forwarded for such action as
may be considered desirable.

RAC
R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RAC/fo

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Subject : Animals - Sicily.

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Land Forces Sub Comd.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/IS

9. April 45.

Ministry of War

118.

Ref : 205950/II, of 15th of March 45.

There is no objection to the disposal of the animals referred to in your above quoted letter, subject to obtaining the consent of N° 3 Remount Purchasing Commission in Sicily.

RAC

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RAC/fe

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Subject : Animals - Sicily.

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Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.B.I.A.)
R O M E
C/18

Ministry of War

9. April 49.

122

Ref : your IO39 Tp 2, dated 21st of March.

There is no objection to the disposal of horses and mules over 15 years of age, subject only to obtaining the approval in the case of Sicily of H^o 3 Remount Purchasing Commission.

RAC

R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col,
for Major General,
M.B.I.A.

Copy to : A.P.H.Q. C Maint.
(2 copies)

RAC/fo

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file 8/18

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (JMLs)

FILE NO: Q89
SUBJECT: Horses

DATE: 7 April 1945

TO : Col. Curties.

1. Reorganized units of 210 Division (Italian) 5th Army have requisitioned:

• Horse Draft for Pulling Cart - 75
• Horse Riding - 7

Bari 18 ✓
2 -

2. Are they available and if so will you lay on the details keeping MMIA LO 5th Army and G-4, 5th Army in the picture.

20 Pack Horse Gp

F.R. Clark
F.R. CLARK
Capt. CAC
MMIA

Q2

W. of W have only following availability:-
Terr H.Q. Bari Horses draft 75 (53) ✓
Horses riding 18 (5) ✓
2.

400 Horses

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: War Ministry

207525
REF: 222-9-1 /11

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Horses for Carabinieri

Further to 204841/11 dated 3rd. inst.

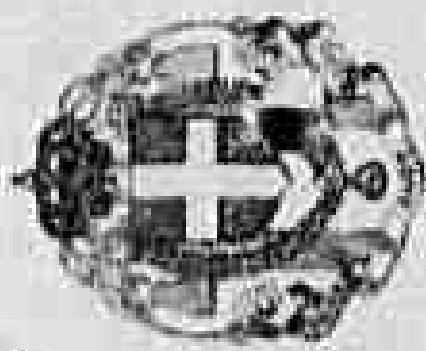
As telephonically requested by Major Byatt, we confirm that:-

- the 40 horses from the Bonorva Animal Supply Centre (Sardinia) would have to be disembarked at Civitavecchia, being intended for the squadrons group of the Rome CC.RR Legion.
- the rail transport of the same 40 horses from Civitavecchia to Rome and of the 20 from Persano to Rome will be carried out care of the Transport Office of S.M.R.E. in accordance with the instructions in force as soon as the requested concession is authorised.

Sgd. LOMBARDI
Col.

G. DANIN CPL.





CR/su.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Aut. N° 207525
222-9-1

Roma P.M. 3800 - 30 MAR 1945

Resposta al fido
Lettera per carabinieri
OGGETTO: Cavalli per carabinieri.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

31/3

Seguito n. 204841/11 data 3 corrente.-

Come da richiesta telefonica del magg. Byatt, si precisa :

- I 40 cavalli del centro rifornimento quadrupedi di Bonorva (Sardegna) dovrebbero essere sbarcati a Civitavecchia, perché destinati al gruppo squadroni della legione CC.RR. di Roma;
- il trasporto per ferrovia degli stessi 40 cavalli da Civitavecchia a Roma e dei 20 da Persano a Roma sarà effettuato a cura dell'Ufficio Trasporti dello S.M.R.E., secondo le disposizioni in vigore, non appena verrà autorizzata la cessazione richiesta.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
Sturmf.

Oggetto: Cavalli per carabinieri.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Amabile
Plas
RAL

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
Sturmf.

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Tel. 459081,
Ext. 262

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Q/18

AGR/393.0

27 March 1945

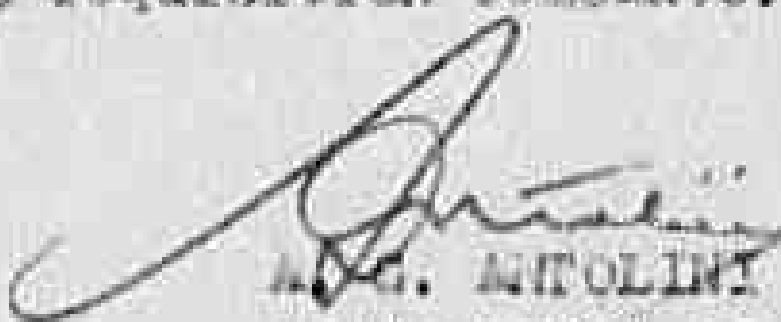
SUBJECT: Requisitioning Animals in Sicily

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission 120

1. Reference is made to your letter Q/18 of 17 March 1945, subject as above, requesting that instructions be issued to afford the utmost assistance to No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission in their activities in Sicily.

2. Recognizing the importance of the procurement of remounts, the Agriculture Sub-Commission has recently prepared and submitted to AFHQ data as to the population of mules requesting that information be supplied as to the purchase program in prospect, so that steps can be taken to enlist the active assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and its provincial Ispettorati Agrari. Upon receipt of reply to that letter, further action can be taken, but no Allied Commission personnel is available in Sicily to enter into the matter directly.

3. In the meantime, however, it is presumed that the No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission can continue to requisition remounts.


A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Distribution:
Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission

AAE

Translation
From Min. of War
To: MMSA Q/18 Ref. 1039/122
Date March 21, 1945
Subject: Animals more than fifteen
years old. - Sicily See (125)

In order to get rid of the
older animals belonging to the
Mil. Administration, this Inspectorate
has ordered the definite issue of
all horses and mules over 15 years
old to the farmers who have
them on loan, with an exception
of the animals in SICILY.

We are dealing with old
animals, afflicted with various
skin diseases, no longer suitable
for military ~~purposes~~ ^{service} and which
are only a dead weight.

In consideration of that
which was reported by MMSA with
letter Q/18 dated March 17, 1945
See file 125
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we beg you to authorize that
 the measure be extended also
 to the animals ^{which are more than 5 years} on loan to ^{old}
 Sicilian farmers ~~which are~~
 has already been ^{ordered} ~~ordered~~ for
 SARDINIA.

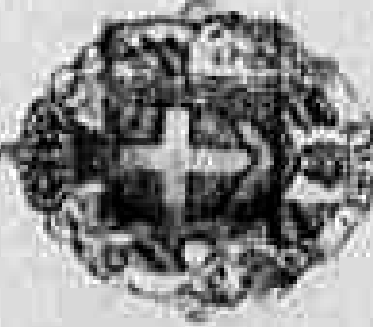
Sgt. J. J. P. A. 1111

Cpl. V.C.
~~AM~~

To relate Please

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G. 1440

Ministero della Guerra

Ministero della Guerra
Dipartimento del Servizio Ippico e Veterinario

Ispett. Gen. del Serv. Ippico e Veterinario
Servizio Ippico

P. N. 3800 *Stato 21* *NOTO 1940 A*

ALLA LAND FORESS SUB COMMISSION AC (MIL)

Ord. n. 1039
Reposta al f. 73
del

R. U. H. A.

OCCETTO

quadrupedi di oltre 15 anni
della Sicilia.

Annuncio di un 15 specia in Italy

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22/3 am

Questo Ispettorato, allo scopo di alleggerire l'amministrazione militare dei quadrupedi, più recenti, ha dato disposizione al personale tutti i cavalli e i muli che hanno superato i 15 anni siano ceduti definitivamente agli agricoltori che attualmente li hanno a fido, esclusione fatta per i quadrupedi della Sicilia.

Si tratta di quadrupedi di età avanzata, affetti da tare di vario genere, che non sono più idonei al servizio militare e che costituiscono solamente un peso senza alcun rendimento.

In considerazione di quanto è stato comunicato da codesta commissione con foglio 6/10 del 17 marzo, prego, in analogia a quanto è già stato disposto per la Sardegna, di voler autorizzare che il provvedimento sia esteso anche ai quadrupedi di oltre 15 anni in consegna agli agricoltori della Sicilia.

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA ISPIETTORE GENERALE
(Eletto nel 1940)

L. De C. Pavia

Pro. 7^o 4039 / 2p. 2
Reparto al p^o 7^o
del

Oggetto:

affairs cited
want of time to investigate.

Branch of new year in party

La Commissione ha avuto l'onore di ricevere l'11 settembre 1903, una lettera del signor ... in cui si esprimeva il desiderio di essere ammesso a far parte della Commissione. La Commissione ha onore di rispondere che non può accettare la sua offerta, ma che non ha nulla da opporre al suo desiderio di essere ammesso a far parte della Commissione.

Si tratta di un'analisi che non può essere fatta solo in termini di "casi" e "casi". Si tratta di un'analisi che non può essere fatta solo in termini di "casi" e "casi".

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IL GENERALE DI CORPORA ESPERIMENTA GENERALE
(GIUGNO 1910)
(2010 101 101)

Ed. C. Partridge

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Subject: Sequisitioning Italian Army
Animals in Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
✓18

17 Mar 1945

To: Ministry of War (Servizio Ippico)

Reference your 246 of 3 Feb 1945. — *att to 100*

1. The matter has been referred to AFHQ and it is clear that the Remount Commission have acted within the terms of the Armistice it having been declared that all Italian Army animals in Sicily are regarded as captured enemy equipment.
2. It is pointed out that the primary concern of the Remount Commission is to maintain the Mule Cows now formed and that the animals in most cases find themselves in units of the Italian Army. It will be appreciated that the transfer of such animals as are required in the combat zone from Sicily to the mainland is in the interests of the war effort.
3. It is to be made clear that animals the property of the Italian Army in Sicily are to be held available if required for the Remount Commission. Under no circumstances may they be sold to civilians or exported from the island.

RAC/le

R. A. C. M. I. A.

R. A. C. M. I. A., Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LG Sicily
Territorial M. I. A., Palermo.

See File 10122 ⁶⁴⁹

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Subject: Requisitioning Animals in Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
✓18

17 Mar 1945

To: HQ Allied Commission
(for Executive Commissioner)

1. It is requested that instructions be issued to afford the utmost assistance to No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission in their activities in Sicily.
2. The provision of remounts for the Italian Mule Coys now formed is of great importance and some difficulty is anticipated in maintaining the necessary rate of intake.
3. Reports indicate that this is being accentuated by the purchase of horses in Sicily by civilians for export to the mainland.

RAC/ls

R. A. Curtiss

R. A. CURTISS, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A.F.H.Q. (your AFHQ/3310/4(Maint) of 12 Mar refers)

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Subject: Requisition of Italian Army
Horses and Mules in SICILY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/18

17 Mar 1945

To: A.P.H.Q.

Ref APHQ/3310/Q(Maint) dated 12 Mar 1945.

1. It is noted that Italian Army horses and mules in Sicily are considered as captured enemy equipment. The War Ministry will be so informed.
2. The restraint of civilians in purchasing animals not the possession of the Army is outside the province of the Ministry.
3. A.C. will be requested to advise their representative in Sicily that all possible assistance should be given to No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission.

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R.A. Curtles

R. A. CURTLES, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Translation
 Rom 14 of 14
 to 171112
 Q/18
 Ref. 205950/11
 Date 15-3-45

(118)

Assignment of remounts.

See (126)

Further to arrangements made by U.S. Claim Service Regional Office of PALERMO The Prefecture of PALERMO have ordered that a gift of a horse be made to each of the following LONGI FRANCESCO and TRUSCIA LIBORIO of ENNA.

The ^{animals} ~~remounts~~ will be chosen from the livestock of the Italian Army that are on temporary loan to farmers.

Since the orders issued by the allied authorities as regards issue of material belonging to the Italian Military administration, do not allow issue ^{local units} ~~from the Italian units~~ we beg MM14 to take the action deemed necessary so as to obtain that:

The war ministry be given the reasons for which the transactions are to take place.

That the assignment of the remounts to the two car lines, should it be authorized by MM14 is placed in the hands of the competent Italian authorities

R. Hambley

RAS

LOMBARDI 5064026
 Lombardi



GIA/su.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

IN

Ord. N° 205950 / II Allegato
220 - 19 - 2

Roma P.M. 3800 - 15 MAR 1945

Regolato ed / del

Dir. Sec. No

OGGETTO. Assegnazione quadrupedi.-

Acquisti L. di Annich.

A.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) 16/3 ROMA

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In seguito a disposizioni impartite dall'U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE di Palermo, la Prefettura di Palermo ha disposto che siano assegnati in proprietà - a titolo di dono - un cavallo ciascuno ai civili LONGI Francesco e TRUSCIA Liborio da Enna.-

I quadrupedi dovrebbero essere tratti da quelli appartenenti al R.Esercito e dati in temporanea consegna agli agricoltori.-

Poiché le direttive emanate dalle **Autorità**

Alleeate in merito alla gestione di materiale di **partenza del** l'Amministrazione Militare Italiana, non consentono **cessioni** da parte di enti periferici, si prega codesta Missione voler porre il suo vivo interessamento perché:

- siano notificate a questo Ministero i motivi che **hanno** determinato il provvedimento;
- l'eventuale assegnazione dei quadrupedi ai due civili **suora** indicati - qualora autorizzata da codesta M.M.I.A.-sia rimessa alle Autorità Italiane competenti.-

Oggetto: Assegnazione quadrupedi.-

Assignment of Quadrupeds

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.A.)

16/3 ROMA

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- l'eventuale assegnazione dei quadrupedi ai due civili sopra indicati - qualora autorizzata da codesta M.M.I.A.-sia rimessa alle Autorità Italiane competenti.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
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Subject: Requisitioning of Animals.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
Q/18

14 Mar 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 204420 dated 25 Feb 45.
220-19-12

Enclosed is copy of AFHQ letter, AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint)
dated 8 Mar 45.

RAC

R.A. CURTIS Lt.Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

RAC/hh

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Subject: Requisitioning of Animals

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/18

14 Mar 45.

AFHQ for Q Maint (2)

113

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from the Ministry of War, for information and any action you consider necessary.
2. Your letter AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint) dated 8 Mar 45 refers.

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RAC

R. A. CURTIS, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

RAC/wk

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TRANSLATION

FROM MoV

TO. MMIA.

REF No 205826/11

DATE 12/3/45

Subject: - Requisition of remounts at SAVIGNANO-GRECI (Avellino)

In the a/m communes, the requisition of all available remounts has been ordered by the Allied authorities.

Such ~~measures~~ ^{measures} have caused discontent amongst the owners, either because the remounts owing to the actual situation are essential for agricultural work, or because the prices paid by the commission are inferior to those of the actual market.

^{Reference} ~~For this~~ above we beg MMIA to examine the following possibilities: -

Cancel the A/M requisition;

limit, it, if it cannot be cancelled, to the strict necessities.

This to avoid forced requisition which would cause great damage to the civilian population and to the national agricultural situation;

R. Mansfield

LOMBARDI.

0867

31A/46



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Q 115/2

Prot. N. 55825 / II All. Reg. 190-19-11
Risposta al disp. del

Roma, P.M. 3800, 12 MAR 1945

Risposta al disp. del

IN
OGGETTO: Requisizione quadrupedi in Savignano - Greci (Avellino). -

Requesting of horses and mules

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA
13/3

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ISPEZIONE REGIONALE E VETERINARIA
(rif. lett. n. 452/12.1 e 482/12.1 del 3 e 6 marzo)

SEDE

Nei comuni di Savignano e di Greci (Avellino) è stata dispo-
sta - da parte delle Autorità Alleate - la requisizione dei qua-
drupedi esistenti.

Tale provvedimento ha determinato nei vari detentori un vivo
malcontento sia perchè i quadrupedi, nell'attuale situazione,
sono indispensabili per i lavori agricoli e sia perchè i prezzi
corrisposti dalla Commissione di requisizione sono inferiori a
quelli correnti sul mercato.

In relazione a quanto sopra, si prega codesta Missione per-
chè voglia esaminare la possibilità di:

- soprassedere alla requisizione in questione;
- limitare, qualora non sia possibile evitarla, la requisizi-
one stessa alle necessità

Oggetto. Requisizione quadrupedi in Savignano - Greci (Avellino). -

Requestary of Quadrupedi in Savignano - Greci



ALL THE LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (G.N.I.A.)

R.C.M.A.

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ISPETTORATO IMPIE E VETERINARIO
(rif. lett. n. 452/tp.1 e 482/tp.1 del 3 e 6 marzo)

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In relazione a quanto sopra, si prega codesta Missione per-
chè voglia esaminare la possibilità di:

- sopprimere alla requisizione in questione;
- limitare, qualora non sia possibile evitarla, la requisiz-
ione stessa alle necessità strettamente indispensabili.

Ciò allo scopo di evitare requisizioni forzate, che porre-
no grave danno alla popolazione e, di riflesso, all'agricoltura
nazionale.

IL CAPO DI GARIBOLDI

Sturani

115/1

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint).

12 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:- Requisition of Italian Army
Mules and Horses in SICILY.

TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓

Reference your AQ/18 of 20 Feb 45.

107 Q/18
COS Secy.
RAC
15 Mar

The position is as follows :-

1. No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission is requisitioning animals in SICILY on behalf of both the British and U.S. Armies.
2. Italian Army horses and mules in SICILY are considered as captured enemy equipment - Authority AG. 400 93-1 G.C.T. - A.G.M. of 2 Dec 43, para. 2.
3. Animals are, therefore, not considered Italian Government property as the island of SICILY was captured before the Armistice.
4. It is considered that the present policy which has been in operation since October 1943 should be continued as we are now greatly dependent on this Purchasing Commission for the supply of remounts and that it should be given the full support of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
5. It is reported during the last few days that certain civilians have been purchasing horses in SICILY for export to the mainland.
6. We shall be glad if you will take action regarding this matter with AC as otherwise it will be impossible to provide remounts for the monthly wastage in the Italian Mule Coys now formed.

HLB/PCE.

Copy to:- V & R.S.

H.L. BEDWELL, Major,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

See Folio 119
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q MAINT BRANCH
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SUBJECT :- Requisitioning of Animals.

AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint).

8 Mar 45.

TO :- Land Forces Sub Commission. A.C.,
M.M.I.A.

Q/18
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Reference your Q/18 of 3 Mar 45.

The request of the Italian Ministry of War has been taken up with V & RS who state that this will be complied with as far as possible.

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RAC

*W. Vivian
Capt*

W. VIVIAN, Capt.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

See folio 116

translation.

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From: M. de W.
to: MMIA

Q/18

Rfd. 106066 1/12

Date: 6 march 45

Subject: Requisition of mules in the MATERA province

We inform you that the following communication has been received by this Ministry.

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In the MATERA province the allies are carrying out mule requisition.

The prices fixed by the commission are about 60.000 lire per head, which is about half the actual commercial value of the mules.

As a result those who are not wealthy and possessing one mule only, with which they carry out all their work, are being dealt an economical blow of no mean importance, as the mules are their means of living.

This causes, at the time of requisition, resistance and attempts to evade it, and ^{sometimes} ~~serious~~ ^{serious} incidents, in such way, that all the energy of the Carabinieri is required to avoid more serious incidents.

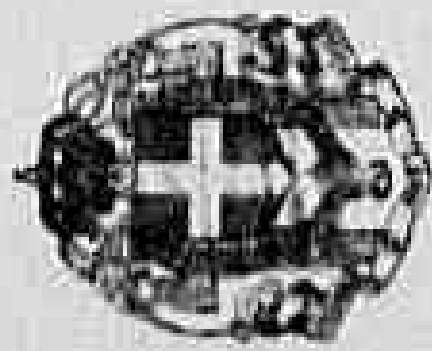
The interested persons request, therefore, a convenient increase of the requisition prices, and possibly, the suspension of requisition of the only mule possessed by some of the less wealthy.

L. Campi S.

[Signature]

ROMA 21.

Vof/en



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

IN

Prot. No. 106066 / I/2. Allegati

- 6 MAR 1945

Roma,

Reparto al f. del

Dir. Se.

Oggetto: Requisizione quadrupedi in Provincia di Matera.

Requisitioning of horses for Province of Matera

AL LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Si comunica, per notizia, la seguente segnalazione pervenuta a questo Ministero:

"Nella provincia di Matera è in corso la requisizione dei mulo da parte del Governo Militare Alleato.

I prezzi fissati dalla commissione si aggirano sulle 60.000 lire per capo, corrispondenti a circa metà dell'attuale valore commerciale di ciascun quadrupede.

Ne consegue che i meno agili, possessori d'un solo mulo col quale svolgono la loro attività, trascinano i mezzi di vita, vengono a subire un danno economico non indifferente.

Si verificano, così, all'atto della requisizione, resistenze, tentativi di evasione ed a volte scene pietose, tanto ch'è necessaria tutta l'energia dell'Arma per evitare incidenti.

Gli interessati invocano, pertanto, una conveniente maggiorazione del prezzo di requisizione e, possibilmente, l'esonero dalla requisizione stessa dell'unico mulo posseduto dai meno agili."

OGGETTO: Requisizione quadrupedi in Provincia di Matera.

Requisitioning of Animals in Province of Matera

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

P. Santini

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Subject: Requisitioning of Animals

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) H O M E
Q/18

5 March 48.

AFHQ for Q Maint (2)

Enclosed is copy translation of a letter received from the
Ministry of War, for information and any action you consider
necessary.

DS13/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

*See file 114
129/1 2ND packet*

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

From: Ministry of War

Ref No: 204420

To : MMIA

220-19-12

Date: 25 Feb 45.

Subject: Requisitioning of Remounts

Further to instructions issued by the "Remount Purchasing Commission", the requisition of animals in MATERA zone is actually being carried out.

This requisition was carried out without taking into consideration the number of animals that would remain with farmers and has seriously affected small farmers who possessed only one or two draft animals.

Besides causing delay in agricultural work now being done, this requisitioning has aroused considerable discontent amongst these farmers, who have had great difficulty in obtaining animals in replacement of those originally in their possession.

In order that these small farmers are able to continue their work we beg MMIA to ensure that requisitioning only takes place from such farmers as possess two or more draft animals.

sgd Chief of the Cabinet

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

From. M. of W.

To. M.M.I.S.

Ref. 204841/11
222-9-1

3/3/45

111/1

Subject: Horses for Carabinieri.

Further to letters No 200987/11 = 25 Jan. 45. — 91

" 201860/11 = 30 Jan. 45. — 94

useful, you are informed that this Ministry with the object in view
 to horses for the C.C.R.R. It has been arranged that a
 number of horses belonging to the Combat Group "Mantova"
 that were left in Calabria as ~~equipment~~ ^{lost or damaged}
 will be reexamined and distributed on trust to farmers.

Other sources of supply over and above the various
 minor recovery units, could be constituted by the remount
 centres of "Bonorva" and "Pescano" for 40 and 20 ~~ponies~~ colts
 respectively. ^{Sardinia}

In order to proceed with the allocation of these
 horses, which has been authorised, we ask the M.M.I.S. to
 interest the proper quarters regarding transport by sea and
 rail.

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By Order, Head of the Cabinet.

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JH

M of W
 asked by EB
 to elucidate
 RAB

See folio 124.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Protocollo 204841/II Allegati
222-9-1
 Risposta al foglio del

IN

3 MAR 1945

Roma, E.M. 3800,

Divisione Sezione N

OGGETTO: Cavalli per carabinieri

Monica per Cav. 6.000



Al la LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
 e, per conoscenza:

ROMA

ALL'ISTITUTATO IPIICO E VETERINARIO
 (rif. lett. 392/tp.1 del 23 febbraio)

S E D E

A seguito di quanto già rappresentato con le lettere:

- n. 200987/II del 25 gennaio
- n. 201860/II del 30 gennaio

si comunica che questo Ministero, allo scopo di trarre eventualmente soggetti idonei per i CC. NR., ha disposto di sottoporre a nuovo esame alcuni cavalli del Gruppo di Combattimento "Mantova" rimasti in Calabria per essere distribuiti a aida agli agricoltori.

Altre fonti di disponibilità, oltre quella piuttosto modesta dei vari Nuclei di ricupero, potrebbero essere costituite dai Centri Rifornimento Quadrupedi di Ronorva e Persano per un quantitativo rispettivamente di 40 e di 20 puledri.

Per procedere alla cessione di tale aliquota di cavalli, qualora autorizzata, si prega codesta Missione compiacersi per re il proprio interessamento per i relativi trasporti via mare

OGGETTO: Cavalieri per carabinieri

Horacio de la Cruz

Q/18



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R C M A

e, per conoscenza:

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(rif. lett. 392/1p.1 del 23 febbraio)

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Stefano 633

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Translation

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Q/18

From: M/W.
To: MMIA

Ref: 204420
220.19.12

Date: 25 February 1945

Subject: Requisitioning of Remounts.

Further to instructions issued by the "Remount Purchasing Commission", the requisition of animals in Matera zone is actually being carried out.

This requisition was carried out without taking into consideration the remaining availability of animals with each farmer, affected seriously small concerns who possessed only one or two ~~draft~~ animals. Such damages beside causing a delay in Agricultural work now being carried out has caused amongst this category of farmers strong discontent. Also taking in consideration the amount of trouble those farmers have had to face to obtain some animals in replacement of their original livestock. So as to help such small owners to face their necessities and consequently to avoid the a/m inconvenience, we beg MMIA

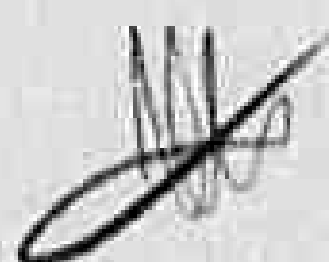
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To give their kind attention so that requisition
only take place amongst those possessing
more than 2 ~~draft~~ animals.

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Signed: Chief of the Cabinet



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Prot. N. 204420/II. Alloggi
220-19-12

Disposta al F. del

Roma, 25 FEB 1945

Da S. 15

Oggetto: Requisizione quadrupedi.

Requisizione di Quadrupedi

ALLA LAND PURCHASING SUB COMMISSION (A.C.) U.M.I.A. ROMA

In seguito a disposizioni impartite dalla "D. Remount Purchasing Commission" è attualmente in corso, nella zona di Matera, la requisizione dei quadrupedi.

Detta requisizione viene effettuata senza tener conto della reale disponibilità, presso ciascun agricoltore, di bestie da lavoro per cui restano particolarmente danneggiati quei piccoli produttori che posseggono solo uno o due capi di quadrupedi. Tale danno, oltre ad arrecare un arresto ai lavori agricoli in corso, determina in tale categoria un vivo malcontento anche in relazione agli imprevisti sacrifici sostantati da detti agricoltori per riacquistare i quadrupedi di cui attualmente dispongono in sostituzione di altri precedentemente requisiti.

Al fine di andare incontro alle necessità particolari di tali modesti produttori e conseguentemente eliminare gli inconvenienti suindicati, si prega codesta Missione perché voglia compiacersi porre il suo vivo interessamento perché la requisizione in questione ne abbia luogo solo presso quei possidenti che dispongono di più

Oggetto: Requisizione quadrupedi.

Requisition of Animals

Al

THE LAND FORCES SUP. COMMISSION (A.C.) U.M.I.A.

R.O.M.A.

In seguito a disposizioni impartite dalla "II. Requisition Purcasing Commission" è attualmente in corso, nella zona di Matera, la requisizione dei quadrupedi.

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI MISSIONE

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Translation.

From: M of N.

TO: M M 17

Q/18

Ref. 20485/II

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Date: 23rd Feb. 45.

Subject: Answer for ECHR.

Ref. contents of ^{letter} ~~20485/II~~ 20485/II dated 20th Feb. 45, it is pointed out that letter 20485/II dated 14th Jan 45, this Ministry replied with letter -

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of which copies are attached in case you failed to receive them.

ST. EXORE

By ^{me} ~~me~~
 C. L. K.
 N. A. P. 2/3 (C. L. K.) Chief of C. L. K.

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

From: Mr of W.

To: Mr M. A.

Ref: 201087/II
112.9.Date: 25th Jan. 48.Subject: Horses for CCKR.

Ref. contents of ^{letter} ~~the~~ HQ/18 dated 14th Jan. 48, the Ministry agrees with the GMR, CCKR in the necessity to form mounted units and is of the opinion that the request for horses ^{made} by the GMR CCKR, is adequate.

Owing to the impossibility to get the horses of the "Mantova" Group, this office is examining the possibility to get ~~the~~ horses which are in excess to "Piceno" Combat Group as well as those on loan to farmers ^{and} which ~~are~~ ^{would be} considered suitable for the CCKR.

You will be informed in case horses could be drawn from other ~~available~~ ^{available} ~~resources~~ ^{available} services.

St. KARE.

(Sgd) Chief of Cabinet

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Translation

From: J. of W.

To: M. M. H.

Ref: 21860/E

222-8-1

Date: 30: Jan 45

Subject: Horse for CCHK.

Further to contents of letter 200881/E dated 222-6-1 25th Jan. 45 it is pointed out that, from investigations carried out, amongst the horses in excess at "Picens" Combat Group, none ^{are} ~~are~~ suitable for use by the CCHK.

Sgt. FIDEL



(Sgt) Chief of Cabinet

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Subinello

Dist. V - 104657/II Allegato 2 Roma 3800, 23 FEB. 1945
 Risposta al dip. di
 OGGETTO Cavalli per Carabinieri. - *Acc 24/1*

1/1a LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.F.I.A.)
 (rif. lett. AQ/18 del 20 febbraio)

R O M A

ITALIA - MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

In relazione a quanto richiesto con la lettera a riferimento, si comunica che alla lettera AQ/18 in data 14 gennaio questo Ministero ha già risposto con le lettere:

- n. 200987/II del 25 gennaio
- n. 201860/II del 30 gennaio

che si rimettono in copia nell'eventualità che non siano pervenute a codesta Missione.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Subinello

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO
Ufficio II

n° 200487/II
222-9-1

P.M. 3200, 25 gennaio 1945

OCCETTO: Cavalli per i carabinieri. -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - E.M. -
(M.M.I.A.)
(rif. lett. AQ/18 del 14 gennaio u.s.)

R O M A

In relazione a quanto segnalato da questa Missione con la lettera a riferimento, questo Ministero concorda con il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. sulla necessità di ricostituire i reparti a cavallo e ritiene adeguata la richiesta di quadrupedi per essi inoltrata.

Data l'impossibilità di disporre dei cavalli del gruppo "Mantova", questo Ministero sta esaminando se tra i cavalli esuberanti del Gruppo Combattimento "Ticino" vi siano soggetti adatti per i CC.RR. nonché tra quelli già dati a fida agli agricoltori.

Si fa riserva di indicare eventuali altre fonti di disponibilità.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
1° Col. L. Lombardi
P. c. c.
IL CAPO UFFICIO II
(T. Col. S. Monardo)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO
Ufficio II

Prot. n. 201860/II
222-A-1

P.M. 3800, 30/1/1945

OGGETTO: Cavalli per i CC.RR. -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (A.C.)
M.M.I.A.

R O M A

A seguito di quanto comunicato con lettera n. 200987/II del 25 gennaio si segnala che - da accertamenti eseguiti - tra i cavalli esuberanti del Gruppo Combattimento "Piceno" non risultano soggetti idonei per il servizio presso l'Arma dei CC.RR.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

f.º L. Lombardi

P. c. c.
IL CAPO UFFICIO II
(T. Col. F. Monaco)



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Subject: Requisition of Italian Army Mules and Horses in SICILY.
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.) ROME
 AQ/18

20 Feb 46.

AFHQ for Q Maint (2)

1. Reference is made to the att correspondence on the subject of the requisition of Italian Army mules and horses in SICILY.
2. In order that the Ministry of War may be satisfactorily answered would you please say
 - (a) If No 3 Remount Purchasing Commission is requisitioning on behalf of the British Army only or is acting as the agent of both British and U.S. Armies.
 - (b) If Italian Army horses and mules in SICILY are considered captured enemy equipment in which case the animals are at the joint disposal of US and BR without reference to the Italian Government.
 - (c) If the animals are considered Italian Government property. In which case may the requisition be regularized by an agreed AFHQ order to the Italian Government through AMIA

FJB/wk

J
 Y. J. MOANES, Col,
 for Major General,
 M. M. I. A.

Copy to AFHQ for G-3 Org F
 " " G-4 A
 GED AMIA

See G-3 115/1

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020C O P Y

FROM: LONG MMIA LO SICILY

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR MMIA ROME

13 FEB 1945

RESTRICTED (.) PARA ONE (.) REFERENCE YOUR AQ/18 OF
8 FEBRUARY AND FURTHER TO MY 1318 SAME DATE (.) PARA TWO (.)
I HAVE CONFERRED WITH MAJOR WATSON OF THREE REMOUNT PURCHASING
COMMISSION ON RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS (.) PARA THREE (.)
HIS AUTHORITY COMES FROM THE VICTOR AND HOGER SECTION OF AFHQ
AND HIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE ISLAND SINCE OCTOBER
43 DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 300 ITALIAN ARMY
ANIMALS (.) PARA FOUR (.) WATSON REFUSED TO FURNISH A LIST OF
SUCH ANIMALS SEIZED BY HIM AND STATES THAT ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE MATTER MUST BE OBTAINED FROM AFHQ (.) PARA FIVE (.)
WILL YOUR OFFICE HANDLE THE MATTER WITH AFHQ (.)

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LIATSON OFFICE
 LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
 % AC SICILY REGION HQ
 APO 394

No 1318

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Live Stock.

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (MMIA) Rome.

1. Inviting your attention to attached letters, number 1311/03 Territorial Headquarters Palermo dated 26 January 45 and reply thereto, VJM/15/3, No 3 R.P. Com, dated 4 February 45.

2. Reasons for the Military not repossessing this property prior to this time has not been satisfactorily explained to me. However the fact remains that subject quadrupeds are property of the Italian Military and unlike our motor vehicle problems they have never been in possession of the Allied Authorities.

3. May I have your view point on this matter.

/s/ Homer E. Long
 HOMER E. LONG
 Major QMC
 L O Sicily

2 Incls: - #1 - VJB/15/3 No. 3 Remount Pur. Com. (copy)
 #2 - 1311/03 T.H.P. (copy)

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Ex Italian Army Animals

VJB/16/3
4 Feb. 1948.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC (MHA)
c/o AC Sicily Region Hq,
APO 394, U.S. Army

Ref your letter 1318 of 27 Jan 45 and enclosure.

11 Mules and 3 horses (Ex Italian Army on loan to farmers)
were taken by this Commission on 11 Jan 45, from Castiglione.

These were animals which belonged originally to the Italian
Army but which either escaped or were turned loose at the time of the
invasion and on being recovered by the local authorities were given on
loan to local farmers.

This Commission has instructions to recover any such animals
and has been engaged in doing so as well as purchasing during the past
15 months.

Major, R.A.V.C.
No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020C O P YTranslation

From: Ministry of War

Ref 246

To : M M I A

Date: 3 February 1946

Subject: Requisitioning of Italian Army Animals, in SICILY

On Jan 3 Mr. TUFFARO GIOVANNI, of CATANIA, a WD. agent of the 3rd English Remount and Purchase Commission, reported to the CASTIGLIONE carabinieri station in SICILY with a letter from the Lt. Col. in charge of said Commission, dated Dec 10, 1944, containing the order for consignment of 12 Italian Army mules which have been regularly consigned to civilian farmers.

I report the above to M M I A with the request that it has the requisition order, which was issued directly by said commission without sending the regular request through M M I A as prescribed cancelled.

Furthermore I wish to report that the requisitioning of Italian Army animals which have been consigned to civilians while depleting agricultural means which is already in a bad condition, would cause inconvenience and discontent among the farmers.

sgd Gen. E. Cisto Del Punta

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020C O P YTerritorial HQ, Palermo
"Servizi" Office

Ref. No 1311/03

P.M. 72, 26 January 1945

Subject: Requisitioning of Mules belonging to the Italian Army (RI)
To : M.M.I.A., L.O. Sicily.

On January 3 Sig. TAPPARA Giovanni, from Catania, reported to the Castiglione di Sicilia CC.RR Station with a letter the text of which is given below:

"To the CC.RR., Castiglione, Sicilia".

It has been brought to the notice of this Commission that, after the invasion of Sicily, a total of 12 Mules belonging to the ex-Italian or German Army were entrusted to local farmers by the Castiglione Municipal Authorities, their claims depending from the Allied Authorities.

Please would you arrange to straightaway have these animals collected, so that they can be taken by the British Army.

Sig Tarrafa Giovanni from Catania, HD Agent of the said Commission, will contact you and will take care of the movement of the said animals to the stables of this Commission, at Catania.

Sgd Lt Col. British Remount & Purchasing Commission
(illegible) No. 3

Since the 12 mules mentioned by the British Commission have already been marked on the books of animals belonging to the Italian Army (R.E.) and at present on loan to civilians, we ask you to kindly examine the affair and invite the British Commission to desist from the request.

This has already been communicated to the Ministry of War, "Ipp. & Vet" Inspectorate.

By order,
Sgd A. Patti, Lt Col., Deputy Chief of Staff

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Subject: Horses for Carabinieri.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
AQ18

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

20 Feb 45

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Ref this HQ letters AQ/18 dated 14 and 22 Jan 45.

A reply is now urgently requested to this HQ letter AQ/18
of 14th Jan. Please expedite.

DSLg/hh

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON Major.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

AG 336.2-2

AMP/WAT/mjs
FEB 14 1945

Subject: Unit Equipment, Veterinary Evacuation Hospital.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMA), APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference paragraph 2, c, your 1st Indorsement, AG 18, 6 February 1945, to letter this Headquarters, AG 336.2-2, 26 January 1945, subject, "Supply Shortages of ITI-ITI Veterinary Units." Clarification is asked of the term "Unit Equipment, (Med. Dept. components only) Veterinary Evacuation Hospital."

2. Normal War Department practice is to list Medical Department components of hospital equipment under one heading in unit T/O and E's.

a. In the case of "Unit Equipment, (Med. Dept. components only) Veterinary Evacuation Hospital," the actual list includes expendable and non-expendable supplies and equipment. It is a 19 page, mimeographed, 8 1/2" x 13", pamphlet entitled: "Item 97345, Equipment List for Veterinary Evacuation Hospital - 150 Patients - 6 July 1942."

b. The Italian Army follows a similar practice. The Italian equivalent of the list described above is a 76 page printed booklet, approximately 6" x 8 1/2". Equipment of all services is included. Title of the book is:

Ministero della guerra
Servizio VeterinarioSpecchio N. 4
SPECCHIO DI CARICAMENTO
DELL'INFERMERIA QUADRIPIEDI DA CAMPO
(Modello 1928)
Roma - 1931

translation:

Ministry of War
Veterinary ServiceTable No. 4
Table of Equipment
for Field Veterinary Hospital
(Model 1928)
Roma - 1931

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

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Warren A. Thresher
WARREN A. THRESHER,
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

== S ROMA PALERMO 10926 160 13 1750 -

AD 18 - 67/14

TO: 1318/1 HQ ALCOM FOR MMIA ROMA P

FROM: LONG MMIA LO SICILY
REFERENCE NO:
DATE AND TIME 13 FEBRUARY 45
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:
CLASSIFICATION:
PRECEDENCE RESTRICTED PRIORITY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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RESTRICTED PD PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR ABLE QUEEN SLANT ONE EIGHT OF EIGHT FEBRUARY AND FURTHER TO MY ONE TREE ONE EIGHT SAME DATE PD PARA TWO PD I HAVE CONFERRED WITH MAJOR WATSON OC THREE REMOUNT PURCHASING COMMISSION ON RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS PD PARA THREE PD HIS AUTHORITY COMES FROM THE VICTOR AND ROGER SECTION OF PAREN LONG MMIA LO SICILY TO HQ ALCOM FOR MMIA ROME CITE ONE THREE ONE EIGHT SLANT *** ONE PAREN AFHQ AND HIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE ISLAND SINCE OCTOBER FORTY THREE DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS PD PARA FOUR PD WATSON REFUSED TO FURNISH A LIST OF SUCH ANIMALS SEIZED BY HIM AND STATES THAT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER MUST BE OBTAINED FROM AFHQ PD PARA FIVE PD WILL YOUR OFFICE HANDLE THE MATTER WITH AFHQ ==

HEADQUARTERS

14 FEB 1945

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IL CAPT. ADDETTO
(C. G. 100)

(K)

11/06/14

FROM: LONG MMIA LO SICILY
REFERENCE No:
DATE AND TIME 13 FEBRUARY 45
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RESTRICTED PD PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR ABLE QUEEN SLANT ONE EIGHT OF EIGHT FEBRUARY AND FURTHER TO MY ONE FREE ONE EIGHT SAME DATE PD PARA TWO PD I HAVE CONFERRED WITH MAJOR WATSON OC THREE REMOUNT PURCHASING COMMISSION ON RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS PD PARA THREE PD HIS AUTHORITY COMES FROM THE VICTOR AND ROGER SECTION OF PAREN LONG MMIA LO SICILY TO HQ ALCOM FOR MMIA ROME CITE ONE THREE ONE EIGHT SLANT ONE PAREN AFHQ AND HIS COMMISSION HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE ISLAND SINCE OCTOBER FORTY THREE DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS PD PARA FOUR PD WATSON REFUSED TO FURNISH A LIST OF SUCH ANIMALS SEIZED BY HIM AND STATES THAT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER MUST BE OBTAINED FROM AFHQ PD PARA FIVE PD WILL YOUR OFFICE HANDLE THE MATTER WITH AFHQ

HEADQUARTERS

14 FEB 1945

HL CAPTAIN ADGETTU
(Cecilia ino)

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT TR UNO ORE 1150140245 NR 10926+ RENIE+
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LIAMON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMA)
% AC SICILY REGION NO
APO 394

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No 1318

8 February 1945 12/2

SUBJECT: Italian Military Live Stock

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub-Comm. AC (MMA) Rome

1. Inviting your attention to attached letters, number 1311/03 Territorial Headquarters Palermo dated 26 January 45 and reply thereto, VJB/15/3, No 3 R.P. Com. dated 4 February 45.

2. Reasons for the Military not repossessing this property prior to this time has not been satisfactorily explained to me. However the fact remains that subject quadrupeds are property of the Italian Military and unlike our motor vehicle problems they have never been in possession of the Allied Authorities.

3. May I have your view point on this matter.

Wm. E. Long
WILLIAM E. LONG
Major QMC
L C Sicily

2 Incls: - #1 - VJB/15/3 No. 3 Remount Fur. Com. (copy)
#2 - 1311/03 T.H.P. (copy)

See folio 103

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020CopySUBJECT: - Ex Italian Army Animals
-----VJB/15/3
4 Feb. 1945.Division Office,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MSEA)
c/o AC Sicily Region Sq.,
APO 394 U.S. Army

Ref your letter 1318 of 27 Jan. 45 and enclosure.

11 Mules and 3 Horses (Ex Italian Army on loan to farmers) were taken by this Commission on 11 Jan. 45., from Castiglione.

These were animals which belonged originally to the Italian Army but which either escaped or were turned loose at the time of the invasion and on being recovered by the local authorities were given on loan to local farmers.

This Commission has instructions to recover any such animals and has been engaged in doing so as well as purchasing during the past 15 months.

Major, R.A.V.C.
No. 3. Remount Purchasing Commission.

Encl #1

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C O P Y

Territorial H.Q., Palermo
"Servizi" Office

Ref. No 1311/03

P.M. 72, 26 January 1945

Subject: Requisitioning of Mules belonging to the Italian Army (R.E.).

To : M.M.I.A., L.O. Sicily.

On January 3 Sig. TARRARA Giovanni, from Catania, reported to the Castiglione di Sicilia CC.RR station with a letter the text of which is given below:

"To the CC.RR., Castiglione, Sicilia".

It has been brought to the notice of this Commission that, after the invasion of Sicily, a total of 12 Mules belonging to the ex-Italian or German Army were entrusted to local farmers by the Castiglione Municipal Authorities, their claims depending from the Allied Authorities.

Please would you arrange to straightaway have these animals collected, so that they can be taken by the British Army.

Sig Tarrara Giovanni from Catania, WD Agent of the said Commission, will contact you and will take care of the movement of the said animals to the stables of this Commission, at Catania.

Sgd Lt Col, British Remount & Purchasing Commission No. 3
????????illegible????????

Since the 12 mules mentioned by the British Commission have already been marked on the books of animals belonging to the Italian Army (R.E.) and at present on loan to Civilians, we ask you to kindly examine the affair and invite the British Commission to desist from the request.

This has already been communicated to the Ministry of War, "Imp. & Vet" Inspectorate.

By order,
Sgd A. Patti, Lt Col, Deputy Chief of Staff

Encl #2

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Subject:- Requisitioning Animals SICILY.Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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8 February.45.To: M.M.I.A. c/o L.O. SICILY.

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a letter recieved from Ministry of War.
2. Will you please investigate, and furnish a report to this Headquarters.

DSIG/LM

[Signature]
D.S.L. GREGSON. Major.
for COLONEL.
DA & QMC.
MMIA

See Folio 9571
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020Translation.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M M I A.

Ref 246.

Date: 3 February 45.

Subject:- Requisitioning of Italian Army Animals, in SICILY.

On Jan 3 Mr. TUFFARO GIOVANNI, of CATANIA, a WD. agent of the 3rd English Remount and Purchase Commission, reported to the CASTIGLIONE carabinieri station in SICILY with a letter from the Lt. Col in charge of said Commission, dated Dec 14, 1944, containing the order for consignment of 12 Italian Army mules which have been regularly consigned to civilian farmers.

I report the above to M M I A with the request that it has the requisition order, which was issued directly by said commission without sending the regular request through M M I A as prescribe cancelled.

Furthermore I wish to report that the requisitioning of Italian Army animals which have been consigned to civilians while depleting agricultural means which is already in a bad condition, would cause inconvenience and discontent among the farmers.

Sgd. Gen. E. GISTO DEL PANTA.

Translation

From Min. of War Ref. 246
 To MMIA Date Feb. 3, 1946
 Subject Requisitioning of It. Army Animals
 in SICILY AQ/18.
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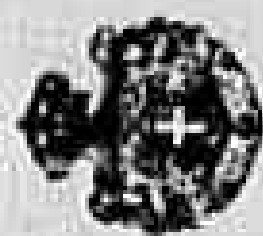
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Sgd. Gen. E GISTA DEL PANTA

apl. v.o.

[Signature]



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

ISPETTORATO DEL SERVIZIO IPPICO E VETERINARIO
SERVIZIO IPPICO

N. 246/1.1.1 di prot.

P.M. 3800, 3 febbraio

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OGGETTO: Requisizione quadrupedi del R.E. in Sicilia.

Requisizione di 12 muli per il R.E. in Sicilia

 ALLA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) - ROMA
e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO - Ufficio II
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di

Ufficio Servizi

(rifo. suo n° 1535/03 del 26/1/1945)

ROMA

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Il giorno 3 gennaio u.s. si è presentato al Comando della Stazione CC.RR. di Castiglione di Sicilia il Sig. IUFFARO Giovanni, di Catania, agente M.D. della Commissione di Rimonta e Acquisti Inglese n°3, munito di una lettera del Ten. Colonnello Capo della Commissione stessa, datata 14 Dicembre 1944, contenente l'ordine di consegnare 12 muli del R.E. che sono in atto in regolare consegna ad agricoltori civili.

Rappresento quanto sopra a codesta Sottocommissione, con preghiera di volere fare revocare l'ordine di requisizione dato direttamente dalla suddetta Commissione n°3, senza fare la regolare richiesta tramite la M.M.I.A., come prescritto.

Segnalo inoltre che la requisizione di quadrupedi del R.E. in consegna a civili, mentre danneggia l'agricoltura già povera di mezzi, può provocare incontenti e malcontento fra gli agricoltori.

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OGGETTO: Requisizione quadrupedi del R.E. in Sicilia.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) - ROMA
e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO - Ufficio II
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di S.E.D.E.
Ufficio Servizi PALERMO
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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA ISPELTORF09
(Egisto Del Panta)

Egisto Del Panta

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OGGETTO Cavalli per i CC.RR.

1^a LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (A.C.) M.M.I.A.
ROMA

A seguito di quanto comunicato con lettera n. 200987/II del 25 gennaio si segnala che da accertamenti eseguiti - tra i cavalli esuberanti del Gruppo Combattimento "Piceno" non risultano soggetti idonei per il servizio presso l'Arma dei CC.RR.

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
Further to letter 200987 dated 25 Jan. 222-4-1
we inform you that amongst the horses in excess from PICENO Combat Group there is no fit specimens for the CC RR service.
Vnted (K) 3 Feb
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Subject :- Requisitioning - Mules.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

AQ/18. —
29 . January, 45.

To : A.F.H.Q.

Enclosed is copy of a letter received from the Regional Commissioner Southern Region, A.C., together with a copy of a letter from the Zone Commissioner POONIA Zone, for any action you think necessary.

DSIA/gb

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, A.C. (Your R/1520 dated 26 Jan refers).

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

R/1520

26 January 1945.

Subject: Requisitioning - Mules.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. I forward herewith a report, received from Zone Commissioner Foggia, on the requisitioning of mules by Army Remounts in his Zone. I have already taken this matter up with No. 5 District.
2. I understand that the requisitioning of mules is carried out by Remount Purchasing Commission on the direct orders from AFHQ. I am therefore requesting you, if you think fit, take this matter up directly with AFHQ.
3. In concour in the opinion expressed by the Zone Commissioner, Foggia. For Allied officers to embark upon a system of impromptu justice, however, well intentioned, is always dangerous. In this particular case, it may give rise to a local impression that the requisitioning of a mule may be bought off for Lit.20,000.
4. I recommend strongly that action suggested in para 10 of the Zone Commissioner's letter.

J. K. DUNLOP
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

JFD/jh
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C O P Y

Subject:- Requisitioning Mules.

Ref:- FP/1401

16 Jan 45.

To :- HQ Southern Region, Allied Commission. (2)

From :- Allied Commissioner, FOGGIA ZONE.

Reference your R/1386 dated 6 Jan 45, and this HQ even No. dated 13 Jan 45.

1. A further development in mule requisitioning in FOGGIA has occurred.
2. On the 11th and 22nd Dec 44, the Requisitioning Officer of A.F.H.Q. went to MONTE SANT ANGELO and requisitioned approximately 42 Mules out of 48 which he had decided to purchase there.
3. There were six delinquents, who failed to respond to the Sindaco's instructions to produce their mules.
4. On the orders of Major KENT, the Sindaco fined each of the six delinquents Lire 20,000 - Total 120,000 Lire, which Major KENT directed should be divided amongst those who had produced their mules.
5. Lire 120,000 has been collected by the Sindaco, but according to a farmer who was interviewed this morning and to his statement corroborated by others whose mules were purchased, the Sindaco said he had no time to distribute the money.
6. In view of the illegality of the whole procedure, advice is requested as to how the matter should be rectified.
7. Apart from the legal aspect, it is suggested that to do as Major KENT has directed, is setting up the precedent of paying Lire 20,000 to avoid compliance with the requisitioning order.
8. As has been explained in my above quoted letter, this would be a paying proposition for the mule owner, when mules are sold for Lire 150,000 in the open market against the Lire 65,000 paid by Major KENT.
9. To return the Lire 120,000 to the delinquents without requisitioning their mules would ~~leave~~ ^{leave} them even better off and encourage others to do the same.
10. It is, therefore, suggested that Major KENT be instructed to return to the Comune, seize the mules belonging to the delinquents, pay them the proper purchase price and return the Lire 20,000 he has illegally fined them.
11. Meanwhile, I will advise the Sindaco not to distribute the Lire 120,000 he has collected.

H.N.BRIGHT, Lt.Colonel
Zone Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSIONER, FOGGIA ZONE.

HNB/EGFM

Copy to:- HQ 210 Sub-Area (for information and action deemed necessary)

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

E/1520

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning - Mules.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission. ✓

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4. I recommend strongly the action suggested in para.10 of the Zone Commissioner's letter.

JKD/jh
1 Incl.

J. K. Dunlop
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Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.



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3. There were six delinquents, who failed to respond to the Siminco's instructions to produce their mules.
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HRY/2241.

for Burt 602
H.N. BURT, Lt. Colonel,
Zone Commissioner,
ARMED COMMISSION, PUGLIA ZONE.

Copy to:- HQ 210 Sub-Area (for information and action deemed necessary).

Translation

From: M of W
To: MHA

AG/18

Ref: 200987/II
222-4-1

Date: 25 Jan. 1944

Subject: Horses for Carabinieri.

Re: letter AG/18 of the 14 Jan. 1945.

As per above letter, this Ministry agrees with the CC.RR. GHA on the necessity of re-forming the mounted units and we believe that the request submitted by them is adequate.

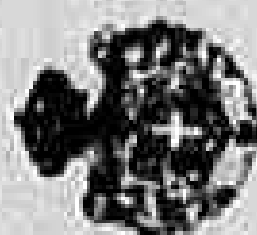
In view of the unavailability of the "MANTOVA"s horses, we are checking to see whether among the excess horses of the "PICENO" there are any that would be suitable for the CC.RR., as well as among those already entrusted to the farmers.

We shall inform you of any other possible sources.

BBS

await further
answer to
this letter
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Col Km
To await answer to AG/18
of 14/1
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See folio 94 + 109-11/1

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 200987 / 111
222-4-1

P.N. 3800 11 25 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Cavalli per i carabinieri.

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif. lettera AQ/18 del 14 gennaio U.S.)

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In relazione a quanto segnalato da codesta Missione con la lettera a riferimento, questo Ministero concorda con il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. sulla necessità di ricostituire i reparti a cavallo e ritiene adeguata la richiesta di quadrupedi per essi inoltrata.

Data l'impossibilità di disporre dei cavalli del gruppo "Ventova", questo Ministero sta esaminando se tra i cavalli esuberanti del Gruppo Combattimento "Picono" vi siano soggetti adatti per i CC.RR. nonché tra quelli già destinati a fida agli agricoltori.

OGGETTO: Cavalli per i carabinieri.

*Memorandum*

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (W.M.I.A.)  
(Rif. lettera AQ/18 del 14 gennaio u.s.)

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Si fa riserva di indicare eventuali altre fonti di disponibilità.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

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Subject: Horses for Carabinieri.

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AO/48

22 Jan 45

To: Ministry of War.

Ref this HQ letter AO/ 48 of 14 Jan. 45.

May this HQ please be informed whether a reply may now be given to the above quoted letter.

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P.D.P.
P. J. NOAKES ~~Major~~ Colonel
For Major General.
M. M. L. A.
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Subject: Horses for Carabinieri.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ~~FROM~~
AQ/18

14 Jan 1945

To: Ministry of War.

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1. Attached is a translation of a letter (reference N. 81/4 - 1944 dated 3 Jan 45) from the Commanding General of the Carabinieri, which has been passed to us by the Public Safety Sub Commission.

2. You are requested to forward to this HQ, your comments on this request. As the horses of the MANTOVA Gp have already been assigned, please state whether they can be made available from other sources, giving the locations.

FFI/lc

P. P. Fardell
P. P. FARDSELL, J/Coord.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.

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**HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 464**

*Land Forces 5/891
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In reply
refer to

AG 091.711/074 D-0

Initials *AW*
Date 12 January 1945

SUBJECT: Technical Inspection of ITI-ITI Veterinary Units.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464.
Deputy President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MEHA.

*AG/18
15 Jan*

1. Recent Technical Inspection of ITI-ITI Veterinary Units operating with Fifth Army has revealed some supply difficulties which require corrective action. The following is quoted from the report:

"Operations.

h. The 110th Veterinary Evacuation Hospital located at Pietramala, approximately four (4) miles east of highway 65, is attempting to operate in two (2) farm buildings with a capacity of about seventy five (75) animals. This unit has assigned to it one German Class "B" truck which has been without tires for 30 days, during which time the unit has been using a truck borrowed from an army service-unit.

i. The 130th Veterinary Evacuation Hospital and the 212th Veterinary Station Hospital, located at Cafaggiola on highway 65, is attempting to operate in a small group of buildings with an animal capacity of approximately 175. One unit, the 130th Veterinary Evacuation Hospital, has assigned to it three (3) Class "B" trucks, two of which are Italian vehicles and completely out of running order due to lack of parts for repair. The remaining vehicles, a captured German truck, has just recently been returned from a repair shop and operates about fifty per cent (50%) of the time.

j. The above units depend upon the assigned transportation for the hauling of forage, rations, clothing, and medical supplies from Army dumps. No transportation is provided for the evacuation of animals from forward areas to the hospitals, neither is there any provided for the transport of animals from evacuation hospitals to communications zone installations. For their operation, the units must depend upon pool or motor transportation borrowed from combat units when and if such transportation is available. Consequently, combat units and evacuation hospitals are usually overloaded during active military operations with animal patients which they are unable to properly care for. Furthermore, due to lack of transportation the unit is tied to the ground and unable to advance and relieve combat units of casualties.

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Ltr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 091.711/07h D-0,
12 January 1945 (Cont'd)

Supplies.

a. Medical supplies, both expendable and non-expendable, are obtained on requisition through Italian sources, and in most instances supplies are either slow in arriving or unobtainable, in which case the Army veterinarians by force of circumstances are required to obtain supplies through personal contact with other agencies.

b. Equipment for care of hospitalized animals is supposed to be obtained on requisition through Italian sources. When such equipment is obtainable, it is invariably slow in arriving and then in quantities insufficient to meet current requirements.

Conclusions.

b. The lack of transportation for the evacuation of animal casualties has led to a further reduction in the efficiency of Italian veterinary units.

c. Undernourished animals when retained in service units quite frequently die of exhaustion or become so debilitated that a long period of time and a considerable quantity of feed is required to condition them for further service, a wastage of both animals and food.

e. The present system of supply for items other than forage is slow, cumbersome and inefficient."

2. It is requested that Fifth Army furnish Military Mission to the Italian Army:

a. List of shortages of medical items, including items which are not obtainable in sufficient quantities.

b. A list of unserviceable items of equipment requiring replacement, shown separately by service.

c. A list of shortages of items of equipment, shown separately by service.

3. It is requested that so far as possible Military Mission to the Italian Army take action to equip the above units with serviceable items and to provide such items of medical supply as are required.

For the Theater Commander:

(Signature)
Captain, AG,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

10 January, 1945.

AS/14640/PS

SUBJECT : Horses for Carabinieri.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is a translation of a letter dated 3rd January 1945 from the Commanding General of the Carabinieri asking that 150 horses of the Mantova Group be assigned to the Carabinieri which still lacks 277 horses.

2. If it is impossible to transfer these horses owing to previous arrangements with farmers, can it be stated whether horses are likely to become available from other sources.

Chapman
f. JOHN W. CHAPMAN Lt Col
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

AFHQ - Spec Sec + By alt
AFHQ/G.

Inclosure

Translation RV.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

3rd January 1945.

N. 8174-1944

Subject : Horses for the CC.RR. Strength. Force

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

After the liberation of Rome, in re-organising the CC.RR. Strength, this General HQ. has taken particular care of the reconstruction of the cavalry units and precisely of the Squadron Group of the Rome Legion, of one Squadron of the Rome Cadet Legion and of the cavalry stations of the Rome and Lazio Legions.

The Squadron Group of the Rome CC.RR. Legion has a particular importance because assigned to the service of public order in the Capital: the Cadet Legion Squadron will function for the cavalry training of the CC.RR. Cadets. The Cavalry stations of the two legions, distributed in the rural centres, carry out a direct-activity, which has the purpose to assure the protection of the population and the vigilance on the installations, implements and cattle of the farms, where, especially at present, frequently occur thefts and robberies.

For the Squadron Group of the Rome Legion, the number of horses has been fixed at at least 180 (90 horses for each Squadron); for the Cadet Legion Squadron at 50 horses, for the cavalry stations of the Rome Legion at 108 and for that of the Lazio Legion at 120 horses: totally n. 458 horses.

At the present time the Squadrons Group has n. 142 horses, the Cadet Legion Squadron has none; the cavalry stations of the Rome Legion have 27 and that of the Lazio Legion n. 12. Totally n. 181 horses.

In order to complete the number and to bring a/m units to a real efficiency, n. 277 horses are necessary. In consideration of the present serious difficulties for the supply of horses, we beg the Sub-Commission to kindly examine the possibility of assigning to the CC.RR. strength at least 150 horses to be selected from the group of those which will arrive within a short time from Calabria and already belonged to the Combat Group "Mantova", destined to be distributed among the farmers in consequence of interest taken by the M.W.I.A.

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Commanding General
-Taddeo Orlando-

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (MIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

A9/18

26 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mules in Sardinia

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)

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F. L. Simmons
F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

1 incl:
Animal situation

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See

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TRANSLATION KRC/trc 13 DEC 44

COP

COMANDO MILITARE ISOLA SARDEGNA
Horse and Veterinary Office

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ANIMALS AS OF 6 NOVEMBER 44

UNIT	LOCATION	HORSES	MULES	TOTAL
<u>CALABRIA I.S. DIVISION</u>				
40th Regiment	Sassari-Nuoro	171	2	173
59th Regiment	Cagliari-Sassari	142		142
60th Regiment	Iglesias-Ploaghe	140		140
236th Regiment	Tempio-La Maddalena	134		134
50th Med. Section	Sassari	14		14
<u>ARTILLERY HQ SARDINIA</u>				
AA Troops Depot	Macomer	5		5
13th Arty Regt Depot	Macomer	4		4
Arty Directorate	Nuoro	18		18
46 Garrison Co	Cagliari	18		18
<u>ENGINEER HQ SARDINIA - Cagliari</u>				
ENGINEER GROUP - Oristano		5		5
<u>CAGLIARI NAVY HQ - Cagliari</u>		1		1
<u>COMANDO MILITARE SARDEGNA</u>				
Special Chemical Warehouse - Ozieri		1		1
Commissariato	Cagliari	16		16
Medical Directorate	Bonorva	15		15
Autieri Compl. Battalion-Cagliari		6		6
13th Eng. Regt Depot	Cagliari	2		2
16th Arty. Regt Depot-Cagliari		3		3
45th Inf Depot				
(Veterinary Hosp.) Iglesias		34		34
At Disposal of Allies	Cagliari	39	15	54
Military District	Cagliari	2		2
Military District	Sassari	1		1
Military District	Oristano	1		1
15th Legion Finance Gds	Cagliari	2		2
Centro Rif. Quadrupedi	Bonorva	570	23	593
CC.RR. Terr. Legion	Cagliari	469		469
Total No.		1850	41	1891

Part of 1944
shipped
case for
3000
(Cagliari)
remains
from Oristano
transported
18 miles shipped

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TRANSLATION HRC/rro 13 DEC 44

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Organisation Office

1. STRENGTH OF ANIMALS ON THE ISLAND

- Army horses	770
- Royal Finance Guards horses	2
- Army mules	3
- Mules at the disposition of the Allies	15
- Horses at the Allies' disposition	39
- Carabinieri horses	469
- Horses at centro rifornimento quadrupedi	79 + 51% to young for service.
Total	1377

2. ORGANIC STRENGTH OF ANIMALS FOR SARDINIA

- Cagliari Division	600
- La Maddalena Garrison	4
- Tempio Garrison	4
- Sassari Garrison	4
- Macomer Garrison	4
- Nuoro Garrison	4
- Oristano Garrison	4
- Iglesias Garrison	4
- Cagliari Garrison	4
- Carabinieri Legion	580
- Centro Rifornimenti Quadrupedi Bonarva	79
Total	1291

3. SUMMARY

- Animals existing on Sardinia	1377
- requirements	1291
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Therefore there remain 86 animals including 39 horses and 15 mules already at the disposal of the Allies.

4. Animals turned over to farmers by Comando Militare	263.
Animals turned over to farmers by the Allies	407.

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Animal situation

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Subject: Mules in Sardinia.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. E. I. A.) HQ
A2/18

21 Dec 1944

To: MMIA LO, Sardinia.

1. In a return received from the Ministry of War dated 18 Dec 1944, they show that the CALABRIA DIV still have 125 mules and that there are 23 mules at the BONORVA Depot. Total 148.
2. As this conflicts with the information available at this HQ, will you please state the exact position with regards to mules still in Italian Army hands.

DSLG/1c

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Colonel, DAK
M. E. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Remounts.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/18
6 December 1944.

TO : AFHQ.

1. Reference your AFHQ/3310/Q (Maint) dated 27 November 1944. 83/2

2. Upon receipt of the above reference letter, the matter was referred to MMIA LO Sicily, and also to the Ministry of War Italian Army. Both agencies have investigated and reported that no mules have been purchased, or are being purchased in Sicily by the Italian Army, the Italian Air Force, or CC.RR.

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GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt.Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No 1031

1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Animals - Purchase of Mules in Sicily.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA) Rome.
Attention: Lt. Col. Shipley

See folio 83/2 *AQ/18*
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1. Ref telephonic conversation on 30 November 1944 between Col SHIPLEY and Col ALBERT neither the ITI Army, CC, RH or Air Force have purchased any mules in Sicily.

Hester R Albert
HESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

M of W confirms above!
HRO
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2 Nov

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MMIA

COMMIT CALABRIA per MMIA LO MANTOVA GRUPPO.
~~to be for MMIA to~~

SD 1858

CONFIDENTIAL

Advise exact number and location of all mules and horses
now available to Italian Gov't from MANTOVA Div when
disposal instructions will be issued by MMIA in conjunction
with AG (.) Advise also total number of mules and horses
already released to AG for civilians

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83/2

SUBJECT:- Remounts.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

MEMO/3314/2(361416)

27 Nov 44.

TO :- M.A.I.A. ✓

AR/14/E
29/11

This Headquarters has been advised that the Italian Army are purchasing mules in SICILY.

It is requested that confirmation be given, and in view of the lack of animals required for Allied account, an explanation be forwarded.

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Col Alberto is
giving us a
report

Spanish
W.J. DARTISE, Major,
For Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

Copy to:- V & R.S.

See folio 85

also M 5/15

Reviewed 6/12
See folio 87

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020SECRETSUBJECT: Org of Units: 3, 4, 7, 14
& 250 Pack Tpt Coys.83/1
AG/1883/1Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/3 am

23 Nov 44

Ministry of War.
-----Copy to: UNIA LG FIFTH Army. Br Increment (2) (one for Capt Herbert).

1. (a) 3, 4, 7, 14 & 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coys will be converted to W.E. NA/800/1 (AI/1/1) from their existing Italian establishments with effect from 20 Nov 44 under the supervision of Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.

(b) Copies of the new W.E. will be distributed automatically by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army.

(c) Existing designations and mobilisation serial numbers will be retained.

2. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Will be adjusted to new scales in accordance with instructions to be issued by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.

3. COMPLETION

(a) Br Increment Fifth (US) Army will report to AFHQ., copy to HQ AAI, and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (UNIA) when conversions are complete.

(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 9 Dec 44, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

4. Implementation not required.

Copy: A/Q, ST

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ (for GB org foreign)

INFO MINISTRY OF WAR FOR EMER
WAR MINISTRY FOR COMMIT CALABRIA FOR MMIA LO

SD 1779

Security Classification RESTRICTED

Ref your F 50436 of 9 (.) War Ministry pressing completion of
screening of horses of MANTOVA Div soonest (.) 340 by horses
left sickening for lack of fodder (.) War Ministry proposes
handing these over to farmers (.) Your agreement or otherwise
requested

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

[Signature]

Capt

Copy to Spec Sec

Noted

14/11/44

Noted

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6/11 (Dott. D'AVRIA) investigating.

14/11/44

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Units -
Hq 21 Italian Pack Tpt Group

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Military Mission to
the Italian Army
ROME

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For Ministry

Copy to :- EIGHTH ARMY
MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

Copy of AAI letter 3097/15/M(O) (Ser.0158) of 13 Sep 44 is
forwarded for your information.

ABC

1 R. P. H. H. H.
Major General
MMIA

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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF 21st Italian Pack

HQ, ARMY AIR CORPS ITALY

Ref: PHOTO 226

3097/15/1(2) Ser 0136

13 SEP 44 ✓

HQ 21 Italian Pack Transport Group

1. NOTATION

This unit will be formed on 15/11/44, wof 10 Sep 44 under the supervision of HQ Eighth Army in conjunction with HQ 228 Italian Division.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be drawn from HQ 21 Italian Pack Transport Group (at present on Italian Establishment), and from rates provided by the Army Sub Commission ACC.

3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued in accordance with provisional AP 01099 now being prepared.

Imports for equipment will be submitted by the unit to HQ, 228 Italian Division, comm to Army Sub Commission ACC.

4. COMPLETION

Formation will be completed within 21 days of effective date when a report will be sent to this HQ.

ATT/R.F.

E. C. L. ...
General,
Commander-in-Chief.

DISSEMINATION:

ARMY C1(NA) (3)
C1 (CIS 2) { (2)
C1 (CIS 3) { (2)
CIS (CIS)
Allied Control Commission
27th Army (4) (which copies of 27th Army)

GHQ 2nd Echelon (6)
Army Sub Commission... (6)
27th Army Sub Commission Liaison
Italian Military Liaison
C(ND) (2)
C(Records) (2)

Expenditure will be incurred in accordance with provisional - 3 61098
now being prepared.

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Information will be completed within 21 days of effective date when a report will be sent to this HQ.

J. C. General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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COPY — from C.

28 March 1944

To - MILIA CITE QUEEN SEVEN FIVE EIGHT REPT FLAMBO CIA PATRIA CIA
FREEDOM CITE FIXOT

From- SIMONS AT PALCON

Originator's No. AXC4

455 MULES REQUESTED BY ALLIES NOW AWAITING NEXT LIFT TO DUKE (.) ~~ALLEGORIC~~ 587
MULES REMAINING HERE IN ITALIAN ARMY (.) 215 MULES FOR ~~INTERNAL~~ INTERNAL
ADMINISTRATION (.) BALANCE OF 372 REMAINING (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) AUTHORITY
SERIE, CBS HOLDING FOR SHIPMENT 158 FOR REMBO DIVISION 134 FOR LEBRANO DIVISION
AND 80 MONTECRANERO BN (.) NOTE LEFT FOR ANY FURTHER REQUESTS BY ALLIES

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MESSAGE FORM

From NMIA

To FALCON for SIMONS

rpta FLAMBO

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0758 (°) Advise total number of Italian Army mules in
SARDINIA and number required for use of Italian Army units
in SARDINIA (°) Can balance be available for shipment
to mainland when shipping becomes available (°) FLAMBO
89/02 refers

To be sent as written To be sent in Cipher if
except () wireless liable to interception

Colonel ()

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Subject:- Horse Transport

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

ST No 2 District

As/14
16 Feb 44

Copy to:- Ministry of War

Ref your letter 4406/ST dated 10 Feb.

1. The question of supplying such Horse Transport has been referred to the Italian Ministry of War who state that such carts are hired very largely from civilian contractors and are used for local administration and short distance transport of rations etc, as MT is not available.
2. Application for their loan should be made to the local Presidio Militare through the Italian Liaison Officer attached to Sub Areas concerned.
3. It is possible that small numbers may be available from time to time, but in view of their use, it is not considered that the Italian Army authorities can afford to do without them.

B. G. Lawrence
+ *Na*

cc/med

Brig
Army Sub Comm. ACC

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SUBJECT: Horse Transport

Hq. No. 2 District. 8A
O.S.P.
LADG/SI.

M.H.I.A.

10 Feb 44.

1. It is understood that in 57 Area arrangements have been made whereby the local Military authorities are putting Mule carts at the disposal of Petrol and Supply Depots for internal depot working.
2. These vehicles are manned by Italian Military personnel who are fed and accommodated with the Italian Military personnel allotted to Depots.
3. Will you please inform if you think it possible that such facilities could be afforded on the East Coast at either Brindisi, Bari or Barletta.

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T.O.D.
JAG/JAG.

For 57 Area Log 10 Feb 44

Col. BASLE (in)

Copy to:- 57, 6 Base Sub Area
71 Sub Area,
121 Sub Area.

Cherry
Colonel.
P.H.S.T.

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SUBJECT:- Veterans and Remount Organisation
on Italian Mainland.

HQ No. 2 District CEF.
Ext 11936.
1508 Q.

22 Dec 43.

57 Area.	6 Base Sub Area.
94 Sub Area.	4 Indian Div.
71 Sub Area.	1 Inf Div.
151 Sub Area.	5 Cdn Arm Div.
211 Sub Area.	2 S.S. Bde.

- P.M.I.A.

A copy of A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Echelon Letter 98 Q dated
12 Dec 43 is hereby forwarded for your information.

100 1515 A.

W. Edwards
Colonel.
Col i/o Admin.

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Subject - Veterinary and Remount Organisation
on Italian Mainland

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
CZF.
98Q

12 Dec. 43

I. BRITISH ORGANISATION

- (a) (i) A British Veterinary and Remount Directorate has now been established at AFHQ with an Advanced Echelon at this HQ. This Adv Echelon is composed as follows -

D.D.V. & R.S. - Colonel C.H.S. TOWNSEND.
Staff Captain - Captain G. MASON.

- (ii) The V & R Directorate will be represented at Army and Corps HQ as follows -

Eighth Army - A.D.V. & R.S.
5 Corps - S.V.O.
10 Corps - S.V.O.
13 Corps - S.V.O.

- (b) The responsibilities of the Adv Echelon of the V & R Directorate extend to British Army formations and to any Allied formations which may become a British Army responsibility. These responsibilities are as follows -

- (i) Advising this HQ on all veterinary and remount matters.
- (ii) Upkeep of sufficient animal reserves to meet the requirements of those formations.
- (iii) The local purchase or requisition of animals as agreed by the Animal Provision Board.
- (iv) The disposal of captured animals.
- (v) The release of animals to units from Remount Depots.
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(vi) The veterinary care of all animals on charge.

(vii) Authority to dispose of lost animals.

(viii) Departmental control of all Veterinary and Remount units and the allotment of V & R units to formations, in accordance with operational requirements.

(ix) Provision of veterinary medicines and equipment.

(x) Provision and posting of all veterinary personnel.

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- (xi) Advising ST and Ord on technical questions regarding forage and animal equipment.
- (xii) Provision of personnel for inspection of meat from animals slaughtered locally for military consumption.

3. U.S. ARMY ORGANISATION

The U.S. Army are responsible for their own Veterinary and Remount Organisation and also for that of any Allied Formations which may become their responsibility.

4. ANIMAL PROVISION BOARD: ADV ADV ECHOLON AFHQ

- (a) In order to co-ordinate all measures affecting the provision of horses and mules to the Allied Forces and to deal with animal management matters common to these forces an integrated section has been set up at this HQ. This section will be known as the Animals Provision Board and will be composed of U.S. and British representatives from the Quartermaster Branch and Remount and Veterinary Service respectively under the direction of the DD V & R.S. AFHQ.
- (b) The terms of reference of the Animal Provision Board are as follows -
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 - (ii) The preparation of demands on AFHQ for the provision of animals which cannot be obtained within the Italian Mainland.
 - (iii) The general supervision of arrangements for the disembarkation and reception of all animals imported into ITALY either through the Hael

The U.S. Army are responsible for their own Veterinary and Remount Organization and also for that of any Allied Formations which may become their responsibility.

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 - (iv) To implement the general administration policy as laid down by this HQ.
 - (v) The allocation subject to the direction of this HQ as between Allied Forces of all animals in Base Remount Depots or obtained by local purchase.

5. BASE RECOUNT DEPOTS

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- (a) The general principle is that all Remounts will be regarded as "common user" and will be allocated as between the Allied Forces in accordance with operational requirements.
- (b) Base Remount Depots will be established as necessary, in the First Instance, one will be sited in the NIEES area which will be the responsibility of SG PBS and one in the ECAGIA - SAN SEVERO area which will be the responsibility of D.D.V. & R.S. FUMBO.

Major-General
D/C.I.C.

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(refers to request to NWIA Commission to Sicily for
requisitioning RULES.)

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From: SMRE. Services Br. - Veterinary Div.
To: MMIA.

Ref: 167
- 25.12.43

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Subject: Authorization to send to Sicily Requisition Commission for animals

Further to our 100 of 4 inst.

Owing to the lack of forage we decided to cancel the requisition of animals from Sicily.

Please consider cancelled our request for authorization of the despatch to Sicily of 9 officers & 3 men made ⁱⁿ our above letter.

(sgd). Gen. A. MARIOTTI

[Signature]
Sgt.

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27/12/43

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Veterinaria

THI/2618 HO Ag.

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N. 167 di prot.

P.M. 151, li 25 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO : benessere per l'invio in Sicilia delle Commissioni requisizione quadrupedi.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO
R. ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILLE

Seguito foglio n. 100 di prot. in data
4 corrente.-

Questo S.M., avuto riguardo alla sempre più grave deficienza delle derrate per la razione foraggi, è venuto nella determinazione di non procedere alla prevista requisizione di quadrupedi in Sicilia.-

Pregasi pertanto voler considerare come annullata la richiesta del benessere per l'invio nell'isola di 9 ufficiali e 3 soldati, fatta col succitato foglio.-



IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO MAGGIORE
M. Mariotti -

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Q/5701 Following from Fatima to PBS begins Military Mission. Italian Army had advised and Gen Taylor agrees that it is considered justified from a stand point of military necessity, proposed purchase of 2400 mules by Italian army military mission understands that up to 8000 mules formerly belonging to Italian Army were dispersed among Sicilian civilian population so that with demand of some 2400 mules should not affect civilian economies of the island and any further demand for mules from

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Italian army will negotiate our taking mules etc. for unit (mules) and
 unless more mules are purchased we would be forced to exchange
 ours for mules. Accordingly we are informing you that purchase
 may be made and that any necessary currency will be provided.
 O'Leary Townsend concerned that this will upset our own buying
 program. As purchase of all mules outside Italian mainland
 is controlled by you grateful you will instruct that it

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direct purchase of milk will be made by the Italian Army and that demands from them should be submitted to their HQ which will decide priority of release in light of availability and needs of allied forces

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Main Eighth Army

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Ref your phone message 880/A dated 26 Dec (°) Authority given
to issue 20 Mechanical Shaving Machines 50 Hand Clippers for
Animals to EIGHTH ARMY

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DA: Superservizio Servizi
AT: M.M.I.A.
N°: 880/A

BY PHONE
741/261250 Ad.
TR. ORELIA

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Da ufficio collegamento con 2° distretto est richiesta per 8 Armata
cessione. 20 testatrici meccaniche ed 50 al mano per quadrupedi ©
Materiale est disponibile presso Direzione Artiglieria TARANTO ©
Pregasi autorizzare cessione. ©

From: S.M.R.E. Servizio Pr.
To: M.M.I.A.
N°: 880/A

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Lirison Ufficio 10 2nd District requires for 8th Army 20
mechanical shearing machines and 50 hand clippers for animals ©
These are available at the TARANTO Direzione Artig. © Please authorize
transfer ©

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

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TO:- (1) RM SUB AREA (2) 71 SUB AREA (3) 6 BASE SUB
AREA (4) MOV BARI ~~EX~~ RPTD (5) MOV TARANTO
(6) MOV BRINDISI (7) MMIA (8) Q 2 DIST.

FROM:- MOV BARI MOV.3/1033 21.

----- RM -----
REF 2 DIST Q 448 OF 19 (.) 71 AND RM SUB AREAS WILL
DELIVER SADDLES NOW AT INOCCE AND TARANTO TO 48 ITALIAN
ARTY DIRECTORATE BARI (.) PLEASE SIGNAL 6 BSA RPTD
MOV BARI WHEN DESPATCHED (.) WHEN THESE ARE RECEIVED
AT BARI 6 BSA AND MOV BARI WILL DESPATCH BY RAIL 177
SADDLES TO DDOS EIGHTH ARMY (.) ALL INFORMED.

Distn: Army Sigs (1) (2) (7) Degree of Priority:
Mov DR: (3) (4)
Hands: (8)
Phone: (5) (6).

Copies to: File MOV.3/304
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W. E. H. H. H.
Colonel,
Col. Q(M).

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[Signature]

For 'G' to see & return
[Signature]

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TO (1) MOVEIT (2) 6 BASE SUB AREA (3) 71 SUB AREA (4) RM SUB AREA - 1 ARMY
INFO. - (5) MOV BARI (6) MOV TARANTO (7) MOV BRINDISI (8) MMIA (9) DDOS EIGHTH
FROM DISTW D

Originator's Number

R448

Date

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In Reply to Number

Under arrangement MOVEIT despatch Italian pack
located as follows 139 at 48 Italian Infy
Regt BARI 15 at 140 Italian Infy Regt LECCO
23 at Anty Directorate TARANTO to Eighth Army
railhead for DDOS light Army

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CONFIDENTIAL

BR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 08692
24 NOV 43

FROM : REAR EIGHTH ARMY
: FLAMBO
RPTD 15 ARMY GP MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
ORIG NO : Q.467

TOO.2125A
THI.2305A/24
TOR.2346A/24

INCREASING DEMAND CACOLETS AND LITTERS FOR PACK TPS. DMS AFHQ
DURING RECENT VISIT STATED UNDERSTOOD ITALIAN ARMY HAVE TWO
COMPLETE MULE FB AMB COYS. REQUEST INFORMATION AVAILABILITY
THESE COYS COMPLETE OR ALTERNATIVELY AVAILABILITY THEIR
EQUIPMENT.

SD 5 ACTION
PA TO BGS 2
G(OPS) 4
MAJ MORIARTY
(FOR GEN UTILI) 2
BRIG GOLDIE (A/Q) 1

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PROGRAMMA-A MANO

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P.M. 107, 17 dicembre 1943

DA GUERRARTIGLIERIA

AT MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

186/ ALT CONFERMASI ESISTENZA 177 BASTI COMPLETI COSI' DISTRIBUITI:
N° 139 PRESSO DEPOSITO 48° FANTERIA BARI
" 15 PRESSO DEPOSITO 140° FANTERIA LECCE
" 23 PRESSO DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA TARANTO.

DETTI BASTI RESTANO AT DISPOSIZIONE CODESTA MISSIONE

GENERALE SABINI

FROM: WAR. MIN. ARTV.

TO: MIWIA.

The existence of 177 pack saddles ^{is hereby} ~~has been~~ confirmed, distributed as follows:

139 with 482nd depot BARI
15 " 140 " " LECCE.
23 " DIREZIONE ARTY. TARANTO

These pack saddles are at the disposal of MIWIA.

18/12 JB

C. Sabini

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Gen. SABINI.

Ad 18.
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LRCT V LRAR NR 9769 T QVR4

FROM FLAMBO 161115A

TO TWODIST

INFO REAR & ARMY MAIN & ARMY

MMIA 15 ARMY GP

BY HAND OS

QQY GR 59

Q3684

OUR QCAED 3655 DATED 15.

QTY 177 SADDLERY SETS LOCATED WITH

ITALIAN UNITS AS FOLLOWS .

QTY 139 AT 149 INFANTRY REGT ~~CAST~~ CASTELLANA P 658.

QTY 15 AT 146 INF REGT LECCE .

QTY 23 AT 27 ARTY REGT LECCE .

ADDITIONAL QTY 66 SBTS AT ARTY DIRECTION TARANTO .

PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVER TOTAL QTY 243 AS REQUESTED

THI 161150 A

RPTN 9679 ~~3~~ 161115 ~~8 8 15 59 3684 3655 15 177 139~~

~~149 P 6158 15 146 23 21 66 243 161150 JFSB1~~

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FLAMBO FILPOT REAR EIGHTH ARMY

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Q190

Ref FLAMBO Q(AE) of 15 @ 177(177) sets pack
 saddling are located as follows @ 23(23) at DIREZIONE
 ARTY TARANTO @ 15(15) at 140 ITALIAN 2 of Regt LECCE @
 137(139) at 48 ITALIAN 2 of Regt BARI @ TOTAL 177(177)
 @ NO(NO) information of additional sets

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MMIA - LRCT QVR4 032

LRCT V ~~LRHY 389/90/92 QVR1-2-4~~
FROM FLARBO 151746A

TO TWODIST ~~INFO~~ REAR 8 ARMY MAIN 8 ARMY
MMIA 15 ARMY GROUP

QQX GR 30
QCAED 3626

MMIA HAVE REPORTED THAT 177 SETS ITALIAN PACK SADDLERY ARE
AVAILABLE AT CASTELLANA
(BARI) .

PLEASE ARRANGE COLLECT AND DELIVER TO 8 ARMY PH FOR DDOS 8 ARMY
THI 1750

REPTN ~~389/90/92 QVR1-2-4~~
~~151746A IN ADDRESSES PSE INSERT "INFO"~~
~~AFTER FIRST ADDRESS TO~~

~~8 8 15 30 3626~~
~~177 8 8 1750 HIRD BBB~~

16/12 *[Signature]*

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*Q 194 Ref enquiry by Capt BYATT with DIREZIONE
ARTIGLIERIA ① Please hold available for collection 11a
177 (177) sets pack saddle be complete located BARI LECCE
TARANTO ① Confirm*

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8/771 LRLO V LRCT T OVR3
FROM 15 ARMY GROUP 142000A
TO PLAMBO

INFO REAR 8 ARMY MNIA

~~142000A~~ AQ111

REFERENCE REAR 8 ARMY Q656 DATED 413 . 177 SADDLERY
SETS LOCATED WITH ITALIAN UNITS AS FOLLOWS . 139 AT
149 INFANTRY REGT CASTELLANA P6758 . 15 AT 146
INFANTRY REGIMENT LECCE . 23 AT 47 ARTILLERY REGIMENT
LECCE . ADDITIONAL 66 SETS AT ARTILLERY DIRECTION
TARANTO . PRESUME YOU ARRANGE CALL FORWARD AS REQUESTED

BT 142000A

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177 139 149 P6758 15 146 23 47 66 142000

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FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY 132100A
TO FLAMBO INFO 15 ARMY GP MMIA
Q656

REF MMIA Q 152 OF 8 DEC (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE CALL FWD
177 SETS PACK SADDLERY FROM
CASTELLANA (BAQ1) TO ARMS RH
THI 132200A

RPTN 7/65 A QVR3 QXR HARR 31

132100A 15 MMIA Q656

MMIA Q 152 8 177

CASTELLANA RH 132200A

SENT LNP

For info only.
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(1) FLAMBO rptd (2) PILPOT (3) main 8 Army (4) Rear 8 Army (5) MMIA LO with 8 Army

FROM H A I A

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FROM: MIA

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TO: (1) REAR EIGHTH ARMY, (2) MIA LO at IN ITALIAN CO. PE
2nd PL. SO, PIERCE, EIGHTH ARMY

Q 157 177 stes pack saddlery available 23 (23) at 47 Italian Arty Regt
LECCO 13 (15) at 140 Italian Inf Regt LECCO 139 (159) at 48 Italian Inf
Regt BARI (c) Contact Capt THOMPSON MIA LO at DISTRO to arrange
collection

To be sent in cipher if liable to interception
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Capt *J. B. [Signature]*

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Office Date Stamp 55

GR. 25

TO: REAR & ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP MARK EHRICH MMHA

FROM: FLAMBO

Q 2507. alone Q 541 of to know refr

MMHA Q 152 of 8 Dec Please arrange

collect 177 site from padding report

available CASTELLANA BAKI

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020Subject: Equipment - MulesMinistero della GuerraMilitary Mission to
Italian Army

A4/18

9 Dec 45

Copy to: Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

1. No 1 Italian Mule Coy urgently require the following equipment

Pack Saddles (complete)	24 sets available at LEGGE
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Nails for shosing	Kg 220)	
Ropes for tying loads	500)	available at Artiglieri
Shoes for mules	400)	Direzione TARANTO.
Halters	100)	

2. Will Ministero della Guerra please arrange for the release of these to the bearer of this letter, Capt H.V. SAITS, who has come from FIFTH ARMY to collect them.

EJC/cc

Brig
Comd

554

Subject:- Equipment for Mules.

Military Authority,
BARI.

T/148.

The bearer of this letter has come with the Italian Coy Cmdr, Capt LODI, with a view to obtaining stores which are extremely urgently required for No. 1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy. This Coy is at present operating with 56 Division and doing invaluable work.

Efforts have been made through to obtain these stores through 10 Corps, AMGOT, by local purchase and other channels, but without success.

If these stores are not immediately forthcoming the operational capacity of No. 1 Italian Pack Coy will seriously reduced and eventually it may be unable to operate, which will gravely affect the supply of commodities to fighting troops.

Would you please therefore do all in your power to obtain these stores and allow the bearer to bring them back as soon as possible.

The main requirements are Nails for shoeing, 43 1/2
Ropes for tying loads, 400
Shoes for ~~XXXXXX~~ mules, 400
Saddlery (24 sets). 24

10 pints Bandage - 1000 yards
The personnel of the Coy are fairly well equipped but still require further boots and groundsheet. Should there still be any available from Italian sources it is requested that bearer may be allowed to bring some back if space permits.

C.M.F.
5 Dec 43.

J.P. Farrell
Lieut. Colonel.
C.R.A.S.C.
56th (London) Division.

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The main requirements are Nails for shoeing,
Ropes for tying loads,
Shoes for ~~horses~~ mules,
Saddlery (24 sets).

J. F. Swett.

C.M.P.
5 Dec 43.

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Subject: Mules - SICILY

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/18A
9 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Copy to: Allied Control Commission
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

Please amend translation attached to our AQ/18 dated 8 Dec 43
as under:-

line 1 delete "Allied Control Commission"

substitute "(Italian) Military Mission att 15 Army Gp"

BIC/cc

Offnd, Capt
+ Brig
Comd

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Subject: Mule Field Ambulances - Equipment

SB
Military Mission to
Italian Army

AG/18
9 Dec 43

File Copy
State Maggiore R. Esposito

Copy to: Ministry of War

AMH Adv. Aén Echelon

MELA 10 with EIGHTH ARMY

1. Lack of proper equipment for transporting wounded in the conditions obtaining at present in the mountains is causing avoidable loss of life.

2. As an immediate measure of relief, it is requested that urgent steps be taken to collect and make available for swift transport to the Combat Zone the following equipment

a) 24 sets of "CACCIALEGGI", i.e. a device by which men can be carried in a sitting position.

b) 24 sets of litters.

3. This equipment should be regarded as a first instalment only, and information is requested as to the total numbers of such articles that could eventually be made available.

4. It is believed that the Italian Army possesses two complete Field Ambulance Coys. Please report whether this is in fact the case, and if so, what the composition of these units is and how soon they can be made available for service.

5. It is again stressed that this matter is one of extreme urgency, and that the equipment specified in para 2 is needed now.

ENC/00

Ed. Pichler
Brig
Command

2. All an immediate need for relief, it is requested that urgent steps be taken to collect and make available for swift transport to the Combat Zone the following equipment

- a) 24 sets of "GACOLERS", i.e. a device by which men can be carried in a sitting position.
- b) 24 sets of litters.

3. This equipment should be regarded as a first instalment only. and information is requested as to the total numbers of such articles that could eventually be made available.

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Ed. Puchner
Brig
Comd

ENC/00

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ARMY FORM 622B (Rev. 11-60)		MESSAGE FORM		Revision No.
Call	Net No.	Transmitting Instructions		
FROM (A) MMIA		Date-Time of Origin 08 2140 A		Office Date Stamp
TO (W) For Information (INFO) FILPOT MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR EIGHTH ARMY		Message Instructions		GR
Originator's No. Q 152				
ref your QAE/413 of third and FILPOT AQ/87 from ADMINREP (.) 177 sets available for collection from CASTELLANA(BARI)(.) investigating further possibilities but mostly with scattered units (.) My DADOS states that there were one thousand in TRIPOLI 6 weeks ago(.) All informed				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS		IF CAPABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES- SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS PRIORITY IMPORTANT 550
SIGNED		SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>		Time System or THI or TOR Time cleared

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ARMY FORM 2170 (Small)		MESSAGE FORM		Priority 121	
Call	Net No	Originator	Time of Day	Time of Day	Time of Day
		P.	CIPHER - SECRET		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM 15 ARMY GROUP		Date-Time of Origin 031800A		Office Data Stamp	
TO MMIA rpta FLAMBO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY		For Action		Message Instructions GP	
(W) For Information (INFO)					
AG 27 From ADMINREP @ pack saddlery for locally purchased mules urgently required by EIGHTH ARMY @ casualties involving complete loss saddlery occurring daily @ grateful earliest information availabilities from Italian army sources					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN		IS LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	
SIGNED		NOTED <i>[Signature]</i>		IMPORTANT 5	
				Time 031825A Date 041512A 042327A	

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FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call MMIA V LRLC	Ref. No.	Priority P	Transmission Instructions QVR 1 QXR LRHY.	Register No. 50
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A) FLAMBO.		Originator		Date/Time of Origin
For Action				
TO MMIA 15 Army Cq Rear 8 Army		For Information (INFO) AJOF FLAMBO		Message Instructions 40

Originator's No.
QAE/413

Message from rear 8th Army stated Brig Duchesne investigating further availabilities pack saddlery from Italian sources for 8th Army. Grateful you reply this matter and suggest if possible minimum 200 sets be obtained and

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FORM 02136 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (A)	Originator		Date-Time of Origin		Office Date Stamp
For Action					
TO	(W) For Information (INP)				Message Instructions
Originator's No.					
Sent 8th Army forthwith					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (CIPHER)			IS LIABLE TO BE INTERPRETED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. THIS MES- SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		
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Subject: Mules - SICILY

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Copy to: Allied Control Commission
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/18
8 Dec 43

Attached translation of Stato Maggiore letter 100 dated
4 Dec 43 is forwarded herewith.

May MEMA please have further instructions..

ENC/co

John L. ...
Brig
Comm

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

Subject:- Approval of the Transport Animal.
Requisitioning Commission to SICILY

N° 100 di prot

Military Mission to Italian Army

(Italian Military Mission att 15 Army Gp)
The Head of the Allied Control Commission informs us that he has reached full agreement with the competent American officer, for the requisitioning in SICILY of transport animals which once belonged to the Italian Army and have since been sold by auction by ANGOT.

The STATO MAGGIORE is anxious to recover these animals as soon as possible, in order to make up deficiencies consequent on the posting of animal transport coys to the Allied forces.

We ask you, therefore, for your approval to send to SICILY 9 Officers and three men, who will make up the animal requisitioning Commissions.

4 Dec 43

Dep: Chief Stato Maggiore.

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MASTO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Veterinaria

THI/061800A.8

N. 100 di prot.

P.M.151, li 4 Dicembre 1943

OGGETTO : benessere per l'invio in Sicilia delle Commissioni
requisizione quadrupedi.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO R.ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILE

Il Capo della Missione Militare presso il
Comando in Capo delle Forze Alleate, comunica di aver concretato
l'accordo con l'ufficio competente americano per la requisizione
in Sicilia dei quadrupedi già appartenenti all'Esercito Italiano
e venduti all'asta dall'A.M.G.O.F.-

Questo Stato Maggiore ha interesse acchè
il ricupero di detti quadrupedi venga effettuato al più presto pos-
sibile, per ripianare le deficienze determinatesi in seguito alla
cessione dei reparti di salmerie alle Forze Alleate.-

Si prega pertanto codesta Missione di vo-
ler concedere il benessere per l'invio in Sicilia di 9 Ufficiali
e 3 soldati, che costituiranno tre Commissioni di requisizione qua-
drupedi.-

Ad. 12
08/12

MASTO MAGGIORE
UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Veterinaria
STATO MAGGIORE

LEQUILL E

Il Capo della Missione Militare presso il Comando in Capo delle Forze Alleate, comunica di aver concretato l'accordo con l'ufficio competente americano per la requisizione in Sicilia dei quadrupedi già appartenenti all'Esercito Italiano e venduti all'asta dall'A.M.G.O.T..-

Questo Stato Maggiore ha interesse affinché il ricupero di detti quadrupedi venga effettuato al più presto possibile, per ripianare le deficienze determinatesi in seguito alla cessione dei reparti di salmerie alle Forze Alleate.-

Si prega pertanto codesta Missione di voler concedere il benessere per l'invio in Sicilia di 9 Ufficiali e 3 soldati, che costituiranno tre Commissioni di requisizione quadrupedi.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Revised 1-54

Call

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

Originator

Date Time of Origin

Office Data Stamp

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07 2030 H

For Action

FLAMBO

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

ref your signal xx 195 dated 6 Dec (.) Total numbers of animals on charge to the Italian Army are (a) Pack mules 5152

(b) Artillery mules 735 (c) Riding Horses 2043 (d) Draught Horses

1885

total 7835

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LRLC V LRCT 36/532 T QXR LRHY GR33

FROM FLAMBO 061140A

TO MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY

Q195 3 — Complete Ref. No. *sk*

PLEASE SIGNAL SOONEST POSSIBLE TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS
ON CHARGE ITALIAN ARMY UNDER FOLLOWING HEADINGS (.)

(A) PACK MULES (B) ARTILLERY OR MULES

(C) RIDING HORSES (D) ~~DRIFT~~ DRAUGHT HORSES

THI 061400A

RPTN 36/532 QXXR T QXR LRHY 33

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

MDT/hjp

In reply refer to:

454.2

10 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Military Mission to the Italian Army

With regard to the attached document from the Italian General Staff, this Commission has no knowledge of any agreement on the subject of requisitioning animals in Sicily. Please make this clear to your General Staff contact, telling him I am perfectly agreeable to discuss the matter if any action of the Commission has given rise to a misunderstanding.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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

1 Incl:
Ltr, Stato Maggiore,
No. 100, 4 Dec 43

11/2 gp Head of Allied Control Commission mis translation
for " " Italia mission to 75 army gp. Corrected in an
answer.

IVA

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Subject:- Approval of the Transport Animal,
Requisitioning Commission to SICILY

Military Mission to Italian Army

*Head of Italian Mission to 15 AG. 40
100 di prot
amended in Folio 51*

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4 Dec 43

Dep: Chief Stato Maggiore.

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M. M. I. A.
c/o No. 10 DISTRICT.
12/104

8 Dec 43.

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Dear *Carew*

1. In a conversation yesterday Maj. RICH of "Q" Rear Army earnestly requested from ITALIAN sources 24 sets of CACOLETS and 24 sets of litters. CACOLETS enable wounded to be transported on mules in a sitting position down mountain sides. "Q" pointed out that lives are being lost through lack of proper equipment.

I explained how ITALIAN resources had been temporarily frozen. He replied that a special effort seemed necessary in view of the great urgency.

six/ Efforts are being made secure the equipment from all over the world. If the ambulance equipment can not be secured within the next ~~five~~ *six* days, it is NOT to be sent up.

2. I expect to be leaving for EIGHTH ARMY on 11 Dec 43.

Yours

Major. B.G.CAREW HUNT,
M.M.I.A.
LEQUITE.

Q
Try to get more eqpt
for carriage of wounded
Otto for car and motor
what they are. Signal 84
"immediate" to land 549.0
down to explain & take
8/12/43

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ARMY FORM (2128 (Pads of 100))

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 38CALL
AND
INSTRUCTIONS

INMMIA LRLC Z QVRI RR497. (P)

No. of Groups

GR.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO MMIA RPTD 15 ARMY GRMAIN 8 ARMY REAR 8 ARMY

FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number

Q2409

Date

In Reply to Number

INformed italian army have two complete mule
 fd ambcoys. Regulate you check and report
 availability. If CYS NOT available complete
 report what mule fd amb equipment can be
 made available from italian sources.
 There is heavy demand for sacoleto litterers for
 pack dft request therefore you treat as urgent.

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* Originator may delete "except" and insert "by radio" or "by wire".

DC/gr

FASTEN ENDS
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COMANDO 7^a ARMATA

Stato Maggiore - Uff. Ordinamento

N° 4/1786/C.M. di prot.

P.M. 107, li 12 novembre 1943

OGGETTO : Salmeria di 350 muli per 8^a Armata britannica. -

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

ESQUELLE

Riferimento foglio N° AQ/18 in data 12 corrente di
codesta Missione.

Si assicura codesta Missione di aver impartiti gli
ordini perché i quadrupedi destinati alla 8^a Armata britan-
nica siano pronti per la partenza domani 13 corrente per l'o-
rario fissato presso le stazioni di Martina Franca (210 mu-
li) e Bari nord (140 muli). -

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligrà)

X elligra

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

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d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligris)

Raffaele Pelligris

To inform you that the order has been given for the number of the at the station 538 MARTINA FRANCA and two at Bari, the morning 13 - at the times arranged

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SUBJECT:- Mules

7th ITALIAN ARMY

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AG/18
12 NOV 43

In confirmation of verbal instructions of 11 Nov 43.

- 1 The 210 mules plus personnel and equipment will entrain at MARTINA FRANCA on 13 Nov 43. 30 box wagons are allotted.

<u>TIMINGS</u>	Start loading	0600 hrs	13 Nov
	Train departs	1802 "	" "
	Arrive BARI, PARC NORD	1352 "	" "

- 2 The 140 mules, plus personnel and equipment already at BARI will entrain at BARI PARC NORD. Loading will start 0800 hrs, 13 Nov. These wagons will be joined to the train coming from MARTINA FRANCA.

	Train departs	1408 hrs	13 Nov
	Arrive S. SEVERO	2206 "	" "

- 3 All entraining will be arranged by the mule parties themselves.
- 4 Forage for 24 hours will be taken.
- 5 Owing to the present heavy demands upon the railways please ensure that all preparations for departure are completed in time to allow the trains to depart as stated above.

ABC

Handwritten signature
Brig
Comd
537

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MESSAGE FORM.

TO: Rear 8 Army rptd MOVEIT

From: MILITARY MISSION to ITALIAN ARMY Q67 12

AS	ARRANGED	BY	COL	MacDONALD	350	MULES
COMPLETE	PERSONNEL	EQUIPMENT	ETA	SAN	SEVERO	
2200	APPROX	13				

IMPORTANT.

Signed: W. J. C. J. V.

TOC 1635A
THI
TOR

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LRLC

STANDARD MESSAGE OUT

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13 NOV 1948

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TO: (1) REDA (2) MOV BARI (3) 103 SUB AREA (4) MOV BARLETTA (5) MOV BOSTON
(6) RG AREA (7) PEAR 8 ARMY

FROM: MOVSET

NOT 1/326

350 ITALIAN MULES WITH DRIVERS WILL MOVE AS FOLLOWS 13 NOV TO SAN SEVERO (.)
FIRST (.) 240 MULES IN 30 BOX WAGONS COMMENCE LOADING MARTINA FRANDA 0600
HRS 13 NOV DEP MARTINA FRANDA 1002 HRS ARRIVE BARI PARG NORD 1352 HRS (.)
SECOND (.) 110 MULES COMMENCE LOADING BARI PARG NORD ~~1000~~ IN 18 BOX WAGONS 0800 HRS
DEP BARI PARG NORD WITH 30 WAGONS 1108 HRS ETA SAN SEVERO 2206 HRS (.)
FORAGE FOR 24 HRS WILL BE CARRIED (.) IMPATIENT UNDER SUPERVISION ITALIAN
ARMY (.) ~~REDA~~ BMM INFORMED 1800 HRS UNAV.

(2) BY DR. (4) & (5) BY TELEPHONE
Reminder by Army Sigs.

Degree of Priority

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TOO 1755535

THI 111930

D W Akeley
Col. (M) CPT RE

DWM/YP
File - E/49.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020Subject:- Transfer of MulesBritish Military Mission to
7th: Italian Army

AQ/18

9 Nov 43HQ 7th ITALIAN ARMY

Reference your letter 4/1605/OM dated 7 Nov 43.

1. The transfer of 100 mules from CALABRIA to MANDURIA by rail can be arranged as soon as it is known at which station in CALABRIA you wish to entrain them.
2. May we please be informed also when the further 210 mules will be ready to move. These are the 210 mules, plus equipment and personnel still required to make up the total of 600, which it was agreed to send to the EIGHTH ARMY.
3. This latter move must have priority. Our message Q41 dated 1 Nov 43 addressed to INTENDENZA, 7 ITALIAN ARMY refers.

EJC.

W. J. J. J.
Brig
Comd

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S.C.(P) 32

To: BMM

In accordance with G.D.

From:

Which answers nothing S/CaptAsst.

H.Q. 4th Army G.S.D.

It will be necessary to transfer 100 mules from CATHABRIA to MANDURIA (PUGLIE) in order to form a ~~base~~ pack transport unit for the Mountain Bde which will shortly be put at the disposal of the British H.Q.

Can permission be granted for this transfer to take place by railway along the COSENZA - BRINDISI line.

7 Nov. 43

zd.

R. PELLIGRA

C. of. 333

DC/gr :

Comando 7° Armata
Stato Maggiore
Ufficio Ordinamento

P.M.107,11 7/11/13-3-2A
AL LA MISSIONE MILITARE
BRITANNICA
LEQUILE

Prot. N.4/1605/OM Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Dir. Ser. R.

Oggetto: Trasferimento quadrupedi.

Per la costituzione della salmeria da assegnare al Raggruppamento da Montagna che prossimamente passerà a disposizione del comando inglese, è necessario provvedere al trasferimento di 100 muli dalla Calabria a Manduria (Puglia).

Si gradirebbe conoscere se nulla osti a codesta Missione che detto trasferimento venga effettuato per ferrovia, utilizzando la linea Cosenza - Brindisi.-

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIV.CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Felligna)

Felligna

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Trattato per ogni lettera da non essere adibito alla risposta di risposta

Isolando (segrato)

SUBJECT:- Animal Transport

From : 7 Italian Army

To : HEM

2/10345 di prot
9 November 1942

In reply to your G/9 of 31 Oct.

- 1 The total number of mules under command (having deducted the 250 in 1st Pack Tpt Coy sent to Eighth Army at FOGGIA)

Mules required for the following units:-

2nd Pack Tpt Coy being formed for EIGHTH ARMY (140 already ready at BARI. 210 being got ready in CALABRIA)

350
Pack Tpt Coy for the Mtn Gp (already constituted)

200
Pack Tpt Coy for the Mobile Bde Gp (being constituted)

200
Mules in use with Pack units

750
Mules in use with non pack units (their only means of transport for adm)

- 2 Of the mules in use with non pack units about 800 are employed pulling carts, the remainder as pack mules.

- 3 About 700 horses are used for pulling carts.

- 4 All these animals are equipped with either pack saddlery or draught harness.

There are a few hundred sets of pack saddlery in store.

(signed)

XXXXXXXXXX for

PELLICIA
C of S

550

being got ready in CALABRIA

200

Pack Tpt Coy for the Mtn Gp (already constituted)

200

Pack Tpt Coy for the Mobile Bde Gp (being constituted)

750

Mules in use with Pack units

2,018

Mules in use with non pack units (their only means of transport for adm)

1,310

4,708

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(signed)

XXXXXXXX for

PELLIGIA
C of S

10 NOV 1964

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TRANS-LATION

Rj: belyde

From: GHQ (Army) S. M. (Adisbail)

9 NOV. 43 30

To: I mandinga 7 Army

High. GHQ.

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For information Army GHQ.

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AX/B.

In order to organize new pack transports needed by the High Command it is ordered to send back all the animals drawn from different units & delivered to the above H- and to our new formation. Please arrange requisitioning of 1000 mules from the following provinces:

BARI	300 mules	BRINDISI	85 mules
POTENZA	145	TARANTO	80
FOGGIA	165	LECCE	65
MATERA	110		

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Please let us know areas and units the requisitioned mules are to be concentrated.

11/11/46 BF to DANAGHS

(signed) Gen. A. 530

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
III REPARTO - Ufficio S.M.

N° 62/Vet prot.

P.M. 151, 11 9 novembre 1943

O G G E T T O: Requisizione quadrupedi.-

ALL'INTENDENZA DELLA 7^a ARMATA
e, per conoscenza

P.M. 107

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

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AL COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA

P.M. 107

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO

L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

P.M. 107

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" " Foggia	" "	165
" " Matera	" "	110
" " Brindisi	" "	85
" " Taranto	" "	80
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La cessione avrà luogo alle condizioni indicate nello schema di convenzione allegato.

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Codesta Intendenza prenderà accordi con la missione alleata presso l'Esercito Italiano per la requisizione da effettuarsi nelle provincie di Potenza, Foggia e Matera.-

Pregasi comunicare le località e gli enti presso i quali verranno fatti affluire i quadrupedi requisiti.-



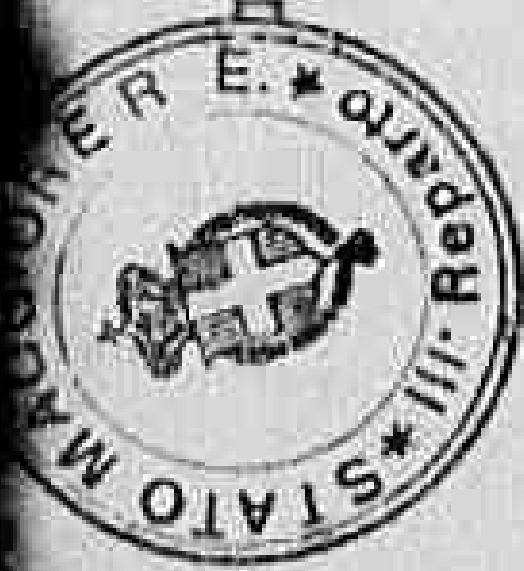
IL GENERALE CAPO REPARTO
(A. Aliberti)

Aliberti

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Convenzione a trattativa privata concernente la consegna temporanea di cavalli dell'Esercito agli agricoltori.

L'anno.....addi.....del mese di....., premesso che lo Stato Maggiore R.E., colla concessione temporanea a titolo gratuito di cavalli, mira a dare incremento all'agricoltura; fra il Comandante deled il Sig.....agricoltore, e conduttore diretto di azienda agricola si conviene quanto appresso:
Il prefetto Sig.....di.....domiciliato in.....assume la consegna dei cui sottoindicati cavalli di proprietà dell'Amministrazione Militare, obbligandosi a tenerli nella località.....
.....sotto la giurisdizione della Stazione dei CC.RR. di.....

Matricola	Nome	Sesso	Anno di nascita	Dati segnalatici.	Prezzo di stima	Annotazioni sullo stato dei cavalli all'atto della consegna.

- 1°)- Il consegnatario si obbliga a provvedere al mantenimento ed alla buona conservazione dei cavalli ricevuti ed a impiegarli razionalmente ed esclusivamente nei lavori agricoli della sua azienda.-
- 2°)- In caso di malattia o di grave infortunio dei cavalli in consegna il consegnatario ne deve dare avviso immediato al comandante della vicina stazione dei CC.RR. il quale farà le investigazioni necessarie per stabilire se i cavalli hanno avuto cure veterinarie in tempo utile e se vi è responsabilità da parte del consegnatario a riguardo della malattia o dell'infortunio.

I risultati delle investigazioni saranno oggetto di rapporto del comandante della Stazione dei CC.RR. all'Ente di competenza.

- 3°)- In caso di morte dei cavalli, quando vi sia responsabilità del consegnatario, questi dovrà pagare l'intero prezzo di stima risultante dalla presente convenzione.-
- 4°)- Del caso di furto e smarrimento sarà sempre responsabile il consegnatario il quale si obbliga, per patto espresso, a rimborsare in tal caso l'intero prezzo di stima dei cavalli senza che possa opporre eccezione di sorta e per qualsiasi motivo.-
- 5°)- Ogni deprezzamento causato da mancanza di cure, da deficienze di alimentazione, da impiego eccessivo dei cavalli nei lavori agricoli e da altre cause che siano imputabili al consegnatario sarà valutato ed addebitato al medesimo che verserà l'ammontare del deprezzamento alla cassa dell'Ente distributore.-
- 6°)- I cavalli non potranno essere allontanati dalla località stabilita o dati in consegna ad altri agricoltori, anche a titolo di temporanea sub-concessione, senza esplicito permesso dell'Amministrazione Militare
- 7°)- L'Amministrazione Militare si riserva di accertare, a mezzo dei suoi organi tecnici dipendenti, che il consegnatario mantenga i cavalli nei modi voluti dalla presente convenzione e rimane completamente esonerata da qualsiasi responsabilità per gli eventuali danni derivanti da malattie comuni e diffusibili sopravvenute nei cavalli dati in consegna, anche se trattasi di malattie latenti e preesistenti alla consegna stessa.-
- 8°)- L'epoca del ritiro dei cavalli e la località in cui dovranno essere restituiti sarà fissata dall'Amministrazione Militare, a suo insindacabile criterio.-
- 9°)- Sono a carico del consegnatario continuamente le tasse di bollo, di registro ed ogni altra spesa inerente alla stipulazione del

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- 10°)- I cavalli prima di essere distribuiti dovranno avere la croce di Savoia marcata indelebilmente a fuoco sulla coscia sinistra e la matricola sullo zoccolo anteriore sinistro.-



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MESSAGE FORM

To: MOVEIT ~~121~~ rpt (2) Rear 8 Army (3) Main 8 Army (4) 15 Army Gp
(5) 5 Corps (6) Mov BRINDISI

From: British Military Mission 055 7

ITALIAN mule coy 140 mules, complete equipment personnel located BARI
ready to move 10 Nov (.) Request arrange move direct with mule coy (.)
7 ITALIAN ARMY arranging rep from mule coy to contact RTO, BARI tomorrow
morning 8 Nov (.) All informed

IMMEDIATE to 1 and 2

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Signed: *Rgt. Wm. Hunt*

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Adm

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MESSAGE FORM

To:- MOVZIT rpt 7 Italian Army

From:- British Military Mission

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Italian Mule coy 140 Mules complete with equipment, located at BARI is ready to move 10 Nov (.) Request you arrange move direct with mule coy (.) 7 Italian Army making arrangements for rep from mule coy to contact RTO, BARI tomorrow morning 8 Nov (.) all informed

Immediate to (1)

Signed: R. L. Smith Major:

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PHONE MESSAGE

From:- 7 Italian Army (Capt: DELLA CORNA)
To :- Capt Byatt

Date: 7 Nov 43
Time: 1830 hrs:

Message: Ref 140 Mules (.) They will be ready to move on 10 Nov (.)
Location at BARI:

Action: Moveit asked for move (through Mov BRINDISI) by phone;
7 Italian Army asked re from mule coy to contact RTO BARI.

Signal Q55 confirms above:

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SECRET

SUBJECT :- Correspondence for 1 ITALIAN Mule Coy

GSI(b)
Main EIGHTH ARMY

Copy to :- RMM 7 ITALIAN ARMY

Near HQ EIGHTH ARMY,
CWP.

R 2525 Q.

5 Nov 43.

8 NOV. 1943

1. The enclosed package for 1 ITALIAN Mule Coy together with covering letter from RMM 7 ITALIAN ARMY is forwarded.
2. 1 ITALIAN Mule Coy passed from comd EIGHTH ARMY to FIFTH ARMY wef 29 Oct 43.
3. Will you please take action requested in para.2. of RMM letter?

Sc. 8
Jules 15 refer
H.S.

Lucius
Brigadier.
DA & CMO EIGHTH ARMY.

8/11/43

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

TOO 1545
THI 0-7 NOV. 1943

To: (1) BRITISH MILITARY MISSION (2) MOV BRINDISI (3) 71 SUB AREA
(4) MOV BARI (5) MOV BARLETTA (6) MOV POGGIA (7) 80 AREA RPTD
(8) REAR 8 ARMY (9) MAIN 8 ARMY (10) 15 ARMY GROUP (11) 5 CORPS

From: MOVEIT

Mov. 1/217

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REF MY MOV 1/201 OF 4 NOV (.) MOVE NOW TAKES PLACE ON 6 REPEAT 6 NOV
SAME TIMINGS

Degree of Priority

Distrib: - (11)
(1) (3) (4) (7) (8) (9) (10) by DRLS
(2) (5) (6) by Pullerphone from T.O.
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D W Healey
for Col. Capt RG
Col. 4 (1)

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TO: (1) MOVINT reptu (2) Rear 8 Army (3) Main 8 Army
 (4) 15 Army Group (5) 5 Corps
 FROM: BAK 7 ITALIAN ARMY
 Ref your MOV/1/201 of 4 (.) FIRST KXX (.) 140 mules plus personnel
 equipment wrongly reported BRINDISI (.) SECOND (.) Unconfirmed
 report 140 mules equipment BARI (.) personnel still being selected
 (.) THIRD (.) Please cancel arrangements (.) Will notify soonest FIRM
 the arrangements

Originators
 Instructions

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 (1) & (2)

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT.

T.O.C. 1230

L.H.I.

TO:- (1) BRITISH MILITARY MISSION (2) MOV BRINDISI (3) 71 SUB AREA
(4) MOV BARI (5) MOV BARLETTA (6) MOV FOGGIA (7) 86 AREA RPTD
(8) REAR 8 ARMY (9) MAIN 8 ARMY (10) 15 ARMY GROUP (11) 5 CORPS

FROM:- MOVE IT

MOV/1/201

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AD/18

140 PERSONNEL 140 MULES 50 TONS BAGGAGE ITALIAN
ARMY DEP BRINDISI 1542 HRS BY RAIL 5 NOV SAN SEVERO ARR 0747 HRS 6 NOV(.)
FORAGE & WATER WILL BE CARRIED ON TRAIN (.) B.M.M. INFORMED BY TELEPHONE
1200 HRS 4 NOV.

Distribution:-

(1) (3) (4) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) by D.R.L73.

(2) (5) (6) by Fullerphone from T.O.

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*Regent informed Dallenmande INTERBENSA
per 4 Nov.
Regent
spu.*

10/11/40

Colonel, 6.5
Col.Q(M)

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British Military Mission

AQ/18

4 Nov 43INTENDENZA, 7 ITALIAN ARMY

Reference our 541 dated 1 Nov 43.

1. The 140 mules of BRINDISI, complete with personnel and equipment will move as under :-

depart	BRINDISI	1642 HOURS	5 NOV 43
arrive	SAN SEVERO	0747 HOURS	6 NOV 43

2. Loading will start tomorrow morning, 5 Nov 43. Forage and water will be taken for the journey.
3. One Officer will report to the RTC, BRINDISI Station, beforehand to arrange details.

W. J. C.
 4a Brigadier
 Commanding
 British Military Mission

JB/EJC

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4/22 LRLC V LRCT Z XO1 IMMEDIATE GR---
TO BMM7 ITALIAN ARMY CPTD 5 CORPS
15 ARMY GPD FOR ADMIN. EP MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY 17
Q251 1

FURTHER MY Q241 OF 30 UNDERSTAND 200 MULES WITH PERSONNEL
AND SADDLERY NOW ~~AVAILABLE~~ AVAILABLE. REQUEST IMMEDIATE
DESPATCH BY RAIL SAN SEVERO BALANCE OF COY TO FOLLOW WHEN
CONC COMPLETED. AGREED 15 ARMY GP
THI 012205A

RPTN ~~4/22/47 5 15 251 1 241 30 200 012205~~

AND 15 ARMY GP

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BMM E

7th Station Army

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EL's Brindisi
11 SA *x01* *(159)* *139* *9/15/60* *19*
GR 68
LADU & LRAE NR 9159/60 QVR 1.6 A LRAE GR 68
TO BNN TO SEVENTH ITALIAN ARMY RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP
ADMINREP 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR EIGHTH ARMY
71 SUB AREA
COPY TO G(SD) ST
FROM FLANBO
Q31 27
ADV AND RE EIGHTH ARMY REPORTS APPROX 173 ITALIAN MULES AVAILABLE
CALABRIA. REQUEST YOU CONCENTRATE ALL THESE MULES IN
BRINDISI AREA AND HOLD FOR EIGHTH ARMY.
ESSENTIAL MULES PROVIDED SUFFICIENT FODDER FROM LOCAL
RESOURCES FOR DURATION OF STAY
TOO 1250A TH1 271445
Go to see
09154
10/15

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MESSAGE FORM

To:- INTENDENZA 7 ITALIAN ARMY rptd REAR 8 ARMY 5 CORPS MAIN 8
 MOVEIT 15 ARMY GP for ADMIN REP

From:- BRITISH MILITARY MISSION
 to 7 ITALIAN ARMY 9/41 1 AA/1

Instruct XXXI CORPS to concentrate 210
 Mules and personnel forthwith CROFONE
 METAPONTO REGGIO DI CALABRIA and inform BHM
 soonest when train required to transport to
 BRINDISI will 140 move mules and personnel already at
 will MOVEIT please arrange train forthwith
 for latter (.) Essential total move
 completed urgently

IMPORTANT

Signed: _____

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LRCT V LRAR 928 IMPORTANT T X01 LIC GR 44

CO BMM 7 ITALIAN ARMY RPTD 5 CORPS MAIN 8 ARMY

15 ARMY GP FOR ADMINREP

FROM ~~REAR~~ REAR EIGHTH ARMY

Q241 31 =====

REF PARA TWO YOUR AQ/16 OF 23. ADVISE E T A 350 NULES

STILL DUE 8 ARMY . REQUIRED MOST URGENTLY

S A N S E V E R O

TQD 2003 A THI 312035A

RPTN 928 ~~1~~ ~~2~~ 44 EUM ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ ~~4~~ 15

~~241~~ ~~31~~ ~~AQ/18~~ ~~23~~ ~~350~~

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Recd at
2200

5/15/18

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PHONE MESSAGE

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AQ/18

Date	Time	From	To
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I Nov 43	1440 hrs	DAQMG 15 Army Gp	Capt J G Bird
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Reference further 350 Mules for Eighth Army, to make up to 600.

Give date when ready. How many are already collected.

If sufficient collected, send up at once.

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SUBJECT: Mules - 1 Italian Mule Coy.

Re: 11. EIGHTH ARMY

British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY

18
1 Nov 43

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ASB

1. 7 Italian Army have sent the enclosed letter to the British Military Mission for onward transmission to 1 Italian Mule Coy. This Italian Mule Coy is the one that was sent up to Eighth Army on 19 Oct 43.
2. May this letter please be forwarded to them.

JGB/ABC

W. J. G. V.
Lt Brigadier
Comd. British Military Mission

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SUBJECT: Mules and Horses

HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY

British Military Mission. 14
G/9
31 Oct 43

1. It is understood that there are approximately 4,000 mules in 7 ITALIAN ARMY. 20/18
2. Can you please inform this Mission approximately
- (a) How many of these mules will be required for the Pack Artillery in PICENO and LEGNANO Divs.
 - (b) Of the remainder how many are suitable for carrying pack loads.
 - (c) How many sets of pack harness are available excluding (a) above.
 - (d) How many mules are in use drawing carts.
 - (e) How many horses are in use drawing carts.

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[Signature]
Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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M. 97003 (208) del Cataf.
G. 1941 - Anno XXI

P.M. 107411 27/10 1943 - A. AO/8.

Comando 7^a Armata

AI LA MISSIONE MILITARE
BRITANNICA

Stato Maggiore

Ufficio Ordinamento

SUA S E D E

Prot. N. 4/1400/OM Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OCCORRENZA Situazione mili.

~~~~~  
Seguito foglio N° 4/1303/O.M. in data 21  
corrente.  
~~~~~

Si trasmette la situazione mili
richiesta da codesta Missione.-

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligrè)

Raffaele Pelligrè
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Trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo
o l'ufficio cui si risponde.

Indicare telegramma.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE UNIT.

T.O.C. 1030

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7 NOV 1943

TO:- (1) S.E.I. (2) NOV BRINDISI (3) 71 SUB AREA (4) NOV BART
(5) NOV BARLITTA (6) NOV ROSSIA (7) 56 AREA WPTD (8) 15 A.T.
(9) MAIN S ARMY (10) REAR S ARMY (11) 3 CORPS.

FROM:- NOVIT

NOV/1/27

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20/81

REF NOVIT NOV/1/201 OF 4 NOV. AND NOV/1/217
S NOV NOV CANCELLED(.) S.E.I. NOW STATE NO BULMS IN BRINDISI AREA(.)
NOVIT 20/81 MAY THIS WAS NOT FROM T.O.C.

Distribution:-

(2) (5) (6) by Fullerphone

Reminder S.E.I.S.

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for DW Healey
Colonel,
Col.2(1)
CPTRE

STATO MAGGIORE - Uff. Ordinamento

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EX CORPO D'ARMATA

209. Division Costiere

Comandante da 112ª Reg. Costeira
3510 bte. cost.

0510 b7E. costiero

0510 b7E. costiero

025. btg. costiero.

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Divisione Fanteria "Pisano"

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152° Reggimento Artiglieria

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152^a Sezione Sanità

Divisione Fanteria "Legnano"

Quartier Generale
67^o Reggimento Fanteria
68^o " "
58^o Reggimento Artiglieria
58^a Sezione T.R.T.
152^o Ospedale da Campo

210^a Divisione Costiera

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162^o Reggimento Costiero
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22^o Reggimento Artiglieria

Raggruppamento "Gurtatone e Montanara"

Presidio di Brindisi

323^o Battaglione Costiero
47^o Reggimento Fanteria

Presidio di Taranto

355^o Battaglione Costiero
XXII Gruppo Cavalleggeri appiedati
78^o Reparto Distrettuale
673^a Compagnia Mitraglieri
483^o Battaglione Costiero
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Comando Genio XXXI C.A.

XXIII Battaglione Artieri speciale
compagnia lavoratori Z.M.
compagnia speciale lavoratori

Comando artiglieria XXXI C.A.

Legione M.A.C.A

Nucleo muli provenienti dall'11 Regt.Art.Trasp.

Nucleo muli recuperati dalla Sicilia in consegna ad un civile a Sorano Calabro

Comando Territoriale XXXI C.A. - Catanzaro

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227^a Divisione costiera

145^o Reggimento costiero
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247^a Compagnia lavoratori

Comando Genio XXXI C.A.

XXIII Battaglione Artieri speciale
compagnia lavoratori Z.M.
compagnia speciale lavoratori

Comando artiglieria XXXI C.A.

Legione M.A.C.A

Nucleo nuli provenienti dall'11 Regt. Art. Trans.

Nucleo nuli recuperati dalla Sicilia in conge-
sua ad un civile a Sorano Calabro

Comando Territoriale XXVI C.A. - Catanzaro

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SUBJECT:- Animal Transport.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. AQ/18.

21 Oct 43.

Rear Hq.,
EIGHTH ARMY.

Ref Rear Hq EIGHTH ARMY letter R22506VR of 19 Oct 43.

1. The situation regarding the extent to which 7 Italian Army can provide mules does not appear to be fully appreciated. The following points will help to clarify the position :-
 - (a) 423 mules are the maximum that can be provided without touching essential services (Rear Hq EIGHTH ARMY R22506VR of 9 Oct 43 refers).
 - (b) There is no other source of supply other than that shown in the above letter.
 - (c) 600 mules were urgently requested by EIGHTH ARMY. Therefore the additional 177 have had to be found from essential services.
 - (d) Further demands cannot possibly be met, unless alternative transport is provided for 7 ITALIAN ARMY.
2. In addition to 250 already despatched, 350 mules required to bring the total to 600, are at present being collected, and will be sent forward as soon as can be arranged.

Hand Capt 508
Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

Subject:- Animal Troop. - 7th. Italian Army.

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Rear HQ Eighth Army.
R 22506 VR.
19th. October '43.

Comd to:- HM, 7th. Italian Army.

Reference Rear Eighth Army Signal Q 52 of 15th. Oct.
and in continuation of this office letter No. R22506 VR of 9 Oct.

1. HM and No. 2 District have arranged dispatch from Brindisi to San Severo (ETA 19 Oct.) of 250 mules of 51 Italian Corps referred to in para 1 of a/m letter. It was subsequently arranged by S.C.(AT) to detain at Foggia in accordance with MDS's instructions, vide your Signal Q 89 of 17 Oct.

2. Above animals are organized as a Pack Tpt. Unit of 3 Sections (troops) designated in Italian Army "Reparto". Seventh Italian Army have agreed to British designation of No. 1 Italian Mule Coy. Establishment is as follows:-

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| O.C. (Captain). | 1. |
| Section Commanders, (Lieuts) | 3. |
| V.O. | 1. |
| Other Ranks. | 330. (includes 1 Parrier and 3 Apprentice Parriers). |

Total. 335.

Animals.

Mules, Pack.
Horses.

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Transport.

Note:- Each Section (Troop) is divided into 3 Sub-Sections.

2. Above is an improvised Establishment. The existing animal strength of 300. It is suggested that on arrival of remaining 350 animals, 2 Coys. could be organized as such.

3. Remaining requirements amounting to 350 mules are now being concentrated in Brindisi Area but it is unlikely that they will be ready to move before 26th. October. HM are arranging with 7th. Italian Army for their dispatch to San Severo. Will you please inform HM where these animals should be detained?

4. Future Provision of Animals. It is suggested that this should now be given careful consideration.

It is unlikely that the 7th. Italian Army will be able to provide any more mules from Brindisi District but it is known that approx. 173 mules are available in Calabria, vide a/m letter.

3 Sections (troops) being sent to Italian Army's depots.
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 It is unlikely that the 7th. Italian Army will be able to provide any more mules from Brindisi District but it is known that approx. 173 mules are available in Calabria, vide my a/m letter.
 The Commander, REM, has stressed most strongly that if these animals are likely to be required by Eighth Army, they should be concentrated now and held in the Brindisi Area where they will be easily available. In view of the difficulty of communications with Italian Units in Calabria it is unlikely that this concentration could be completed in less than several weeks.

R.D. Munn

Lieut. Colonel,
 A.D.V. & R.S.
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No 4/1303/O.M.

21.10.43

Subject: Mules

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With Ref to verbal request of Col. Mac. Donald we would like to inform you that as soon as this Hq. will receive particulars from Army Corps, an up to date situation showing the number of mules existing in the different parties, will be forwarded to BMM H-Q.

(Signed) Gen PELLICCI

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Comando della 7^a Armata
Stato Maggiore - Uff. Ordinamento

P.M. 107 h 21 ottobre 1943

N. di Prot. 4/1303/C.M.

Risposta al

Carlo annesso

ALLA MISS ONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

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Oggetto: Situazione muli.

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Con riferimento alla richiesta verbale fatta dal Ten. Col. Mac Donald, si informa codesta Missione che, non appena saranno pervenuti a questo comando i dati richiesti ai dipendenti Corpi d'Armata, verrà trasmessa una situazione aggiornata dell'esistenza di muli presso i reparti dipendenti.

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Raffaele Pelligra

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IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.  
( Raffaele Pelligrà )

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no 4/1279/O.M.

20.10.43

Subject: Equipments for 8th Army.

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Following verbal request by the BMM. this H.Q. sent instructions to organize a party of 350 mules for the 8th Army.

The formation of this party will have several branches without any mules, they without means of transport for all the necessities of the life.

In order to avoid such inconvenients we would kindly ask the BMM to let us have back all the M.T. all ready sent to the different British Services.

What type is needed to  
fill gap?

(signed) Gen PELLIGRA

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Comando della 7<sup>a</sup> Armata  
Stato Maggiore - Uff. Ordinamento

P.M. 107 h 20 ottobre 1943

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

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Risposta al

Carta annessa

Oggetto : Salmerie per l'8<sup>a</sup> Armata Britannica.

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Come da richiesta verbale fatta da codesta Missione, questo comando ha impartito le disposizioni per la costituzione di un reparto salmerie di 350 muli per l'8<sup>a</sup> Armata Britannica.

Con la costituzione di detto reparto diverse unità dipendenti rimarranno prive di quadrupedi e quindi dei soli mezzi di trasporto a disposizione per le necessità di vita.

Allo scopo di ovviare a tale inconveniente si prega codesta Missione di voler rimettere a disposizione di questo comando gli automezzi già ceduti per i servizi delle unità britanniche.

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TO NO 2 DISTRICT RPTD 15 ARMY GP MOV NO2 DISTRICT
5 CORPS BMM ITALIAN 7 ARMY (FOR BRIG D U C H E S N E)
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY
Q52 15

FIRST . MY Q940 OF 5 AND Q5 OF 10 ADDRESSED B M H
7 ITALIAN ARMY CANCEL MY PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR PROVISION
250 MULES .

SECOND . OP POSITION NOW CHANGED AND REQUIRE 600 MULES
COMPLETE WITH PERSONNEL AND SADDLERY FOR 5 CORPS
IN ~~S A V~~ S A N S E V E R O AREA SOONEST . TARGET DATE GIVEN
18 OCT .

THIRD . LT COL MACDONALD ADV AND RS WILL VISIT
2 DISTRICT 15 ARMY GP BMM ITALIAN 7 ARMY 16-17 OCT
TO EXPLAIN DETAIL AND ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS .

FOURTH . ALL AGREED SD MAIN ARMY

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SUBJECT: Provision of 250 mules.

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British Military Mission.
Ref No. AQ/5.

17 Oct 43.

H. Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

1. G.O.C., EIGHTH ARMY requests the immediate provision by 7 ITALIAN ARMY of 250 mules complete with personnel and saddlery.
2. As their provision is of urgent operational necessity, may they please be made available to entrain at BRINDISI, afternoon 18 Oct 43.



Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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SECRET.

Subject:- Animal Transport - 7th. Italian Army.

"Q"
"3 & T".

Copy to:- B.M.M., 7th. Italian Army.

Rear HQ Eighth Army.
R 22506 VR.
9th. October '43.

The following information in general reference to the availability of pack mules held by the 7th. Italian Army is submitted.

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| 1. Available at COZENZA (31 Corps). | 123 M.A. Mules. |
| Available with Coast Divs. 31 Corps (area CATANZARO) but not concentrated. | 50 A.T. Mules. |
| Available with 51 Corps at FRANCAVILLA or BRINDISI. | 250 MA & AT Mules. |
| Total. | <u>423.</u> |

2. The remaining animals of 7th. Italian Army are required for unit transport of that Army and are not available for release.

2. The type of animal above referred to conforms to British standards, i.e., M.A. mules carry 170 Kilos and A.T. carry 100 Kilos, both including equipment.

The animals are complete with equipment and drivers but have not been worked as organised pack units. They represent a collection of animals from Infantry and Artillery of the Army.

3. Remount mules for the Italian Army were imported from Overseas or obtained in the extreme north of Italy. In view of this it is suggested that the mules which are now available with the 7th. Italian Army, if not required for operations, should be held by that Army in the event of remount reinforcements being required by the British Pack Coys. of Eighth Army.

D. S. M. S.
Lieut. Colonel,
A.D.V. & R.S.
Eighth Army.

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TO 71 SUB AREA PASS TO BHM 7 ITALIAN ARMY
FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY

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To 8th Italian Army

SUBJECT: Provision of mules.

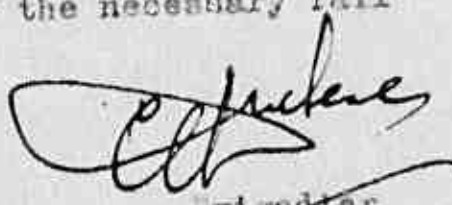
British Military Mission to
7th Italian Army.
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4 Oct 43.

REF Folia 1.

G.O.C. 8th Army requests the provision by the Italian Seventh Army of three troops of pack mules complete with pack saddlery and totalling about 250 mules in all. It is desired that they should be units complete with Italian officers and personnel.

Owing to the operational situation their provision is a matter of urgency and I am asked to state their expected time of arrival in the Foggia area. If you would let me know when and where available I will arrange for the necessary rail transport if required.


Brigadier
Comdr. British Military Mission.

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for 7 Italian Army
amb. 31 Corps

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MESSAGE OUT

ELC 7 ARMY
31 Corps
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1- BMM 7 ITALIAN ARMY rptd BMM 31 ITALIAN CORPS
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR 13 CORPS

From:- REAR EIGHTH ARMY Ref Folio 3

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AB/5

following was addressed BMM 31 ITALIAN CORPS CONTROL
under my Q 862 of 29 quote (.) require 3 mile tps
approx 250 miles complete with personnel and saddlery
for 13 Corps in FOGGIA area (.) can you provide (.)
if available state ETA FOGGIA area unquote (.) matter
now operationally urgent (.) request your expedite reply

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent in cipher

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Copy to:- NOV 57 V&A

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