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AFRAGOLA. BASE. RFTS. TRG. DEPOT

Opened Oct. 4, 1944 - Closed May 7, 1945

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(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

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7 May, 1945.To: 3 District.

Reference you 146/4 Q dated 30 Apr 45.

1. The drafts from SARDINIA numbering approximately 1,000 will continue at about four day intervals until the beginning of June, after which time, there should be no further traffic of personnel. Arrangements have already been made for trains to meet the ship and except in emergency there should be no need for transit facilities.

2. No drafts are to be anticipated from CALABRIA, future call-ups being in the North. Sicilians will be moved direct to destinations and will not stage at Naples.

3. It is agreed that transit camp facilities for maximum 500 are required for casualties and it is considered adequate accommodation can be found in NAPLES which would be preferable to AFRAGOLA.

The matter should be raised with the senior M.M.I.A.L.O. at NAPLES who is already acquainted with the problem. The available barracks accommodation should be adequate if necessary R.E. work can be approved.

4. It is to be anticipated that 803 HQ at RAVASCANINA will progressively diminish in importance and the necessary staff for transit should be available from this source and render unnecessary the provision of a new transit camp staff.



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

Copy: MMIA G(SD)
MMIA A
MMIA LO NAPLES.

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2/5/45.

El.

1. Calls and recalls.

Ref to 30

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When the Tardina 6,000 is finished there should be only very light commitment - Campania turned up and about 100 a week. MUSTAD must say to what extent there require action of Naples. Calabria U.S. cancelled. Sicilians to direct to destination (apart from deserters &c). Future recalls are planned for the North.

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 send their men to a collecting point G982
 if "so as you please" is instituted for
 engaged. still covered as being there is
 going to be some difficulty. Sardinians
 will remain a problem - previous engaged
 from Sardinia went to Algeria for clients.

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4. Col Goodwin's para 5 is agreed. Perhaps he can put it across to the branch w/ AFHQ which brings the ships into Naples and sends the trains ^{out of Naples} ^{savely} but ^{expensive} at the same time.

5. Col Goodwin's para 4 - cannot see that It's It's can help very much.

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Subject:- BRI-ITI Transit Personnel

3 District
BASEBALL 12
146/4 Q
30 Apr 45

MEMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission)

Q 56 Area
HQ Movements Southern Italy
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MEMIA (LO)

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(b) Local call-up.

(c) Drafts (i) from SICILY and South
(ii) from SARDINIA

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6. If immediate onward move by train cannot be guaranteed, may it be confirmed that you can arrange accn for such drafts with ITI-ITI units in NAPLES.

7. An early reply is requested.

8. For 56 Area. Pending a reply to this letter it remains necessary for you to arrange for skeleton staff from SOS BRD to function at AFRAGOLA.

BAHO/TMP

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(E.A.H. GOODWIN) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Comd

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: DISTHREE

TO : 56 AREA
227 ITALIAN ADM DIV

Q/84

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INFO: AFHQ G-3 ORG FOR
MOVWIT
MMIA
MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO 227 DIV

REF : GO 155

WARNING ORDERS (.) 803 ITALIAN BASE RPT DEP WILL MOVE BY
ROAD FROM AFRAGOLA TO RAVISCANINA ADV PARTY 4 APR MAIN
BODY COMMENCING 11 APR (.) MAIN BODY WILL MOVE AT RATE OF
750 PER DAY (.) DETAILED MOVEMENT ORDERS FOLLOW

SD DISTRIBUTION:

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Ration Maintenance - 803 Base
Reinforcement Camp, RAVISCANINA.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/33/18

Ministry of War.

1 April 45.

Copy to:- MEMIA LO, NAPLES
O.C. British Cadre 803 BMD Raviscanina.
DDST 3 District.

1. Please prepare a ration pack of 42000 balanced rations weekly for the maintenance of Italian troops at 803 BMD RAVISCANINA.
2. Ration pack will be prepared, under your direction from the Naples Bulk Food Depot, and rail wagons despatched to railhead VAIRANO for 803 BMD RAVISCANINA. Unloading of wagons and transportation of rations to Reinforcement Camp will be accomplished by personnel and transport of the Camp.
3. Initial pack of 42000 balanced rations will be despatched from Naples on 6 April 45. This Headquarters has arranged for movement on 6 April 45 and for inclusion of rail movement of 42000 balanced rations during period 9 - 15 April 45. Subsequent weekly rail movement bids made by you to this Headquarters will include bid for the above pack.
4. Please ensure that the schedule below is followed :

DESPATCH FROM NAPLES

NUMBER OF RATIONS

6 April	42000
14 "	"
21 "	"
28 "	"

5. In the future, following 28 April it is essential that you maintain a weekly schedule of 42000 balanced rations.

KRN/jc

Internal: Q MEMIA
Mov MEMIA.

W.H.S. [Signature]
Capt. Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Subject: Move of BRD ARRACOLA.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O ME
Q/84

31. Mar 45

Col.Q.
Col.A.
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CAMP SITE.

RAVISCANINA H2007.

Inspected 30 Mar by Major Spray 3 Dist rep, Q Staff Officer 56 Area, O.C. BRD and O.C. Br Cadre. All well satisfied with the site and welcome the change. Plan to move men into four Bn areas, three training and one holding. Cooking initially to be on Bn basis, later on Coy basis.

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RAC/hh

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES Lt.Col.
AQMG. MIA.

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SUBJECT: Movement of Italian Personnel

3 District
BASEBALL 15/Dial 10752
405/4 Q

227 Italian Div

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Q 56 Area (2)
Movements Western Italy
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MAIA LO
ILO

24 Mar 45

Handwritten: Q/S for RAO
27 Mar 45 (2) 28/3

1. Serious complaints have been received from Movements Western Italy regarding the lack of discipline and organization in connection with moves of Italian rfts.

2. The following instances have been specially reported :-

(a) (i) Rfts due to depart from CASORIA at 1400 hrs
9 Mar 45:-

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400	ITI-ITI rfts for AREZZO
110	Lab rfts for ROME
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45 :-

224 Sussanzenza Rfts to ROME
302 Sardinia Mod Rfts to AREZZO
410 Italian Rfts to FROSINONE
<u>936 Total</u>

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(ii) At the scheduled departure time only 180 personnel had arrived, and the party was not complete until 1130 hrs.

(iii) Water bottles had not been filled at the camp, with the result that the men rushed to the water points on arrival. To restore order it was necessary to post guards, ~~constituted~~ by two Brit OR, on the water points. The two Brit OR were eventually withdrawn at 1125 hrs. There was then a rush of troops from the train to the water points again, and in the

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resultant disorder one Italian Officer and one Brit Officer were assaulted.

3. It will be appreciated that this unsatisfactory state of affairs must cease immediately, and you are requested to take drastic action to ensure that :-

(a) Administrative functions such as pay, issue of rations and water, are completed before personnel leave the camp.

(b) Parties are organized at the camp in a satisfactory military manner, and that they arrive at the station in good time for entrainment.

(c) Sufficient Officers and NCOs are detailed to maintain discipline.

4. Please confirm to this HQ that the necessary steps have been taken to effect the above.

JN/acr

Robert R. Lee

(R. B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Col
Bd & QMG

Cand.

AFHQ have approved the 3 Dist Plan
to move the main AFRAGOTA Camp to RAYLECANINA,
the old South African camp. AFHQ are providing
86 Bell tents to help the accommodation problem.

The basic letter is at folio 25. I am
pleased to see it was drafted by GOODWIN.

1-11-75
I.F.V.

24 Mar

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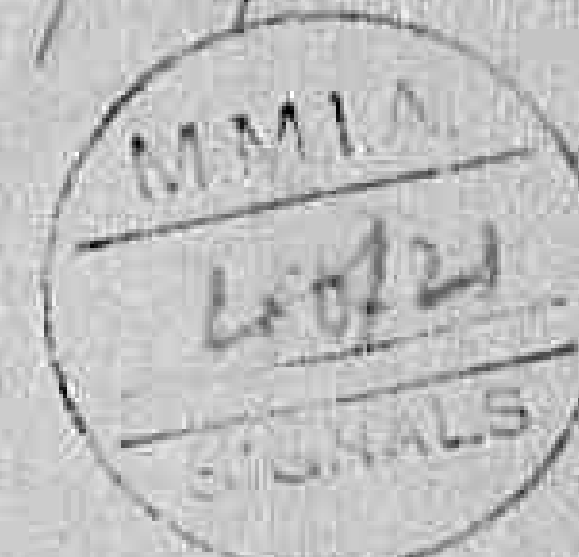
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TO DISTHREE
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6974 146/40 OF 19 MAR SUBJECT MOVE OF BRITI RFT DEPOT FROM
AFRACOLA REFERS (.) YOUR PROPOSAL TO MOVE DEPOT TO SITE
OF SA RES ~~GP~~ GP CAMP RAVISCANINA APPROVED (.)
ARRANGE DETAILS DIRECT WITH MMIA (.)
Q(AE) ARRANGING RELEASE OF 86 BELL TENTS FOR USE AT NEW SITE
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REF 3 DIST LETTER 146/AQ OF 15 MAR FOLLOWING ARE MMIA COMMENTS (.)
FIRST (.) REF PARA 3(A) AGREE (.)
SECOND (.) REF PARA 3(B) RECOMMEND THREE ESCORT COYS OF 50 ALL RANKS
EACH BE ADDED TO WE OF BR - ITI DEPOS AT AFRAGOLA,
TRANI AND ORVIE TO RESPECTIVELY AND IN ADDITION 100
SOLDIERS EX GARIBALDI DIV NOW EN ROUTE TO CESANO
BE FORMED INTO UNIT AND TEMP ALLOTTED TO AFRAGOLA FOR
SPECIAL DUTY FOR ONE MONTH (.)
THIRD (.) AGREED (.) EX PW OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED
VIA AC LETTER I PW /39/5 OF 2 FEB TO GS AFHQ

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and (b) then

Reference your 6229/4/C(Maint) dated 10 per 15.

1. (a) Instructions had already been given on 23 Feb 48 for the necessary services at the Italian Base Eft Depot, AFFAGOLA to be carried out as a British REVERSE commitment. As far as possible personnel, materials and tools will be an Italian supply, but delays in provision will not be accepted and any shortages will be made up from British resources.
(b) The work put in hand is detailed in Appx "A". The target date for completion of this work is 12 Apr.
(c) In addition the factory building on this site, of which a small portion only was in occupation by the Italian Army, has now been requisitioned in toto and made available. This will provide offices, stores etc which would otherwise have had to be constructed.
(d) The position as regards tentage is slowly improving. G(AE) have stated that Italian Army resources exist and must be fully used. This has not been contested by MIA, and responsibility for adequate provision lies with them.
2. The British Camp Staff is taking all possible steps, including executive action (which is strictly beyond their scope) to improve living conditions in this Camp. The problem is, however, very largely one of discipline.

3. In the meantime the whole question of the location of a Camp for the holding and basic training of APITIS has been under consideration. It is a question of whether or not this should be in close proximity to NAPLES. APITAGOLA was originally selected as a site because of the movement problem arising from the arrival of drafts from SICILY, SARDINIA and from various local call-up centres (NOLA, AVERLINO etc.); and the subsequent despatch of conscripts.

t) dated 10 Mar 45. There is no provision in the town order for the town order to be entered into the town order.

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Drafts arrive (a) from SARDINIA by boat (b) from CALABRIA and SICILY by rail (c) from local call-up centres by MT supplied from Area resources. To deal with (a) it would be necessary to retain a transit camp in NAPLES, probably at AFRAGOLA, staffed by a det of the Base Rft Depot staff. This involves an increment to that staff, which will be the subject of a separate letter. Movement from AFRAGOLA to Rft Camp would be by rail.

Drafts arriving by rail can be routed through to final destination.

The local call-up would have to be taken to final destination by MT, if the conditions now prevailing at AFRAGOLA are not to be perpetuated.

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Fair training facilities.

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Good camp site for 6000, now empty.

Good training space.

No considerable rail Mov problem.

Against: Barracks not immediately available.

Difficult for rail movement.

No It DID.

Accn may be required by WD post-war.

8/10 miles from RM (VAIRANO).

No local amenities (welfare problem).

No It DID.

Tentage required.

8.

Summing up the considerations in para 7:-

(a) Rail movement to VAIRANO is easier than to AVELLINO and the numbers are not excessive. Movement from RM to Camp by MT is a minor problem but there are five 8-tonners on VE which will be a considerable help.

(b) The accn at AVELLINO is not immediately available, and may be required by G-1 (Brit) for post-war commitments.

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(c) Training and the process of breaking in a recruit to military life will be easier in an isolated camp than in a town.

(d) Some amenities are essential but at present non-existent at RAVISCANINA.

9. On balance RAVISCANINA would appear to be the better proposition. It would be necessary

(i) To find means of providing a cinema and canteen in the camp.

(ii) To assist its welfare in other (minor) ways - provision of games etc.

(iii) To make up, from British resources if necessary, a reasonable scale of tentage and stores.

(iv) To arrange for issue of its supplies in bulk at RH VAIHANO.

10. Subject to a satisfactory solution of problems in para 9 and to specific agreement of DMT and Movit, in addition to your own, it is proposed

(a) To move BRITISH Base Rft Depot to RAVISCANINA.

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Approval of this plan is requested.

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EAFV/TMP

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Maj Geny
Cord
(I. LAURIN)

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APPENDIX "A" to 3 District letter 146/40
dated 7 Mar 45

(a) The existing cookhouse to be rehabilitated, extended and altered as necessary, to cook adequately for 6000 personnel, and to include:-

- (i) Wood fired batteries of built in cooking pots (in lieu of Sayer pots) and sawn off drums. The present smoke nuisance to be overcome by taking smoke pipes above roof as required.
- (ii) Food Store.
- (iii) Preparation Rooms.
- (iv) Vegetable Store.
- (v) Washing up facilities.

3 Dist, MFLA LO and GC BLU are definitely not in favour of providing separate Coy cookhouses in different sections of the Camp.

(b) Latrines to be concrete squatters to scale of 3'. Screening to be 3' 6" high tufa walls.

(c) Ablutions to be to scale of 1 x 9' burch to each 50 personnel, of raised precast concrete slab bases. Not to be provided with screens or roof.

(d) Showers to be provided to scale of 2' in Flambo hutting. A disinfectant to be provided in one shower block.

(e) 6 Bay Flambo Hutting to be provided for It Command Post.

(f) Road through Camp to be increased up to 20' wide and made up with quarry waste and to have a surface coat of bitumen and chippings as second priority.

(g) All hygienic and drainage measures to be agreed by Hygiene Officer BLU.

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SUBJECT - Italian Reinforcement Camp AFRAGOLA

AFHQ G-1 (SR)

MMIA
DMT

3 District
Baseball 20
146/4Q
15 Mar 45

1. My attention has been drawn to the difficult conditions existing at the Italian Reinforcement Camp AFRAGOLA. As you are aware, this Camp exists for the purpose of holding IRI-ITIS and IRI-IPIS in transit. Considerable work is well in hand for the improvement of the Camp and I had already directed 56 Area, before your 6228/4/Q(Maint) dated 10 Mar 45 was received, to assume responsibility for the Camp.

2. The problem, at the moment, is that discipline in the Camp is non-existent. The Italian Camp Staff have virtually no control over the personnel in transit and any orders issued by them are not obeyed. No trng, even of the most elementary nature, is carried out, for the simple reason that when a parade is ordered no man attends it. Attempts have been made to line men up for meals by constructing "lanes", but the men merely crowd round the top of the "lane" and hold their mess tins over the top. Large numbers of men leave the Camp at their will by climbing over the wire fence, and they are assisted in this by the Guards themselves. No proper check is made on the numbers of men in Camp and the daily ration strength is more or less a guess. Furthermore, it would appear that about 2000 from the call-up in CAMPANIA, chiefly Neapolitans, have assumed such an aggressive attitude that the Camp Staff are terrified of them. The only steady factor, at the moment, is the British Cadre, but this is far too small to undertake the control and discipline of over 4000 undisciplined Italians. The whole Italian Camp organization is one of complete chaos, and in the existing circumstances, the Camp Staff is incapable of improving it.

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- (c) That the Italian Camp Staff be strengthened by having carefully selected senior Cpts and Lieuts, possibly ex PW Officers, posted to it so that these Officers can really command their men.

4. In conclusion, I wish to emphasise that unless firm measures are taken quickly the Camp will become quite out of hand and the British Cadre will be unable to keep their present control.

I understand that in addition to a b.c. when it is proposed to move the camp to a position further away from Naples

Please keep me informed.

IL/200

Maj Gen
Comd

See folio 24

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SUBJECT: 803 Italian Base Rft Depot AFRAGOLA.

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

SD/42/5

14 Mar 45

TO : 3 DISTRICT

copy to: MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

PENSWORTH for MMIA LO

OC Er Cadre 803 Italian BRD AFRAGOLA

AMHQ for GI (Br) & D.M.T.

1. I view with alarm the movement of only 200 tps from AFRAGOLA Base Depot on 9 Mar when movement for 1500 had been arranged and the camp strength stood at 3902 all ranks.

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3. I forward this information to you for further action as you will probably want to enquire into the adm of this Depot which is under your comd through H.Q. 227 Adm Div.

4. Att at Appx "B" is copy of British Cadre Comd's letter 6/3/JT dated 10 Mar. Will you please accept action The addition of an escort company to the BRD WE has been proposed.

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001 GCM-O of 3 Mar and 6228/4/Q
(Maint) of 10 Mar.

para 1 (b) - see AFHQ letter, CR/1116/G.1
(Br)(Ser 1660) of 22 Feb.

Sifting of staff should be carried out by 227 Adm Div HQ

B. For action on para 1 (c) see MMIA letter SD/42 of 14 Feb. It will be appreciated that the procedure initiated by this letter comes into effect during the current week (12 - 18 Mar) for planning against the week 26 Mar - 1 Apr.

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B. (Contd)

The procedure in force until the current week for the reinforcement of BR-III service units is contained in AFHQ letter, AG 091.711 /169 GGT-0 dated 16 Nov 1944 para 18.

C. This HQ will inform DMT of agreement to att of additional Br NCO Instructors.

J. Branning

tv3.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:

M.A. to G.O.C.
DA & QMG
Col PIDSLEY
G.2.L(2)
Q 2

Appx "A" to IMTA letter
SD/42/5 of Mar 45

803 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot - AFRAGOLA

<u>Para</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.	22 Feb	AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA Camp during week 5 - 11 Mar:- Serial 6 (.) 1000 lab to AREZZO SD 2331 of " 7 (.) 500 screenings to 22 Feb 45 AREZZO Both for 5 Army Br Incr Movement of ser. 6 asked for early in week. Movement of ser. 7 asked for late in week. Serial 8 (.) 110 lab to ROME for smoke. 2. 1 Mar AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA during the week 12 - 18 Mar:- Serial 34 (.) 400 guard bn rfts to SIENA 3. 5 Mar Owing to operational moves AFHQ ordered the move of 400 gd bn rfts to take place during the week 5 - 11 Mar and did not order the move of 500 screenings vide para 1 serial 7 above. 4. 7 Mar AFHQ ordered the following to move from AFRAGOLA at 1400 hrs 9 Mar:- 1000 lab rfts to AREZZO 400 gd bn rfts to AREZZO 100 lab rfts to ROME 5. 7 Mar Local Mar moved	

TX 39576 of
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FX 39576 of
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5. 7 Mar Local Mov warned MMIA LO who warned AFHQ by phone 4967

6. 8 Mar (a) 3 Dist MMIA LO requested HQ MMIA to stagger trains in order to facilitate departure of drafts complete. He was instructed to give 3 Dist and AFRAGOLA every help and to impress 227 Div HQ with their responsibilities
Phone 1445 hrs

(b) HQ MMIA requested CI (Br) AFHQ to arrange trains to be staggered 1500 hrs
Phone

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<u>Para</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>References</u>
6(Contd)		(c) HQ MMIA told War Ministry to take steps to assist 227 Adm Div to despatch the draft.	'Phone 1600 hrs.
		(d) MMIA LO NAPLES was instructed to keep in touch with Movements	'Phone 1630 hrs
7.	9 Mar	(a) Camp strength 3902 incl offrs and NCO's 590	
		(b) Drafts actually departed - vide Appx "B" to this letter 110 to ROME. 400 for Ga Bns 290 for 5 Army Br Increment Labour	
		(c) 5 Army Br Incr warned by HQ MMIA of deficiency in draft of 700 labour.	'phone
8.		804 BRD TRAINI have been ordered to make up part of this 700 deficiency by the despatch to AREZZO on 13 Mar of 300 lab rfts for 5 Army Br Incr.	

Appx "B" to MMIA
letter SD/42/5 dated
Mar 45

10 Mar 45

GOPE

SUBJECT: Movement 9 Mar

Ref: 6/3/JF

To: MMIA ROME

On 9 Mar the Br Cadre were responsible for entraining three drafts totalling 1500 men, the train to leave CASORIA at 1400 hrs. The Italian Coy were instructed to take the rations down by transport early in the morning and to split them up into 25 for each carriage. This was not done and the rations were left in bulk at the station, causing great confusion later. At 0900 hrs the Italian Coy were told to get some men on Parade. At 1100 hrs it was possible to move some men to the station. The strength was then 550 and the Italian Coy reported that no further men could be collected for the drafts. It was pointed out that there were plenty of men in Camp and that their ration strength for the day was approximately 4000 and the men should be collected. At 1200 hrs the Italian Officer in charge asked the O.C. Br. Cadre if it would be possible to have British Military to collect the men. This was refused. At 1345 hrs 916 men had left the Camp for the station. Many failed to arrive, and the train eventually left with a strength of 799. The deficiency was caused:-

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A report on discipline at AFRAGOLA Camp is being prepared and will be forwarded in due course.

Field.

s/d (H.M. ADAMSON)

Major R.

OC (Br Cadre)

ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT & TRAINING
DEPOT, AFRAGOLA

tvS.

SUBJECT: APRA-GOLA Base Rft Depot

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CM

Tel : 11667

DMT/89/2/NTI

7 Mar 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

copy to:

G-3 Org (F), AFHQ

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It is urged that accommodation for a further 2000 be provided or the capacity of the Depot reduced to the figure for which there is accommodation.

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It is urged that every attempt should be made to provide the Command with a proportion of really good officers and NCOs.

(c) Postings

The CO of the British Increment states that great difficulty is experienced due to the varying periods rifts stay in the Depot; some rifts are posted away the day after they arrive while others have languished there for months. In some cases this is inevitable but on the present scale any organized trig becomes chaotic.

It is requested that a minimum and maximum time for the stay of a rift in the Depot should be laid down e.g. 1 week and 4 weeks.

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(c) (Contd)

It is realised that it will not always be possible to adhere to these timings completely, but it will help the trg very considerably.

(d) British Trg Cadres

The CO of the British Increment states that under present conditions the only hope of getting any basic trg started is by British help. He suggested a temporary attachment of some 9 British NCOs - 1 per 2 coys.

This Directorate does not agree with this in principle but under present conditions it is thought probably necessary for AFRA.GOLA and TRANI. It is not considered necessary at ORVETO.

Your views are requested. If you agree this Directorate will endeavour to get such attachments authorised and select the NCOs.

2. It is realized that the last point only of the above is directly a trg matter. The other points are made however because they do very definitely affect training.

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Bris.,
D.M.T.

tvb.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 370.092/001 GCT-0

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: 3 March 1945 :
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: 3 March 1945 :SUBJECT: Capacity of Italian (ER-ITI) Rft Depots
and Training Center

TO : All Concerned

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s/d R.M. PRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/11116/G-1(BR) (Ser 1660)
22 Feb 45

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appendix "A" to this letter will be formed as shown.
- (b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. 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 Supervisory Authorities.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided through normal BR-IFI reinforcement channels.

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Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:

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- (b) Publications (indent form A.P.L. 1394) to No 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.P.L. 1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ. 4903

5. POSTAL

Units will use the "Posts Militaire" number of the Italian Ldn HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to G.1(B) A.I. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

a/d ?
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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ACEYAPPENDIX "A" to CR/1115/O-1(ER) (Ser 1660) of 22 Feb 45

Unit	W.E.	Serial No allotted	Supervisory Authority	Location for Formation	Effective Date
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
281 Italian Iner to Pack Tpt Trg Centre	CM/657/1	93858	HQ No 1 District	POSSOMBRONE	29 Jan 45
282 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93859	HQ No 1 District	ORVIETO	9 Feb 45
283 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93860	HQ No 3 District	ARRACOLA	9 Feb 45
284 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93861	HQ No 3 District	TRANI	9 Feb 45
390 Italian Iner to HQ 557 BOD, RAOC	CM/772/1	93862	HQ No 3 District	PONTE C. ONANO	21 Feb 45
391 Italian Iner to 557 Gen Stores Coy, RA'C	CM/703/1	93863	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
392 Italian Iner to 557 Tech Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/704/1	93864	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
393 Italian Iner to 557 Returned Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/705/1	93865	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
394 Italian Iner to 557 MT Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/706/1	93866	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-

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863 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93860	HQ No 3 District	AFRACOLA	9 Feb 45
824 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93861	HQ No 3 District	TRANI	9 Feb 45
390 Italian Inor to HQ 557 BCD, RAOC	CM/712/1	93862	HQ No 3 District	PONTE CAENANO	21 Feb 45
391 Italian Inor to 557 Coy, RAOC	CM/703/1	93863	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
392 Italian Inor to 557 Tech Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/704/1	93864	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
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394 Italian Inor to 557 MT Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/706/1	93866	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-

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EXTRACT FROM J.C. 051.711/169 GGT-0
dated 16 November 1944

18. REINFORCEMENTS AND REPLACEMENTS: The system and organization for the provision of replacement personnel will be as follows:

- a. Recruits will be called up by the Ministry of War at the direction of MMLA.
- b. Recruits will report to "Call-up Centers", the staffs of which will be ITI-ITI personnel.
- c. Separate base replacement depots will be set up for US-ITI's, BR-ITI's and ITI-ITI's respectively. MMLA will be responsible for arranging delivery of recruits and personnel available from other sources to the depots and for their maintenance prior to arrival. Thereafter, the nationality concerned will be responsible for the maintenance and training of replacement personnel and distribution to units.
- d. The responsibility for establishment, and maintenance of staffs of base replacement depots is as follows:

(1)	For US-ITI	-	CG MTOUS.
(2)	For BR-ITI	-	AHEA (British Element).
(3)	For ITI-ITI	-	The Italian War Ministry
- e. The replacements held on the rolls of replacement depots will not exceed the authorized number in each instance.
- f. On the first of each month MMLA will forecast to this headquarters the output of types of personnel from Call-up Centers and other sources of personnel during the succeeding month and furnish any other information required to enable this headquarters to apportion the required quota between the US-ITI, BR-ITI and ITI-ITI, Replacement Depots. The distribution in specific Replacement Depots of the nationality concerned will be in accordance with the requirements of CG MTOUSA for US-ITI's, this headquarters for BR-ITI's, War Ministry for ITI-ITI's.

g. MMLA will authorize call-up of personnel on the basis of demands at f. above.

GT(SA) ⑨

021

Please work on
the basis that we move
bad egg Neapolitans (a) to
Travis if 3 Dist will tell us
how many they can catch at
Afagola or (b) to find farms
in drafts, but NOT to
ORVISTO which is for 2nd
class.

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[Signature]
18/11/54

Action being
taken

17/11 - (of 300 ordered
to move yesterday
only 179 were caught
& actually moved)
That's something!

[Signature]

G.(SO)

(7)

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By attached. much has been and is being
done about Agapoda conditions.

Pending result of 300th - AFHQ exploration
we can do no more

I have spoken with him about moving
understandable as opportunity offers.

W.P.

18/7

(8)

By 3. of Col Padesley (5) all
to arrive: -

(9)

most undesirable. We are moving

as many as Adamson can get
to the trains! to Distone, 8th Army
& 5th Army for labor units.

18/3.

(10)

R.

4300

7. Spurs, Games & Recreation

8. Personal Welfare
Family affairs, legal aid, postal facilities.

9. Cultural Activities Local & central. Lecturers, Hospitality
home comforts

10. General Purposes

Self help, junior officers, local resources.
The platoon as a family
The Division (or Group) as a community
Respect for the Italian nation
Assurance for the Allies.

11. Division with at help of Other Air Services. consult for
Chaplains.
Medicals.
Engineers.
Communications.
Transport.

G.S.O.I.

(5)

This is an unfortunate legacy for the future A Branch - however:-

1. I will take action with Min. War. to try ~~make~~ ^{to} improve matters.
2. You will present further elements from Naples sent to Aguzola
3. Can't we transfer the whole Block to San Onofre?
4. Can't we definitely move AFRACOLA to some place else quickly?

WP
hr

14 Mar.

Col Pickens.

(6)

In reply para 1. good

.. 2. agree.

.. 3. regret camp is full but will send in next few days.

15/3

.. 4. will speak Gen. Clancy on 16 Mar

SPB

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To see.

O 18

Counsel. (2)

~~C.O.S. (K)~~G. S. O. I. LMG

Suggest early action
to move this hard core in
conjunction with available 56 Area
measures to ensure they do move.

APB

12 Nov

(3)

AQ. Will you take up this case with
MafW and I will see that no more
"beals" are sent to the "local" camp.

(4)

My hat! What an
admission of inefficiency
long-dated at ATR about!

LMG

13 Nov.

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PARTITO FASCISTA REPUBBLICANO
FEDERAZIONE DI ROMA

UFFICIO TESSERAMENTO

Posizione N. _____

Alla Questura Centrale di

ROMA

Richiesta informazioni razziali, politiche e morali

inerenti a _____ di o fu _____
e di o fu _____ nato il _____
in _____ abitante in Via _____

Motivo: Iscrizione al P. F. R.

Si dichiara che da ricerche effettuate _____
nel Casellario di questa Questura _____

Roma, li _____ 194_____ - A. XXII

IL SOTTUFFICIALE DELLA Q. N. R.
ADDETTO ALLE INFORMAZIONI

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Subject - Discipline ANFACOLA 2 VZ

Ref. 5/9/45.

26 Mar. 45

To,

ITALIA 10002

Copy to:-

56 Area

G2 3 District

The British Cadre has now been established here since the 4 Feb and reports that:-

The called up soldier from distant parts of the country can be handled successfully. Unfortunately, in the past a call-up from Naples and area was admitted to this Camp. These men have banded themselves together into an uncontrollable mob of approx 1500. The Camp have no control over them. They enter Camp between 9 and 10 in the morning, feed on the Camp strength and break Camp immediately and return to their homes for the night. Some of these men have been here for months and none of them can be got into an outgoing draft. They are simply using the Camp as a restaurant, stealing what they can in the way of clothing and selling it in the area. The British Cadre has tried hard to enforce some discipline. This always leads to demonstrations with which the Camp Staff do not seem able to cope, and it then becomes necessary for the British personnel (present strength 4 Officers and 4 GIs) to assist in restoring order.

With this large nucleus of bad characters it has been found impossible to introduce discipline. The Italian Staff are quite unable to cope with the situation and the British Cadre are too small to be effective.

It is felt that no more progress can be made until this rowdy element has been rounded up and removed. At present it is impossible to do this.

May the matter be taken up by higher authority.

Field.

Alan to am
(R.M. ARD 304)
Maj. RA.,
O.C. (Br. Cadre) 805 Italian Base Rpt. Depot.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G(Maint) Section

6228/4/G(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 290

SUBJECT:- AFRAGOLA BRITI Depot

10 Mar 45

TO :- HQ 3 District

Reference conversation GOODWIN - FIELD.

1. There have been a number of complaints on the state of the BRITI Reinforcement Depot at AFRAGOLA and the MMIA contribute most of their difficulty in handling reinforcements from this area, to the unsatisfactory state of the Depot.
2. It is now apparent that the Italian Government will not be able to produce satisfactory facilities for holding BRITI reinforcements at AFRAGOLA. Will you therefore please arrange for the completion of this camp to be undertaken under District control.
3. In the meantime, please forward a report giving details of the present position in the Depot with the date by which you anticipate conditions will be satisfactory.

M. C. E. Sharp

M.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier
for Major General
G-4 (B).

JATP/RSR

Copy to: MMIA
G-1 (Br)
G-3 (Org) (Foreign)
Works

Lee Folio 23
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Subject - ITALIAN RE-EDUCATION
TRAINING DEPOT, ATRAGOLA

Ref. 5/2/77
1/5/84

To: HQ 56 Area
G2 3 District
ISIA Rome

REPORT ON ATRAGOLA CAMP (ITALIAN)
by C.O. BRITISH CAMPS

THE PROGRESS

1. Personnel have been and are being poured into this Camp before the Camp has been built. At present the position of the construction of the Camp is as follows:-

- (a) Baths - NIL.
- (b) Kitchens - Half constructed.
- (c) Preparation Room - Half constructed.
- (d) Complete wire fencing - This is almost completed.
- (e) Sanitary arrangements - Good improvement.
- (f) Road construction - NIL.
- (g) Disinfection - NIL.

For more details see 56 Area AMES Report.

The method of construction is:-

The work is done by an Italian Engineer Coy. The material is supplied from Italian sources if available. If not, from British sources. This leads to endless complications, e.g. wood for roofing cockhouse has been under discussion for 14 days - no wood yet. (See Major Trapp). Transport for all R.E. Stores consists of two 3 tonners.

2. The Camp has been run by the Italians without any British supervision, with the following results:-

- (a) There is no discipline.
- (b) Rations are being drawn for absentees.
- (c) There is no organization.
- (d) Accommodation is quite inadequate. (See our letter Ref. 3/4/37 of 24 Feb. re tentage, e.g. No. 7 Coy - Strength 600, tents available 5)
- (e) There is no proper Roll Call.
- (f) There is no training.

Under Italian admin the soldier came into Camp, had a meal, and proceeded to break Camp, and remained absent until next morning when he came back for another meal. This procedure was countenanced by the Italian admin., hence 5 tents for 600 men. This consequence of this procedure, with a strength of 3600 in the Camp it is impossible to muster a quarter of these men except at meal times. This means that drafts which are usually paraded at 0800 hours are almost lost.

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For more details see 56 Area AMS Report.

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SOLUTION

1. The construction of the Camp be hurried forward. To do this British R.E.s should be given carte blanche and a small staff should be permanently in the Camp to supervise construction.
2. The British Ombre have this in hand:-
- (a) Is improving.
 (b) Is being investigated.
 (c) Is improving.
 (d) Is improving. Extra tentage found not erected now in hand. Extra tentage demanded from MIA.
 (e) Is improving, but no proper Roll Call can be complete until the men are made to stay in Camp.

men kept occupied

GENERAL. The men cannot be kept in Camp until the Camp is properly constructed and sufficient sleeping accommodation provided. It is intended with the help of the new G.C. (Italian) to re lay-out the Camp (Tentage).

It is requested that movement of drafts (for the present) be arranged to take place after midday when there are the greatest number of men available.

COMPLETION - PRIORITY

- (1) Wiring of Camp now practically completed, but prison pen needs timber posts and more wire.
- (2) Tentage and general organization for men to sleep in Camp.
- (3) Kitchens completed.
- (4) Baths.
- (5) Improve latrines.
- (6) Organise proper leave and Roll Calls.
- (7) Ration supervision.
- (8) Training.

(N.B. ref. Training. Is this coming under D.M.T. British? At the moment we have one P.T. Staff Sergeant (British) who comes under the British Cadre. It is suggested that D.M.T. gets training started on a firm basis, when it can be supervised by British Cadre.)

Field.

[Signature]
(L.V. ADAMS)
Major, RA
O.C. (British Cadre) ITALIAN RE-IMPROVEMENT
& TRAINING DEPT, AFRAGLIA.

A good report

for the committee

though the committee

will should be aware

of the situation

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A good English

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through the conference,

we should be aware

& good

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3 plan

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S I G N A L

Q/84

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FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTONE
DISTHREE
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO
OC BR CAIRE ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
SIGS BARLETTA FOR THEOPHILUS ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI

Date 28 Time 1845

INFO: DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO PENSOUTH
MMIA LO 54 AREA

SD 2362

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Restricted

ONE (.) SUBJECT BASE RFT DEPOTS (IR-ITI) SERVICE UNITS (.)
FROM
MEETING OF O'S.C. BR CADRES/ORVIETO, AFRAGOLA,
AND TRANI HAS BEEN ARRANGED 1500 HRS FRIDAY 2 MAR AT
HQ MMIA (.) FUNCTIONS BR CADRE AND IR-ITI RFT PROCEDURE
WILL BE DISCUSSED

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED Bl. T. 4

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Camp Comdt
PMC "B" Mess

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FROM WIA LO DISTANCE 151928
TO WIA
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24/26

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RV228 . MY TEMP FILE ENTITLED "RECONSTRUCTION AFROGOLA CAMP"
IN DOCUMENT HOLDER FEROCIOUSLY LEFT IN COL N O A N E S VEN ON
17 FEB WHEN IN N A P L E . PLEASE RETURN WHEN POSSIBLE

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and reference to
my direct phone
contacted with
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C O P Y

FROM: DISTHREE 181205 A

TO: MMIA

INFO: --

AG197 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) THIS HQ AG962 OF 06 (.)
OC BR CAXRES UNABLE VISIT R O M E AT PRESENT TIME

Translation

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From. S.M. RE

Ref. no. 348/T.A.

to M.M. 1A.

Date. 16 Feb. 45.

2/84

Ref. to AFRICOLA rest Camp.

The poor clothing situation of the troops in the AFRICOLA camp has been repeatedly reported to S.M.R.

Amongst those troops - who are kept at the camp for a rather long period, are elements from many sources not excluding ex P.O.W. from the AVERSA concentration camp and the major part of them are still wearing their own civilian clothes.

According to the rules in force ^{at present} ~~as they are~~, no issue of clothing can be made in the camp since the clothing of the soldiers ^{is the responsibility of} ~~is the responsibility of~~ the unit to which ^{the men are} ~~they will be~~ posted.

This results ⁱⁿ a general state of want that could be eliminated with a distribution of ^{its} ~~the~~ absolutely necessary clothing articles and reduction of the ^{period of} ~~the~~ stay at AFRICOLA ~~in the measure possible to~~ a minimum.

We beg ^{them} ~~you~~ to let us know their views and decisions that ^{they} ~~may~~ deem fit to adopt.

R. Manfield

SANTI

JS

4953

NA 24/2



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

ISPETTORATO TRUPPE AUSILIARIE

N. 348/T.A. prot.

P. M. 66.00, 11.16 febbraio 1945

Allegati

IN

OGGETTO: Complementi in sosta al campo di Afragola.

11.16.15, campo di Afragola

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

ROMA

Sono state più volte segnalate a questo S.M. le deplorevoli condizioni del vestiario e delle calzature dei militari in sosta al campo di affluenza di Afragola.

Fra questi militari - che spesso permangono presso il campo per un lungo periodo di tempo - vi sono elementi delle più disparate provenienze, non esclusi ex prigionieri di guerra inviati dal campo di concentramento di Aversa, in gran parte mal vestiti o indossanti logori abiti civili.

Secondo le norme in vigore nessuna distribuzione di oggetti di vestiario può essere fatta presso il campo, poiché il compito di vestire ed equipaggiare i complementi spetta all'unità che li riceve definitivamente.

Ne consegue uno stato generale di disagio che potrebbe essere eliminato o con la distribuzione presso il campo di qualche capo di corredo assolutamente indispensabile oppure diminuendo il più possibile il tempo in cui i militari devono sostare ad Afragola.

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione compiacersi far conoscere le decisioni che crederà opportuno di adottare.

OGGETTO: Complementi in sosta al campo di Afragola.

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11/11/59 a. S. S. al G. S. Afragola

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO 4952
- Alessandro Santi -



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A/Q

I would wish to
send a copy to A/Hep.
and to BIRD so that
he might arrange a similar
report for Iran.

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Subject:- Base Rfts Depot - AFRAGOLA.

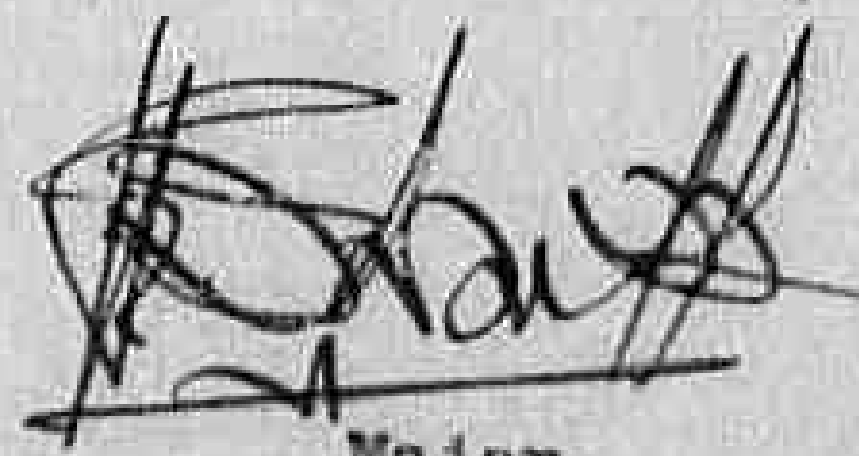
3DLO/37
31 Jan 45.

H.Q. 227 Div.

Copy: 'Q'

The attached report has been received by this office from DDMS 3 District and is passed to you for such ~~necessary~~ action as is required in the letter and which you are in a position to take.

It is stressed that if disease is to be avoided, prompt and energetic action must be taken by you and by Camp H.Q.



Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

copy MMIA.

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COPY.

Subject:- Italian Army Transit Camp - APRAGOLA.

3 District
Tel Ext 73
467 M

MEMIA LO, HQ 3 District.

'A' 3 District.
AIMS 56 Area.

1. The above camp was inspected on 29 Jan 45 by DDMS 3 District and ADH 3 District.

2. The hygiene conditions are appalling and immediate action is recommended to be taken in regard to the under-mentioned items.

(i) The camp requires a systematic and thorough clean-up; all tins to be collected flattened and buried; all old straw to be collected and burnt; all faeces lying about the camp to be collected and buried, and all other refuse to be dealt with similarly.

(ii) Incinerators are required.

(iii) The drainage of the camp needs to be put on to a proper basis, including drainage from the Ablution area and the cookhouse.

(iv) Facilities for bathing at the camp are nil, and disinfection facilities do not exist, except for two Steam disinfectors which, it is stated, cannot be worked properly owing to the absence of coal. The camp has not drawn its authorized supply of AL 63. As an immediate step it is recommended that supplies of AL 63 be drawn from 14 CRASC Supply Unit, and thereafter systematic 'dusting' of all individuals in the camp should be instituted by means of 'pepper-pot' dusting at 7-10 days interval. It is urgently represented that if a serious epidemic

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 - (v) The food storage, Preparation and Cookhouse section of the camp is most unhygienic and totally unsuitable in all directions. It requires immediate improvement both as regards structure and maintenance.
 - (vi) The Deep-trench latrines that were inspected were full right up to the brim. New trenches had been dug but are not yet in use. This should be expedited and the old trenches adequately filled in and sealed.

contd.....

- (vii) All men are sleeping on the ground or on straw. Many of the floors of the tents were quite wet. All possible steps are recommended to be taken to provide bed-boards or stone slabs as tent floors.
- (viii) Tents were grossly over-crowded.
- (ix) It is reported that all men have only two blankets and many have insufficient kit.
- (x) The hospital, whilst showing a slight improvement on the remainder of the camp, leaves much to be desired. There is no proper kitchen or cookhouse and the Theatre, far from being an aseptic building, is the most septic room in the camp.
- (xi) There was a general complaint of lack of medical supplies.
3. The Italian Medical Officers appear to have forgotten all that they ever knew of Hygiene and Sanitation and it should be enforced on them that this is as much a part of their general work as the treatment of the sick.
4. Again, it should be reiterated that the general conditions of the camp are deplorable and that immediate steps must be taken to correct same.

Signed.

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Brigadier,
D.D.M.S.

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MR
FROM: DISTHREE

8/2/84 (AQ/85) (9)
Date 061615

TO: MMIA

Ref No. AG 962

CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR AQ 2730 OF 03 (*) OC BR CADRE OF TRANI AND AFRAGOLA BASE DEPOTS
CANNOT BE SPARED FOR APPROX TWO WEEKS

Copy to: AQ/82

AQ/84

See folio 12

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COPY.

FROM : MMIA LO DI STHREE.

031530 A

TO : MMIA

INFO : 227 Biv (BY ELS)

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RESTRICTED.

BRITISH CADRE UNDER COMD MAJOR ADAMSON TAKES OVER DUTIES AT APPAGOLA CAMP WEF
NOON 04 FEB

SD Dist:

Action copy: SD/42/1
AQ —

C.D.H.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

12/84

DATE TIME ORIGIN
03 11 00

TO: DISTANCE (Action)

INFO: DISTANCE
DISTANCE FOR NMIA LO
DISTANCE FOR NMIA LO
04 AREA FOR NMIA LO
SING OFFICE BARLETTA
FOR O'DONNELL NMIA LO

REF NO. AC/2750

CONFIDENTIAL

UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CARE OF TRANS AND APPACOLA
BASE DEPOTS TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH US OR CALISTO
ORVIETO BASE DEPOT (.) CURRENT MEETING SHOULD BE IN HOME (.)
PLEASE STATE CONVENIENT DATE WHEN NMIA WILL (A) ARRANGE
ACCOMMODATION IF DESIRED (B) REQUEST I LIST TO RELEASE
OR OR CALISTO ORVIETO FOR MEETING (C) RENDER ANY OTHER
ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE SMOOTH RUNNING OF DEPOTS

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

See Folio 9

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SIGNAL

DATE TIME

FROM: MMIA

27 1112 A

TO (FOR ACTION) : 54 AREA DISTANCE

TO (FOR INFO) : PENINSOUTH DISTANCE
FIVE ARMY BR INCREMENT

REAR EIGHT ARMY
FREEDOM Q/AE

AQ 3600 2674

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) SUBJECT IS CLOTHING OF BRITIS IN AFRAGOLA AND TRANI (.)
WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT BRITIS WILL BE ISSUED FROM 227 AND 230 DIV SUB
DEPOTS WITH ONE SET ONE PAIR BOOTS AND SOCKS ONE SET UNDERCLOTHES ONE
SHIRT ONE BATTLE DRESS ON ARRIVAL AT CAMP (.) BALANCE OF SCALE WILL BE
ISSUED BY RECEIVING DIVS (.) ALL PERSONNEL WHILE IN CAMPS MUST HAVE ONE
COMFORTER OR TWO BLANKETS (.) ONE BLANKET ACCOMPANIES MAN ON JOURNEYS
OVER 100 MILES (.) ENSURE RECEIVING FORMATIONS ARE TOLD EXACT DETAILS
OF CAMP CLOTHING ISSUES

PRIORITY

Important

AUTHENTICATION

FT Noam CI.

Internal:

Q/AE
Q/OS
ORD
"G"

Ref: File AQ/85.

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INIA

17 Jan
1204

DISPATCH

PERIODIC

DQ 2578

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FOR INIA LO (.) UNDER AFRICA TITLES (.) SMITH WILL IMMEDIATELY RELEASE
FOR TURNED OVER PLACES FROM DEITY ALLEGMENT (.) FOR SMITH (.)
CONFIRMATION PLEASE BE POST

q/11 } to take
BACIS } necessary
BACIS } action

immediate

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F. M. Hays

2084

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TIK IN

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639 LROF V MEDY OP OP QVR 1
FROM NMIA LO DISTHREE 161632
TO M M I A
INFO ALCON FOR NMIA LO NAPLES
QQX CR--- BT

REID EL161. REF SPOKE ~~NA~~ NOAKES-THRUPP RE AFRAGOLA TENTAGE.
1,122 CALL-UPS ARRIVING SOONEST FROM REGGIO PLUS FURTHER 3,000 BEFORE
END OF MONTH FROM CAMPANIA CALL-UP. ALL ABOVE WILL BE TENTLESS.
HAVE TENTAGE FOR 400 MORE AT CAMP. NO PROSPECT OF MOVES
FROM CAMP BEFORE END OF MONTH AND ONLY THEN IN SMALL NUMBERS.
DISTHREE WILL NOT RELEASE BRITISH TENTAGE SEE THEIR 146Q OF 14.
REQUEST IMMEDIATE ALLOTMENT 3,700 TEN T PIECES
BT
AMORT B
MAKE IT RESTD. PSE IMI RESTRICTED.
KRECD 639 1656 REB K

4000 done
for 17 Jan 4943

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Subject:- Acen - AFRAGOLA CAMP

Q 86 Area

MIA
E
MIA (LO)

3 District
BASTARD 11
1454
14 Jan 45

AD/84
15 Jan

Ref MIA (LO) letter 3810/37 dated 11 Jan 45.

1. Attached is copy of signal FA 82898 dated 11 Jan 45 which defines the responsibility for providing the Camp at AFRAGOLA. This corresponds to policy described in this HQ letter 1480 of 8 Jan 45, but there is an additional responsibility in assistance in the provision of tpt where this cannot be found from Iti Iti sources. AFHQ have made a point of this in conversations subsequent to despatch of the above quoted signal and you are requested to assist.
2. The question of tentage has been taken up with Q(AM) who state that Italian Army has considerable stocks of canvas with which tents of the appropriate types should be manufactured if required. These cannot therefore be released unless further evidence is produced by MIA.
3. You will no doubt deal with the question of release of RR materials.

LANG/EMP

417 Jan
OK
2 Col
DA & QMG
(S.A.S. JOUDEL)

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From: - C.O. Reception Camp, S. Prigola.
 To: - MMIA for information.

Ref: - 533 / Ord.
 Date: - 11th Jan. 45.

RA 0184 (2/1)

Subject: - Soldiers' accommodation / N.T.

Ref. letter 02/9 dated 2nd inst, herewith nominal roll stating position of soldiers as at to-day's date.

Nominal rolls in respect of transfers are returned herewith because it is understood that this Ref does not take any action on what requested. With the matter subject of your request.

Signed H. BORATTO Col.
 Commandant.

N.T. (G)

See later
 Maxwell P

GA FRORE

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COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA DI AFRAGOLA

N.533 di prot.Orde.

Afragola, li 11 Gennaio 1945

O G G E T T O: Sistemazione militari.

AL COMANDO REGT. ART. "FOLGORE"

" P.M. 146 "

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO GENIO FERROVIERI GENIO

" R O M A "

AL COMANDO 519 BTG. GUARDIE

" F O L I G N O "

AL COMANDO GRUPPO A.C.C.

" R O M A "

Riferimento foglio n.02/9 in data 2 c.m. si trasmette l'elenco dei militari e la loro posizione alla data odierna.

Si restituiscono gli uniti ruoli di trasferimento significando che non è competenza di questo Comando provvedere a quanto richiesto.



IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Alfredo Boratto)

[Handwritten signature]

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Subject: Stores Requirements- AFRAGOLA Base Ri. & Trg Depot.

Q 56 Area.

Copy: MMIA.

Q.

E.

3DL0/37

11 Jan 45.

Ref 3 District letter 146 Q dated 8 Jan 45.

Herewith at App. 'A' a list of stores prepared in conjunction with Comando Territoriale Napoli for the requirements necessary to reconstruct AFRAGOLA Camp according to the plans previously submitted for inspection to 16 CRE.

It is certified that these stores listed at App. 'A' are NOT available from Italian Army stocks.

Certain minor differences will be apparent in the numbers and quantities from the requirements list attached to the original plan. These are due to modifications found necessary since the plan was made.

The hutting programme, according to the plan, only takes into account the bare essentials for Camp HQ, drying and disinfection rooms and a hut for showers.

It is clear however that as the camp is to be of a permanent nature, huts or good tents will be required to accommodate all the personnel. There are NO huts at the camp at present.

The present tentage position is set out at App. 'B'. Though 1000 bivouac tents (to accommodate 2000 men) are at present held by the camp it is considered that owing to the low scale of blankets allowed the Italian Army (2 per man) that these are quite inadequate for personnel staying at the camp under trg for periods of up to one month.

Request is therefore made for tentage and/or hutting to house 530 men (those who under present conditions would have to live in either British or Italian bivouacs or in over-crowded conditions in the tents now available).

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Request is therefore made for tentage and/or hutting to house 5130 men (those who under present conditions would have to live in either British or Italian bivouacs or in over-crowded conditions in the tents now available when the ceiling figure of 6000 is reached).

It is certified that NO tents (other than shelter-halves) or huts are available from Italian Army sources. The 3 huts envisaged in the original plan will be made partly from stone and partly from material to be released from British Army stocks.

War Ministry have given permission to buy from local resources such necessary material as is otherwise unavailable. This will be done as soon as a decision is given by AFHQ as to whose responsibility the construction of the camp will be. (HR-IT or IT-IT). NWIA SIA AQ 2529 dated 8 Jan to AFHQ, copy to 3

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Subject:- Stores requirements- AFRAGOLA Base RI. 3 & TRG Depot.

Q 56 Area.

Copy: MMIA.

Q.

E.

3DLO/37

11 Jan 45.

Handwritten: 8258 (1) 84
Ad 84
14 Jan

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It is clear however that as the camp is to be of a permanent nature, huts or good tents will be required to accommodate all the personnel. There are NO huts at the camp at present.

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Request is therefore made for tentage and/or hutting to house 5,330 men (those who under present conditions would have to live in either British or Italian bivouacs or in over-crowded conditions in the tents now available when the ceiling figure of 6000 is reached).

It is clear however that as the camp is to be of a permanent nature, huts or good tents will be required to accommodate all the personnel. There are NO huts at the camp at present.

The present tentage position is set out at App. 'E'. Though 1000 bivouac tents (to accommodate 2000 men) are at present held by the camp it is considered that owing to the low scale of blankets allowed the Italian Army (2 per man) that these are quite inadequate for personnel staying at the camp under trg for periods of up to one month.

Request is therefore made for tentage and/or hutting to house 5230 men (those who under present conditions would have to live in either British or Italian bivouacs or in over-crowded conditions in the tents now available when the ceiling figure of 6000 is reached).

It is certified that NO tents (other than shelter-halves) or huts are available from Italian Army sources. The 3 huts envisaged in the original plan will be made partly from stone and partly from material to be released from British Army stocks.

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Once purchasing, drawing of stores and construction commence it is estimated that 6X3-ton vehs will be required daily for the work. The Italian Army is NOT able to supply these.

B. Knapp

Major,
MIALO,
3 District.

APPENDIX A

to 3DLO/37 dated 11 Jan 45.

List of stores NOT available from Italian Army sources.

<u>ITEM.</u>	<u>QUANTITY.</u>
Timber 0.1 x 0.1, 0.15 x 0.2, 0.2 x 0.2 m. (pickets)	12 m3
Timber 4 x 6 x 2 x 0.2 m.	5 m3.
" 17.5 x 0.2 x 0.2 m.	5 "
Planks 2.5 cm thick	40 "
" 4.5 "	13 "
Tarred felt.	1300 m2.
Metal fittings, all types (for doors, hinges, latches, etc.)	
Nails, various.	550 kg.
Tacks for roofing.	150 "
Cement.	200 "
Windolite ^{or} and glass.	500 quintals.
Concrete latrine seats (at 1 per 20 men & similar to those already installed)	100 m2.
Boiler and fittings for showers (to bathe 1000 men per day.)	250.
Electric light fittings. (a)	
Water piping and plumbing fittings. (a)	

Note:-

- (a) Details of requirements of electric light fittings and for the improvements of the water system will be submitted later as it was originally intended that this work be carried out under civilian contract.

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Tarred felt.	1300 m2.
Metal fittings, all types (for doors, hinges, latches, etc.)	
Nails, various.	550 kg.
Tacks for roofing.	150 "
Cement.	200 "
Windolite ^{or} and glass.	500 quintals.
Concrete latrine seats (at 1 per 20 men & similar to those already installed)	100 m2.
Boiler and fittings for showers (to bathe 1000 men per day.)	250.
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APPENDIX 'B'

to 3DLO/37 dated 11 Jan 45.

Tentage Situation - AFRAGOLA camp.

Pyramidal tents (ex US Army Salvage.) 60. each holding 12 men.
E.P.I.P. tents 11. " " 10 "

(5 are practically u/s. Remainder are
used for stores, messes, etc.)

Italian Army tents.

2 bur 15 roughly small
all used as office
stores & messes

Breakdown of tented accomodation:-

60 x 12 men	720.
5 x 10 "	50.

Total personnel accomodated
in tents:-

770

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Breakdown of tented accommodation:-

60 x 12 men

5 x 10 "

720.

50.

Total personnel accommodated
in tents:-

770

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all used in office
2/5/60 11 members

Subject: Italian Transit Camp - AFRAGOLA

Q 56 Area

MNIA
MNIA (LO)
E

3 District
BASEBALL 11
145Q
8 Jan 45

Reference Q808 of 29 Dec 44.

1. In accordance with 3 Dist letter 145Q of 7 Dec 44, this Camp is being administered by staff from HQ 227 Div and 56 Area has a certain responsibility insofar as soon is concerned.
2. This implies that while the provision and construction of soon remains an Italian responsibility, the standard of provision and upkeep is for you to supervise.

3. Your comments on the plan produced are agreed. The provision of stores is in the first instance an Italian responsibility. To avoid loss of time in ascertaining what can or cannot be made available from Italian sources, instructions should be issued by you for the following procedure to be followed:-

Camp Comdt will pass to MNIA ^(Dep/6) lists of stores required which he is unable to obtain from Italian Army sources. MNIA will investigate, certify and forward to you for release. CRE will check quantities against plan prior to release which is hereby authorized.

It is understood that some materials and Italian Engineer personnel are already on the site.

4. If you consider it essential you are authorized to release materials, subject to the same conditions, to improve the soon up to permanent camp or some intermediate scale. This would involve provision of a quantity of hutting or materials therefor.

Labour will continue to be an Italian responsibility.

Ar.

13 Jan

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Labour will continue to be an Italian responsibility.

5. Please report progress on 31 Jan 45.

KARO/EMF

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Col
DA & QMG
(E.A.H. GORDON)

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDQ

11th. Jan

TO : MMIA

INFO: DISTHREE

FX 82899

Secret

REF YOUR AQ 2529 AND DISTHREE QC 2720 BOTH DATED 8TH JAN (.) POLICY FOR
PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR BRITISH ITALIANS LAID DOWN IN 2554/1/Q(MAINT)
OF 17TH NOV PARA 3 (B) REFERS PARTICULARLY IN THIS CASE (.) IF ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO MEET IT'S OBLIGATIONS THEN YOU MUST CALL FOR ASSISTANCE
PARA 5(C) REFERS (1/8) IN THIS CASE WORK MUST TAKE PLACE AMONGST OTHER THREE
WORKS (.) ^{FOR}AFRAGOLA CAMP DISTHREE CAN RELEASE NECESSARY STORES CONFIRM YOU CAN
ARRANGE EXECUTION OF THE WORK

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C O P Y

FROM : DISTHREE

TO : Q (MAINT) AFHQ

INFO : MMIA
MMIA LO (BY HAND)

081725A

0/12
(JAN)

QG 2720 . RESTRICTED . REF MMIA AQ 2529 OF 8 . THIS IS NOT UNDERSTOOD .
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCOMMODATION OF BRITIS IS LAID DOWN AS PRIMARILY ITALIAN
IN YOUR 2554/1/Q(MAINT) of 17 NOV . AM ARRANGING TO RELEASE MATERIALS BUT
CANNOT SPARE ITALIAN ENGINEER PERSONNEL FROM OTHER ESSENTIAL DISTRICT WORKS

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C O P Y

FROM : MMIA

087134A (Jan) 0/11

TO : FREEDOM

INFO : DISTHREE MTOUSA
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

AQ 2529

RESTRICTED

FOR Q MAINT . SUBJECT IS BR-ITI RTS DEPOT AT AFRAGOLA. TO HOLD SIX THOUSAND MEN .
CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS REPORTED REQUIRED TO MAKE SUITABLE AS BR-ITI DEPOT .
UNDERSTAND DISTHREE HAVE RULED THAT WORK SHALL NOT RPT NOT BE DONE BY BR-ITI 227 DI V
ENGINEERS . ALTERNATIVE IS TO USE CAMP INMATES AND ITI ITI ENGINEERS SUPERVISED BY
TERRITORIAL HQ NAPLES BUT DOUBT IF THIS IS THE MOST EFFICIENT OR CORRECT METHOD .
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPOT IS AFHQ (BRITISH ELEMENT) BY AG 091/711/169
GCT-O OF 16 NOV . REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT DELEGATION OF THIS BR-ITI DUTY TO THE
ITI-ITI CATEGORY IS AUTHORISED AS NO SUCH USE OF ITI-ITI PERSONNEL HAS BEEN
REQUESTED FOR US-ITI INSTALLATIONS AND IN ANY CASE ITI-ITI PERSONNEL IS NOT
AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISH CAMPS WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

IMPORTANT TO ALL

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C O P Y

FROM : DISTHREE

TO : (MAINT) AFH

INFO : MMIA

QG 2684

060516 A (Jan)

RESTRICTED

REF FX+78653 OF 4 . NO BARRACKS OCCUPIED FROSINONE AVELLINO SALERNO . BENEVENTO
ESSENTIAL CMTC OFFER 8 IND REINFT CAMP WHEN EMPTY IN APR 2 MONTHS . IMMEDIATE CALL
UP UNDESIRABLE OWING SMALL POX . NOLA ESSENTIAL RASCTD AND 5 GRID NO ALTERNATIVE .
NAPLES OCCUPY GRANITI ARTILLERY AND PIEDMONTE BARRACKS . PROPOSE ITALIAN AFRAGOLA
AS ALTERNATIVE

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COPY

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDQ

061931A (Jan)

TO : MMIA

INFO : DISTHREE

FX 80379

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR AQ 2490 OF 1 JAN AND AQ 2513 OF 5 JAN . FOLLOWING IS POSITION RE
BARRACKS ON 3 DISTRICT . AVELLINO AND SALERNO FREE EXCEPT FOR SMALL ITALIAN
MAINTENANCE PARTIES . AS FAR AS IT IS KNOWN ALL BARRACKS BENEVENTO NAPLES AND
CASERTA OCCUPIED BY ALLIED TROOPS AND CANNOT BE RELEASED THOUGH MAY BE SOME ITALIAN
ARMY ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE KNOWN TO ITALIAN MINISTRY OF
WAR . DISTHREE ENDEAVOURING TO MAKE AVAILABLE SITE OF 8 IND RFT CAMP AT BENEVENTO
BUT TENTAGE WILL BE REQUIRED . FOR NAPLES SUGGEST YOU USE AFRAGOLA . HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF USING CC RR OR FIRE BRIGADE BARRACKS

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COPY

FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO : FBS DISTHREE RAAC

AQ 2490

011610A (Jan)

RESTRICTED

DESIRE CALL UP TO TAKE PLACE IN LAZIO AND CAMPANIA AREA COMMENCING 20 JAN . REQUEST
YOU CONFIRM URGENTLY THAT ITALIANS OWN BARRACKS AT FOLLOWING DIST HQS ARE AVAILABLE .
THEY WILL EACH RECEIVE APPROX FOLLOWING NUMBERS WEF 20 JAN . RAAC THREE THOUSAND ,
VITERBO ~~SEVEN HUNDRED~~ , FROSINONE ~~NINE HUNDRED~~ , LITTORIA FIVE HUNDRED ,
AVELLINO SIX HUNDRED , AVERSA SIX HUNDRED , BENEVENTO SIX HUNDRED , NAPLES TWO
THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED , NOLA FIVE HUNDRED , SALARNO ONE THOUSAND , CASERTA EIGHT
HUNDRED . MMIA LETTER AUTHORISING IMPLEMENTATION DIST HQS WITH AFHQ APPROVAL IS
REFER TS/G/12 OF 26 DEC

IMMEDIATE

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11/9/84

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FROM : MMIA

101205A (Dec)

TO : DISTHRE

INFO : DISTHRE FOR MMIA LO

AQ 2345

RESTRICTED

YOUR LETTER 146Q OF 7 DEC . ASSUME YOU REFER TO BRITI RFT BRITI RFTS DEPOTS AT
TRANI AND AFRAGOLA , IF SO DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE YOUR LETTER . SUGGEST DESIRABLE
DEFER DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTER AMIQ CONFERENCE ELEVEN DEC WHICH WILL COVER THE
POLICY OF COMD , TRAINING STAFF AND BRITISH SUPERVISORY STAFF OF BRITI RFTS
DEPOTS

IMPORTANT

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4829

COPY

Subject :- Italian Rft Camps.

MMIA

54 Area

56 Area

3 Dist Eastern Det

A

E

Ord

MMIA LO

3 District
Ext 115
146Q
7 Dec 44.

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2. It has been requested that the camp staffs be appointed from 227 and 230 Divs respectively. These are under comd 3 Dist, and in consequence the responsibility for the general adm of the camp falls on 3 Dist who delegate to Areas concerned.

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5. These camps will also accommodate fresh call ups, the personnel of which may become any of three types of Italian Rft: they are not in any sense a 3 Dist responsibility, but in so far as accn is concerned this is accepted subject to para 6 below. Further, Camp Comds will co-operate with SURE in their clothing and equipping.

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EABG/MTS

Lt Col.
for Major General
Comd
(E.A.H. GOODWIN).

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAME (JITR FHEHQ)
< TO DISTHQB
INFO MAIN AAI, MELA

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10/84

FX 61030

RESTRICTED

ACCOMMODATION FOR ABRUZZI CALL-UP AND BRITI RPT DEPOTS IN SUBJECT (.) AS
AGREED WITH MELA ABRUZZI CALL UP WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT TIRANO AQUILA CHIETI
SULMONA (.) BRITI RPT DEPOTS ARE AT PR SENT AFRAGOLA AND TRANI (.) UNDERSTAND
ADDITIONAL DEPOT PROSSOMERONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED LATER AAI Q 1821 OF 26 NOV
REFERS

IMPORTANT

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Subject :- Accom & Mm 3rd Dist

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MEMA

MEMA 10

3 District
Ext 115
101 4

27 Nov 44

Ref AFHQ 2554/1/3(Maint) dated 17 Nov 44.

1. Para 5(a) of this letter states that where BRITIS are ordered by the Allies to work, or to stage in transit in places where Italian accom does not exist and cannot be made available, they will be accommodated by British Military Authorities.

2. In the case of the Italian camp, AFRAGOLA, where Italian resources are equal to British, the interpretation by HQ 3 Dist of above instr, read in conjunction with preceding paras of AFHQ letter, is that primary responsibility remains with Italian Military, but that 3 Dist will assist as far as possible with the provision of RE stores and tentage.

3. It was to facilitate provision of such assistance that you were requested in 3 Dist MEMA 10 letter 3DIA/acom of 9 Nov 44, to transfer the control of AFRAGOLA Camp to 227 Div.

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Capt
For Maj Gen
Comd

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Subject:- Setting up of Rft Base Depots (BR-ITI & US-ITIS)

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

SD/51
8 Nov 44.

Ministry of War.

1. AFHQ has been asked to approve a system of BR-ITI and US-ITI reinforcement Base Depots. Pending a reply, authority will be given to you to form temporarily on a small scale the following camps :-

CAMP	APPROX STAFF	APPROX HOUSING CAPACITY
(1) AFRACIA	120	6,000
(2) MINTERVING	100	6,000
(3) SPOLATO or loan to be decided	100	5,000

2. Will you please forward the proposed RE/TO for approval.

3. Personnel formed for camps listed in para 1 will be carried under category C(b), BR-ITI Ser Units.

(Sgd) S.M.L. Lt.Col

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Accommodation - AFRAGOLA.

3 District
Ext 92
105 9

19 Oct 44.

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Re: your AQ/12 dated 10 Oct 44.

It is presumed that the intention is to make a case for the provision of sufficient ground. The scale and aim of a camp for ITI-ITTS would not be a responsibility of this Hq.

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Lt Col
For Maj Gen
Comd
(S.A.B. GOODWIN)

Subject:- Accommodation - C. MASOLA.

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E.
AQ/12

10 Oct 44

To:- HQ 5 District

Reference 105Q of 4 Oct.

1. The camp serial 9 will have to be used not only for the personnel from SARDINIA but also for other personnel who have to come in for screening etc purposes. It will have to hold up to 6,000 ITI-ITIS.
2. Will you please consider this when making your plans

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(Sgt) F.J. NOAKES Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.T.A.

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HQ 56 Area
HQ 54 Garrison
Major HEMP-THURFF (Naples office pass)

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Subject:- Acon - Staging Areas - Transit Camps.Q 50 Area
G. Cam.
MEDIA3 District
Tel Ext 82
105 Q
4 Oct 44

Q(Maint) AMHQ (for information)

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MEDIA TO

1. In view of recent demands for transit room at NAPLES it is desired to clarify the position as regards commitments, more especially in relation to AFRAGLIA.

The situation there is as follows:-

Serial	Camp	Capacity	Remarks
1	B Transit Camp (Brit)	2,000	For details.
2	Staging Area (Units)	8,000/16,000	For units. Tentage for 8,000 only.
3	SURE Transit Camp (Italian)	4,000	For Ititis only. NOT intended for Brititis or co-operators, but has been used for both. Deals with units only, NOT details. Room for expansion - tentage is bottleneck.
4	Italian Labour Rft Camp	3,000	Is part of Brit staging area.
5	209 PW Camp	2,000	Will remain.

2. Fresh commitments under discussion for some of which room at AFRAGLIA may be the solution, are:-

6	Transit Camp for 10,000 (Brit)	Python personnel.
7	Base Rft Camp for Italian co-operators ex NADIST	Brit Offrs 14 R & F 49 It Offrs 160 R & F 1,840 Must not be near cobelligerents.
8	Service Rft Transit & Selection Camp for 4,000 (Italians)	Brititis ex SARDINIA - details not units, small Brit staff
9	SURE Transit Camp for 4,000 (Italian)	Ititis ex SARDINIA Details not units.

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3. The commitment under serial 2 will now be limited to 8,000. Sites so released may be used, if suitable, for part of serial 6.

4. Ref serial 3. This was originally a purely SMRE camp, but has been used to accommodate Brititis Units (which is acceptable if difficult) and co-operators, which could NOT have happened.

5. (a) The flow of formed units from SARDINIA is now dying down and should cease within a fortnight. Details will then come forward as Rfts. They will be allotted to USA, British and Italian Rft Camps before despatch from SARDINIA, and be separately accommodated on arrival at NAPLES.

(b) As a consequence the present camp, serial 3, is not required for units, but will be available for details (serial 9). A new camp is required for Brititis Details (serial 8). Serial 4 may be available for this purpose.

Details of the camp staff and the breakdown of the 4,000 between Offrs and R & F will be supplied by MMIA.

Serials 3 and 9 are SMRE commitments.

6. Serial 7 will now be located at CAPUA it is suggested in the ex 5 Div site. 64 Grn will submit plans to reach this HQ by 10 Oct 44. Plans will be in two phases - (i) staging scale and (ii) completion to permanent camp scale. Dates of completion will be specific.

7. AFHQ are being asked if the requirements in tentage and accn stores for serials 6, 7 and 8 can be met from Ordnance resources.

EAHG/rm

Col
DA & QMG
(E.A.H.GOODWIN)

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