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Q/85 BRIT- RFTS DEPOT. TRANI

Opened. Dec 7, 1944 - Closed Feb. 18, 1945

Dec. 1944 - Feb. 1945

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTONE
DISTURER

ITALIAN RPT DEPOT ORVETO

OO HQ CAIRE ITALIAN RPT DEPOT AFRAGOLA

SIGS HANDEL FOR THOMAS/ILIAN RPT DEPOT HAWI

Date 29/3/55 Time

INFO: DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTURER FOR MMIA LO
MMIA LO FRODOOTH
MMIA LO 54 AREA

SD 3362

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Restricted

CMS (.) SUBJECT BASE RPT DEPOTS (RP-ITI) SERVICE UNITS (.)

FROM

MEETING OF C.D.C. HQ CAIRE/ ORVETO, AFRAGOLA,

AND TRANI HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED 1500 HRS FRIDAY 2-MAR AT

HQ MMIA (.) PROCEEDING HQ CAIRE AND HQ-ITI RPT PROCEDURE

WILL BE DISCUSSED

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED Att

Interals:

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PAC "8" Zone

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1000 V. HART 225 0002
FROM: CHIEF OF SA AREA 221555A
SUBJECT: 1000 LIAISON FOR C. HART

AS/134 . DESTROYED . SIX THOUSAND FEET HOURS AVAILABLE
ON LOAN FOR PLANT WORK TO BE RETURNED WHEN FURTHER WORK
OBTAINED . V. HART COLLECTION . FOR HIA
NOTICE: BIRD SPOT 22 1000 221555A
ST 221555A
DATE: 2225 (07) 2225

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HAD FORCES 1165
IN 391
RD 20205A PTB 210400

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MEMO

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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

AS/25

SA AREA FOR MEMO LO

09 1800

CLASSIFICATION

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL USUALLY REQUIRED FOR CASE HOLY FIDELITY (*)
DE NOTE DE GLE OR L/GLE S CDS (*) PLEASE SUPPLY ME NAME AND
DISPATCH OR TRAIN BARLETTA TO FIDELITY AS FOR

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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Subject: Base VI Report, THAI.

WILLIAMS OFFICE
THAI
18 Feb 65.

To: Mr. M.H.I.A.

A. LOCATION

(1) THAI Depot is scattered over a number of buildings, as follows:-

(a) 9 Regt Depot Barracks. This building - built as a school but never used as such - houses the HQ and 1 & 2 Bns, each Bn having a present approx strength of 800 all ranks.

(b) Buline Billet. This is a dilapidated mill with a various capacity - consistent with hygiene, fire-prevention and control of troops - of 600, but it has held 1200 during the worst part of the winter. It is not a satisfactory billet.

(c) Camp site. This is 500 yards from the main barracks. It is not at the moment in use as a considerable amount of S.G. work is being done to make it a satisfactory permanent camp. Work in hand should be finished in 7 days.

(d) Seminary. A dilapidated convent houses the personnel being trained as drivers in the U.S.F. Driving School, THAI.

(2) The future set up, effective from the ⁽²⁾ of February or sooner, will be:-

(a) Regt Barracks will hold Depot HQ and 1 Bn less one or two Coys of driver trainees detached in the Seminary by the Driving School.

(b) Camp site with 2 & 3 Bns areas partitioning and 4 Bn area ready should the necessity for 2's use arise.

(c) The mill will cease to be used except in grave emergency.

B. PERSONNEL

(1) Composition

The nature of the majority of staff in the depot at any given time depends on the general situation, e.g., at first they were surplus personnel from 57 Inf Regt Depot, recently they have been taken repatriated and in the future they may consist largely of call ups. In addition to these, there is an average daily inflow of approx 80 from a variety of sources - "abandoned", troops on leave

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leave forwarded on by Depots, Distretti and Presidi Militari, personnel ex hospitals, prisons etc.

(2) Breakdown.

The great majority are non-specialist. About 30 are drivers; about 10 are suitable as sign rfts, though should the need exist in the future of Southern call-ups, this percentage will drop. The disposal of medically unfit personnel - approx 10 - presents a problem, as Pioneer units do NOT want them, and as a constant transfer between hospital and Depot and vice versa, through a considerable amount of work on the administrative staff. Most of the remaining troops are suitable mainly as labour rfts, or if suited physically can by civilian background, as militeers. It is pointed out that it has not been the practice to ask for volunteers for such 7th Regts, as troops consider that for anyone who wants to go volunteering, the combat groups offer more safety and better conditions than 7th Regt.

C. SHOES.

In view of the previous military history of rfts, as indicated in part (1) of the preceding paragraph, the clothing of rfts is far from satisfactory. Separation ex Balkans are generally clad in a weird variety of military uniforms and civilian rags, while call-ups and abductees bring with them only the bare minimum necessary to get them from their homes to the depot. In view of the scarcity and cost of boots on the civilian market, their footwear is in shocking condition. As for skirts, the majority have only one - and some not even that - with the result that a constant campaign has to be fought to keep them from frost bite - this despite the fact that there are hot showers available. Here, though, the complaint is that the soap ration is received once per month, so that a man may be up to 3 weeks without soap. Many, too, have no towels.

D. MORALE.

On the average, morale is not more than fair. Factors unfavourably affecting morale are lack of clothing, length of time spent in transit while awaiting movement, inactivity, bad weather, lack of interest in the war, and - in the case of Northerners - the usual preoccupation about the fate of their families in enemy occupied territory. Given at least a uniform and a pair of boots, troops could be given more routine work and made to take an interest in themselves, with the feeling that the authorities too were interested in them.

Desertion and A.D.C. is confined almost entirely to Northerners and in particular to Austrians, who have the idea of being stationed outside Austria.

The recent free distribution of the first edition of the Army paper "Italia", was favourably commented on.

A canteen and post-room are being set up and stores of the Italian supplies provided. It is hoped that a library can be organized if the necessary reading material can be made forthcoming.

11 Dec. Foot ball team was organized until it played a match with the Base team. Each company now has a team and 11 Dec Depot has given the use of a football pitch during the mornings.

8. DISCIPLINE.

This is fair, considering that Italian troops have no respect for their S.O.D.'s and little for their officers, except in individual cases.

9. BRITISH CODE.

The British Code - G.O., No. 1, 1945, R.I. - has one main difficulty, viz., they have no instructions as to their duties, and they are considered as "unborn" unit by S. Area.

10. CONCLUSIONS.

It is considered that a Depot satisfactory from all points of view, can be effectively organized given the following conditions:-

- (1) That a supply of minimum necessary clothing be maintained. (1000 sets of S.O., boots, and caps have been received already from MIA. LG BARI).
- (2) That some form of welfare for the troops be organized.
- (3) That the British Code be recognized as a unit with an authorized S.O. and S.O.G., with authority to draw necessary stores.

A. G. DUNNILL
Capt.
Liaison Officer

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FROM DISTHREE 181235 A
TO NMIA
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AC197(.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) THIS HQ AC962 OF266.
OC BR CAXRES UNABLE VISIT R O M E AT PRESENT TIME

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FOR MMIA L O (.) REF YOUR SD/64 OF 13 FEB (.)
MINISTRY OF WAR WILL ISSUE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS DIRECT TO
TRANI CAMP

G MMIA

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Myanmar

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Translation

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From H of W

Ref No 203112/II
21-8-41

to M H A

Date 12.2.41

Ref to Camps for Auxiliary units

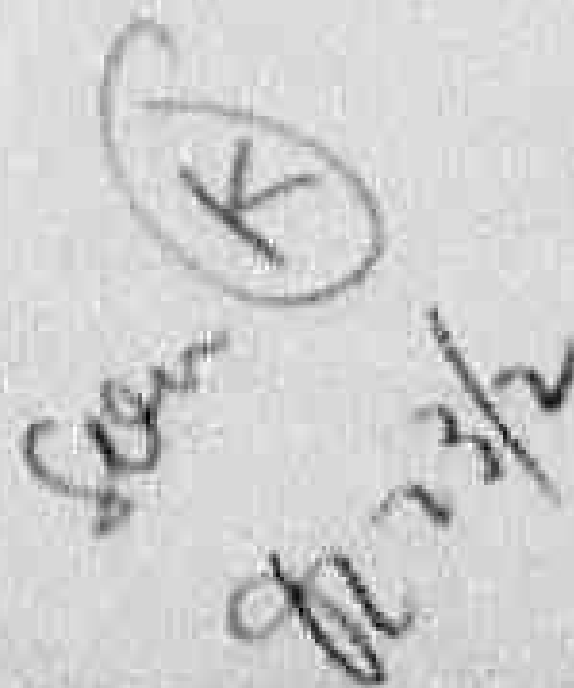
It appears from various reports arrived here that the living conditions, some due to the winter season, imposed on military held in the Ref Camps of ASTRONI, TRANI and AFRAGOLA for Auxiliary Units is very poor.

This especially in the TRANI Ref Camp where lack of barrack room material and clothing renders the stay of troops (mostly from the Balkan) in this camp almost unbearable.

These conditions have obvious moral repercussions on those troops who have already suffered much and who are yet asked to participate ⁱⁿ the country's war effort. ~~Thus~~ We deem it opportune to inform M H A of ^{this} because, now the situation reported is proved to be a reality ^{they will} kindly ^{ask you} ^{providing you some of copies} ~~with the~~ ^{that is well} known to me, to give the necessary instructions so as to remedy the actual deplorable situation. ^{Minister}
A. CASATI.



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Galante

12 febbraio 1945

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Requisito al Fido

Campi complementi per unità ausiliarie.-

OGGETTO

RTS Campi p. Ausiliary Units

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ALLA LAND FORCE SUE COMMISSIONE - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

- ROMA -

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Da segnalazioni varie pervenute risulterebbe la particolare condizione di disagio in cui vivono, anche in relazione alla stagione invernale, i militari destinati ad essere assegnati alle unità ausiliarie raccolti nei campi affluenza complementi di Astroni, Afragola e Trani.-

Specialmente in quest'ultimo campo si riscontrerebbe ro forti deficienze nel casermeaggio e nel corredo tali da rendere veramente penosa la permanenza dei militari (per la maggior parte provenienti dalla Balcania) nel campo stesso.-

In considerazioni delle evidenti ripercussioni morali che tale situazione può avere su militari che già molto hanno sofferto ed ai quali si richiede ancora di concorrere allo sforzo bellico del Paese, reputo opportuno segnalare la cosa a codesta M.M.I.A., perchè, ove la situazione reale si sponda effettivamente a quella prospettata, si compiacca, con quel senso di comprensione che mi è noto, promuovere le disposizioni che riterrà del caso al fine di porre rimedio od attenuare gli inconvenienti lamentati.-

Il ministro

IL MINISTRO

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— **PO** —

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II. MINISTRO

Thurs
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QVR :

FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 111810A

TO MMIA

INFO SIGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

GR -- BT

SD/64 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ONE COLONEL THREE LT COLS ONE
MAJOR AT TRANI CAMP SURPLUS TO ANY REQUIREMENTS (.) REQUEST DISPOSAL
INSTRUCTIONS (.) NAMES RESPECTIVELY B R U N A C C I
E R R I C O : B E L L U S O : Z A N D U L E T T I
: S T O P P A N I

BT 1810A

SENT NR 12 1255A UFK B 3

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Date Time of Origin.

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MESSAGE FROM

FROM : META

TO :

54 AREA FOR META LO
FIFTY ARMY FOR BR INDR.
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTRICT.

INFO :

FIFTH ARMY BR INDR FOR META LO
NEAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR META LO
DISTRICT FOR META LO
EIGHTH ARMY DISTRICT FOR META LO
1000 GEN TPT COY
1001 GEN TPT COY
1002 GEN TPT COY
1003 GEN TPT COY
1004 GEN TPT COY
1005 GEN TPT COY

REF NO : SD 2266

Security
Classification/CONTROL

REF META LO 54 AREA ST 59 OF 7 NOT TO ALL (*) FIFTY (*) FIFTY
100 TRAINED DRC BY FOLLOWING TO TRAIT AND DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS (*)
1000 GEN TPT COY (*)
1001 GEN TPT COY (*)
1002 GEN TPT COY (*)
1003 GEN TPT COY (*)
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FOR FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY DISTRICT (*) EIGHTH ARMY
BE INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT FROM TRAIT CAMP (*) SECOND (*) CONTROL
FULL CAMP INDR (*) SUPPLY TRAINING FULL TRAIT

REF FIFTH ARMY FOR MIA LO
DISTRICT FOR MIA LO
HEAD OFFICE BANGKOK FOR COUNTELL
1000 GEN TPT COY
1001 GEN TPT COY
1004 GEN TPT COY
1005 GEN TPT COY

REF ID : SD 2266

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Classification: RESTRICTED

REF MIA LO 54 AREA ST 59 OF 7 NOT TO ALL (*) FIRST (*) MOVE
100 TRAINED INRS EX POLIGNARD TO TRAIN AND DISPERSE AS FOLLOWING (*)

1000 GEN TPT COY	20 (*)
1001 GEN TPT COY	30 (*)
1004 GEN TPT COY	20 (*)
1005 GEN TPT COY	30 (*)

FOR FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY DISTRICT (*) REQUEST UNITS
BE INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT FROM TRAIN CAMP (*) SECOND (*) STAGES
WILL COME INRS (*) SUPPLY TRAINING FOR TRAIN

Precedence IF PORTANT.

Authenticated

Victorials: Ministry of War.
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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/2/1/5D
9 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.). RCMS.

The following report is made on TRANI Camp

1. AGCD
 - (a) Barracks - ablutions, cookhouses, latrines built - cookhouses completed accommodation for 1500.
 - (b) Tented Camp - Ablutions, cookhouses, latrines completed for 3000 with tentage - without difficulty a further 1000 could be accommodated on same site.
 - (c) CONVENS - Engr work completed - excellent accn for up to 500 - used for students of Dvr Course.
 - (d) Old Mill - held in reserve for possible overflows - Engr work being ~~completed~~.
 - (e) Total AGCD Possible - 7000 (incl old mill)
2. Welfare - Hot showers, hatted dining rooms and reading room, free shows in Italian cinemas in TRANI, footballs and use of ground. Football boots are required.
3. Clothing - 1000 each Mackinaws, B/D, boots, caps, 5000 comforters, 2000 tent pieces, 6000 poles. Despatched to TRANI Camp.

Copy passed to
G SD
SORE
JGW/JAT
13/2/45

G Bird
G.O. Bird Major
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

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SUBJECT: Carlos Soria - Castellana.

24/95

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(U.S.I.A.)
File No. SD/145
8 Feb 45

To : War Ministry

Copy to: WETA LO 54 AREA
HIGH OFFICE BAHAMIA for O'DONNELL

1. The above transit camp, strength 3 officers (including a Lt Col) and 5 other ranks has been visited recently by an officer from this HQ.
2. He reports that the camp was recently set up to accept military personnel coming from the BALKANS and has accommodation and catering equipment for 400 men, but has never, in fact, been called upon to accommodate a man and due to the decreasing number of men returning from the BALKANS it is apparent that this camp is unnecessary.
3. It is understood by WETA that the Military Barracks at Castellana are earmarked for repatriated personnel as and when needed, (your letters 400350/HQCR of 24 Nov 44 and 400425/HQCR of 3 Dec refer). No authority has been granted, however, for assigning Mil personnel or stores to any of the barracks or accommodation reserved for this purpose.
4. You are requested to close this camp forthwith returning all catering equipment to the War Depot. Other rank personnel will be despatched to TRAN Camp and officer personnel disposed of under your own arrangements.
5. Advise WETA when the above instructions have been carried out.

JW

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Major General,
U. S. I. A.

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OF V MEDY NR 526
FROM DISTHREE 261615
TO MMIA
ORX BT

AC 962. CONFIDENTIAL. YOUR AG 2738 OF 83.
CC BR CADRE OF TRANI AND AFRAGOLA BASE DEPOTS CANNOT BE
SPARED FOR APPROX TWO WEEKS

IN
SENT BOB E4 XK
ID 21346 MTH B KK

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FROM : MMIA LO TRANI

05 1830 A

TO: (1) 1008 GT COY

INFO (2) MMIA (3) MMIA LO H2 DISTONE (4) MMIA LO 54 AREA

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RESTRICTED

REF MMIA SIGNAL SD 2222 DATED 2FEB (.) NOT TO ALL (.) FIRST
(.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR YOU TRANI

BARRACKS(.) 1 SERGEANT MAJOR CMA

1 CLERK CMA

2 TYPISTS CMA

1 COACH TRIMMER CMA

3 COOKS CMA

18 POTENTIAL DRIVERS CMA

12 MOTOR CYCLISTS CMA

2 ELECTRICIANS CMA

6 VEH MECHS CMA

4 BARBERS CMA

1 SHOEMAKER (.)

SECOND (.) NO COPPERSMITH AVAILABLE (.) THIRD (.) REQUEST
YOU INFORM SOONEST WHEN YOU CAN COLLECT
SD DISTH

ACTION COPY SD/6/1

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: NMIA

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TO: DISTDIR (Action)

INFO: DISTDIR
DISTDIR FOR NMIA LO
DISTDIR FOR NMIA LO
84 AREA FOR NMIA LO
SIS OFFICE BARLETA
FOR O'DONNELL NMIA LO

REF NO. AC/ETSO

CONFIDENTIAL

UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD LIKE OO BE CALLED BY TRAM AND APPROXIA
BANK DEPUTY TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH OO BE CALLED
ORVINGO BANK DEPUTY (.) SECRET MEETING SHOULD BE IN HOME (.)
PLEASE STATE CONVENIENT DATE WHEN NMIA WILL (A) ARRANGE
ACCOMMODATION IF DESIRED (B) REQUEST I LIST TO RELEASE
OO BE CALLED ORVINGO FOR MEETING (C) REMIND ANY OTHER
ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE BUDGET MEETING AT DEPUTY

PREFERENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION *William May*

Lee Folio 18

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA
TO 56 AREA FOR DEF
ARMY FOR G3(ORG) AND G1(BR) AND G TWO
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA
SIDS OFFICE BANZETTA FOR O'DONNELL
AC FOR GI(BR) HQ COMDT C.O.S.
SD 2229

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ AG REQUEST LO PERSONNEL OF 2500/1 BY COX HP-101 BE TRAINED NOW
AS DRIVERS AT NEW TRAM DRIVING SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO 2 TRAINING
BEING ARRANGED FOR 2500 DRIVERS () HQ AG () PLEASE ADVISE
MOVE TO TRAM DIRECT WITH ARMY

PREPARED BY _____

APPROVED BY _____

INTERNAL

AG

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FILE : SD/1/1

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : IDILA

TO : IDILA IO SA AREA

DATE - TIME

30 1830 A

AS 2705

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YOUR AQ/90 DATED 29 REFERS (.) DRIVERS FROM TRANI DRIVERS SCHOOL ARE BRITI
AND WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH 230 DIV

Coordinated G II
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PREPARED BY

AUTHENTICATOR

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Int: G

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11/23/2015, 10:05 AM

FROM : BOCKA

DATE - TIME

TO : MR. LA LO SA AREA

30 1830 A

AS 2706

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YOUR AQ/91 DATED 29 REFERS (.) AGREED BUT BLANKETS WILL BE COUNTED AGAINST
ONE PER MAN OF REINFORCEMENTS GOING FORWARD

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GAE P.
Int: GAE
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PROCEDURES

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Subject :- Engineer Materials - TRAMI Camp.

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

AG/85.
29 January, 45.

To :- Ministry of War.

1. Attached is copy of materials released from Rami Engineer Depot for essential and urgent work at TRAMI Camp.
2. Local action was taken by MMLA LG 54 Area in the interests of speed and necessity. This action is approved by MMLA.

6014/gb

Stthly m. S. m.
S.M.L. GORDON, Major.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: MMLA LG 54 Area.

Int: MMLA.

Return from files to

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LAVORI URGENTI PER SISTEMAZIONE CAMPO AFFLUNZA COMPLEMENTI TRANI .

ELenco DEI MATERIALI CHE POSSONO ESSERE FORNITI DAI MAGAZZINI DEL GENIO MILITARE DENTRO AUTORIZZAZIONE DEL MINISTERO GUERRA, SUBITO DENTRO RICHIESTA DELLA LOCALE M.M.I.A. :

MAGAZZINO GENIO DIREZIONALE DI BARI :

Cassuole da muratore	n. 10	Seghe assortite	n. 6
Martelli a penna da mur.	" 5	Pedani diversi	" 2
Piccozze	" 5	Scalpellini assortiti da fal.	" 6
Martelli a Granchio	" 5	Cacciaviti	" 4
Gravine	" 25	Trapano	" 1
Badili	" 25	Punte diverse per trapano	" 3
Sacchi da muratore	" 10	Raspe da falegname	" 2
Metri pieghevoli	" 4	Triangolo per arrotondare seghe	" 1
Livella a bolla d'aria	" 1	Linee da ferro diverse	" 3
cordicella	n. 100	Piccozzini	" 3
Senze da morza da falegn.	n. 1	Asette	" 3
Pialla lunga	" 1	Morsette	" 1
Pialla corta	" 1	Coti per affilare	" 3
Pialletti diversi	" 4	Fucina portatile	" 1
Tenaglie da falegname	" 5	Tenaglie da fucina	" 2
Martelli	" 5	Martello da fabbro	" 1
Chiodi assortiti	Kg. 15	Mazza da fabbro	" 2
Paletti legno da retic.	n. 10	Scalpellini da fabbro	" 4
File spinose rotoli	20	Saldatore da fabbro	" 1

MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI TARANTO

Martelli a punta da muratore	n. 5
Scalpellini da muratore	" 1

MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI MAGLIE

Indudine (senza ceppo)	n. 1
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MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI NOVOLI

Paletti di ferro a T per reticolati	n. 50
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LRKB V LATE NR

FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 291640 A

TO MMIA

QQX SR --BT

AQ/98. RESTRICTED . UNDERSTAND OUTPUT OF DRIVERS FROM TRANI
DRIVERS SCHOOL INTENDED FOR AC . BRITI OR ITI-ITI
CATEGORY QUERY . RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLOTHING QUERY
BT 291810

IMI AC BRITI ITI-ITI 2213

SENT NR J F S BB

AQ/95.

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Spoke Lind 30/1
Crew 30/1
Be It 8-20/1
Sa Gelone
Helen

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LRKH V LAEE NR

FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 291500 A

TO MMIA

QOX CR --BT

AQ/91. RESTRICTED . 829 RPT 829 ITI ITI BLANKETS
 HELD IN 9 GENIO BARRACKS TRANI. SUGGEST BLANKETS
 AS REQUIRED FOR TRANI CAMP DRAWN FROM THIS
 SOURCE TO SAVE TPT

BT 29180

SENT NR

J F S DB

AND IMI ITI ITI

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A/R

yes 4 VES agrees
 + Handed out for
 the 1st time for 100 miles same

[Signature]
 Lee John 13

0030

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Subject:- THAI Camp.

Land Forces Sub-Gen. A.C.
(R.M.I.A.)

27/05.
27 January, 45.

To:- MIA 10 54 Area.

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter (Ref 1464 dated 22 Jan) received from 3 District, together with copy of their notes re the release of R.M. stores.
2. This is forwarded for your information and to keep you "in the picture."

DALG/gb

D. G. G. G.
D.S.I. GENDSON, Major.
for Major General.
R.M.I.A.

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FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME

TO (ACTIVE): SA AREA

27 1040 A

TO (INFO): DISTRICT EAST

DISTRICT

44 2570

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR NMIA IS (.) MOST ESSENTIAL. THESE DEVELOPED EARLIEST POSSIBLE TO BUILD
SIX THOUSAND WITH EXPENSE TO SIX THOUSAND FIVE REQUIRED IN EMERGENCY (.)
CALL UP IN PROGRAM AND DRIVER TRAINING PLAN NOW CONFIRMED (.) THREE
THOUSAND SEVENTEEN HALVES COMING FROM SAVINGS (.) EXPLAIN URGENT TO SA AREA

ISSUE PROCEDURE

Impalant

APPROPRIATE

FT Noam

0032

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SIGNAL

DATE 27 TIME 1112 A

FROM: MMIA

TO(FOR ACTION): 54 AREA DISTHREE

To(FOR INFO): PENSOUTH DISTONE SEAN EIGHT ARMY
FIVE ARMY BR INCREMENT FREEDOM Q/AE

AQ 2674

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (*) SUBJECT IS CLOTHING OF BRITIS IN AFRADOLA AND
TRANI (*) WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT BRITIS WILL BE ISSUED FROM 227
AND 230 DIV SUB DEPOTS WITH ONE RPR ONE PAIR BOOTS AND LOCKS ONE SET X
UNDERCLOTHES ONE SMITH ONE BATTLEDRUM ON ARRIVAL AT CAMP (*) BALANCE
OF SCALE WILL BE ISSUED BY RECEIVING DIV (*) 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 P.J. MOAKES Col.

Internal:

Q/AE
Q/OS
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File AQ/85

*File Bty
- 82/24*

5007

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

Date of Call 24/1/45
Time 1515 hrs.

Caller Major Bird Appointment LC Base

Person called Major Grey Appointment Dogma

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken or Decision arrived at.

1. Thani Camp.

1. Bird States is proposed by AFH3 & 3 dist to move camp to BOVINO (w/ Foggia).

Local DCRE has inspected Thani & says material is available & in about 14 days could make Thani Camp. Good for 4000 This would give Camp 4000 Bananas 2000
6000

Plus 500 for overflows in container & could do away with old mill

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Bananas $\frac{2000}{6000}$

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in Convent & could do
away with old mill.
Explained AG discussing
whole problem today.

5005

Copy/G.I.

D.

24/1/45

Signature of Officer receiving call

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Subject. Engineer Materials for THANI Camp. (8)

Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LG/9/AQ
22 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA): 200/85
200/

1. Att is a release of Engineer material from BARI Engineer Depot for essential and urgent work at THANI Camp.
2. Local action authorising the immediate release was taken by this office in the interests of speed, and necessity.
3. It is requested that H.Q. MMIA approve the release, and inform the Ministry of War accordingly.

Confirmed
J. G. Bird

J. G. Bird
J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LG.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

200/85

LAVORI URGENTI PER VISTAZIONE CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLENENTI TRAFI

ELenco DEI MATERIALI CHE POSSONO ESSERE FORNITI DAI MAGAZZINI DEL GEN MILITARE DENTRO AUTORIZZAZIONE DEL MINISTERO GUERRA, SUBITO DENTRO EL CHIESTA DELLA LOCALE M.M.I.A. :

MAGAZZINO GENIO DIREZIONALE DI BARI :

Cassuole da muratore	n. 10	Seghe asportate
Martelli a punta da mur.	" 5	Pedani diversi
Piccozze	" 5	Scalpellii asportati da fal.
Martelli a cranchio	" 5	Cecchiaviti
Gravine	" 25	Trapani
Bedilli	" 25	Punte diverse per trapani
Secchi da muratore	" 10	Raspe da falegnami
Metri pieghevole	" 4	Tringole per arredare seghe
Lavelle a bella d'aria	" 1	Lime da ferro diverse
cordicella	n. 100	Piccozzini
Bacce da morsa da falegn.	n. 1	Acette
Piella lunga	" 1	Martette
Piella corte	" 1	Ceti per affilare
Piellotti diversi	" 4	Puoina portatile
Tenaglie da falegnami	" 5	Tenaglie da cucina
Martelli	" 5	Martelle da fabbre
Chiodi asportati	Kg. 15	Masse da fabbre
Paletti legno da retio.	n. 10	Scalpellii da fabbre
Pile spinose.	retelli 20	Saldatore da fabbre

MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI TARANTO

Martelli a punta da muratore	n. 5
Scalpellii da muratore	" 5

MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI NAPOLI

Indudine (senza ceppo)	n. 1
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MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI NOVI

Paletti di ferro a 7 per reticolati	n. 50
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24 & APPROVED

21 JAN 1945

Alfred West

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Piccozze	" 5	
Martelli a Granchia	" 5	
Gravine	" 25	
Radili	" 25	
Seochi da muratore	" 10	
Metri pieghevole	" 4	
Lavella a palla d'aria	" 1	
cordicella	" 100	
Panico da morsa da falegn.	n. 1	
Pialla lunga	" 1	
Pialla corta	" 1	
Piccolletti diversi	" 4	
Tenaglie da falegname	" 5	
Martelli	" 5	
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Filo spinoso	reteli 20	

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Scolpelli da muratore

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Indudine (senza ceppo)

MAGAZZINO GENIO MILITARE DI NOVOGI

Paletti di ferro a 7 per reticolati

APPROVED
21 JAN 1945
A/Genl. Nojo
D. A. L. O. - 2-1-1945

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Q 54 Area

MMIA
 3 Dist Eastern Det
 MMIA LO

3 District
 BASHALL 13
 1404

22 Jan 48

Ref MMIA Wps 22 2076 dated 17 Dec. copy to you.

1. AFHQ have confirmed that the target figure for TRAI 82-IVI Rft Depot is 6,000.
2. This HQ letter 1567 dated 7 Dec sets down the policy with regard to this Rft Camp.
3. It is not proposed at this stage to assist with tentage as it is understood that the Italians have canvas available from which tents can be manufactured. It is requested however that you assist if possible with the supply of HQ stores should you consider such stores are essential.
4. For your info the procedure for release of HQ stores at AFRASOLA is in accordance with attached note. Some similar procedure should be adopted at TRAI.

PERS/MSF

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see folio 9/3

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Camp Command will pass to NMIA (Naples) lists of stores required which he is unable to obtain from Italian Army sources.

NMIA will investigate, certify and forward to you for release.

CNS will check quantities against plan prior to release which is hereby authorized.

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Subject: TRANI Camp.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/SS

21 Jan 45

To: MIA LO
54 Area

Ref your LO/2/13De dated 14 Jan 45.

1. Para 3(b) Tentage for 2000 men has *already* actually been provided.
2. Para 3(a). It is not agreed that the old Mill or the Convent should be closed down. It is probable that the Camp will have to accommodate up to 6000 at various times, thus necessitating the use of this additional accommodation. You should use the 9th Genie Barracks and the tented camp for 4000, reserving the best accommodation offered by the Convent and/or the old Mill, and/or any other accommodation recommended by 54 Area for occasions when the strength rises above this figure.
3. Para 3(b). Agreed.
4. Para 3(c). Agreed.
5. The possibility of moving the Camp from TRANI is not envisaged as possible alternative sites (your Signal AQ/67 dated 18 Jan refers) will probably be required for other purposes.

W. G. W. S.
D.S.L. GREGSON Major.
for D.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

DBLG/hh

Copy to: 'G'

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DISTANCE

DISTANCE FOR RMIA LO

REKIMME AREA03

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A4/85
FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION IS RMIA SIGNAL AREA03 DATED 18 ADDRESS
DET 86 AREA (.) QUOTE (.) SUBJECT IS TWO OF 2800 DURS (.) REFER
DET/809 OF 17 JAN NOT TO DISTANCE (.) MIGHT QUITE IMPRACTICABLE TO
USE TRARI MT DEPOT FOR ACCOMMODATING 2800 DURS WITH ADDITIONAL TWO
PERSONNEL (.) TRARI HAS ONLY SMALL PROPORTION GOOD BUILDINGS AND IS
SUPPLEMENTED BY SHELTER TENTS (.) DEPOT IS ONLY JUST SUITABLE FOR
PRESENT PURPOSES AND WILL NOT CARRY THIS ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT (.)
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TO RMIA (.) STRONGLY SUGGEST DISTANCE SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY CAN GIVE
UP OTHER SUITABLE ITALIAN ARMY BUILDINGS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION NOT
REQUIRED BY CALL-SPE (.) UNQUOTE

IMMEDIATE

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LEMO V LAEE NR12

QVR-2

FROM LAEE 281928A

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA

GR37 BT

RESTRICTED (.) FXSS434 SIGNED SIGNED CITE FNGDG (.)

REFERENCE MMIA AQ 2576 OF 17 JAN NOW CONFIRMED

THAT ITI DEPOTS AT TRANI AND AFRAGOLA WILL BE

DEVELOPED TO 6000 CAPACITY (.) MINUTES OF

DMT MEETING WILL BE AMENDED BT 281928A

SENT NR12 212045A IN E

RECD NR 12 212045A USA KKKKKK

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SECRET

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From : AFHQ signed RATHER
 To : RATE 3 DISTRICT
 Info : 1 DISTRICT. MIA. 3 VEHICLE GROUP. 38 VEH COY. MOVING.
 MOVING. MOV ROME.

17 0945 A

Ref : FA 87156

SECRET

para ONE (*) 70 drivers RA former loaned by RATE to 50 BLU will move forthwith under arrangements 3 District to ARZINO (*) Party will move under the Command Officer RATE and 3 District will provide transport including fuel draw 60 3 ton lorries from 7 AR VEH PARK released under VA/1013 HMT and will then return to RATE under arrangements 1 District (*) para 3 (*) Future employment this party training Italians as drivers at TRANI for Allied Commission (*) para 4 (*) Necessary administrative personnel will join party and administrative stores will be drawn at RSOI prior move TRANI (*) para 5 (*) Accommodation required at TRANI for 2 Offrs and 120 Gm all British 25 Jan close to Italian Reinforcements Camp (*) Number 3 District will report this available (*) para 6 (*) For RATE (*) ONE will conform

PRIORITY

BE DIST:
 (Action Copy) RM/6/1.
 Spec Sec
 1/2-
 MOV (2)
 RM/50
 Fleet

Handwritten signature: L. 2 Jan

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AQ/85

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FROM: AFHQ, BANGKOK, THAILAND SITE FRODO

TO: RATED 3 DISTRICT

INFO: 1 DISTRICT
MMIA
3 VEHICLE GROUP
30 VAN COY
MOVMT
MOVCHRT
MOV RUCK

SECRET

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SECRET

PARA 1 (.) TO DRIVERS PA FINGER LOANED BY RATED TO GO NEW WILL MOVE FORTHWITH
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 3 DISTRICT TO AREZIO (.) PARTY WILL MOVE UNDER THE COMPANY
OFFICER RATED AND 3 DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT INCLUDING FUEL DRAM 80
3 TON LOADING FROM 7 AM VAN PARK RELEASED UNDER VR/1015 RENT AND WILL THEN
RETURN TO RATED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 1 DISTRICT (.) PARA 2 FUTURE EMPLOYMENT
THIS PARTY TRAINING ITALIANS AS DRIVERS AT TRANI FOR ALLIED COMMISSION (.)
PARA 3 NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL WILL JOIN PARTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE
STORES WILL BE DRAM AT RUCI PRIOR MOVE TRANI (.) PARA 4 ACCOMMODATION
REQUIRED AT TRANI FOR 2 OFFERS AND 120 GRS ALL BRITISH 12TH JAN CLOSE TO
ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT CAMP (.) DISTRICT 3 DISTRICT WILL REPORT THIS AVAILAGE (.)
PARA 5 (.) FOR RATED (.) ONE WILL CONFIRM

PROCEDURES PLAIN IV

WB

9/30 Jan

EX DIST.: SD/8/1 (Action copy)
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WITNESS

SA AREA

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AG 2576

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BRUNN 9A AREA MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO ADDRESS TRAIL BLUFF RPTS DEPON
FOR SIX THOUSAND (.) DEPOT ALREADY OVERBOOKED (.) CAN PROVIDE
QUANTITY SMALL THOUGH IF REQUIRED (.) FOR MIALD 9A AREA (.) CONTACT
9A AREA WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Lee Folio H
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Important

F. J. Noon
Chief

SUBJECT: TRANI Camp.

C.O.P.Y

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (W.M.I.A.)
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
10/2/56

16 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (W.M.I.A.).

Ref your SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.

1. On 12 Jan 45, I visited TRANI Camp, firstly on the urgent question of the breakdown of their lavatory arrangements, secondly, in consultation with Capt. O'CONNELL, to examine what was required to make the camp suitable for use as a BR 171 Base Rts Depot.

2. Immediate action has been taken with 230 Div on the question of the lavatories (10/2/56 dated 14 Jan 45 refers).

Before however detailing recommendations for the improvement of TRANI Camp, it is necessary to give the present lay-out.

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(c) An old mill, between quarter to half a mile away. This provides covered accommodation for 1000 men, but it is not good accommodation, and with the advent of spring, an open lavatory system within twenty yards of the kitchens will be a source of danger. There is no place to dig latrines, and the present lavatories cannot be made fly-proof.

(d) An old convent, about half a mile away, which is being converted for use, but is not yet ready. Accommodation figures etc are not yet available.

4. From the point of view of discipline, administration and the numbers of personnel available on the camp staff, this dispersion of the camp is not considered satisfactory. Moreover much of the accommodation is unsuitable for permanent use.

5. The following recommendations are therefore made:-

(a) The old mill and the convent should be closed down as soon as alternative accommodation is available.

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(c) The present accommodation in the barracks of 9 Regt Genio should be retained.

6. If the above proposals are adopted, the BRIT Base Rfts Depot, TRANI will then be composed of barracks to hold the permanent staff and 2000 rfts, and a tented camp in close proximity to hold a further 2000 rfts and both adjacent to the Ry Station. Administration and control would be simplified. This would not however cater for 6,000 as ordered in WMA letter SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.

7. Please say whether the above recommendations are to be implemented, or whether it is desired that a search be made for an alternative site in another locality.

(Sgt) J.O. Bird Major.
Senior WMA IC.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to: Capt. O'DUNNELL, C/o Sigs BAFMSTA.

See Folio 6

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FROM : DISTURB

TO : MMIA

INFO : Q (MAINT) AFHQ DMT AFHQ 5A AREA MMIA (LO)

QC 2007 . RESTRICTED . REF AQ 2603 NOT TO ALL . UNDERSTAND ITALIAN
DRIVERS SCHOOL TRANI WILL TAKE 500 ITALIANS ANY ONE TIME WHO WILL COUNT AGAINST
CEILING OF 6,000 . 5A AREA REPORT IF ADDN AVAILABLE TRANI FOR INSTRUCTING
STAFF OFFRS 3 R & P 120 VEHES 80

221430A (Jan)

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Original in file AQ/12. 4th Jacket, folio 427.

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MMIA

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DISTHREE

DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

A4 2603

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FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION IS MMIA SIGNAL A4 2594 DATED 19 ADDRESSED DMT
 56 AREA (.) QUOTE (.) SUBJECT IS TRG OF 2,500 DVRS (.) REFER
 DMT/909 OF 17 JAN NOT TO DISTHREE (.) WOULD BE QUITE IMPRACTICABLE TO
 USE TRANI RPT DEPOT FOR ACCOMMODATING 2,500 DVRS WITH ADDITIONAL TRG
 PERSONNEL (.) TRANI HAS ONLY SMALL PROPORTION GOOD BUILDINGS AND IS
 SUPPLEMENTED BY SHELTER TENTS (.) DEPOT IS ONLY JUST SUITABLE FOR
 PRESENT PURPOSE AND WILL NOT CARRY THIS ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT (.)
 DISTHREE HAVE CONSIDERABLE ACCOMMODATION PLANS NOT NECESSARILY KNOWN
 TO MMIA (.) STRONGLY SUGGEST DISTHREE SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY CAN GIVE
 UP OTHER SUITABLE ITALIAN ARMY BUILDINGS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION NOT
 REQUIRED BY CALL/UPS (.) UNQUOTE

IMMEDIATE

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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Date of call : 20/1/45.
Time : 1500 hrs.
Caller : Maj GREGSON. Appt : DA & QMG
Person called : Col GOODWIN. Appt : Hq 3 Dist.

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken.

1. Accon for 2,500 Italian drivers.
DMT/909 of 17/1/45 & AQ 2594 of
19/1/45 refer.
Explain TRANI quite impossible.
2. Read him AQ 2594 and sent copy
omitted in error.
1. Col GOODWIN promised to help
to find suitable soon and will
let us know.

Coordinated AQ G1 GII

AFHQ PX 87156 also refers.

Original in file AQ/12, 4th Jacket, folio 422.

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : MMIA
TO (FOR ACTION): DMT 56 AREA
TO (FOR INFO) : FREEDOM FOR Q MAINT G-3 ORG
56 AREA FOR MMIA LO

19 Jan

12/16

AQ 2594

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT IS TRG OF 2,500 DVRS (.) REFER DMT/909 OF 17 JAN NOT TO
DISTURB (.) REGRET QUITE IMPRACTICABLE TO USE TRANI BPT DEPOT FOR
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PLANS NOT NECESSARILY KNOWN TO MMIA (.) STRONGLY SUGGEST DISTURB
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BUILDINGS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION NOT REQUIRED BY CALL-UPS

IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED D.S.L. GREGSON, Major.

Int Dist: G

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FROM : DMT 56 ARKA

To : MIA

INFO : FREEDOM

DMT/909

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AA/85

SECRET

ITALIAN DRIVERS FOR RELIEF NW ITALY IS SUBJECT . CONSIDER 3 GIORGIO MIST
UNUSUITABLE FOR TRF FROM ACOW AND ADM VIEW POINT . ROAD CIRCUITS ALSO BAD .
IF TASK LAID ON US PROPOSE ASHERE DECISION TRANI . IF YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS
REQUEST YOU FORWARD THEM

IMPORTANT

SD DIST: A/C SD/6/1 ST AQ SD/50 FLOAT.

13/54

Cepi d from file AQ/12, 4th Jacket, folio 411

Subject :- TRANI Camp.

C O P Y

URGENT

1. Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o 54 Area. CMF.
10/2/1/50
14 Jan 45.

Headquarters, 230 Division. (for Gen. VIVAIDA).

1. On 12 Jan 45, accompanied by Major SARDULLI, your Engineer Officer, I visited TRANI Camp. The state of the camp is far from satisfactory, and energetic and immediate action is required firstly to make the camp hygienic, secondly to improve the living conditions of the soldiers while living there.

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3. The following immediate action will therefore be taken.

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(b) The repair of the indoor lavatories will be undertaken, in order to provide night latrines.

4. Further recommendations for the improvement of the Camp will be the subject of a further letter, but meanwhile please give your personnel attention to the matters referred to above.

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J.C. WIND Major
Senior MCI 10
c/o HQ 54 Area

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Copy to:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Commando Territorial, BABY (for all assistance ref para 3 above)

Capt. O'DONNELL c/o Sigs, BAHLETTA. (Please inform progress)

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FROM : MMIA

101205A (Dec)

TO : DISTHREE

INFO : DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

AQ 2345

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YOUR LETTER 1469 OF 7 DEC . ASSUME YOU REFER TO BRITI RPT BRITI REPTS DEPOTS AT
TRANI AND AFRAGOLA , IF SO DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE YOUR LETTER . SUGGEST DESIRABLE
DEFER DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTER AFHQ CONFERENCE ELEVEN DEC WHICH WILL COVER THE
POLICY OF COMD , TRAINING STAFF AND BRITISH SUPERVISORY STAFF OF BRITI REPTS
DEPOTS

IMPORTANT

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0021

Subject:- Italian Rft Camps.

MEMO

54 Area

56 Area

3 Dist Eastern Det

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MEMO LO

3 District
Ext 115
1462
7 Dec 44.

1. The question of responsibility for the Italian Rft Camps at AFRACOLA and TRANI appears to require definition.
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 admin of the Camp falls on 3 Dist who delegate to Areas concerned.
3. Accommodation in the Camps, including provision of tentage, is primarily an Italian responsibility (255/1/Q(Maint) dated 17 Nov 44 refers). 3 Dist will help where possible with material and tentage. Improvements at AFRACOLA site are already under consideration by 56 Area.
4. Accommodation stores are an Italian concern. It is considered that blankets held on charge of Camp Comd fall into this category. The reservation in AQ/4/82 dated 30 Nov 44, para 3, is consequently not understood.
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 soon as concerned this is accepted subject to para 6 below. Further, Camp Comds will co-operate with SOE in their clothing and equipping.
6. In view, however, of the unsatisfactory conditions in which these Camp will necessarily function, it is not proposed that they should be held out to be British Camps. Areas Comds will do what they can in consultation with Camp Comds to improve conditions, but there will be no British staff and the direct control of the Camps will continue to be purely Italian.

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1. The question of responsibility for the Italian Rft Camps at APRAGOLA and TRANI appears to require definition.
2. It has been requested that the Camp staffs be appointed from 227 and 230 Divs respectively. These are under Comd J Dist, and in consequence the responsibility for the general adm of the Camp falls on J Dist who delegate to Areas concerned.
3. Accommodation in the Camps, including provision of tentage, is primarily an Italian responsibility (255/1/Q(Maint)dated 17 Nov 44 refers). J Dist will help where possible with material and tentage. Improvements at APRAGOLA site are already under consideration by 56 Area.
4. Accommodation stores are an Italian concern. It is considered that blankets held on charge of Camp Comd fall into this category. The reservation in AQ/4/SR dated 30 Nov 44, para 5, is consequently not understood.
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 J 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 SMC in their clothing and equipping.
6. In view, however, of the unsatisfactory conditions in which these Camp will necessarily function, it is not proposed that they should be held out to be British Camps. Area Comds will do what they can in consultation with Camp Comds to improve conditions, but there will be no British staff and the direct control of the Camps will continue to be purely Italian.

RAHQ/STS

Lt Col.
for Major General.
Comd.
(S.A.H.GOODWIN). 4986

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FROM AFHQ CUBA SAC (CITE FIELD)

TO DIRECTOR

INFO MAIN AAI, MCIA

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ACCOMMODATION FOR AMBULANCE CALL-UP AND BIRTH RPT DEPOS IN SUBJECT (.) AS
AGREED WITH MCIA AMBULANCE CALL UP WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT TERANO AQUILA ORIENTI
SULMONA (.) BIRTH RPT DEPOS ARE AT PR-SIDE APRACOLA AND FRANKI (.) UNDERSTAND
ADDITIONAL DEPOT PROSECUTIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED LATER AAI Q 1021 OF 26 NOV
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IMPORTANT

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TO: DIRECTOR
INFO: DIA
FROM: JCS

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REVEREND CONVENTION CHRISTIE WILSON (.) CIVILIAN AGENCY CALL UP
REVEREND ASSOCIATED BARRACKS TEAM

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