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SD/1 Org of Units Policy 2nd Cover
Opened Dec. 16, 1944 - Closed Jan. 24, 1945
Dec. 1944 - Jan. 1945

Translation

From - SMKE
To - MMMA

Ref. - 283/OP

Date - 26 Jan 45

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SD/1

Subject - Employment of Italian Mil. Personnel

Further to letter 13492/OP dated 1st inst.

In reply to your request made in para. 1, it is pointed out that British units employing Italian personnel, as at 9/12/44, were as follows:-

- a) Personnel attached by Territorial Hq, Bari:-
- at disposal of:- Psychological Warfare Branch, Branch Hq
N. 2 District. Hq Adriatic Depot. Hq 66 Pioneer Group.
Police Mobile Coy. R. Guestera, Bari. C.S.B. 2 District.
MMMA Bari. 2909 C.L.L. Barletta. C.S.B. 3 District.
Major MERSCHLE.

- b) Personnel attached by 225 Inf. Regt Monopoli:-
- at disposal of:- Terr Major Monopoli. M. 1 Special Force.

- c) Personnel attached by 226 Inf. Regt Malfetta:-
- at disposal of:- Allied Outposts in Monopoli for Guard duties.

It is mentioned particularly that personnel employed by Allied Outposts, according to strength return as at 4/1/45, was as follows:-

- a) Number of men attached to Br. units (as at a) above) from Territorial Hq, Bari.

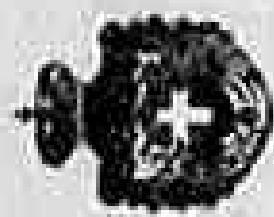
- 1 - Psychological Warfare Branch
1 - Branch Hq N. 2 District
1 - Hq Adriatic Depot
1 - Hq 66 Pioneer Group
1 - Police Mobile Coy. R. Guestera, Bari.
1 - C.S.B. 2 District
1 - MMMA Bari
1 - 2909 C.L.L. Barletta
1 - C.S.B. 3 District
1 - Major Merschle
2 - Riding Training for Red Cross nurses.
3 - parachutists
3 - 2 Cooks

Received from
Interpreter

281500

DF 5 Feb

(P. T. D.)



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

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N. prot. OP.

P.M. 3800 li 24 gennaio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

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OGGETTO: Impiego di personale Militare
italiano. -

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

===== R O M A =====

Seguito foglio 13492/OP. in data l° corrente.

A scioglimento della riserva fatta per quanto aveva riguardo al paragrafo n°1 della vostra richiesta, si comunica che i reparti Britannici, presso cui risultava impiegato il personale italiano al 9/12/1944, erano i seguenti:

a) per gli aggregati del Comando Territoriale Bari:

- a disposizione: uff. psicologico War Branch; Cdo Bianch 2° District; H.Q. Adriatic Depot; H.Q. 66 Pioniere Troop; cp. mobile di polizia R. Questura Bari; C.S.Q. 2° District; M.M.I.A. Bari; 2909 C.L.L. Barletta; C.S.Q. 3° District; Magg. Merschle;

b) per gli aggregati del 225° rgt. ftr. Monopoli:

- a disposizione: Town Major di Monopoli; no 1 Special Force;

c) per gli aggregati del 226° rgt. ftr. Nolfetta:

- a disposizione A.A. in Monopoli per servizio guardia.

OGGETTO: Impiego di personale Militare
italiano.-

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

===== R O M A =====

Seguito foglio 13492/CP. in data 1° corrente.

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- a disposizione: uff. psicologico War Branch; Cdo Bianch
2° District; H.Q. Adriatic Depot; H.Q. 66 Pioniere Troop;
ex. mobile di polizia R. Questura Bari; C.S.Q. 2° District;
M.M.I.A. Bari; 2909 C.L.L. Barletta; C.S.Q. 3° District;
Magg. Merschle;

b) per gli aggregati del 225° reg. ftr. Monopoli:

- a disposizione: Town Major di Monopoli; n°1 Special Force;

c) per gli aggregati del 226° reg. ftr. Molfetta:

- a disposizione A.A. in Monopoli per servizio guardia.

In particolare, si precisa che lo stesso personale in servizio per A.A., secondo i dati di forza riferiti al 9/11/1945, risulta così distribuito:

a) per gli aggregati del Cdo Territoriale Bari:

- n°1 all'ufficio psicologico War Branch; n°1 al Cdo Bianch
2° District; n°1 all'H.Q. Adriatic Depot; n°1 all'H.Q. 66
Pioniere Troop; n°1 alla ex. mobile di polizia R. Questura
Bari; n°1 al C.S.Q. 2° District; n°1 alla M.M.I.A. Bari;

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n°1 al 2909 C.I.L. Zerletta; n°1 al 2.3.2. 3° Distretto;
n°1 presso Magg. Merschle; n°9 per corso equitazione
crocerossine; n°9 paracadutisti; n°3 cuochi;

b) per gli aggregati del 225° rgt.ftr. Monopoli:

- n°4 per Town Major di Monopoli; n°2 per N.1 Special Force;

c) per gli aggregati del 225° rgt.ftr. Molfetta:

- n°28 a disposizione A.A. in Monopoli per servizio guardia.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- Alessandro Santi -



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SUBJECT: Internal Security Divisions SICILY

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/11/1
20 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: ALCOM SICILY for MMIA LO

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1. Ref SMRE letter 10984/MOB of 17 Jan 45.

2. It is regretted that NO departure can be made from the original order to reduce the Internal Security Divs in SICILY to their authorized strengths, and you are required to have this done with the least possible delay.

3. The ceilings have been laid down by Higher Authority and cannot be altered. Moreover it is pointed out that other measures have been taken to deal with the Internal Security in SICILY.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: SD/15
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 091.711/011 GCT-0

5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Designation of Italian Army Units.

TO : President, Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. Reference is made to MMIA SD/15, dated 22 December 1944 and SD/15 dated 30 December 1944.

2. It is apparent from the list of re-designated units given in MMIA letter SD/15, dated 30 December 1944, that the only units affected are those to which designations were given by Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, in verbal agreement with MMIA, at the date of formation of the units concerned.

3. It will be remembered that the Ministry of War had in some cases duplicated the numerical titles of units. The following is an example:

501 Line Sec.
501 Pnr Smoke Coy
501 Guard Battalion

4. To avoid such confusion some BR-ITI units have been re-designated on formation in accordance with this headquarters Overall Order of Battle - Italian Army, file Reference ASD/922.5. While it is not desired that existing Italian Army units should be unnecessarily re-designated, it is considered that any difficulties which may have arisen in the particular cases quoted were due to the fact that the Ministry of War were NOT informed of the correct designations of units at the date of their formation. It is suggested that the British designations of units given in this headquarters Overall Order of Battle should be made known to the Ministry of War, together with any superseded Italian titles.

5. The term 'Italian Auxiliary Unit' has NOT been authorized by this headquarters and should read 'Italian Increment'. This corresponds to the title 'British Increment' to Fifth Army.

6. In view of the fact that titles quoted are all covered by this headquarters Overall Order of Battle, it is NOT proposed that an order should be issued to Formations as requested by you.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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SUBJECT: Employment of C.O.P.R. with
Military Formations

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/28
5 Jan 45

TO : Ministry of War

COPY TO: Public Safety Sub Com A.C.

1. You are hereby authorized to employ C.O.P.R. on Military Duty to a total strength of 1265 all ranks as shown in Part 7 page 37 of your bi-monthly strength state dated 9 December 1944.
2. The distribution of these C.O.P.R. to units will remain as shown in Part 7, page 37 of the above mentioned strength state.

LMG
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal Distribution:

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Continued in letter
to Public Safety
SD/94 ~~1/15/45~~ of
6 March

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Translation

From: S.M.R.E.

To: M.M.A.

Ref. 134.2/04.9

Date: 1st Jan. 44.

#10

Subject: Employment of Italian Mil. Personnel

Ref. S.O. 15 dated 29 Dec. 44.

H.Q. Puglia & Lucania has been asked for information in respect of para. 4.1

For paragraph 4.3:-

- Personnel shown on Strength Return of 4/1/44 as "Garrison Unit personnel Bari" is the same as that shown on Strength Return of 4/12/44 as "Garrison Coy. personnel Bari".

- Personnel shown on Strength Return of 4/1/44 as "Garrison Units Personnel, Lecce & Brindisi" has been omitted on Strength Return of 4/12/44, because Lecce & Brindisi Garrison Coys have been disbanded and its personnel transferred to 47th Inf. Depot, Regt at Lecce for other employment.

(Sgd) Gen. A. PANTI

S. J. S. 1000

2 S. J. S. 1000

Disbanded

total strength 10



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 13492

prot. Op.

P.M. 3800, li / gennaio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: impiego di personale militare italiano.-

ALLA LANDO FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (ITALIA)

R O M

Riferimento foglio SD/15 in data 29 dicembre 1944.-

Circa il paragrafo nr. 1 sono state chieste informazioni al Comando Militare Puglia e Lucania.

Per quanto riguarda il paragrafo nr. 3 :

- il personale che nello specchio della forza al 9/11/44 era indicato sotto la voce "militari del reparto presidiario di Bari " è lo stesso di quello nello specchio al 9/12/44 sotto la voce "militari cp. presidiaria di Bari" ;
- il personale che risultava nello specchio della forza al 9/11/44 sotto la voce "militari dei reparti presidiari di Lecce e Brindisi" è stato omesso in quello alla data 9/12/44, in quanto le cp. presidiarie di Lecce e Brindisi sono state sciolte e il relativo personale passato al Deposito 47° reggimento fanteria di Lecce per altro impiego.-

OGGETTO: impiego di personale militare
italiano.-

del

ALLA LANDO FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)

R O M E

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- Alessandro Santi -

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SUBJECT: Designation of Italian Army Units

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/15
30 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ

1. Further to our SD/15 dated 22 Dec 44 and in answer to your AG 091.711/253 OCT-0 dated 27 Dec 44, below are listed Italian Units whose designations have been changed:-

<u>Old Names</u>	<u>New Names</u>
130 Mobile W/E	182 Technical Maint. Sec.
656 Road Control Coy	498 Traffic Control Coy
135 - 127 Forestry Coy	62 Forestry Coy
657 - 658 - 659 Road Control Coys	1 - 2 - 3 Traffic Control Coys
HQ 8th ARMY Transit Camp	806 Italian Rft Unit for 8th ARMY
HQ 8th ARMY subsidiary Transit Camp	800 Italian Auxiliary Unit for 8th ARMY
2006 Service Platoon	811 Italian Auxiliary Unit for 1 DISTRICT
British Skiers School Instructor Squad	822 Italian Auxiliary Unit for British Skiers School

REP

Major General
M. M. I. A.

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Improper employment of Italian Military personnel

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/15
29 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Your latest strength return shows Italian personnel attached to British Units as under:-

Unit	Location	Offrs	ORs
Attached from Mil HQ P & L	BARI	3	43
Attached from 215 Inf Depot	MONOPOLI	1	14
Attached from 226 Inf Depot	MOLFETTA	1	31

2. Please inform this HQ soonest of the specific British Units which are employing the above personnel.

3. It is noted that your last strength return does not include the following:-

Unit	Location	Offrs	ORs
<u>Misc pers in service of Br Units:</u>			
Attached from Garrison Unit	BARI	13	31
Attached from Garrison Unit	BRINDISI	--	60
Attached from Garrison Unit	LECCE	5	72

which were shown on your previous strength returns. What has happened to this personnel? If they are still working for British Units, please let us know the specific designations of the British Units.

Copy to: G/11/1

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/253 GCT-0

27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Designation of Italian Army Units.

TO : President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference MMIA SD/15, dated 22 December 1944, request you obtain from the War Ministry specific instances of unauthorized alterations to unit titles by Allied Formations, when the matter will be taken up with the Formation concerned.

2. Approved titles are those which appear in this HEADQUARTERS OVER-ALL ORDER OF BATTLE, File Reference ASD/922.5.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

30 Dec
Approved RHF

4/11

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

28 DEC 1944

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Designation of Italian Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/15
22 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ

1. MMIA is informed by the Ministry of War that considerable confusion is being caused in their HQs by Italian Units, employed by Allied Units, who, after orders or suggestions by the Allies, have altered or even assumed other unit designations.
2. This may cause errors in strength returns and also in other administrative matters.
3. It is requested that you please issue an order, to Allied Formations, that the unit designation of Italian Formations will be changed only with the knowledge and approval of MMIA, so that Italian Ministry of War may be kept informed.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/Q

CC.

B/F 5 Jan.

Cpt Fox.

Pre read letter & then follow it up.

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 SS/15 +56
 2/12 RTR

Translation.

From. S.M.R.E.
 to M.H.I.A.

Ref. No. 9460/020.
 Date - 19 Dec 44.

Letter of Units employed by Allied forces.

There has been repeated cases of Italian units, employed by allied forces, who after orders or suggestion by the allies, have changed or altered their denomination or even assumed an other ⁶ name.

Herewith find an attached letter the few examples out of a list of units which are in the a.p. irregular situation.

Thus it is easy to understand the facility to commit errors, and cause confusion, especially administratively, and also renders difficult to give an exact situation report of dependent units.

We inform you of the inconveniences that can be caused by such initiative, and to be able to avoid them, we beg M.H.I.A. to inform the allied Commands that any changes must be communicated firstly to M.H.I.A. for approval and communication to S.M.R.E.

ILLEGIBLE.

R. Langfield → 22 Dec
 Letter to AFHQ asking them to
 issue order. REP
 (157)

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N. 9460 / Ord. di prot.

Roma, li 19 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Nominativi dei reparti alle dipendenze d'impiego degli A.A.



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

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO - Uff.C.A.

R O M A

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Attached to Folio No. 9460/Ord  
of 19-12-44

Old Names

130 Mobile W/S  
656 Road Control Coy  
135 - 127 Forestry Coy  
657 - 658 - 659 Road Control Coys  
HQ 8th ARMY Transit Camp  
HQ 8th ARMY subsidiary Transit Camp  
2009 Service Platoon  
British Skiers School Instructor Squad

New Names

182 Technical Maint. Sec.  
498 Traffic Control Coy  
62 Forestry Coy  
1 - 2 - 3 Traffic Control Coys  
806 Italian Rft Unit for 8th ARMY  
800 Italian Auxiliary Unit for 8th ARMY  
811 Italian Auxiliary Unit for 1 DISTRICT  
822 Italian Auxiliary Unit for British  
Skiers School

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Denominazioni vecchie

130<sup>^</sup> officina mobile  
656<sup>^</sup> compagnia mov.stradale  
135<sup>^</sup>- 127<sup>^</sup> compagnia forestale  
657<sup>^</sup>-658<sup>^</sup>-659<sup>^</sup> comp.mov.stradale  
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Squadra istruttori per scuola scia-  
tori inglesi

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Nuove denominazioni assunte

182<sup>^</sup> sezione manutenzione mater.tecnico  
(182<sup>^</sup> tecnic.maint.sec.)  
498<sup>^</sup> compagnia controllo traffico (498<sup>^</sup>traff  
control coy)  
62<sup>^</sup> compagnia forestale  
1<sup>^</sup>-2<sup>^</sup>-3<sup>^</sup> compagnia controllo traffico  
806<sup>o</sup> rep.it.compl.per 8<sup>^</sup> armata  
800<sup>o</sup> rep.it.ausil.per 8<sup>^</sup> armata  
811<sup>o</sup> rep.ausil.it.per 1<sup>o</sup> District  
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Ref your letter ASD/922.8 of 4 Dec para 5 (A) and (B) and para 6 (\*)  
HQ AC regret no units can be spared from present holding

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G-3 SECTION

26 Dec 1944

File No : ASD/922.8

SUBJECT : Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO : All Concerned.

4th, December 1944

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Ref. this Hq letter, file ref. 922.2 dated 20 November 1944.

1. The Italian Army is now practically all employed either by the Allies or in its own authorised administration. It would appear that the provision of reinforcements (replacements) for existing units and the forming of new units can only be carried out by:

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- (b) Formation of Base Rft. and Trg. Depots for the absorption of men enlisted from the civil population.

2. The Base Rft. and Trg. Depots are now being planned, but the intake of recruits must be postponed until early in 1945 when stocks of clothing and equipment are expected to become available. Recruits will require at least one month of basic training, while tradesmen will require not less than two months of specialist training in addition. It is thus apparent that the application of para. 1 (a) above is the only means of meeting vitally important calls upon the Italian Army for the next three months.

3. Priority for the provision and reinforcement of units will be allotted as follows; subject to subsequent review:-

- (a) Units required in direct support of operations
- (b) Units employed in Dock Clearance and Railway Construction.
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4. To provide for requirements under para. 3 (a) above, there is an immediate demand for 2,000 men of good physique, fully equipped and well disciplined.

5. Will addressees please examine their present holding of Italian Army personnel and units with a view to the following:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units.
- (b) Disbandment of units not authorised by this Hq in para. 922.5 of 17 November, and 3 December 1944. *Order: R. H. serving Hqs*
- (c) Rft. of essential units by reduction of other similar units to cadres only. *Order: R. H. 17 Nov*
- (d) Release of men suitable for requirement at para. 3(a) on replacement by lower category men.
- (e) Release of tradesmen and specialists from non-specialist units on replacement by non-tradesmen, and non-specialists.

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6. In view of the urgency of the problem, preliminary replies are required by G-3 (Org-A) by 15 December '44, to show numbers that could be made available by para. 5 (a) and (b) above, and by 20 December to show detailed reorganization and releases by trades that could be effected by para. 5 (c), (d) and (e).

7. The above proposals are designed to cover a temporary dearth of manpower and will not affect the long term plan for the formation of new units when the reinforcement (replacement) depots are established. For the present, it would appear necessary for every service to limit its holding of Italian Army units to the irreducible minimum.

*[Signature]*  
 DANIEL NOCE, *[Signature]*

Major General, G.S.C.,  
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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