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SD/2/1/1 "F" Reece Squad

Opened Dec 1, 1943 - Closed Mar 13, 1944

Dec. 1943 - Mar. 1944

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No. 19136	
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			SD/21/4		
FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin		OFFICE DATE STAMP	
Cpt. (C)	HERBERT att. 13	292150		(578)	
For Action		CORPS		G. 304	
TO	MMIA HQ ROME		R ^E 12		- Message Instructions -
(W) For Information (INFO)				- GR -	
Originator's No. PH/U					
Strength F 12 (connaissance) 2 BRITISH off 127					
14 ITALIAN off's, 186 ORS					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	
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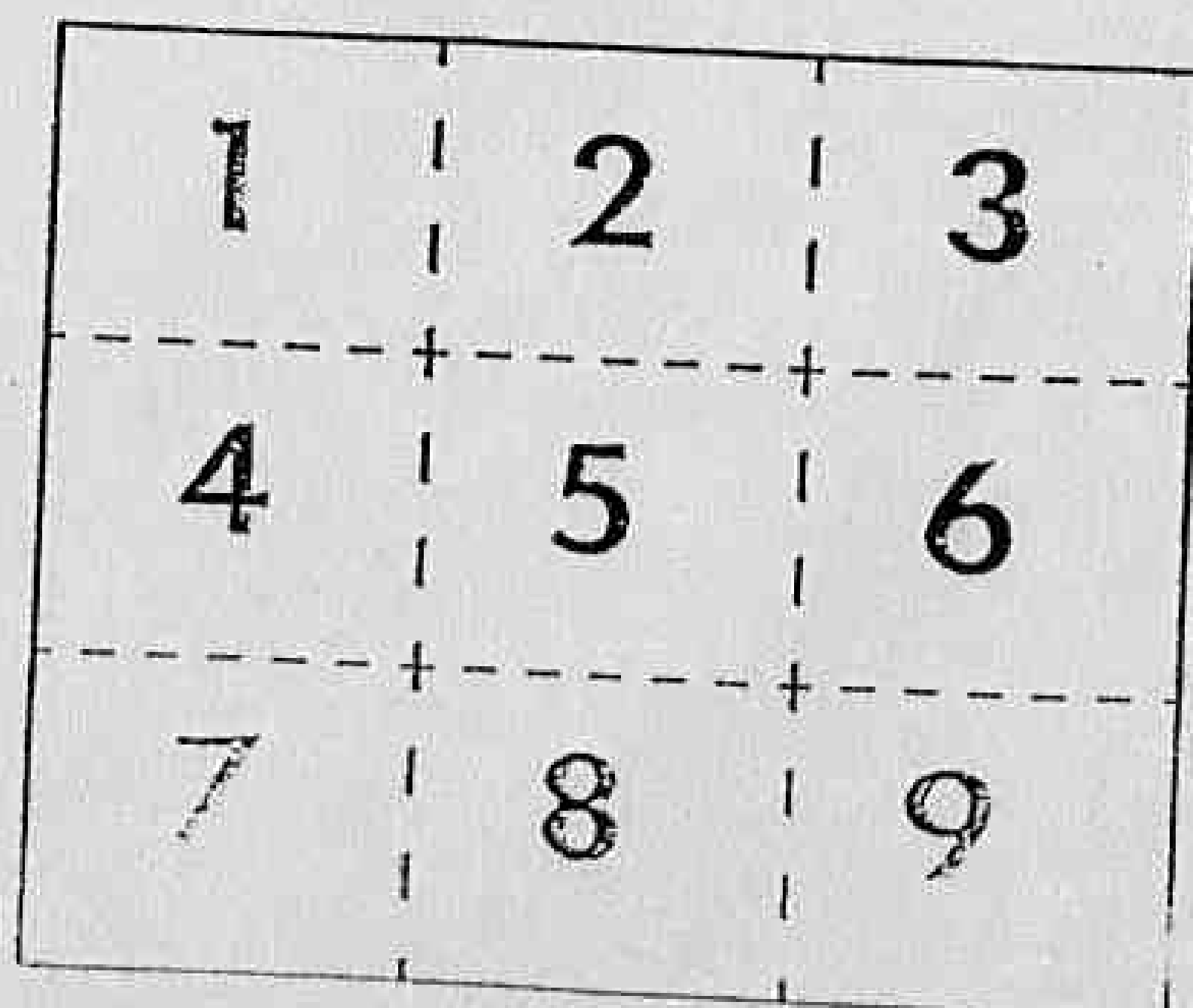
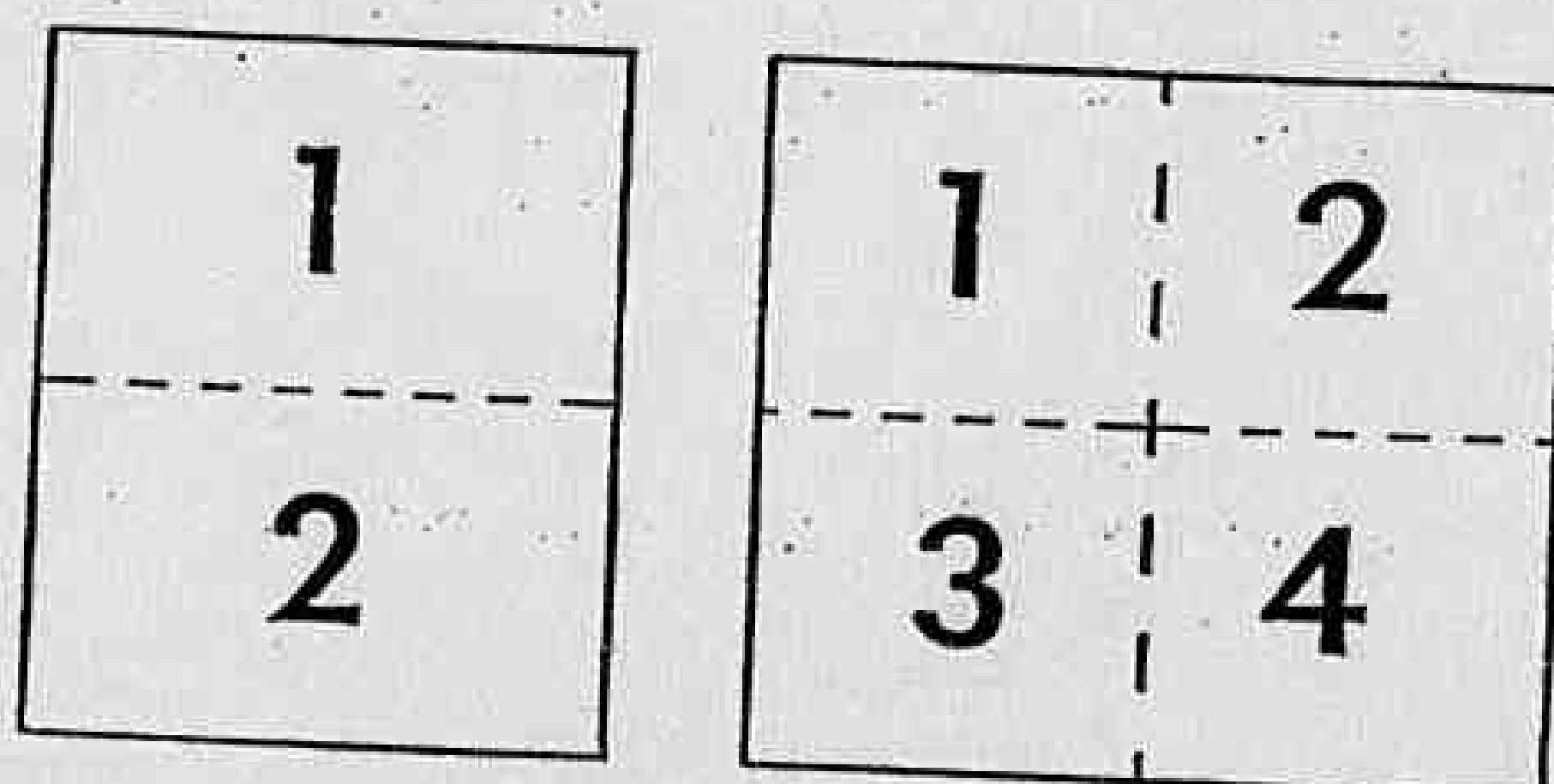
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Gen. Infants. Commands before.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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COMANDO 1° SQUADRONIS "F"
"F" RESCUE SQUADRON H.Q. 13 00

ORGANICO DELLO SQ

PERSONALE

A R M A E

PLOTONE COMANDO

	Official		Sottuff.		Truppa		M.AUT.38	PISTOLA	PUGNALE	FUO
	P	S	P	S	P	S				
Comandante	1						1	1	1	
Vice Comandante	1						1	1	1	
Aiutante Maggiore		1						1		
Uffice. di collegamento	1						1	1	1	
Uffice. add. rifornimenti	1							1		
Ufficiale medico	1							1		
Attendenti						6				
Sottuff. di contabilità			1				1	1	1	
Graduato di contabilità						1		1		
Graduato aiut. di sanità					1			1	1	
Infermieri					7			7	7	
Staff. motoc. porta ordini					6		6	6	6	
Sottuff. addetto al collegam.			1				1	1	1	
Graduato capo R.T.					1			1	1	
Operatori R.T.					14		14	14	14	
Radio montatore					1			1	1	
Graduato telefonista					1			1	1	
Telefonista					8			8	8	
Sottuff. armaiuolo				1				1		
Armaiuolo						1		1		
Ripostiglieri (viv. vestiario)						2				
Sarto-barbiere-calsolaio						3				
Cucinieri Plot. Comando						2				
TOTALI PLOT.COMANDO	5	1	2	1	39	15	25	50	44	

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COMANDO 1- SQUADRONE "F"

BCOB SQUADRON H.Q. 13 CORPS

O D E L L O S Q U A D R O N E

A R M A M E N T O

38	PISTOLA	PUGNALE	FUC.MITR.	BRMBA37	MORTAIO 81	BOB.M.91	NOTE
	1	1					
	1	1					
	1						
	1	1					
	1						
	1						
	1					6	
	1	1					
	1						
	1	1					
	7	7					
	6	6					
	1	1					
	1	1					
	14	14					
	1	1					
	1	1					
	8	8					
	1						
	1						
						1	
						2	
						3	
						2	
50	44					14	

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**PLOTONE SPECIALE S.I.M. -
Informatori in borghese -
(due pattuglie)**

Comandanti

Vice Comandanti

Paracadutisti

TOTALI PLOT.SPECIALE

**PLOTONE ARDITI PARACADUTISTI
SABOTATORI (3 pattuglie)**

Comandanti

Vice Comandanti

Arditi

TOTALI PLOT.ARDITI

PLOTONE PARACAD.ARMII PESANTI

Comandante

Vice Comandante

Staffetta motociclista

Attendenti

Cuciniero

3 Squadre Breda 37

Comandante

Porta arma tiratore

Porta treppiede

Porta munizioni

Capo arma

3 Squadre Mortai da 81

Comandante

Ufficiali		Sottuff.		Truppa		M.AUT.	PISTOLA	PUGNALE	FU
P	S	P	S	P	S	38/A			
2						2	2	2	
		2				2	2	2	
				16		16	16	16	
2		2		16		20	20	20	
3						3	3	3	
		3				3	3	3	
				24		24	24	24	
3		3		24		30	30	30	
1						1	1	1	
1						1	1	1	
				1		1	1	1	
					2				
					2				
		3				3	3	3	
				3		3	3	3	
				3		3	3	3	
				12		12	12	12	
				3		3	3	3	
		3				3	3	3	

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PISTOLA	PUGNALE	FUC.MITRG	BREDA 37	MORTAIO 81	MOSCH. M. 91	NOTE
2	2					
2	2					
16	16					
20	20					
3	3					
3	3					
24	24					
30	30					
1	1					
1	1					
1	1					
					2	
					2	
3	3					
3	3					
3	3					
12	12		3			
3	3					
3	3					

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	Officiali		Sottuff.		Truppa		M.AUT.38	PISTOLA	FUCILIE	FUC
	P	S	P	S	P	S				
Goniometrista					1			1	1	
Puntatore					3			3	3	
Caricatore					3			3	3	
1° Caricatore (artificiere)					3			3	3	
Artificieri					12		12	12	12	
TOTALI PLOT.ARMII PESANTI	2		6		44	4	36	52	52	
<u>4 PLOTONI FUCILIERI PARAC/sti</u>										
Comandante	1						1	1	1	
Vice comandante	1						1	1	1	
Staff.Motociclista					1		1	1	1	
Attendenti						2				
Cucinieri						2				
<u>3 squadre fuciliere</u>										
Comandante			3				3	3	3	
Vice comandante					3			3	3	
Fucilieri paracadutisti					18		18	18	18	
TOTALI PLOT.FUCILIERI PARAC.	2		3		22	4	24	27	27	
<u>TOTALI 4 PLOT.FUCIL.PARAC.</u>	8		12		88	16	96	108	108	1
<u>AUTODRAPPELLO</u>										
Comandante		1						1		
Sottuff/le meccanico				1				1		
Meccanici						4				
Attendenti						1				
Cucinieri						2				
Graduato magazziniere						1				
Autieri						38				
TOTALI AUTODRAPPELLO	1			1		46		2		

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PISTOLA	PUGNALE	FUC.MIT.	BRADA 37	MORTAIO 81	MOSCH. M.91	GONIOMETRO	NOTE
1	1					1	
3	3						
3	3						
3	3			3			
12	12						
52	52		3	3	4	1	
1	1						
1	1						
1	1						
					2		
					2		
3	3						
3	3	3					
18	18						
27	27	3			4		
108	108	12			16		
1							
1							
					4		
					1		
					2		
					1		
					38		
2					46		

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RIEPILOGO GENERALE ORGANICO DELLO SQUADRO

	PERSONALE						ARMAMENT		
	Ufficiali		Sottuff.		Truppa		M. Aut. 38	PISTOLE	PUGNALI
	P	S	P	S	P	S			
PLOTONE COMANDO	5	1	2	1	39	15	25	50	44
PLOTONE SPECIALE S.I.M.	2		2		16		20	20	20
PLOTONE ARDITI	3		3		24		30	30	30
PLOTONE PARAC. ARMI PESANTI	2		6		44	4	36	52	52
4 PLOTONI FUC. PARACAD.	8		12		88	16	96	108	108
AUTODRAPPELLO		1		1		46		2	
TOTALI GENERALI	20	2	25	2	211	81	207	262	254

- N.B. - 1°) I fucili mitragliatori devono essere completi di cassette accessori e
 2°) Le mitragliatrici Breda 37 devono essere complete di cassette accessori
 3°) La lettera P significa paracadutista.
 4°) La lettera S significa soldati della servizi.

*annex to
Capt.*

*20. 13 Corps.
8th Army*



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ORGANICO DELLO SQUADRONE

A R M A M E N T O

38	PISTOLE	PUGNALE	FUC.NITR.	BREDA 37	MORTAIO 81	MOSC.M.91	GONIOMETRO	NOTE
	50	44				14		
	20	20						
	30	30						
	52	52		3	3	4	1	
	108	108	12			16		
	2					46		
	262	254	12	3	3	80	1	

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te di cassette accessori e cassette porta munizioni.

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE DELLO SQUADRONE

(Carlo Francesco Gay)



Carlo Francesco Gay

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Comd
 HQ. Pl.
 1
 PR Pl Pl Pl Pl
 9 officers
 9 ucos
 110 ocs
 128 pistole
 128 daggers
 80 ~~THB~~ T. G.S.
 6 M/Cs
 2 cars
 6 M. looms
 4 arm'd cars
 5 plain
 5 T. looms 626
 1 Lt. G. loom
 1268

Lt. F. Rec. Sp.
 47
 1 officer
 2 ucos
 4 ocs
 22 pistole
 22 daggers
 22 TBS

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ARMY FORM 02126 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Sit. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

CIPHER SECRET

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

LOWLES

16 14 10B

For Action

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

LI O Ref replacement quote F unquote RECCE by signal.
to 209 DIV SMRE suggested formation from volunteers VIBO O
Have inspected 60 men available there but SMRE have
ordered 40 of them to be sent elsewhere O Position unsatisfactory
and request you arrange interview SMRE afternoon 17th
I return HQ O Staging ACC COSENZA tonight

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Signed

SIGNED

Immediate

Time System Op

THI or TOR

16 14 25B

Time cleared

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SUBJECT: 1 Sparto Speciale Autonomo

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LE VILLE (LNGO)
SD/2/1/12
11 MAR 44

A.C.M.F.

COPY to: Main EIGHTH ARMY
13 CORPS
MIA LO Rear EIGHTH ARMY

Ref our SD/2/1/1 of 21 Jan.

The Italian General Staff have now agreed to the a/m
Italian unit commanded by Capt GAY being renamed

"F" REGG S.M.

and it will be referred to by this name in any future
correspondence.

ABC

[Signature]
1266.
Army Sub Commission ACC

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SMRC. ORD. Incl.
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref. 2231/ORD 5021
8 MAR. 44

Subject: Independent Parachutist Unit of Capt. Cary

Also to meet the request of HQ 8 Army, we gave instructions
so the airm unit have his designation changed as follows w. 1/28
15 March:

"Rece Squadron "F" "

air unit is operating with the British Troops of the 13 Corps
for Gen. MARIOTTI
BRUNETTI

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

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SEGRETO

N° 8231 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 8 marzo 1944 15

O G G E T T O : Reparto autonomo paracadutisti del capitano Gay.-

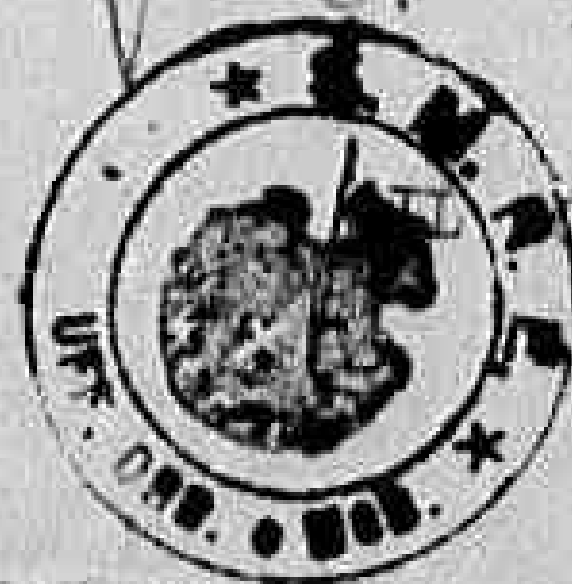
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

LEQUILE

1284

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Anche per aderire a richiesta del comando dell'8<sup>a</sup> armata, si è disposto che il reparto in oggetto - operante con le truppe inglesi del XIII C.A. - a decorrere dal 15 corrente venga denominato "Squadrone da ricognizione F".-



SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. A. Mariotti)

*[Handwritten signature]*



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SUBJECT:= 1 Reparto Autonomo Paracadutisti

Army Sub Commissior A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
SD/2/1/10  
11 Mar 44

S M R E (Ref your 2533/OP  
dated 6 Mar)

1. It is presumed that this refers to the "F" Recce Squadron recently renamed.
2. It is regretted that this H<sub>q</sub> cannot interfere where operational employment of units is concerned.

ABC

Brigade 1263  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.



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ARMY FORM C.2118

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN  
OUT

No. of Groups  
GR.

Serial No. 76  
Office Date Stamp

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO FREEDOM rpld FATIMA  
FROM MMIA

Originator's Number  
SD/204

Date 7 Feb 75 In Reply to Number

ref your signal FHMG 4-5-44-3 dated  
31 Jan concerning repatriation of  
parachutist POW from SICILY  
as given in FATIMA letter  
dated 13 Jan 1975 please have  
sent to destination LECCE heel  
of

This Message must be written in plaintext or by any means except

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 1262

Signature  
Originator may delete "Except" and insert "In plaintext"

Signature  
(THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

F.H. 1430

| System In | Time In | Reader | Sender | System Out | Time Out | Reader | Sender | System Out | Time Out | Reader | Sender |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|
|           |         |        |        |            |          |        |        |            |          |        |        |

T.O.R.



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To: 9 Regt Autieri

Ref: War Ministry

MMIA to pass on to Lt. Col. F.H. 2, 13 Corps (R.)  
9 Corps

1 Report Special Actions  
Up to the Head.

Ref message 6/611 dated 24 Jan addressed to  
War Ministry and repeated to you.

Please hand over 2 Cars FIAT 1100 with **1261**  
driven to 1<sup>st</sup> Special Independent Unit all to 13 Corps (R.)  
Vehicles should report to Lt-Col Riccardo Esclapen (SMRE)  
at Carabinieri Barracks, Foggia. He will direct them  
on from there. Please treat matter as most urgent.



*File 58/2/1 39*  
= BARI (per filo)  
= P.M. 107 (a mano)  
*MMIA to pass on to*  
*Sy. F.H.2 13 Coys*  
AT GUERRAMOTORI - WAR MINISTRY  
AT MISSIONE ALLEATA PRESSO R.E.  
ITALIANO PER IL SUCCESSIVO IMOLTO  
AT SQUADRONI P H 2 13 CORPS BRITAN  
NICO  
P.M. 67 (per filo)

DA SUPERINTENDENTE SERVIZI  
AT MONO REGGIMENTO AURIERI  
et, conoscenza

AT GUERRAMOTORI - WAR MINISTRY  
AT MISSIONE ALLEATA PRESSO R.E.

ITALIANO PER IL SUCCESSIVO IMOLTO  
AT SQUADRONI P H 2 13 CORPS BRITAN  
NICO

AT MONO CORPO ARMATA

H.6/88 /serv. prot. ALT DATA 3 FEBBRAIO 1944 ALT RIFERIMENTO PONO  
N.6/611 DEL 24 GENNAIO 1944 DIRETTO AT GUERRAMOTORI ET INVIATO PER  
CONOSCENZA ALT SE SOLLECITA COMISSO REGGIMENTO CONSEGNA CON REGOLARE  
PASSAGGIO CARICO DUE AUTOVEICOLI PIU' 1100 ET RELATIVI CONDUTTORI  
AT 1° REPARTO SPECIALE AUTOMONO PRESSO 13° CORPS ARMATA INGLESE ALT  
DETTE AUTOVEICOLI DOVRANNO RAGGIUNGERE TENENTE COLONNELLO STATO  
MAGGIORE RICCARDO BEGLAPON PRESSO CASERMA CARABINIERI TOGGIA CHE  
ET CURERA' IMOLTO AT DEFINIZIONE ALT RICHIESTA HABET CARATTERE  
MAGGIORE URGENZA ASSICURARE ALT



SUPERINTENDENTE SERVIZI

*29*

*Re: transfer of 2 Autos & cars to 13 Corps*  
*1° R.S.H.*  
**1260**

*What about from*  
*Translat*

*9 - the young 2 yrs*

MILITARY MISSION.



NICO (a mano)  
AT HONOR CORPO ARMATA P.F. 67 (per filo)

N. 6/88 /serv. prot. ALT DATA 3 FEBBRAIO 1944 ALT RIFERIMENTO FONO  
N. 6/611 DEL 24 GENNAIO 1944 DIRETTO AT GUERRA TORI ET INVIATO PER  
CONOSCENZA ALT SM SOLLECITA COERENTE REGOLAMENTO CONSEGNA CON REGOLARE  
PASSAGGIO CARICO DUE AUTOVEICOLI PIAT 1100 ET RELATIVI CONDUTTORI  
AT 1° REPARTO SPECIALE AUTOMOBILI PRESSO 13° CORPS ARMATA INGLESE ALT  
DETTE AUTOVEICOLI DOVRANNO RAGGIUNGERE TENENTE COLONNELLO STATO  
MAGGIORE RICCARDO ESCLAPIN PRESSO CASERMA CARABINIERI TOGGIA CHE  
NE CURETA' INOLTRE AT DESTINAZIONE ALT RICHIEDUTA HABET CARATTERE  
MASSIMA URGENZA ASSICURARE ALT



SUPERINTENDITO SERVIZI

*Handwritten signature*

Re: transfer of 2 Corps & divs. to ~~Italy~~ ad. to 13 Corps  
1° R.S.A. 1260

*What about from  
Transfer*

*Yours. 14*

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 12/24/44  
to ITALIAN ARMY.



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| ARMY FORM C-100                                                                             |  |           |    |               |  | MESSAGE FORM    |  |                |               |              |  | Serial No. <i>SD/41</i> |  |                                                                              |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
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| CAME BY INSTRUCTIONS                                                                        |  |           | IN |               |  | OUT             |  |                | No. of Groups |              |  | Office Date Stamp       |  |                                                                              |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
|                                                                                             |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                | GR.           |              |  | <i>28 38</i>            |  |                                                                              |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
| TO <i>Main 13 Corps</i>                                                                     |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                |               |              |  |                         |  |                                                                              |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
| FROM <i>M.M.I.F.</i>                                                                        |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                |               |              |  |                         |  |                                                                              |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
| Originator's Number <i>SD 174</i>                                                           |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                |               |              |  |                         |  | Date <i>1 Feb</i>                                                            |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
| TO <i>TEMELINI</i>                                                                          |  | <i>to</i> |    | <i>Skates</i> |  | <i>TEMELINI</i> |  | <i>MACTEOD</i> |               | <i>upset</i> |  | <i>each</i>             |  | <i>BONETTI</i>                                                               |  | <i>is</i> |  | <i>from</i> |  | <i>to</i> |  | <i>you</i> |  | <i>left</i> |  | <i>bringing</i> |  | <i>BYATT</i> |  | <i>me</i> |  | <i>about</i> |  | <i>for</i> |  | <i>telephones</i> |  | <i>5<sup>th</sup> inst</i> |  | <i>you</i> |  | <i>with</i> |  | <i>lieut</i> |  | <i>expects</i> |  | <i>him</i> |  |
| This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means (except <input type="checkbox"/> Wireless) |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                |               |              |  |                         |  | This Message must be sent IN CODE if liable to interception by enemy agents. |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
| Signature <i>[Signature]</i>                                                                |  |           |    |               |  |                 |  |                |               |              |  |                         |  | Signature <i>[Signature]</i>                                                 |  |           |  |             |  |           |  |            |  |             |  |                 |  |              |  |           |  |              |  |            |  |                   |  |                            |  |            |  |             |  |              |  |                |  |            |  |
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING

MESSAGE

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 21/31

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: 45443 31st Jan

PREC : NOT GIVEN

FILED : Jan 311200A

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FIMGS

REC'D : Jan 312000A

TO : FATIMA REAR, FATIMA FORWARD

Reference your letter 014.33<sup>2</sup> dated 13 January.

Authority has been given for repatriation of parachudists PW. Request information where these PW be sent.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date Feb 4 31/2.

ITALIAN ARMY.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - ~~Dispersal Action~~

MMIA

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Confirms that this is  
being laid on.



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ARMY FORM 10-1

MESSAGE FORM

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Office Date Stamp

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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO Klam 13 Corps  
FROM MM:17

Originator's Number

SD 110

Date

31 Jan

In Reply to Number

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your  
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available

MACLEOD  
1222  
contact  
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Words

This Message must be read IN CIPHER  
if it is to be intercepted by an enemy force

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

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Signature

Signature

IMPORTANT

FILE

Transmitting Unit Address (except "and" insert)

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SUBJECT: 1 REPORT OF ITALIAN AUTOMOBILE

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/2/1/3  
28 Jan 44

A C M F

Copy to: MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
MAIN 13 CORPS  
MAIN 10 MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
MAIN 10 13 CORPS

Ref your SD 121<sup>70A</sup> of 23 Jan.

The Italian designation of the unit with 13 CORPS.  
comd Capt GAY is as above, as stated in my SD/2/44 of  
6 Jan.

ABD

*Franklin D.*  
Brig  
Comd 1256



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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) MESSAGE FORM

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**CIPHER SECRET**

FROM (A) ACMF Originator Date/Time of Origin 251200 Office Date Stamp 380

TO EIGHTH ARMY (W) For Information (INFO) Message Instructions OR

Original No. SD1212 your SD/2/1/1 & 21 JAN @ ITALIAN gen. staff should state correct name don't @ name selected by them will be used @ Address name. Selected.

(If this message has one gp missing - cipherless YHHA)

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS:            ORDER OF PRIORITY:           

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Time 260300A System            Op.           

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 51/211  
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| Call<br><u>FMIA</u><br><u>MEGB</u> | Srl. No.<br><u>NR</u><br><u>236</u> | Pr. <u>OS</u><br><u>P</u> | <u>QDX</u> |
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FROM (A) 13 CORPS Originator Date-Time of Origin 26

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FMIA LECCE

For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions OR 41

Originator's No. 1222 For BYATT from MCLEOD Ref my 1222 of 26. Impossible collect BONETTI. Please give him movement order to travel by train. On arrival railhead instruct him contact this HQ & Signal ETA if possible. Bring six telephones and cable with him.

1254

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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| THI or TOR<br><u>262115</u>  | <u>F</u>    | <u>1254</u> |
| Time closed<br><u>260730</u> | <u>1254</u> | <u>1254</u> |

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Register 34

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| Call<br>MMIA<br>LECCO | Srl. No.<br>571 | Prio<br>P | Transm<br>2 | Instructions |
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(A)

13 CORPS

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

26

OFFICE DATE Stamp

For Action

TO

MMIA LECCO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

OR

28

Originator's No.

1221

For BYATT from MACLEO) O Ref year 0192 of 250

W/T sets not now required O Please acquire 322 live telephonesets  
and cable in line O fetching BONETTI earliest

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251145A

For Action

TO

Main 13 Corps

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

0192

O For Capt Machead or Capt Gray O  
LT BONETTI awaiting transport at FRANCAVILLA O  
Has sets with him O Please collect

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*Machead*  
capt

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FONOGRAMMA URGENTE

*file SV/2/1*  
LITARY MISSION.

Date 30

DA SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI  
AT GUERRAMOTIRI

P.M. 107

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

et Per conoscenza:

→ AT MISSIONE ALLEATA R.ESERCITO ITALIANO per il successivo inol-  
tro AT SQUADRONE F.H.Q.13.CORPS.BRITANNICO

LEQUILE *A-mano*

AL IX° CORPO D'ARMATA

P.M. 67

AT IX° REGGIMENTO AUTIERI

BARI

N° 6/611/SERV/DI PROT.ALT DATA 24 GENNAIO ALT PREGASI DISPORRE PER=  
CHE IX° REGGIMENTO AUTIERI CEDA CON REGOLARE PASSAGGIO DI CARICO  
DUE AUTOVETTURE FIAT 1100 PER RELATIVI CONDUTTORI AT PRIMO REPARTO  
SPECIALE AUTONOMO PRESSO 13° CORPO D'ARMATA INGLESE ALT DETTE AUTO=  
VETTURE DOVRANNO RAGGIUNGERE TENENTE COLOENNELLO S.M. RICCARDO SES=  
CLAPON CASERMA CARABINIERI FOGGIA CHE NE CURERA' INOLTRO AT DESTINA=  
ZIONE ALT SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI

1251

*Please arrange transfer of 2 cars Fiat 1100 with driv. to  
1st special indep. unit attached to 13 Corps @ Trinch to report  
to Col. R. SECLAPON. CC RR. post at FOGGIA for further dispatch  
to destination.*



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Subject: 1 Report on Italian Autonomy

ADME

Copy to: MAIN HIGHWAY ARMY  
15 CORPS  
AMIA LG Rear HIGHWAY ARMY

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
20/2/1/1  
21 Jan 44

Ref your 23102 of 7 Jan and our 2325 of 9 Jan.

1. The Italian General Staff state that they were informed by Capo d'Alay that the name of the a/c unit had been changed to "F Pocco Squadron" at the request of 15 CORPS.
2. They state that they would be grateful if the name were not changed.

ABC

Brig  
Squad

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| ARMY FORM 07-106 (Small)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            | <b>MESSAGE FORM</b> |                              | Register No.      |
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| Originator's Note:<br><i>Please inform the following parties as to the status of the message.</i><br><i>Squadron</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |                     |                              |                   |
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Dt/va

1st Independent Special Group

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

SECRET  
5/5/43

No 1344/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 18 gennaio 1944

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE  
= presso l'Esercito Italiano =

LEQUILE

OGGETTO: 1° reparto speciale autonomo.-

MILITARY MISC 201.

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Date

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Il capitano GAY ha comunicato che il nominativo del
1° reparto speciale autonomo - da lui comandato - verrà cam-
biato in "F" RECCE SQUADRON, in seguito a richiesta del coma-
do del XIII corpo d'armata Britannico.

Si prega di voler informare il comando di detto C.A.
che questo S.M. gradirebbe che il nominativo del reparto non
fosse cambiato.-



SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. A. Mariotti)

[Signature]

1248

*Cap. Gay has said that the name of the 1st Recce
Special Squadron, which he commands, will be changed to
"F Recce Sq" in accordance with a report from 13 Cops*

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
= presso l'Esercito Italiano =

LEQUILLE

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MILITARY MISS ON.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(Gen. A. Mariotti)

*[Signature]*

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Special Autonomo, which he commands, will be changed to  
"F Recce SQ" in accordance with a request from 13 Corps  
Please inform this Corps that the change would  
be gratified if the name were not changed



13 JAN 1944

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In reply  
refer to: 014.33

13 January 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

To: C-in-C, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. The Italian Government has requested that the following list of Prisoners of War be repatriated to Italy as soon as possible for duty in the Italian armed forces:

General of Artillery Brigade Arrigo Grillo  
Monticello Camp, Arkansas, U.S.A.

Antonio Garinelli, Service of Prisoners of War,  
D.H.P. - 238 - Bombay

Giuseppe Garinelli, POW Information Bureau, Office of the  
Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C., U.S.A.

Parachutists in 522 Pw Camp, Syracuse:

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2nd Lt. Pissiniago       | Pte. Proietti        |
| Sgt. Maj. MURA Giovanni  | Pte. Moralli         |
| Sgt. Maj. GREGGIA Ilmoro | Pte. Gaddi           |
| Sgt. MUGGI Armando       | Pte. Guelmi          |
| Cpl. PALSI Emilio        | Pte. Zambardossi     |
| Cpl. BUGLI Eugenio       | Pte. ARSELLINI Venio |
| Cpl. ZAMBARDI Arrigo     | Pte. Bertuzzi        |

Parachutist in 368 PW Camp, Augusta:

Pte. BRUSATI Giuseppe

1247

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOE  
Major, A.C.D.  
Secretary of Commission



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After check

For Action

BRANCH

Check asked for

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Check please  
or we may get  
the 11th wrong

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No request for check & repeat as yet made.

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MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

04 0950

For Action

15 ARMY GROUP

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

CR

MMIA REAR ARMY

Originator's No.

SD 4711

understand authority given for redesignation autonomous  
ITALIAN unit now under command 13 CORPS to  
quote F reconnaissance squadron @ unquote  
request confirmation

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To GSO II.

76 5/2 153  
24

Jan MacLeod called 1445 hrs.

- 1) To say that- he handed to SMRE  
(copy to 51 Corps & Brigada Special)
  - a) Nominal roll & personnel of Gray's Auto  
Det (at present)
  - b) Nominal roll of personnel of recruited  
on 15 Jan 44.
- 2) SMRE approved that- he should take  
approx 20 men extra establishment-  
for a fourth complement- platoon.

15 Jan 44.

B. G. Newstrom  
Major  
1244



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*Cape San Juan Mailed also had copy*  
SUBJECT: - equipment for F' Recce Squadron  
(Reparte Speciale Autonomo)

*File 50 23*  
Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
CD/2/47  
11 Jan 44

G M R E

It is confirmed that "F" Recce Squadron is to be clothed and equipped, including 2 blankets each, from Italian stocks.

This is an operational and urgent demand. Please see that the issue is made on high priority. Full scale winter equipment is required as they will be operating in mountainous country.

ABC

*C. J. Mac*  
Brig  
Cond



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MMIA

Originator

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Sgt. 47  
22

For Action

FIL POT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

SJ 85 (1) Your SJ 1009 of Seventh and Main EIGHTH ARMY  
SJ 4711 of Fourth (1) Nothing known here about new  
designation (1) Italians call it 1 REPARTO SPECIALE  
AUTONOMO

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Parachutists

Allied Control Commission

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/2/  
9 Jan 44

1. I forward at Appx 'A' a copy of a letter from the Stato Maggiore which I forwarded to 15 Army Gp.
2. 15 Army Gp have requested me to ask you to obtain permission from AFHQ for the release of personnel listed, subject to the approval of G2 AFHQ.
3. May I please be kept informed of any action that is being taken.

ABC

*Franklin*  
for Brig  
Comd

1242



APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Parachutists

Ord and Mob (Mob Sec)  
Stato Maggiore R.E.  
885/MOB/V  
13 Dec 45

M M I A

Stato Maggiore is reorganising units belonging to REMBO Parachute Div from which it has drawn the personnel required for various duties. Among these units, they are forming the 1st SPECIAL INDEPENDENT UNIT, which is to be put at disposal to British 13 CORPS.

Because there are in 322 and 368 PW Camps (see att list) at SYRACUSE and AUGUSTA respectively, a number of parachutists, will M M I A please examine the possibility, if there are no objections, of effecting the release of such of these men who would like to join the units of the a.m. Div which are in process of being organised.

signed

Gen A. MARIOTTI

Parachutists in PW Camps  
322 & 368

1241

|          |                  |                      |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|
| 2/Lieut  | PIZZINIAGO       | 322 PW Camp SYRACUSE |
| Pte      | PROIETTI         | "                    |
| "        | MORELLI          | "                    |
| "        | GADDI            | "                    |
| Cpl      | FALSI Emilio     | "                    |
| "        | BUGLI Edigio     | "                    |
| "        | ZAMBARDI Arrigo  | "                    |
| Pte      | GUTINI           | "                    |
| Sgt      | AMLUCCI Armando  | "                    |
| Pte      | ZAMBARDOZZI      | "                    |
| "        | ARMELLINI Vezio  | "                    |
| Sgt Maj. | MANNA Giovanni   | "                    |
| Pte      | BERTUZZI         | "                    |
| Sgt Maj. | OSSOLA Ilmero    | "                    |
| Pte      | BRUSATI Giuseppe | "                    |
|          |                  | 368 PW Camp AUGUSTA  |



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FROM  
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15 ARMY GP

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For Action

MMIA

RLS. Brindley

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

SD/1010

Ref your SD/2/31 of 17 Dec (.) request you ask ADC to obtain permission from AFHQ for release of personnel listed subject to approval of G2 AFHQ

PSS NA7-42 AFHQ/400 1 000 000 - (Pairs of 100)

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Signed

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15 ARMY GROUP MMIA

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For George 2 MMIA from GSI O Inform MACLEO authority  
required unobtainable O Obtain sufficient quantities Nelson uniform

and 13 Corps had agreed to provide British uniform for the  
Special Forces Unit + it now looks as though he cannot  
get another

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SD 1009  
Ref 8.

Army SD 4711 of 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 0 Request. you state  
designation selected.

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Special Unit for 13 CORPS

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

SD/2/44

6 Jan 44

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13 ARMY GP

Copy to: 13 CORPS for Capt Sir Ian MACLEOD

Ref your 1605/50/SD1 of 22 Dec and our SD/2/58 of 24 Dec.

1. The Italian General Staff have informed us that they are forming this Unit on a slightly different SE from that which you fwd to us and which was passed to them.
2. The number of officers and men remains the same and the only change in vehicles is a reduction in nos from 10 to 6.
3. Capt GUY is authorised to select the personnel required for the immediate completion of the unit and arrangements are in hand for the issue of stores and vehicles.
4. Already rail transport has been applied for for the move of 2 officers and 56 men from this area to FOGGIA.
5. Ref Main EIGHTH ARMY SD 4711 of 4 Dec, nothing is known here of the redesignation of this unit to "F Recce Sqn". Your confirmation is awaited.
6. The Italian designation of the unit is:  
1 REPARTO SPECIALE AUTONOMO.

As soon as actual place of mobilisation and estimated date of readiness are known you will be informed.

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*[Signature]*  
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STATO MAGGIORE RMIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E UTILIZZAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

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n° 1024/Ord/V. di prot.

Allegati 1 per MMIA in restituzione

P.M. 151, 3 gennaio 1944

AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA  
AL COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

ALLA MISICAR MILITARE INGLESE PRESSO R.E. ITALIANO LAQUILA  
ALLO S.M.E.E. UFFICIO SERVIZI  
ALLO S.M.E.E. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

P.M. 410  
P.E. 67

P.M. 151  
S.M.E.E.  
S.M.E.E.

CONTESTO: Costituzione I reparto speciale autonomo.-

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Il I reparto speciale autonomo di cui è stata ordinata la costituzione con foglio n° 663/Ord. del 7/12 c.a., assumerà gli organi ci di cui allo accluso specchio anziché quelli stabiliti col foglio predetto.

Il personale sarà fornito:

- fuciliari del 135° regt. ffr. "Umbro"
- specialisti del genio dal comando genio LI C.A.

Materiali: equipaggiamento e armamento a cura dell'ufficio servizi questo S.M.

Mezzi di trasporto:

- n° 2 autocarri 626 e relativo personale del 61° autotrasporto pesa
- n° 4 autocarri 626 e relativo personale )

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- motocicli autovetture autonome ) del 9° regt. autieri (li trarrà



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Oggetto: Costituzione i reparto speciale autonomo.-

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Il personale sarà fornito:

- fucillieri del 185° regt. ftr. "Vambo"
- specialisti del genio dal comando genio LI C.A.

Materiali: equipaggiamento e armamento a cura dell'ufficio servizi questo S.M.

Mezzi di trasporto:

- n° 2 autocarri 626 e relativo personale del 61° autoreparto pesa-
- n° 4 autocarri 626 e relativo personale )
- motocicli, autovetture autocar- ) dal 9° regt. autieri (li trarrà
- ro SPA 39 da attrezzarsi ad of- ) quelli ritirati al 10° concentra-
- ficina con relativo personale ) mente auto anglo-americano).

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Il capitano Gay, comandante il reparto, è autorizzato a scegliere gli elementi occorrenti per l'ingente completamento del reparto secondo i nuovi organici.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. A. Mariotti)  
f.to

P. O. C.

GEN. COL. U. M. CAPO UFFICIO

(D. Michelotti)

*A. Mariotti*





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scegliere gli elementi occorrenti per l'ingente completamento del  
reparto secondo i nuovi organici.-

IL SOTTOCARO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. A. Mariotti)  
f.to



GEN. CCL. P. C. C.  
Il S.M. CAPO UFFICIO  
(D. Michelotti)

*Michelotti*

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Subject: Composition of ~~1 special autonomous group~~ <sup>S3/2</sup> <sup>BE</sup>  
(Italian Recce Coy) <sup>from</sup>

(Italian Recce Coy)  
The ~~1 Special Autonomous Group~~ authorized by  
letter 663/Ord of 7 Dec will have the  
establishments shown attached, instead of  
that laid down in the above mentioned letter.

Personnel will be supplied by:  
Riflemen of 185 Inf Regt 'Nembo'  
Sappers from HQ/RE LI Corps

~~Eqpt~~

Stores: Eqpt & arms will be taken care of by  
supplies branch of SMRE

Tpk: 2 lorries (626) + personnel from 61 hy gr Coy  
4 lorries (626) + personnel } from 9 MT Regt  
motorcycles, cars, lorry (SPA39) } (to be taken from  
to be fitted out in workshop with } those with draws  
necessary personnel } from 10 auto-ammunition  
MT gr)

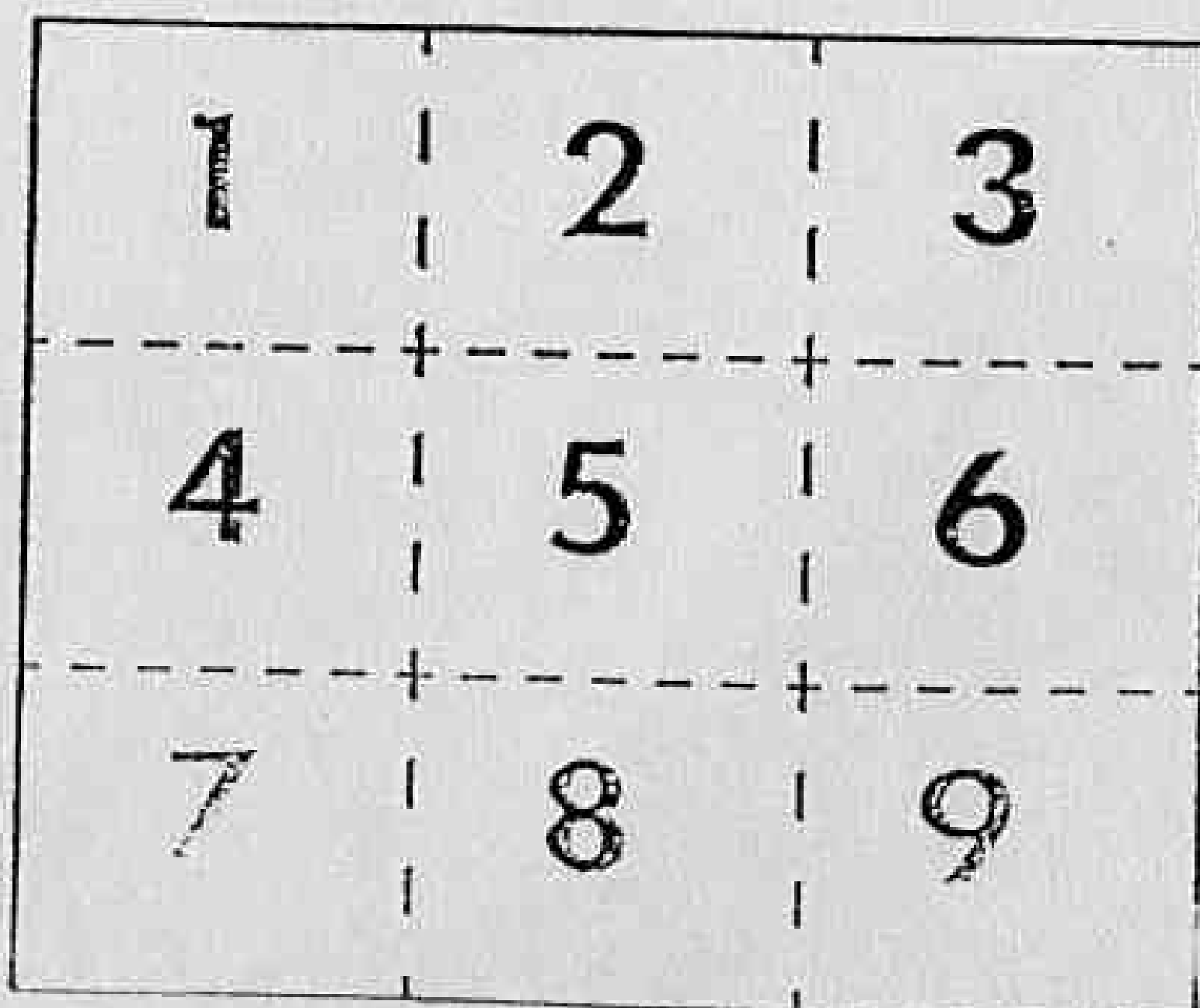
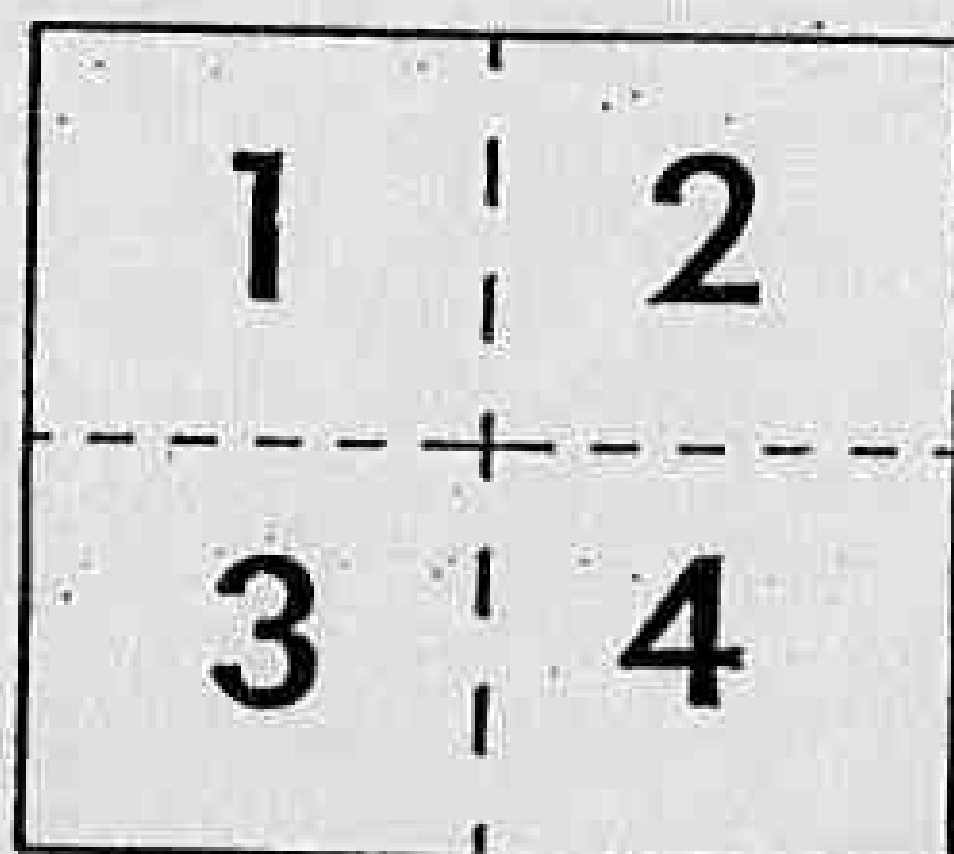
Capt GAY, comd of the gr, is authorized to  
select the personnel required for the immediate  
completion of the gr according to the new  
establishments.

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All. al R. 1024/1940, V del

**Final composition Italian Race Com.**  
**CONSTITUZIONE DEFINITIVA DEL 1° REPARTO SPECIALE AUTONOMO**

Comprende:

- 11 comandante
  - 1 plotone comando
  - 3 plotoni di combattimento
- cand  
HQ Pl  
3 Pl

Automatic  
rifles

M/Cs

Cars

light  
trucksArm'd  
CmsLorries  
626Lorries  
L 3 R0

Lorries

**PILOTONE COMANDO HQ Pl****Squadra maggioranza Admin Sec**

- capitano comandante OC Capt
- interprete (capitano) Interpreter
- tenente vice com/te di op. 2 Lt
- sottufficiale di contab. CDMs
- dattilografo clerk

Totale sq. maggioranza  
Total Admin Sec**Squadra di sanità Med Sec**

- infermieri Med Orderlies

Totale sq. sanità Total

**Squadra collegamento Sig Sec**

- sottufficiali R.T. WT NCOs
- radio montatori WT mechanics
- mitraglieri per a.b.l. machine gunners
- staffette su moto M/C/DRs for Arm'd Cars
- pilota di a.b.l. Arm'd car driver
- radiotelegrafisti WT operators

Totale sq. collegamento

**Squadra servizi (ufficiali) MT sec**

- sottuff. meccanico NCO mechanic
- meccanici mechanics
- autieri Drivers
- militari per serv. vari sundries DRs

Totale sq. servizi

**TOTALE PILOT. COMANDO****PILOTONE DI COMBATTIMENTO Pl**

- staffetta p. ordini runner

| Ufficiali Offr. | Sottuff. NCOs | Truppa ORs | Pistole Pistols | Fucili Daggers | Fucili autom. Berretta | Motocicli | Autovetture | Camionette | Autoblindo | Autocarri 626 | Autocarri L 3 R0 | Autocarri |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | 1             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 1          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 3               | 1             | 1          | 5               | 5              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| (1) 1           | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | (1) 1      | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 4          | 4               | 4              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | -             | 4          | 5               | 5              | -                      | -         | -           | 1          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | 1             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 1          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 4          | 4               | 4              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 4          | 4               | 4              | 4                      | 6         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 4          | 4               | 4              | 4                      | -         | -           | -          | 4          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 8          | 8               | 8              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | 1             | 21         | 23              | 23             | 8                      | 6         | -           | -          | 4          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | 1             | -          | 1               | 1              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 4          | 4               | 4              | -                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 14         | 14              | 14             | -                      | -         | (3) 2       | (2) 5      | -          | 5             | 1                | (5) 1     |
| -               | -             | 9          | 9               | 9              | 6                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| 1               | 1             | 27         | 29              | 29             | 6                      | -         | 2           | 5          | -          | 5             | 1                | 1         |
| 6               | 3             | 53         | 62              | 62             | 14                     | 6         | 2           | 6          | 4          | 5             | 1                | 1         |
| 1               | -             | -          | 1               | 1              | 1                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |
| -               | -             | 1          | 1               | 1              | 1                      | -         | -           | -          | -          | -             | -                | -         |







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|-----------------------------|---------------|---|---|------|-----|-----|----|---|------|------|---|---|---|------|
| - artigiani                 | Drivers       | - | - | 14   | 14  | 14  | -  | - | (3)2 | (2)5 | - | 5 | 1 | (5)1 |
| - Militari per serv. vari   | including ORs | - | - | 9    | 9   | 9   | 6  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| Totale sq. servizi          |               | 1 | 1 | 27   | 29  | 29  | 6  | - | 2    | 5    | - | 5 | 1 | 1    |
| TOTALE PLOT. COMANDO        |               | 6 | 3 | 53   | 62  | 62  | 14 | 6 | 2    | 6    | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1    |
| PLOTONE DI COMBATTIMENTO Pl |               | 1 | - | -    | 1   | 1   | 1  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| - staffetta p. ordini       | runner        | - | - | 1    | 1   | 1   | 1  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| - capi squadra              | Sec leaders   | - | 2 | -    | 2   | 2   | 2  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| - vice capo-squadra         | 2 1/2 sec     | - | - | (4)2 | 2   | 2   | 2  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| - truppa                    | ORs           | - | - | 16   | 16  | 16  | 16 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| Totale plot. su 2 sq.       |               | 1 | 2 | 19   | 22  | 22  | 22 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| Total pl of 2 sec           |               |   |   |      |     |     |    |   |      |      |   |   |   |      |
| Totale su 3 plot.           |               | 3 | 6 | 57   | 66  | 66  | 66 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |
| Total 3 pls                 |               |   |   |      |     |     |    |   |      |      |   |   |   |      |
| Totale compagnia            |               | 9 | 9 | 110  | 128 | 128 | 80 | 6 | 2    | 6    | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1    |
| Total Coy                   |               |   |   |      |     |     |    |   |      |      |   |   |   |      |

offrs and tps of de pls and m/c DRS will be issued with 6  
Gli ufficiali e i militari dei plotoni combattimento e le staffette su moto avranno  
individuale di 6 bombe a mano.

Il reparto dovrà avere 17 bussole e 17 binocoli: 5 per ogni plot. di combattimento  
comando.-

de coy will have 17 compasses - 17 binoculars.  
5 per pl + 2 for # HK Pl.





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|                     |   |   |      |     |     |    |   |      |      |   |   |   |      |                                                                           |
|---------------------|---|---|------|-----|-----|----|---|------|------|---|---|---|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| divers<br>ri<br>DRs | - | - | 14   | 14  | 14  | -  | - | (1)2 | (2)5 | - | 5 | 1 | (5)1 | e una per l'ufficiale<br>interprete                                       |
|                     | - | - | 9    | 9   | 9   | 6  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
|                     | 1 | 1 | 27   | 29  | 29  | 6  | - | 2    | 5    | - | 5 | 1 | 1    | one fa de con d<br>one fa offe<br>un abjeter.                             |
|                     | 6 | 3 | 53   | 62  | 62  | 14 | 6 | 2    | 6    | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1    |                                                                           |
| OTTO Pl             | 1 | - | -    | 1   | 1   | 1  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
| number              | - | - | 1    | 1   | 1   | 1  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
| leaders             | - | 2 | -    | 2   | 2   | 2  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
| c sec               | - | - | (4)2 | 2   | 2   | 2  | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
| Rs                  | - | - | 16   | 16  | 16  | 16 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    | (4) gradanti di truppa<br>L/Cpl                                           |
|                     | 1 | 2 | 19   | 22  | 22  | 22 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    |                                                                           |
| pl                  | 3 | 6 | 57   | 66  | 66  | 66 | - | -    | -    | - | - | - | -    | (5) dovrà essere at-<br>trezzato ad officina<br>fitted out as<br>workshop |
| al con              | 9 | 9 | 110  | 128 | 128 | 80 | 6 | 2    | 6    | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1    |                                                                           |

tps of de pls and M/C DRs will be issued with 6 grenades each  
e i militari dei plotoni combattimento e le staffette su moto avranno una dotazione  
6 bombe a mano.  
rà avere 17 bussole e 17 binocoli: 5 per ogni plot. di combattimento e 2 per il plot.

elli have 17 compasses e 17 binoculars  
2 for # H & Pl.





## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Italian Peace Coy.

## (1) Personnel

| Detail                | Coy No | Pl No | 2 Sub-Sections |         | Total Section | Total Platoon | Total | Three Platoons | Total |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
|                       |        |       | Sub Sec        | Sub Sec |               |               |       |                |       |
| Capt O.C.             | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| Lt 21/c & L.O.        | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| Adm Offr Lt.          | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| WTO Lt.               | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| Sigs Offr Lt.         | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| WO Lt.                | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| Subalterns            |        | 1     |                |         |               | 1             |       | 3              |       |
| Total Offrs           | 6      | 1     |                |         |               | 1             |       | 3              |       |
| C.O.M.S.              | 1      |       |                |         |               |               |       |                |       |
| Sjts                  | 2(a)   |       | 1              |         |               | 2             |       | 6              | 18    |
| Total C.O.M.S. & Sjts | 3      |       | 1              |         |               | 2             |       | 6              | 9     |
| Cpls                  | 1      |       |                | 1       |               | 2             |       | 6              | 7     |
| Ptes                  | 46     |       | 4              | 4       |               | 19            |       | 57             | 103   |
| Total Rank & File     | 47     | 3     | 4              | 5       |               | 21            |       | 63             | 110   |
| Total ORs             | 50     | 3     | 5              | 5       |               | 23            |       | 69             | 119   |
| Total all ranks       | 56     | 4     | 5              | 5       |               | 24            |       | 72             | 123   |

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Duties

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|                 |      |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |  |
|-----------------|------|---|---|---|---|----|---|--|--|
| Operatives: Cpl |      |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |  |
| Ptes            |      |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |  |
| Clerks          | 2(b) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 48 | 2 |  |  |
| Storeman Col    |      |   |   |   |   |    |   |  |  |

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(ii) Distribution of Bank and Pile by Duties

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(iii) Transport

|                        |    |   |
|------------------------|----|---|
| Motor Cycles.....      | 10 | ✓ |
| Cars 2 x 4 .....       | 2  | ✓ |
| Trucks 15cwt GS .....  | 6  | ✓ |
| Lorries 3-ton GS ..... | 6  | ✓ |
| Arm'd Cars W/T .....   | 4  |   |

Total Transport (excl M/Cs) 18

(iv) Notes

- (a) One Sigs Sjt
- (b) One "A" one "Q"
- (c) In Arm'd Cars



## (v) Organisation

## Coy HQ

1 Car 2 x 4

C.O.

Driver

Patman-Runner

1 Car 2 x 4

2 i/c L.O.

Driver

Patman-Runner

1 Lorry 3 ton GS

Adm Officer

Col Storeman

2 Clerks

Driver

Patman-Orderly

1 Lorry 3 ton GS

Driver

2 Cooks

1 Lorry 2 ton GS

Driver

C.G.I.S.

1 Truck 15 cwt GS

Tech Officer

Sgt Fitter

4 Mechanics

Driver

Patman-Orderly

1 Truck 15 cwt GS

Sigs Officer

Sigs Sgt

W/T Mechanic

Driver

Patman-Runner

1 Truck 15 cwt GS (Medical)

M.O.

Patman-Orderly

3 Nursing Orderlies

Driver

4 Arm Cars W/L (each)

Driver

3 Platoons (each)

1 Truck 15 cwt GS

Driver

Patman-Runner

Driver

1 Lorry 3 ton GS

2 Sigs

2 Cpls

1/4 C. W.

Driver

1 Lorry 3 ton GS

2 Sigs

1/4 C. W.

Driver

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Driver  
2 1/2 (each)  
D.R.

Admin Office  
Cpl Storeman  
2 Clerks  
Driver  
Return-Orderly

1 Lorry 3 ton GS  
Driver  
2 Cooks

1 Lorry 3 ton GS  
Driver  
C.S.M.S.

1 Truck 15 cwt GS  
Tech Officer  
Sgt Fisher  
4 Mechanics  
Driver  
Return-Orderly

1 Truck 15 cwt GS  
Sigs Officer  
Sigs Sgt  
W/T Mechanic  
Driver  
Return-Runner

1 Truck 15 cwt GS (Medical)  
M.O.  
Return-Orderly  
3 Nursing Orderlies  
Driver  
4 Arm Cars 1/2 ton (each)  
Driver  
2 Operators  
Gunner Mechanic  
4 1/2 (each)  
DR

| (vi)                                    | Weapons |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Porter Party Cars.....                  | 80      |
| Magnifying, 40 round.....               | 800     |
| Porter 5 in Automatics.....             | 120     |
| Magnifying for above.....               | 256     |
| Porter, 10. parabolist pattern.....     | 128     |
| Wills hand grenades.....                | 256     |
| Prada hand grenades.....                | 512     |
| Bombs anti-tank, (or sticky bombs)..... | 60      |
| Miscellaneous explosive charges.....    |         |



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SUBJECT: - Special Unit for 13 CORPS

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/2/38  
14 Dec 43

Chief of Staff SSME

Copy to: 15 Army Gp G(SD) ref 1605/50/301  
13 CORPS for Capt Sir Ian MACLEOD

Ref our SD/2/34 of 22 Dec.

1. Herewith detailed organisation of the unit required.  
(Would you please return it to this Mission when you have finished with it.) The 3 officers and 18 O.Ns commanded by Capt GAY already operating with 13 CORPS should be included.
2. It was understood from Capt MACLEOD that all details had been arranged by him with Gen MARIOTTI and that the SSME would be able to provide the necessary men and equipment with the exception of the four armoured cars and 182,000 rds of Beretta ammunition. An application has been made for the 182,000 rds Beretta amm to be drawn from SICILY.
3. Would you please inform this Mission of the
  - (a) Italian designation of the unit.
  - (b) Place of mobilisation.
  - (c) Estimated date of readiness.

ABC

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12 am 14 Dec  
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SUBJECT:-

Italian Forces

SECRET

HQ 15 Army Gp  
1605/50/SD1

MALA

Dec 43

Reference my SD 1727 of 19 Dec 43.

1. A small detachment of Italian Tps (3 Offrs and 18 ORs) commanded by Captain GAY of NEMBO Paratroop Division has been operating with 13 Corps and on occasions with 1 Canadian Division since 5 Oct 43.

Eighth Army state that this detachment has carried out a number of valuable recon missions in forward areas and behind the enemy lines where their knowledge of the ground and language has enabled the personnel to operate more freely and successfully than would be possible for British troops. With the stabilisation of the front, it has become increasingly hard for the detachment to operate effectively in a non-aggressive role owing to its lack of numbers.

2. Eighth Army have approached the Italian GS through their LO Col ESLEFON who have agreed to equip in so far as they are able a larger and more permanent unit.

3. The proposed War Establishment of the unit is attached at Appendix 1. Please instruct the SURE to form a unit on these lines as soon as possible, the unit to include the personnel at para 1 above. Eighth Army desire it to be fully operational by the end of Dec. Captain GAY has stated that he anticipates no difficulty in raising the personnel for this unit.

4. Please signal the estimated date of completion, place of mobilisation, and Italian designation of the unit.

*K. M. Cullen*  
*for*

Maj-Gen,  
CGS.

Copy to:- AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech  
G (Ops)



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*G. C. L. pr*

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SUBJECT: Specialist Unit with 13 COMPS

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

SD/2/35

12 Dec 43

15 Army Gr (2)

Ref your SD 1727 of 19 Dec.

1. The only equipment that the Italian General Staff cannot provide from the mainland of ITALY is

182,000 rds 9 mm Beretta SA amn.

2. May the necessary authority please be granted to obtain the above from SICILY in this special case.

3. Capt Sir Ian MacSleod from 13 COMPS, and Capt GAY of the NEMBO Div who is to command the unit have discussed all details of the formation of this unit with the Italian General Staff and are bringing this letter.

ABC

Brig  
1228



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SUBJECT: Special Unit for 15 CORPS

SECRET  
Military Mission **76**  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/2/34  
12 Dec 43 **76**  
**D9**

Chief of Staff  
S M R E

Copy to: 15 Army G3 (ref your SD1727 of 19 Dec)  
MMIA LO HEAD EIGHTH ARMY

I am instructed to request you to provide 5 Officers and 101 other ranks and the necessary equipment to form a special Unit with 5 Officers and 15 O. S. of the NEMBO Div already operating with 15 CORPS under Comd of Capt GAY.

I understand that you have already given your verbal agreement to this proposition through Col ESOLAPON.

ABC

*Col Esolapone*  
Brig  
Comd

1227



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SUBJECT: Italian Parachutists

Military Mission

to ITALIAN ARMY

SD/2/33

21 Dec 41

Allied Control Commission

Copy to: 15 Army Gp (ref para 4)

Ref your 4/1 of 30 Dec.

1. The matter appears to have been dealt with already as the att copy of our SD/2/21 of 6 Dec to 15 Army Gp indicates.
2. Copies of your 091.711 of 3 and 4 Dec are not held.
3. A recent request from the Italian General Staff for release of certain parachutist PW from SICILY which was also fwd by us to 15 Army Gp (our SD/2/31 of 17 Dec) seemed to refer, and a request was made for info as to the action that was being taken to equip these parachutists.
4. Will 15 Army Gp please note that in response to a verbal request as a result of their SD1727 of 19 Dec, the Italian General Staff state that they are taking action to increase the det with 15 CORPS to 9 officers and 119 other ranks. It is not quite clear to us however whether this latest demand includes the 50 parachutists referred to above. As these demands were not passed through this Mission we would be grateful for clarification.

ABC

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SUBJECT: Demand for Italian Parachutists

SECRET

Hq 15 Army Gp

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/2/21  
6 Dec 43

1. I fwd herewith in original the following correspondence relative to a demand for 50 parachutists for 15 Corps:
  - (a) letter 2410 OP of 1 Dec from Marshall MESSE to Allied Control Commission.
  - (b) Memo O91.711 of 3 Dec from A.C.C. to Marshall MESSE in reply.
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2. The demand for these parachutists was not put through my office: and it seems unnecessary for Marshal MESSE and the Allied Control Commission to have to deal with the provision and equipment of a unit of 50 men.
3. As stated in Marshall Messe's letter, the Italian Army cannot supply wireless sets F.T.I.: rubber soled boots: or Berretta automatics and ammunition. Can you arrange from Allied sources?
4. Do you want the 50 parachutists despatched forthwith?

CSH

signed

C.C. DUCHESNE

Brig  
-Comd

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| ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                                                                                                      | MESSAGE FORM              |                                                                                      | Register No. 197                 |
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| <p> <i>SD 1727</i> 13 AIR CORPS has det. ITALIAN para troops comdr.<br/> <i>Capt GAY (?) NEMBO para div 3 offrs 18 ORS @ ITALIAN</i><br/> <i>Gen Staff through ITALIAN L.O. at EIGHTH ARMY Cd. ESCLAPON</i><br/> <i>has agreed to increase det. to 9 offrs 119 ORS @ request you</i><br/> <i>instruct ITALIANS to provide this personnel ie. 6 offrs 101 ORS</i><br/> <i>earliest @ letter follows with details ranks and trades required</i> </p> |         |                                                                                                      |                           |                                                                                      |                                  |
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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Parachutists

13 Army Gp (2)

SECRET

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

SD/2/31

17 Dec 43

1. I forward herewith as Appx 'A' a request from the Italian General Staff for the release of PW parachutists who wish to volunteer for services with units being formed from the NIMBO Div.
2. This request evidently refers to my SD/2/21 of 6 Dec to which I await a reply.
3. May I please be kept informed of any action that is being taken in this matter.

ABC

COPY

SUBJECT:- Release of Parachutists

M M I A

APPENDIX 'A'

Ord and Mob (Mob Sec)  
Stato Maggiore N.E.  
885/MOB/V  
13 Dec '43

Stato Maggiore is reorganising units belonging to NIMBO Parachute Div from which it has drawn the personnel required for various duties. Among these units, they are forming the 1st SPECIAL INDEPENDENT UNIT, which is to be put at disposal of British 13 Corps.

Because there are in 522 and 566 PW Camps (see att list) at SYRACUSE and AUGUSTA respectively, a number of parachutists, will M M I A please examine the possibility, if there are no objections, of effecting the release of such of these men who would like to join the units of the a/m Div which are in process of being organised.

signed

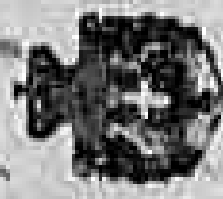
Gen A. MARIOTTI







De/va



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO  
REPARTO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE SEGRETO

Sezione Mobilitazione

P.M. 151, 6/13 dicembre 1943

N. 883/Mob./V. prot.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Recupero paracadutisti.-

ALLA MISSIONE INGLESE - presso l'Esercito Italiano LEQUILLE

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Si gradiranno notizie sulla decisione che sarà ritenuta di adottare.-

IN SMRE. ORDIN. MOB. SEC.

0883/MOB/V DEC.13.

MMIA.

CCF: RELEASE OF PARACUTISTS.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Gen. A. Mariotti)

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FROM S.M. RE. ORDINAMENTO MOB SECT.

N 883/MOB/V DEC. 13.

TO: MHA.

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PARACATUTISTS.

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FROM SMRE. ORD. MOR. MOR SEC.

NOTES/MOG/V DEC. 13.

TO: HMIA.

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PARACATISTE.

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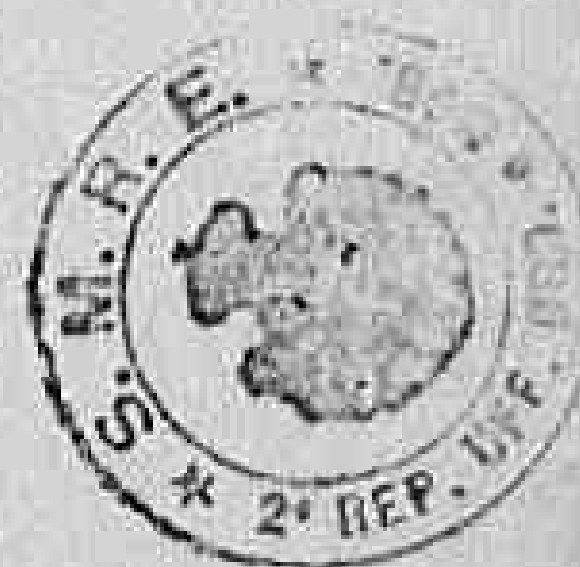
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| Pfc. - Perac. | PROIETTI                   | "                                  |
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| " - "         | GADDI                      | "                                  |
| Cpl - "       | cap. FALSI Emilio          | "                                  |
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| Pfc - "       | GUELLI                     | "                                  |
| Sgt. - "      | serg. AMUCI Armando        | "                                  |
| Pfc - "       | ZAMBARDI OZZI              | "                                  |
| " - "         | ARMELLINI Vezio            | "                                  |
| Sgt. Maj - "  | serg. magg. MANNA Giovanni | "                                  |
| Pfc - "       | BERTUZZI                   | "                                  |
| Sgt. Maj - "  | serg. magg. OSSOLA Ilmoro  | "                                  |
| Pfc - "       | BRUSATI Giuseppe           | presso                             |
|               |                            | 368 Augusta                        |

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presso il Campo P.O.W 322 Siracusa

S. M. R. E. PIZZINIANO

Pi. - Parac. PROIETTI

" - " MORELLI

" - " GADDI

Gpl - " cap. FALSI Emilio

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" - " " ZAMBARDI Arrigo

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Pic - " ZAMBARDOSZI

" - " ARCELLINI Vezio

Sgt. Mgr. - " serg. magg. MANNA Giovanni

Pic - " BERTUZZI

Sgt. Mgr. - " serg. magg. OSSOLA Ilmero

Pic - " BRUSATI Giuseppe

presso

368 Augusta

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Subject:- DEMAND for ITALIAN PARACHUTISTS

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
SD/2/21  
6 Dec 43

HQ 15 Army Group

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*Comd*



(Translation)

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Ref. N. 2410/OP.

Date. 1 Dec 48.

From G.Ops. Supreme Command.

To Command. Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Release of Stores.

1. Through the Italian Liaison Mission at 15 Army Group the following requests are made:-

- ① permission to choose 50 parachutists for 15 Corps from LECCE Reorganisation Camp.
- ② equipment for a/m 50 parachutists, & also for the 30 already doing duty with 15 Corps & Wireless Sets (F.T.1).

80 BERETTA automatic "moschetti" - 9mm.

5000 40 rd. magazines for " " " "

100 small " " " " " "

500,000 rds SAA — " " " "

50 BERETTA revolver (54 mod.) + holsters.

50 spare magazines for " " "

3500 rds SAA for " " "

40 pr. rubber-soled mountain boots.

40 parachutist daggers.

2. This Supreme Command. can supply all above items, except:-

Wireless Sets (F.T.1)

Rubber-soled Mountain boots.

BERETTA "moschetti" & arms 1219 as available in SICILY)



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