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Opened Oct 29, 1943 - Closed Ap. 20, 1944

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URGENT 148

Subject:- Formation of Pack Tpt Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
L'AQUILA (LECCE)
SD/3
20Apr 44

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SMRE
copy to MAIA LO 31 CORPS

1. Orders have been received from Allied HQ that instead of forming Nos 8 and 9 Pack Tpt Coys each strength 260, for Serial 1054A, one only is required and it should be organised according to the new War Establishment attached hereto.

2. This Company is to be called No 9 Italian Pack Tpt Coy and is to consist of 10 officers 485 other ranks and 342 animals. It will be assigned to FIFTH Army.

3. Lt Col HOWARD our Liaison Officer who left for CATANZARO to-day shortly after these instructions were received, is going to warn 31 CORPS of this change and ask them to inform you when the reorganised company can be ready to move. He did not take the detailed war establishment as only one copy was available.

4. Plans are being made to reorganise and reinforce all existing Italian Pack Tpt Coys to the same strength.

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NOTE - The War Establishment was delivered to you by Capt BAUMANN last night. After translation may it please be returned to this HQ.

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Italian Front 1st Corps 147

FIFTH ARMY

		Offrs	OR	Animals
No 1	SESSA	12	410	300
No 2	CARINOLA	10	344	272
No 5	SANCELO	9	330	303
No 8	TRIFLISCO	5	198	49
	Total	36	1282	924
	Shortage	40	1940	1368
	Deficiency	4	658	444

EIGHTH ARMY

No 3	S. VITTORE	10	235	108
No 4	OSNAURO	10	327	207
No 7	S MICHELE	10	332	268
1st Gp Guide	Calle del Faro	18	406	280
	Total	48	1300	863
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	Total	40	1300	863
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	Deficiency	+8	640	505

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No 6 (250)	FORNELLI	22	466	423
	Should be	10	495	342
	Difference	+12	-49	+81

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Wt. 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/41 [illegible] 10423 51-5735

AR[illegible] FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 31/19

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
	394/19		TRANSCRIPT 30/3

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY. 146

FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A)	FATIMA CO signed MACFARLANE	191218B	

For Action.

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions	GR
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Originator's No.
3482

CONFIDENTIAL O For FOX O Pack tft situation 11 april O Under fifth Army 1 coy 12 officers 410 other ranks 300 animals near SESSA 2 coy 16 offrs 344 other ranks 272 animals near CARINOLA 5 coy 9 offrs 330 other ranks 303 animals at S. ANGELO 8 coy 5 offrs 198 other ranks 49 animals at TRIFLISCO O Under Eighth Army 1 GRUPPO SALEMERI consisting of 3 coy 10 offrs 233 other ranks 108 animals near S. VITTORE 4 coy 10 offrs 327 other ranks 207 animals near ODNAVRO 7 coy 10 offrs 332 other ranks 268 animals S. MICHELE 14 GRUPPO GUIDE 18 offrs 406 other ranks 280 animals COLLE DEL PARO Under UTILE 6 coy 22 offrs 446 other ranks 423 animals at FORNELLI figures for this coy are from BASSO and may be on the high side O Wire subject O For BIRDO 5 types not collected as they were not available BARI but had to be drawn from BINETTO

Part to Bird 21 Apr 43

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Signed.

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Signed.

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FROM ROUT 191210 B

TO MMIA

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R.E NR THREE FOUR EIGHT TWO S CLASSIFY RESTRICTED

CONFIDENTIAL PD FOR FOR PE PAGA SIT SITUATION

UNDER SECRET PD UNDER FIFTH

ARMY ONE COY TWELVE OFFICERS FOUR ONE ZERO OTHER

RANKS THREE ZERO ZERO ANIMALS NEAR SESSA TWO COYS TEN OFFRS THREE FOUR

FOUR OTHER RANKS TWO SEVEN TWO

ANIMALS NEAR CARINOLA FIVE COY NINE OFFRS THREE THREE

ZERO OTHER RANKS THREE ZERO THREE ANIMALS AT

SUGAR ANGELO - EIGHT COY

FIVE OFFRS ONE NINE EIGHT OTHER RANKS FOUR NINE

ANIMALS AT TRIFLISCO PD PAREN TO MMIA FROM FATIMA

FOR LIAISON OFFICER

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SUGAR ANGELO - EIGHT COY

FIVE OFFRS ONE NINE EIGHT OTHER RANKS FOUR NINE

ANIMALS AT TRIFLISCO PD PAREN TO NNIA FROM FATINA

FOR LIAISON OFFICER

SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN UNDER EIGHT ARMY ONE GRUPPO

SALERNERI CONSISTING OF THREE COY TEN

OFFRS TWO THREE FIVE OTHER RANKS ONE ZERO EIGHT

ANIMALS NEAR SUGAR VITTORE FOUR COY TEN OFFRS THREE TWO SEVEN

OTHER RANKS TWO ZERO SEVEN ANIMALS NEAR ODNAVRO SEVEN COY TEN

OFFRS THREE THREE TWO OTHER RANKS TWO SIX EIGHT ANIMALS SUGAR EMICHELE

ONE FOUR GRUPPO QUITE EIGHTEEN OFFRS FOUR ZERO SIX OTHER RANKS

TWO EIGHT ZERO ANIMALS COLLE DEL PARO PD UNDER UTILE

SIX COY TWENTYTWO OFFRS FOUR

FOUR SIX OTHER RANAS FOUR TWO THREE ANIMALS

AT FORNELLI -

FIGURES FOR THIS COY ARE FROM BASSO AND MAY BE ON THE HIGH SIDE

NEW SUBJECT PD FOR BIRD PD FIVE GYRES NOT COLLECTED

AS THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE BARI BUT HAD TO BE DRAWN FROM BINETTO

REPTN 9756 191210 22C

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TEN OFFRS THREE FOUR FOUR OTHER RANKS

SUGAR NICHELE ONE FOUR

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date-Time of Origin: 29 /1600 B — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

5 ARMY. REAR 8 ARMY. MANILA
REAR 5 ARMY FWDING FOR OFFENSIVE

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

2160

~~S1 0303 (.) CODE WORD (.) your 0436 (.) WHIZ (.) Records here show 1 to 5 am 290 am 7 am and 41 Cav Gp 161st Port Transport Companies are for 11th 5 A B inches (.) Current strength of these 3 Companies is not known here due to lost WIRELESSING reinforcing (.) Please secure exact current strength from index ni advise us so that we can determine number of additional men required to bring these 3 Companies to new TO strength (.) STOP (.) No 9 Company being organized now under new TO 11th Strength of 495 in CHINA (.) STOP (.) No 58 Company strength. 93 awaiting shipment from Australia under shipping priority 31 (.) 595 reinforcements awaiting shipment from Carolinas under shipping priority 85 able and 83 below (.) 300 reinforcements arrived at Leyte recently under Serial 75 able (.) POINT (.) With these complete information so that situation be clarified and we be advised of your requirements (.) Doubtful that specialists are available to form two new Companies~~

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

5 ARMY. REAR 8 ARMY. MMIALO
REAR 5 ARMY FAIDAB FOR OFFENCE

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

~~5A 5353 (.) ADVANCE~~ your ~~2636~~ (.) ~~FIRST~~ (.) Boards here show ~~two companies~~ 2160
~~1 to 5 and 290 and 7 and six~~ Six Gp Italian Pack Transport Companies are ~~now~~
~~with 5 & 8 Armies~~ (.) Current strength of these ~~8~~ Companies is not known here due
~~to local~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~reinforcing~~ (.) ~~Please secure exact current strength from~~
~~Armies~~ ~~and advise us so that we can determine number of additional men required to bring~~
~~these 8 Companies up to new 20 strength~~ (.) ~~AGAIN~~ (.) ~~No 9~~ Company being ~~organized now~~
~~under new TO with strength of 495 in CANADA~~ (.) ~~ALSO~~ (.) ~~No 50~~ Company strength.
~~75~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Riding Shipment from Sardinia under shipping priority 81~~ (.) ~~595~~ ~~reinforcements~~
~~awaiting shipment from Sardinia under shipping priority 83 able and 85 baker~~ (.)
~~300 reinforcements arrived on Sardinia recently under Serial 75 able~~ (.) ~~PLEASE~~ (.)
~~With these~~ this complete information re unit situation be clarified and we be advised
~~of your requirements~~ (.) ~~Doubtful that specialists are available to form two new~~
~~Companies~~

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Signed.

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Signed. [illegible] Lt Col

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Army Form C 2130

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 5/D/13

CALL AND INSTRUC-TIONS	IN	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	OUT Cipher Secret	GR.	143 D/720.

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TO (1) AMMRA upld (2) 5 Army (3) PRS pass to AMMA LO (57 overprint).

FROM		Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
HQ A.A.I	127	S D 633	30/8/18	—

Secret ⊙ Ref your S.D.509 of 6th Apr and S D 522 of 10th Apr ⊙ Request that one 9 table pack Cyd may be brought up to full strength of 645 personnel (22 wishing horses ?) and 320 tunics ⊙ This Coy will be known as No 9 and will (fill?) serial 1054A ⊙ Under arrangements NOV AAI unit will move to R.H at M 9 b 8.3 ⊙ Upon arrival unit is assigned 5 Army ⊙ Notify this HQ and 5 Army date of availability and E.T.A.

2159 Origin 1130B.

T.H.I 13.27B.

T.O.R.

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SECRET FORM C 2036 (Front)

MESSAGE FORM

Call | Ref. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions | Register No.

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FROM (A) Originator: MAIA — Date Time of Origin: 15 12 15 B — Cryptographic Security Designation

For Action

TO: AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | Ch. —

Originator's No. SD 546 C YOUR SD 2605 OF 12 APRIL 82

NO COMMENTS

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C O P Y for SD/3 file

MESSAGE FORM

T O O 172345B

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From AAI

T H I 0020

To MMLA

SD2722 (*) RESTRICTED (*) First (*) Further to this HQ SD2707 dated 15 Apr (*) AFHQ state that proposals vide 1701/33/G(SD2) of 9 Apr have been passed to Military Government sec to recommend corresponding decrease (*) Will inform you immediately proposals are approved (*) SECOND (*) Request request your approval proposed war establishment italian pack bat coy

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IMPORTANT

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MEXT WMES ⓒ NQRI NR 310/18 GR 1790
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~~IEGB V HEAV 365 IMPORTANT 1 QVR 1~~

FROM HQ AAI 181130A

TO MMIA INFO 5 ARMY

~~QQX GR77 BT~~

SD636 CONFIDENTIAL (.)

REF YOUR 536 134 OF 13 APRIL AND FURTHER TO OUR SD1272 139 OF
16 APRIL (.) PLEASE CONFIRJ THAT TOTAL OF [redacted] OF NINE PACK MULE COS
[redacted] CAN BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH OF 495 PERSONNEL
EACH AND KEPT AT THAT STRENGTH BY FUTURE
REPLACEMENTS AS CASUALTIES OCCUR (.) ALSO INFORM US WHERE
OR NOT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT TRAINED PERSONNEL
TO RAISE AND MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF PACK 2156
TPT COS FROM NINE TO ELEVEN

BT1126

RPTN 365 1 181130A 5 77 ~~SDXEY~~ 636 ~~537~~ 13 SD1272

16 495 1126

SENT LS BB

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups	Serial No.
	OUT	GR. 62	Office Date Stamp

TO MTOUSA

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FROM AAI

Col Kaufman

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1272		135

CONFIDENTIAL ○ Ref your SD537 of 13 apr and this HQ A29987 of 12 apr ○ Understand that further materiel ufto being made available by disbanding italian pack btys ○ Am inserting new serial 1098A third priority list covering 500 fems ○ These in addition to 133 serials already on list and 133 in your SD2/1/3 of 5 apr

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Signature.....	Signature.....	

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T.O.R.

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SUBJECT:- Offrs - Pack Tpt Coys.

HQ AAI (Adm Sch),
CMF.

AAI/3074/4/A(O).

8 Apr 44.

Main HQ Lequille (Lecce),
Army Sub-Commission/ACC.

1. Reference this HQ letter 2043/G(SD) dated 19 Mar 44, which specifically pointed out that only two officers, a Lt Col and Adjt (Capt), should be sent forward with the HQ 4 Pack Gp.

2. This Headquarters has been informed that four officers arrived with the Group HQs whereas only two are shown on the WE.

3. Will you please ensure that in future the correct number only is sent, especially with Pack Tpt Coys, as there is already a large surplus of officers. In No.14 Pack Tpt Coys the present strength of officers is 27.

for Brigadier,
DAG.

GGE/GG.

Copy: G(SD)
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To NMIA O SD/3, V/137

SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - Italian Mule Pack Coys.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm Boh),
C.M.F.
AAI/3065/7/A(O).
9 Apr 44.

Army Sub Commission,
HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. Reinforcements for eight Italian Mule Companies and Nos 7 and 85 Regts RA are required.

2. The Mule Coys are under strength, and it is estimated that the reinforcements shown in G/6/19 dated 17 Feb (Priority Lists of Italian Units required) at Serials 1020A and 1025 and any balance of the 780 shown at Serial 1054 will only suffice to make up existing deficiencies.

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3. This HQ is arranging for Serials 1020A and 1025 to be brought forward as soon as possible, and for the balance of men left over in Serial 1054 (when 58 Coy is complete) to be brought forward with 58 Coy. This balance would be used as reinforcements for other Coys.

4. The theatre target for animal transport coys will be reached when 58 Coy arrives and will be exceeded when the Coy forming on the mainland is available.

5. It is suggested that the surplus coy be employed as a holding unit for rfts for Pack Tpt Coys.

6. Would you please give your views on this question together with any information on the availability of reinforcements for the Pack Tpt Coys.

This is answered by our SD 536.
folio 134

GCE/PA.

Brigadier, for GOC
DAG.

Copy: G(SD) ST
Q V & R.

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Army Form G2130. (Block of 100.)

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEXT - MEGB (P)m A LRAR NR5061/9 OUT	Type of Service: GR. 20	Office Date: 14

TO MMIA

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FROM AAI | Originator's Number: SD2695 | Date | In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED K ○ Request you forward comments concur on proposed war establishment for italian pack t/t coy of available tanks and he was going to CASERTA to speak on night 14 April. No further action required for time being.

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T.H.I. 131920

T.O.R.

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ARMY FORM C2130. (Pads of 100.)

MESSAGE FORM

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	IN NEXT VNEGB (P) M QVR1 NK521/12	GR. 37	
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TO MMIA INFO REAR 5 ARMY REAR 8 ARMY MMIA LO

FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number A29989 | Date | In Reply to Number

Please note available earliest 400 mule teams for each Italian pack transport corps of 100 of necessary except in lots of 100 or multiples dates of availability further requests by signal follow

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

TOO 13 1110 R

To FLAMBO rptd RMAR 5 ARMY
RMAR 8 ARMY
FATIMA for CIPPENHAUER
MMIALO RMAR 8 ARMY

THI

30536 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your A29969 of 12 April (.)
FIRST (.) NO repeat NO personnel can be provided from Italian Army without priority serial allotted by C(SD) when please consult (.) SECOND (.) Only muleteers presently available are forming Nos eight and nine Pack Tpt Coys in CAGLIARI and some reinforcements arriving from SARDINIA (.) After these there will only be ordinary soldiers (.) THIRD (.) For CSD (.) request reply to my [redacted]88 of 2 April

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(A/MAJ GEN)

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Cf Lond. Phone
regarding ops Sitrep
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HQ. AAI.

8 April 44.

Dear John. (Lt Col NOAKES)

I attach the proposed W.E. for the Italian Pack Transport Company. I am sorry not to have given it to you before you left. Would you please let us have a signal agreeing to it (or otherwise)

I hope you will come and see us again next week

Yours

Humphreys

Note Allied or Italian Army?

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI left for NAPLES on
11 April to discuss this with BADOGLIO.
He cannot decide anything until he has
what he involves in men and materials

CS

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F. J. Noaker
Lt Col USAF
Assistant.

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SECRET

Subject:- Farriers for Pack Tpt Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
L'AQUILE (LEOCE)
SD/3/29
4 Apr 44

SMRS

Ref your 7/131/Serv of 22 Mar 44.

Confirming arrangements made by Capt BAUMANN.

1. Please despatch the eight available farriers to HQ 4 Pack Gp CASTEL DUCE VERNANO.

2. They should travel with XX Pack Gp HQ leaving NOVOLI for SESSA on the 11 April.

3. Please confirm departure.

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

GSH

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Army Form C2130.
(Pads of 100.)

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN HEYT VNEGZ (P) NL390/7 QQY	No. of Groups. GR. 20	Office Date Stamp 131
	OUT		

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TO MMIA

FROM FLAIRO 114	Originator's Number A2816/0	Date	In Reply to Number

Your SD462 of 290 Eight farmers should report to HQ 4 Pack Gft CASTEL DUCE VENAFRO

[illegible] Castel Duce [illegible] 2146

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY
IMPORTANT

TIME OF ORIGIN 071245

T.H.I. 071255

T.O.R.

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M2/3075/7084 [illegible] C. R. & S. (G) 41—6116

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Form C-2120
(Field of 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

MILITARY MISSION

130 50/15
Serial No. 2/9

CALL FOR INSTRUCTIONS

IN NEXTMIREF BVR 1 (P) NR 227/9

OUT

Date 9 Apr 44

to ITALIAN ARMY.

No. of Groups GR. 94

Office Date Stamp 9 Apr 44

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TO HQ FIFTH ARMY FOR ADVANCE AND REAR 5 ARMY

FROM MMA REAR 5 ARMY

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MM/75		

In reply	to 5045	of 06 0	Before 3	arrived	5T 5 ARMY
following	FLAMBO	1046/61 of	06 authorize reorganization of		
SALERNO	requested	CICOGNA	LO 8 ARMY and BERNI CANANI		
inspector	SALERNO	got 1000	-/to BRUNO C of STASIO told		
MONICO 1000 men		1923 class	available but no clothing		
Inv 1046/61 of 25 followed by Authority from RTS from SD FRANCO flying					
proceed by 5T FLAMBO. Re-req			Considered Vital to Full MONICO		2165

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO : 2nd ic

From Italian figures we shall need to find 825 men
80 riding horses
462 mules

This letter is NOT addressed to us but should we not point out above in a friendly and ask G(Sd) what is to be done?

They may not have the animals and saddlery although they should have plenty of saddles — they took 8,000 from SARDINIA.

G

K

Ask MARKHAM Hse

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C. O. O.

C. Para FM Corps

			+ or -	
	o/h	rr		
No 6	21	525	+11	+40
3	10	340		-140
1				
2				
4	53		+3	-725
5				
7				
	+14			-825

Above are figures from Italian sources.

I estimate that we shall need about 1000 men to make existing Corps up to increased strength.

Animals and saddles are not available as they are already short on the last Corps forming in CALABRIA

G.T.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO. DISTWO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Reference relative reply	our f0	SD187 German	of vehicles	4 please	Feb expedite

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport.

HQ AAI (Adm Echelon) GMF.

1046/31

6 Mar 44.

Main Eighth Army (2)
Rear Eighth Army (6)
Main 5 Corps (2)
Rear 5 Corps (1)
Sr Lnor Fifth Army (4)

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Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to - PPS (4)
MMIA (3)
G-4
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G(SD)
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V & R.

	PERSONNEL					ANIMALS		
	Officers	Warrant Officers	Sgts and Dets	Corporals	Drivers	Total Italian Pack Coy		

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport.

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1046/1

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT								

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Headquarters	4	1	4	7	41	57	10	20	30
Four Troops	4		12	40	372	428	12	300	312
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Attached									
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Four Troops					4	4			
	2		1		7	10			
Total Italian Pk Tpt Coy (incl attached)	10	1	17	47	420	495	22	320	342

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport.

HQ AAI (Adv Echelon) GMF.

1046/1

MILITARY MISSION. 6 Apr 44.

Date 9 Apr 44

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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	PERSONNEL						ANIMALS			2141
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TO FLAMBO RPTD AAI FIFTH ARMY

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD 509

Date 06

In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL ○ Ref your SD/518/6780 of 30 Mar and our SD 488 of 2 April for which reply is awaited ○ 8 PACK TPT COY 7 offrs 260 ors 204 Mules 4 carts 30 tons stores ready to move TENTH COSENZA ○ No. 9 same strengths ready TWENTIETH at CROTONE ○ Rail TPT

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Signature J. Hamblen Maj

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GR. D/805.

TO MMIA

FROM CO 31 Italian Lap

Originator's Number G6/2 Date 4

8	REPORTO	SAMERIA	located	COSOZA		7 offs
260 ORs	204 mules	4 Carts	ready	April		10 d. ⊙
9	REPORTO	SAMERIA	located	CROTONE		7 offs
260 ORs	204 mules	4 Carts	ready	April		20 d. ⊙
Propose	visit	before	there	dates		

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TO MMIA (MAIN HQ)

FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number: Q(AE)27807 — Date — Ref. to No.

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Ref your SD458 © On present instructions maintenance only of italian track transfer corps is british and responsibility © Initial equipment must be from italian sources

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 021825B

From MMIA

T H I

To FLAMBO rptd AAI
FATIMA for OFFENHAUER

SD488 (°) For Q(AE) and GSD (°) Your Q(AE)27143 of 1 April (°) Two Pack Tpt Coys forming in CALABRIA each 7 offrs 260 ors 204 mules (°) N° 8 to be ready tenth (°) N° 9 twentieth but deficient of 117 pack saddles (°) These two were ordered on receipt your SD443/22420 of 11 March (°) Also SHAEF have just heard that 210 Div is forming a coy at direct request of FIFTH ARMY (°) Do you approve all above in view of para 7 our SD/15/7 of 20 March and amendment Serial 1054

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Maj (IMPORTANT)

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SUBJECT: Pack T Coys

1091

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/28
23 Mar 44.

SMRE

1. The Pack Tpt Coy attached to 68 Inf Regt is to be re-designated 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coy.

2. A report has been received from FIFTH Army that the personnel which were to go from 113 and 114 Inf Regt and 16 and 67 Arty Raggr to 2 Italian Pack Tpt in exchange for those sent there, were sent instead to the 1 and 5 Italian Pack Tpt Coys which were at the time badly in need of reinforcements. 2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy has been reconstituted with the reinforcements that arrived from SARDINIA on 8 March.

R.H. Buchanan Lieut-Col.
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CGL.

2136

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SUBJECT :- Disbandment of 2 Pack Tpt Coy

AFO [illegible] BCH, CMF.

3110/2/A(O)

15 Mar 44

50/3
107
4058

FBI
2 District

From Flamb

-86

Further to this letter 3110/2/A1 dated 24 Feb 44. 15 MAR.

1. The following report has been received from H, Fifth Army :-

"Personnel were withdrawn from the 2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy and despatched to Italian units as directed in para 4 of your 3110/2/A1 dated 24 Feb 44.

In order to provide badly needed replacements for the 1st and 5th Italian Pack Tpt Coys, then actively serving with II Corps, the personnel taken from units listed in para 3, above letter, were sent to those units instead of the 2nd Pack Tpt Coy.

Replacements from SARDINIA have been utilised to rebuild the 2nd Italian Pack Tpt Coy. The replacements arrived on or about 9 March 44 and have been assigned to the Coy".

2. No further action is therefore necessary.

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mf-3773-
Sent to Main HQ

for Brigadier,
DAG.

Captain

CCR/AAM

Copy to :- Army Sub Commission, AFO.
Cmd.
G(SD)
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V & R.

Encl #.

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Subject :- Italian Pack Tpt Coys

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1715/SD1

20 Mar 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)

Ref your SD/3/26 dated 17 Mar 44.

It is confirmed that the serial number for the Italian Pack Tpt Coy attached to 68 Italian Inf Regt is to be redesignated 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coy.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Horses Or Carabinieri

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/27
1st Mar 44

Adv HQ
Army Sub Commission (ACC)
SALERNO

-73

Ref our SD/3/19 of 22 Feb.

The att correspondence has found its way here via our Liaison Officer in NAPLES.

ABC

for Lt Col
Brigadier, GS
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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GR 31 — 104

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TO MMIA INFO AAI

FROM FLAMBO

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SD448/23360 Ref your SD359 of 14 mar O Requirement for aerial 1053 on priority list 3 are two offrs and 6 ors as PACK TPT SP HQ

for Capt Baumann SMRE (Ord) wfp

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SUBJECT:- Italian Pack Tpt Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/26
17 Mar 44

A.A.I.

1. Reference your signals SD2679 of 2 Mar and SD2366 of 9 Mar and SD2459 of 15 Mar to AFHQ rptd this HQ.

2. These signals have arrived very corrupt and are not understood.

3. Do you wish to renumber the 68 Inf Regt Pack Transport Coy, No 250, which was the original number?

4. No action has been taken by this HQ.

ABC

for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TO AFHQ Attn MMIA (FA--6C)?

FROM AAI

Originator's Number: SD 2459 — Date: — Precedence: 58P

Ref (Reference) Dated	Encl Onetap 2nd Feb	SD 2306 Herein Paraphrased	Dated should read 9th?	(9th)? March (?) Last SD 2079 Complete?	
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D/668.

TO AAI ytd MMIA FLAMDO

signed C-in-C.

FROM AFHQ CITE FHGCT

Originator's Number 62746 Date 12

Your	SD 2366-99	of	9th March	O	Request
clarification	as	NO	serial No	"Z"	in
your	SD 2679-58	of	2nd Feb	9s	reference
made	to	"H" ITALIAN BACK TPT Coy		at	Serial 120C

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO ACMF

FROM MMIA

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TO AFHQ rptd MYFIVE FLAMER

FROM ACMF

Originator's Number: SD 2361 — Date: 9 — Time Filed: 2197

Reference	our	SD2679	dated	2 cl	March.
⊙	Please	amend	part	one	(C?)
(L)	rpt	(L)	designation	of	unit
to	read	No.	258	Italian	pack
tpt	Coy.				

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T.H.I. Nil.

T.O.R.

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STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI = Sezione Veterinaria

N. 7/11/SERV.di prot. P.M.151,11 11 Marzo 1944

OGGETTO : Maniscalchi.-

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

L E Q U I L E

Riferimento foglio SD/3/23 del 29 febbraio.-

Sarà possibile mettere a disposizione circa 15 maniscalchi sui 20 richiesti, traendoli dalle varie unità delle Puglie e Campania.-

N° 11 di essi sono pronti a partire subito e si trovano attualmente presso reparti dislocati nelle provincie di Bari , Lecce e Brindisi.-

Si fa riserva di comunicare - al più presto possibile - dove e quando saranno disponibili i rimanenti maniscalchi.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Gen. Branca

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FROM (A) Originator: MAIA | Date-Time of Origin: 12 1650A | Office Date Stamp

For Action: FLAMBO

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | CR

Originator's No.: SD 359 O Serial 1053 One Pack Tpt Co HQ Bn Strength 6 O total. Priority is requested

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Signed

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(OVER) 5-42 M 200,000 Pads 5-42 E.S.S. Ltd 4-6046

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TO MIA INFO ACME

FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number: 88

Date: 5/3/24

In Reply to Number:

5D4w3/23420 additional	ref your coys still required to complete serial 1054	5D/3/24 of w/trac do not agree to form 0 Hours		

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TO FIFTH ARMY INFO FLAMEO MAIR 2NDW SCHOOL

FROM AAAZZ DAY

Originator's Number: THG79

Date

In Reply to Number

Ref 7783 addressed FLAMEO to Please send eight and twelve alpha to METHO forthwith"

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TO FLIMSO action AGMF info MMIA info [redacted]

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FROM 5th Army.

CONFIDENTIAL O British snow warfare school at SEPIN (SEPINO?) have requested this HQ sends 1st. ALPINI to assist in handling mules. and 12 privates of ALPINI serving under 5th Army snow unit with 1st. Italian group and above fall spare O This HQ will despatch personnel upon receipt of appropriate orders.

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COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

Stato maggiore - Ufficio Ordinamento

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N° 2975/Ord. di prot. P.M. 120, 27 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: costituzione 8° reparto salmerie.-

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

Uff. Ordin. e Mobilitazione

Posta Militare 151

Il Comando 5ª Armata Americana ha richiesto al Comando 210ª divisione la costituzione di un 8° reparto salmerie che verrebbe fornito di muli e materiali da trarsi da un reparto Americano. -

La preparazione e l'inquadramento degli uomini per il predetto reparto sono pressochè ultimati mentre neccessitano le serie di vestiario e l'equipaggiamento, già richieste al comando 5ª Armata.

Sarà mia cura tenere informato Cotesto Stato Maggiore sulla costituzione del reparto.-

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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA

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Uff. Ordin. e Mobilitazione

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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE
(Antonio Basso)

Fifth Army has asked AFR 210 Div to form an Eighth Pack Tpt Coy. The men are ready and clothing & equipment has been requested for Fifth Army. Will keep you informed

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	OUT	GR. 25	OFFICE DATE STAMP 12 Sep 43

TO MMIA

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FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number Q(AE) 27142 | Date | In Reply to Number

Ref our QAE 16099 of 11 Sep 43 Request you confirm that further italian Spark transport companies do not require initial supply spark transport equipment

(G P 157) WL 3409: 1500M Pads. F/a E & S. Ltd. 51-5510.

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TELEGRAMMA

DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO
AT COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
et, per conoscenza:
AT SUPERESERCITO= OP.=SERV.= TRASPORTI (amano)

N°2614/ORD. ALT. AT PARZIALE MODIFICA FOGLIO QUESTO SUPERESERCITO 2557/ORD.DATA 29 MARZO INDICATIVI 11°ET 12° REPARTO SALMERIE VENGONO CAMBIATI RISPETTIVAMENTE IN 8° ET 9° ALT SUPERESERCITOORDINAMENTO =1830010444

P; c. c.
IL TEN COL. in s. S.M. CAPOSEZIONE
(G. GUIDA)

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(T) COPIA PER A.C.C.

TELEGRAMMA

DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO
AT COMANDO XXXI CORPAMILES

et per conoscenza:

AT SUPERESERCITO OPERAZIONI (a mano)
AT SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI (a mano)
AT SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI (a mano)

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N°2596/Ord. alt At parziale modifica foglio 2557/Ord. data 29 corrente alt Uno dei reparti salmerie da costituire con disciogliendo CVI btg. movimento stradale dovrà essere pronto muovere entro IO aprile p.v. anzichè entro giorno 20 (.) Prega si inoltrare richiesta trasporto con congruo anticipo tempo at Superesercito Trasporti alt Superesercito Ordinamento = 1800310344 =

P. C. C.
TEN.COL. in s.S.M. CAPO SEZ.
(Giovanni Guida)

Partial amendment to 2557/Ord. dated 29th. ① One of the Packs Tp units to be formed [illegible] the 106 Bn now being [illegible] released from road work must be ready to move on April 10th. instead of 20th. ① Please indent fm. Tp unit Superesercito Trasporti giving reasonable notice

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To MMIA LO 31 CORPS

T O O 31 1245 A

T H I

SD470 (°) Ref our SD469 of today (°) FLAMBO are only expecting one Coy and asking for it earliest (°) See SMRE order at CORPS and signal earliest date of readiness so that movement can be organised in advance (°) Visit Coys if possible

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA T O O 31 1240 A

To SMRE rptd MMIA LO 31 CORPS T H I

SD469 (°) Ref your 2557/ORD of 29 March (°) FIRST ref our SD/3/17 of 16 Feb (°) SECOND (°) They are now required urgently (°) Request you accelerate and advise earlier dates of readiness for one or both

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ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100)

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TO MTOU INFO FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY G3D AAI

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FLAMBO 35 - 58/15	SD58/26780	30	

Ref your SD/15/77 of 20 Inst not to all o Request acceleration of attachment
track thr coy o This coy will be assigned fifth army & 30 or AAI thru additional
coy will be send 165th A for fifth army & station track thr coy is assigned
eighth army but will not move from fifth army for present

(Reverse side of Army Form C2128.)

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Signed			T.H.I. 1542

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WB 460

Inspection of N° 4 Gb Artillery - 2 Bty's at Nandina 26/2/44

Officers — Maj Ortoleva in Cmd - 19 others.

N.C.O.s & Men — Senior N.C.O. - 21 O.Rs 596 - unit to strength

Mules Pack 154
" Draught 4
Horses 21

Condition. Horses - good
Mules " 30% Fair 70% } all under cover.

Stable Management. Good. Animals Groomed, watered & fed twice daily.

Hrs of Work or Exercise — 1½ hrs daily as forage supply is irregular and animals as a whole not in good condition

Veterinary Supervision — animals inspected daily - officer with unit.
" Staff — 1 Junior N.C.O.
" Medicines — Very little

Farriers Staff

Mule Shoes — Shoeing Smiths - 2 Assist with dressings
" Nails — Iron obtained by Local Purchase
Shoeing — In short supply, using old ones where possible
Stamps — Every 2 months renewed Shoes changed once every 15 days
Arms & Guns — Complete & serviceable

Calibre & Dwg in — Clean - Bright parts oiled daily for time of year
Ammunition — Guns N° 4 Type from Arsenal 1. FIAT M.G. 8m/m 35
Cleaning Material — 75/13 Mod 15. Skoda Manufacture Life of Barrels 3000 Rds
Clothing — Complete 250 rds per gun
Soap Oil & Grease - in short supply.

Boots — Most of men had only what they stood in.
Most Greatcoats - good. Jackets & Trousers torn & patched
On the whole had some new about 20 inspected
on parade in one battery had no boots some no
socks. Under such conditions it may be con
sidered that the men were well handled by the officers
Considered inadequate - On scale B.

Rations — The C.O. hopes to change 50 mules - being
Remarks — on the small side.

C.O. stated that he has been promised boots & clothing for the men within the next few days. He hoped that all promised stores would arrive soon. Also that extra rations for men

Veterinary Supervision
" Staff
" Medicines

Farriers Staff
Mule Shoes
" Nails

Shoeing
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Remarks

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Very little

Shoeing Smiths - 2 Assist with dressings
Iron obtained by Local Purchase
In short supply, using old ones where possible
Every 2 months renewed Shoes changed over every 15 days
Complete + serviceable
Clean - Bright parts too dry for time of year
Guns No 7 Rec from Arsenal 1. FIAT M4. 8 m/m
75/13 Mod 15. Skoda Manufacture Life of Barrels 3000 lbs
Complete 250 rds per Gun
Soap Oil + Grease - in short supply.
Most of men had only what they stood in.
Most Greatcoats - good. Jackets + Trousers worn + patched
On the whole bad some men about 20 inspected
on parade in one battery had no boots some no
socks. Under such conditions it may be considered that the men were well handled by the officers
considered inadequate - on scale 5.

The C.O. hopes to change 50 mules - being on the small side.

C.O. stated that he had been promised boots + clothing for the men within the next few days. He hoped that all promised stores would arrive soon. Also that extra rations for men + animals would be forthcoming. A month of decent feeding would make the required difference to the units appearance + training. - I concur!

The C.O. took over the unit a few days ago from Major Luna. The new C.O. has never had dealings with animals - He is purely - a gunner.

Gun Instruments + Sights to Turin on 28/2 for overhaul, some need repair.

P. I. O.

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Vehicles	Scale per Troop. Trucks 2½ Ton 2 " 15 cwt 12 Horse Drawn 4 - 1 per gun for ammn - 32 rds not ground - apprx 15 lbs.
Transport Requirements to move by rail	Trucks for animals 23 " " Stores 5 x x Includes Guns Officers - Coaches 1 ORs Trucks 15 M.T. If hauled 2½ Ton Trucks 4 15 cwt 12 M.T. Vehicles not yet issued

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Inspection of Mules	Guns + Equip at Cadenazzo 25/2/[illegible]
Officers Men	Capt Pescallo + 7 others 9 Senior NCO + 183 OR Strength 223
Mules No 67 Draught Mules No 4 Horses 4	Condition - Good. fit for service. all under cover occupying 5 Stables.
Stable Management	Grooming, Watering, Feeding } Twice daily:- Shoeing :- Monthly or as required Water - as used for domestic purposes
Mules Hrs of Work	Parade or Exercise 3 hrs daily
Veterinary Supervision	Officer makes daily inspection
Veterinary Staff	Nil. Medicines:- Sufficient
Farrier Staff	1 NCO 2 Sh. Smiths. also do necessary dressings
Mule Shoes Nails	Monthly Indent: Shoes becoming scarce
Harness	Complete. Clean + serviceable
Arms Condition good	Guns 75/13 - 4 LMG 8mm/m 2
Ammunition	Gun 300 Scale for Bty 1160
Remarks	Guns complete with sights + attachments Men appear well clad fed + disciplined. There is a scarcity of soap oils + grease for the care +

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Feeding
Stoving :- Monthly or as required
Water – as used for domestic purposes

Hours Hrs of work — Parade or Exercise 3 hrs daily

Veterinary Supervision — Officers make daily inspection
Veterinary Staff — Nil. Medicines :- Sufficient
Farriers Staff — 1 N60 2 Sh. Smiths. also do necessary dressings
Mule shoes Chains — Monthly Indent: Shoes becoming scarce
Harness — Complete. Clean & serviceable
Arms Condition good — Guns 75/13 - 4 LMG 8 mm 2
Ammunition — Guns 500 Scale for Bty 1160

Remarks — Guns complete with sights & implements

Men appear well clad fed & disciplined.

There is a scarcity of soap oils & grease for the care & preservation of guns & harness

The 4 MGs are Fiat 8 mm & are provided with extra arms for the mountings so that they may be used against Aircraft

A Brown
Maj

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All. n. 2 al f° 2552 /Ord. del 19.5.44

SPECCHIO RIEPILOGATIVO PER LA COSTITUZIONE DI 2 REPARTI SALMERIE PER A.A.

N°d'ord. della richiesta A.C.C.	Reparti da costituire	FORZA Uff.	FORZA Sott.e Tr.	FORZA Muli	Ente incaricato della costituzione	Reparti da impiegare per la costituzione	Dislocazione	FORZA Uff.	FORZA Sott.e tr.	FORZA Muli	Nominativo dei reparti	Località di approntamento	Data di approntamento
I054	Due compagnie Salmerie	14	520	408	XXXI C.A.	CVI btg.movimento stradale (da smobilizzare)	Spezzano albanese	I0	357	8	11° e 12° reparto	Spezzano Albanese	20.4.44
						55° nucleo salmerie	Cosenza	2	110	73			
						Salmerie già approntate per div. "Piceno" (f°4/20/O.N.del 24.11.43 del C.do 7ª armata	-	2	53	210			
						Quadrupedi che saranno assegnati a cura uff.servizi di questo S.M.				117			
		14	520	408									

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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MESSAGE FORM

From MAIA

To FLAMBO

T O O 24 0255 A 2/3

T H I 114

SD462 (°) For GSD (°) Your 3110/2/A1 of 13 Feb asked for 20 farriers for British units (°) now eight available in APULIA (°) signal if and where required

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione Veterinaria

n°7/ 131 /Serv. di prot. P.M.151,li 22 marzo 1941

OGGETTO: Maniscalchi.-

AlLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.O.C.

LECCE

Seguito foglio n°7/111/Serv. in data 11 corrente, comunicasi l'elenco nominativo dei maniscalchi messi a disposizione e pronti a partire subito, segnalando - altresì - che uno di quelli dati disponibili col succitato foglio, venne assegnato alla 211ª infermeria quadrupedi.

1 - Maresciallo Veterinario - PONTICELLI Giovanni } Presso il
2 - Sergente magg. " - IACOPINI Filippo } Deposito
3 " " " - LAURINO Nicola } 47° Rgt.Art.
4 - Sergente " - MECCARICCIO Giovanni } di.in Lecce
5 " " - PETRELLI Rodolfo } Deposito
} 14° Rgt.Art.
6 - Caporal Magg. " - AGOSTI Guido } - Bari
} 106 Regt.
7 - caporale " - IENGHI Giuseppe } 2° Art.
} - Tamburi
8 - Caporale " - ANTONICCI Luigi } 152ª Sezione
} Sanità "Piceno"
9 - caporale " - IENGHI Carlo } -Ascorotondo
} 405° Rgt.Art.
} - Brindisi
} CCXIV Gruppo
} Skoda del 155°
} Art. di.
} - Forte S.Su-
} sanna
10 - Caporale " - MASO Ulisse } 336° Rgt. Art.
} "Piceno"
} - Teramo

Further to our 7/111/Serv. dated 11th inst. herewith nominal roll of farriers placed at your disposal and ready to leave at once.
We would point out however that one of these men,

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pronti a partire subito, segnalando - altresì - che uno di quelli dati disponibili col succitato foglio, venne assegnato alla 211^ infermeria quadrupedi.

- 1	Maresciallo Maniscalco	- PONTICELLI	Giovanni	presso il Deposito 47° Rgt.Art. di Lecce
- 2	Sergente magg. "	- IACOPINI	Filippo	
- 3	" " "	- LAURINO	Nicola	
- 4	Sergente "	- MECCARIELLO	Giovanni	
- 5	" "	- PETRELLI	Rodolfo	Deposito 14° Rgt.Art. - Bari
- 6	Caporal Magg. "	- AGOSTI	Guido	406 Reggr. 2° Btg. - Tamburi
- 7	caporale "	- LUNGHI	Gibsappe	152^ Sezione Sanità "Pisano" - Locorotondo
~~- 8~~	~~Caporale~~ "	~~- ANTONUCCI~~	~~Luigi~~	405° Rgt.Ftr. - Brindisi
~~- 9~~	~~artigliere~~ "	~~- TENNI~~	~~Cosimo~~	CCXIV Gruppo Skoda del 155° art. Mf. - Torre S.Susanna
-10	Fante "	-MASO	Mario	336° Rgt.Ftr. "Piave" - Pesaro

Further to our 7/III/Serv. dated 11th inst. herewith nominal roll of farriers placed at your disposal and ready to leave at once.
We would point out however that one of them formally listed as available has been posted to the 211 Animal Hospital

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d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M.
CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(A.Querois)

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO ★ UFFICIO REMONTE

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COPIA PER A.C.C.

TELESCRITTO

URGENTE

SD/3

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MT/GT.

DA SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE

AT COMANDO IX CAMA (telescritto)

et per conoscenza (:)

AT SUPERESERCITO = OPERAZIONI (a mano)

AT SUPERESERCITO = SERVIZI (a mano)

No sign

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Nº 3073/ACB. AIT ORGANICO COMANDO GRUPPO SALERNO CUI TELE 2100/OMD. DATA 18 CORRENTE QUESTO SUPERESERCITO DOVRA' ESSERE AUMENTATO DI 2 UFFICIALI SUBALTERNI ED UN SOTTUFFICIALE (.) DETTO COMANDO VIENE DESTINATO AT 5ª ARMATA ED DOVRA' PRESENTARSI AT SOTTOCAPO TRASPORTI 10º CORPO ARMATA AT SALERNO (.) TRASPORTO SARA' EFFETTUATO AT CURA ALLEATI AIT SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE

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S. M. R. E. UFF. DIS.

F. to C. C.

IL TEN.COL. DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO

(Lire 1 Milleflorini)

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SECRET

HQ AAI (Adm Sch)
CNF
2013/C(SD)
19 Mar 44

SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt

Army Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission

Copy to:- ST

Ref SD 448/23360 of 16 Mar 44.

1. It is desired to draw your attention to the fact that according to WE for Pack Gp HQ enclosed, one offr must be a Lt Col and the other capable of carrying out duties of an adjt.

2. You are asked to ensure that the Lt Col to be appointed, is qualified to command animal units. He is reqd to command four Italian pack coys with British Cadres, under the general direction of comd 4 Pack Gp.

3. It is essential that an extremely able offr is appointed and if possible either he or his Adjt should speak English or French.

Lt Col.
G.S.

HB SHAPE informed by BADMANN 24 March

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HEADQUARTERS - PACK TRANSPORT GROUP

III/249/1

III A

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

79/WE/7292 (SD3)

Officer Commanding - Lt Col.	1
Adjutant (Captain)	1
Total Officers	2
Clerks, (includes 1 sergeant)	2
Dvrs, IC for duty as:-	
Batman	1
Batman-Dvr	1
Dvr of Veh) (includes 1	1
Motor Cyclist) L/Cpl)	1
Total Other Ranks	6
Total HQ, Pack Tpt Gp, RASC	8

(ii) Transport

Motor Cycle, Solo	1
Car 4 str 4 x 2	1
Truck 15cwt 4 x 2 GS	1

(iii) Weapons

Pistols .38 inch	2
Rifles .303 inch	3
Machine Carbine	3

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

n° 3012 /Mob. di prot. P.M. 151, 21 marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Approntamento comando gruppo salmerie.-

Informing H.Q. Peace Tp. Hr. ready 4 - Clear.
Pro XX

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

LECCE

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'E' stato disposto che il LI corpo d'armata approntì il comando gruppo salmerie richiesto al n° 1053 del noto elenco.-

Il suddetto comando gruppo salmerie ha l'indicativo di XX ed è pronto a partire dal 22 corrente, come comunicato verbalmente.-

S.M.R.E.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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OGGETTO: Approntamento comando gruppo salmerie.-

Referring H.Q. Pack Tp H. ready 4 Mules. Pro XX

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

LECUILE

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S. M. A. E. UFF. ORD.

SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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SUBJECT:- Command of Italian Pack Tpt Coys

HQ ACMF (Adm Ech)
CMF
2043/G(SD)
6 Mar 44

British Increment Fifth Army
Main Eighth Army
Allied Control Commission (Army Sub Commission)

Copy to:- G(SD) Main ACMF
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VR

1. Experience has shown that the adm, stable management and horse mastership of the Italian units are far below the standard required for the assured maintenance of the fighting troops.

2. It is not intended to remove from the Italian Officers the comd of their own troops, but rather to direct their efforts into what, for many years, has been accepted as the British system of stable management and horse mastership and which has stood the test of the present tactical operations.

3. To this end it is essential that the orders of the Force Comd as expressed through the Pack Gp Comd and the affiliated British cadres are scrupulously obeyed by the Italian Officers. This includes the direct instructions of the British cadres to Italian units in the fwd areas which ensures that correct maintenance loads are carried.

4. Where the instructions of the Pack Gp Comd are not being obeyed, the matter will be reported by the British cadre. If the Pack Gp Comd feels that he cannot deal with the matter himself and decides to submit an adverse report, a copy of such report will be furnished to the unit concerned.

L.M. Ingledew
for Lt Gen.
COS

HB

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3. To this end it is essential that the orders of the Force Comd as expressed through the Pack Gp Comd and the affiliated British cadres are scrupulously obeyed by the Italian Officers. This includes the direct instructions of the British cadres to Italian units in the fwd areas which ensures that correct maintenance loads are carried.

4. Where the instructions of the Pack Gp Comd are not being obeyed, the matter will be reported by the British cadre. If the Pack Gp Comd feels that he cannot deal with the matter himself and decides to submit an adverse report, a copy of such report will be furnished to the unit concerned.

HB

L.M. Inglesby 21/6
for Lt Gen.
CGS.

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MMIA fl. 1 83/3.p

Subject: HQ 2 Pack Tpt Coy

HQ Italian Armed Forces
CAMPANIA.

To: A.F.H.Q.

General Staff (SD)

18 Feb 44

Since the 2 Pack Tpt Coy has shewn itself to be unsuitable for further employment in its present capacity, I have decided to dissolve it.

The men on whom we can still count will form a nucleus around which the unit can be rebuilt.

The remainder has been allotted to the undermentioned Regts who in turn will release, provided you agree, an equivalent number of men, skilled in Muleo management as follows:-

113 Inf Regt	90 Men
114 Inf Regt	65
16 Arty Regmt	55
67 Arty Regmt	40
	250

Sta Maria,

(signed) Gen Basso.

NOTE.

113 and 114 Inf Regt under P.B.S.
16 Arty Regmt " 57 Area
67 " " " 94 Sub Area

G(SD) Flambo have this matter in hand and have provisionally fixed it at — 8 Feb 44

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TO MAIA INFO FLAMBO

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FROM ACMF / 58[illegible]

Originator's Number SD 2235 | Date | In reply to Number

Ref my SD2679 of 2 Set re designation of 1 and 2 (CALABRIAN) PACK TPT COYS as 7 and 3 Italian pack Mtr COYS approved

Thanks for all your help ops Appo

G 11

MILITARY MISSION

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LUQUILLO (LUCCE)
SD/3/25
6 Mar 44

S E R E

1. 58 Italian Pack Tpt Coy will be shipped from SARDINIA.

2. On arrival the Unit will be absorbed by 3 Pack Tpt Coy.

3. The unit will count against Serial 1054 in the formation of Units programme.

4. Shipping list priority is N° 31.

2103

Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TO MMIA RPTD ACMF 5 ARMY

FROM FLAMBO 80

Originator's Number: SD 433/20996

Date:

In Reply to Number:

Ref your letter SD/3/22 of 27 Oct ⊙ Authority is granted to permit the 58th station pack tpt coy to be absorbed by 3 italian pack tpt coy upon arrival in italy 58th pack tpt coy will count against serial 1054 in priority list 3 ⊙ 3 for ACMF ⊙ Include this unit in list 7 pers 194 animals 124

Entered on List 3 (5th)

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SUBJECT:- Italian Pa[illegible] Tpt Coys

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
L[illegible]QUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/24
7 Mar 44

G(SD) ACMF (Adm Sch)

Copy to: G(SD) Main ACMF
MMIA LO ACMF (Adm Sch)

Ref your 2043/G(SD) of 1 Mar.

1. In Appx 'A' under "Units available" you show

One HQ Italian Pack Gp
Three Italian Pack Tpt Coys

ref Serials 1053 and 1054 on ACMF Third Priority List dated 3 Feb.

2. The actual situation is that apart from

	Offrs	ors	Mules	Ref	Third Priority List Serial	Shipping Serial
(a)	5	200		Rfts	SD265 of 21 Feb	—
(b)	6	300		6 Rfts	" " "	102QA
(c)	4	190	128	Secs 128 Pack Tpt Coy	SD/3/22 of 27/2	—

all in SARDINIA, and the Pack Gp HQ which has been ordered from the Mainland, there is no immediate prospect of being able to form any more Pack Tpt Units.

3. The six Secs each 1 offr and 50 ors at 2(b) above have been specially ordered by the Italian Gen Staff to augment the Pack Tpt Coys already working with FIFTH ARMY, which they state are under strength for the work that they are doing. It would be appreciated if these Secs could be allotted as intended by the Italian Gen Staff.

4. In view of your Summary in Appx 'A' which shows two Coys surplus to demand, and

(a) the fact that the Italians have already provided

Seven Pack Tpt Coys
2 offrs 286 ors for 50 Pack Tpt Coy
5 offrs 486 ors for 7 Mtn Regt

and (b) are providing a further 115 ors for 7 Mtn Regt

may Serial 1054 be considered to have been completed when the

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	Offrs	ors	Mules		Ref	Third Priority List Serial	Shipping Serial
(a)	5	200		Hqrs	SD265 of 21 Feb	-	80
(b)	6	300		6 Hqrs Secs	" " " "	1020A	75A
(c)	4	190	128	128 Pack Tpt Coy	SD/3/22 of 27/2	-	-

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ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment ( ) 2 Pack Tpt Coy.

3803

3 District, CMF.
104/22 A.
Tel Ext 17.
28 Feb 44.

'A', 57 Area.
94 Sub Area.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Att copy of AFHQ Adv Adm Ech letter 3110/2/A1 of 24 Feb 44 is forwarded for infm and necessary action.

2. Please report to this HQ when the move has been completed.

* copy already sent to you

HSW/RFO.

Col IC Adm

2100

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COPY FROM ADV HQ.

SUBJECT: Disbandment of 2 Pack Tpt Coy

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.
CMF.

Fifth Army
PBS
3 District

3110/2/A1

24 Feb 44

1. The Italian element of 2 Pack Tpt Coy has shown itself to be unsuitable as present constituted and on recommendation of Gen. SACSO is to be reorganised.

2. It has been decided that only certain selected personnel will remain with the unit to be a nucleus for reorganisation.

3. The remaining 250 personnel will be allotted to regiments as indicated below and will be replaced in 2 Pack Tpt Coy by an equivalent number of men, skilled in mule management, withdrawn from each of these regiments.

Unit	Nos	Under Comd
113 Inf Regt	90	PBS
114 " "	85	"
16 Arty Regt	55	3 Dist
67 " "	40	"
	250	

4. Fifth Army will arrange immediate despatch of personnel from 2 Pack Tpt Coy to units as indicated in para 3 above.

5. On arrival of these personnel, the selected personnel will be withdrawn and despatched to 2 Pack Tpt Coy under arrangements to be made by PBS and 3 District respectively. These moves will be completed by 1 Mar 44.

COE/FA

Major-General
DCAO.

G-4 AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.
Copies to: Army Sub-Commission, ACC
G(SD)
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GT
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MMIA (LO)

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COPY FROM ADV HQ.

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Subject: 2 Pack Tpt Coy

L.O.
APTNG ADV ADM DETACHMENT
CMP

25 Feb 44

To: HQ Italian Armed Forces
CA/SPAVIA

See Cannot be found.

Reference your letter 2082/OPS dated 18 Feb 44.

The proposals put forward in your letter have been accepted and the following orders have been issued to put them into effect:-

(a) 5th Army are to arrange immediate despatch of personnel from 2 Pack Tpt Coy to units as indicated in your letter.

(b) On arrival of these personnel, the selected personnel will be withdrawn and despatched to 2 Pack Tpt Coy under arrangements to be made by PIB and 3 District respectively. These moves will be completed by 1 March 44.

Capt
LO
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

MILITARY MISSION

VCJE/JM

Date

to
ITALIAN ARMY

Copy to Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) 2098

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SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Coys

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HQ ADSEF (Adm Bch)
CMF.
2043/G(SD)
1 May 44

G(SD) Main ACMF (2)

Copy to:- Fifth Army (2)
Eighth Army (2)
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Att at Appx 'A' is chart showing present layout of Pack Tpt Coys.

Previous chart folio 131

HB

J. McIngledew.
Lt Col.
G.S.

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Appendix

	Fmn	Units now under Comd	Units available
Eighth Army	1 Cdn Corps	2 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 34 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	HQ 1 Cypriot Pack Gp ETA ITALY early Apr 618 Cypriot Pack Tpt Coy " " early Apr
	13 Corps	A Ind Pack Gp 13 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 26 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	619 " " " " " " early Apr 620 " " " " " " mid Apr 621 " " " " " " end Apr 622 " " " " " " end Apr
	Polish Corps	6 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	
Fifth Army	2 Corps	34 US Provisional Pack Tpt Det 36 " " " " " 45 " " " " " 1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 5 " " " "	18 French Pack Tpt Coy ETA ITALY end Mar 19 " " " " " " " " "
	10 Corps	HQ 4 Pack Gp 3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 50 Pack Tpt Coy 359 " " " 573 " " " 574 " " "	(HQ one Italian Pack Gp ((Three Italian Pack Tpt Coys Ref Serials 1053 and 1054 on ACMF Third Priority List dated 3 Feb 44
	French Corps	14 French Pack Tpt Coy 15 " " " " 17 " " " " 20 " " " " 21 " " " "	
	NZ Corps	B Ind Pack Gp 12 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 17 " " " " 3 US Provisional Pack Tpt Det 22 French Pack Tpt Coy 14 Italian Cav Gp 7 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	
	1 Mot Gp	6 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	
	Army Control	2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 4 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	

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visional Pack Tpt Det " " " " " " " " Pack Tpt Coy " " "	18 French Pack Tpt Coy ETA ITALY end Mar 19 " " " " " " " "	
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SUMMARY

Units under Comd Fifth and Eighth Armies

US Provisional Pack Tpt Dets		4
North African Pack Tpt Coys	3	
Ind Pack Tpt Coys	7	
French Pack Tpt Coys	6	
Italian Pack Tpt Coys incl 50 Pack Tpt Coy	9	25

Units available for Fifth and Eighth Armies

Cypriot Pack Tpt Coys	5	
French Pack Tpt Coys	2	
Italian Pack Tpt Coys	3	10
Total available		35
Total originally demanded		33
Surplus to demand		2

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TO G&D MAIN ACME (rptd) mmiA

FROM FLAMBO. 80

Originator's Number SD963/20151 Date

In Reply to Number

Ref mmiA SD/3/22 dated 27 Feb 80 Recommend 58 Inf Bde
-ian pck Inf Coy be incl as List 7 and Count
against serial 105½ in third priority list only All
-Pmnt to armies will be decided before arrival

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SUBJECT:- Farriers

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/23
29 Feb 44

Chief of Staff, SMRE

1. There is a shortage of farriers in pack transport units operating with 10 CORPS.

2. Pending arrival of British personnel, this Sub Commission has been asked if the Italian Army can provide 20 farriers for attachment to British units.

3. Would you please state if this is possible and if so where and when they could be made available.

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

2094

COPIA PER LA A.C.C. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'E.

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

SEGRETO

N° 2030 /Ord. di prot.

P.M.I5I, 28 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Indicativi reparti salmerie.-

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA — P.M.I20
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA — P.M. 50
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 67
AL COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M.II4
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M.4IO

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO — P.M.I5I/A
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO — P.M.I07
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO OPERAZIONI — SEDE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI — SEDE

In seguito a richiesta del comando alleato ed allo scopo di evitare possibilità di confuzione con le compagnie salmerie A.A., si dispone che i reparti salmerie italiani in atto impiegati a favore degli A.A., assumano dal 1° marzo p.v. l'indicativo che risulta dallo specchio allegato.-

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

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY

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MILITARY MISSION. Date ... To ITALIAN ARMY.

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P. C. C.
IL GEN.COL.DI S.M.CAPO UFF.
(L.Millefiorini)

Further to request of the Allied HQ and in order to avoid possible confusion with the Allied Pack Tpt. Coys. we arranged that all the Italian Pack Tpt Coys will have w.e.f. 1st March 1944 their designation changed as per attached list

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Allegato al f° 2039/Ord. del 28.2.44

INDICATIVI REPARTI SALMERIE

Data di costituzione	Centro di mobilitazione	Unità a favore della quale è impiegato	INDICATIVO in uso	INDICATIVO da assumere
8.IO.1943	Dep. 226° ftr.	5ª armata A.	1°	3°
25.IO.943	" 14° art.	8ª armata I.	2°	7°
1.11.1943	" 16° art.	5ª armata A.	3°	1°
1.11.1943	id.	id.	4°	2°
30.11.943	id.	I raggr.mot.	5°	4°
30.11.943	id.	5ª armata A.	6°	5°
-	-	I raggr.mot.	250°	6°

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25.10.943	"	14°	art.	8ª armata I.	2°	7°
1.11.1943	"	16°	art.	5ª armata A.	3°	1°
1.11.1943		id.		id.	4°	2°
30.11.943		id.		I raggr.mot.	5°	4°
30.11.943		id.		5ª armata A.	6°	5°
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SUBJECT:- Mule Pack Tpt Coy

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SD/3/22
22 Feb 44

A C M F

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech
MMIA LO AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

1. The Italian General Staff informs us that 58 Mule Pack Tpt Coy consisting of:

4 Officers
190 Other Ranks
128 Mules

which is in SARDINIA, is available and ready to move. This Coy was originally intended for the proposed Mtn Div and is now not wanted. It cannot be augmented from resources in SARDINIA.

2. Can this Coy please be included in Shipping Priority List 7 to count against Serial 1054 in your Third Priority List.

2691

ABC

Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio Operazioni

~~REPARTO~~

P.M. 151 li 25 febbraio 1944

N. 2134 prot. OP.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Reparto salmerie.-
PACK TRANSPORT UNIT

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO

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Riferimento foglio SD/3/18 del 17 c.m.

1°) - Sciogliendo la riserva contenuta nel foglio n.2003/Op. in data 22 c.m., si comunica che in Sardegna è disponibile il 58°reparto salmerie già destinato per la Divisione "Legnano".

Forza : - ufficiali 4
- truppa 190
- quadrupedi 128

Il reparto di che trattasi è pronto a muovere.-

2°) - Per quanto la necessità di quadrupedi per i reparti italiani in continente sia sempre molto sentita, codesta Commissione potrà disporre l'impiego del reparto salmerie in questione per esigenze del Comando alleato, qualora tali esigenze siano indilazionabili.-

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A.Mariotti)

MILITARY MI...

Date 26. Feb. 44

to ITALIAN ARMY

1. Further to our ... 2003/Op. of 22 inst., we beg to inform you that the 58 Pack Tpt unit is available in SARDINIA. This unit is to be attached to the LEGNANO Div.

Strength: 4 officers
190 ERs
128 animals

This unit is ready to move.

2.- In the event of the necessity of this unit being required for the Italian units in the mainland, your allocation may be diverted for the employment with the Allied Forces should urgent demands of the latter be of priority.

to accept to inform ... that it is ...

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO SMRE

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number: SJ 282.

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In Reply to Number:

Ref C Part	Appendix A Arrival Tpt	to Comd Cp HQ	our 1053 Strength	6/6/19 to 6	4/17 Feb only

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SUBJECT:- **Loan of 4 Mules and 1 Muleteer**

Army Sub Commissio
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/21
25 Feb 44

Chief of Staff S M R E

Copy to: MMIA LO 2 District

1. Adv HQ Force 133 require the loan for about 1 month, of 4 mules and 1 muleteer for urgent secret work. Adv HQ Force 133 will provide forage, equipment etc.

2. On the assumption that you would have no objection, Capt THRUPP our Liaison Officer in BARI has been instructed to arrange this loan with IX CORPS.

ABC

for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.
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Telephone Message
read by Staff Capt AQ

SECRET

To 'G' fm Capt Titmuss at 1600 hrs 24 Feb

1) Force 133 require on a week to week loan basis for up to a month

a) 4 mules.

b) One security vetted Italian muleteer

2) Force 133 will supply all forage, equipment etc. 2087

3) Thorpe says this is urgent.

Have arranged locally - to pick up tomorrow - but will require in future

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TRANSLATION

S.M.R.E.

Feb. 1-44

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SUBJECT

the preferment of VOGLIA X ref. in letter SD/3/16/bis dated 17 Feb. as more ready to be attached to the RAGGRUPPAMENTI UTILI which is and operates in high Mountains and presumably will do so in the future and needs urgently (mounted) artillery for the SARDINIA UNIT it is foreseen its assignament to the 184th MEMBD REGT. (as seen in battle order of letter 1940/ORD of the 20th of Feb.)

The questo-walk units can not not be put at the disposition of the ALLIED COMMAND for operations.

In regard to the request of Hq a company this SMRE. has already communicated with letter 1648/ORD dated 9 this month that military Hq. SARDINIA having liked the request of 1500 mules made by Allied Hq. has no more mules available. Military Hq SARDINIA has been requested of further availability of mules

2536

Will communicate in regard

A.V.

DIV. GEN. PIHARLOTTI

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio Operazioni
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P.M. 151 li 22 febbraio 1944

N. 9003 prot. OP.

Risposta al foglio N. .....

Allegati .....

del .....

OGGETTO: Gruppi someggiati e compagnie salmerie.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

Le quile

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Il gruppo someggiato di Puglia al quale fa riferimento il foglio SD/3/16 in data 17 c.m., è attualmente in approntamento per essere impiegato al più presto con il Raggruppamento Utili il quale, schierato com'è in zona di alta montagna e dovendo anche in appresso operare presumibilmente in zona montuosa, risente l'urgente necessità di avere artiglierie someggiate.-

Dell'altro gruppo (quello della Sardegna) è prevista l'assegnazione al rgt. 184° "Nembo" (vedasi quadro di battaglia inviato con foglio 1940/Ord. del 20 corrente).-

I gruppi in questione non possono pertanto essere messi a disposizione del Comando Alleato per compiti operativi.

In merito alla richiesta di una compagnia salmerie, questo S.M.R.E. ha già comunicato col foglio 1648/Ord. in data 9 c.m. che il Comando Militare della Sardegna, avendo approntato 1500 muli richiesti dal Comando Alleato, non ha più nessuna disponibilità di quadrupedi. 2885

Sono state - comunque - richieste telegraficamente precisazioni al Comando Militare Sardegna, sulla eventuale ulteriore disponibilità di quadrupedi.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

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Riserva di comunicazioni al riguardo.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A.Mari[illegible]i)

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SUBJECT:- Horses for Carabinieri

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/19
22 Feb 44

Lt Col G.W. Quinsmith
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Adv HQ SALERNO

1. Ref your QS12 of 17 Feb and attached correspondence attached herewith.

2. As you have already had some correspondence on the matter and it concerns AMG and S.O.E./O.S.S. it would be appreciated if you would deal with it.

ABC

R. F. Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Pack Tpt Gps

APHQ ADV ADK BCK
CMF
2043/G(SD)
17 Feb 44

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G(SD) ACMF

Copy to:- MAIA
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Ref ACMF Third Priority List, 1605/50/4/2G(SD1) dated 3 Feb.

1. It is not considered that two Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQs are now required for use with British fmns, and that one will suffice.

2. The second gp HQ is not needed by Fifth Army for other Allied fmns, and it is therefore requested that serial 1053 should be reduced to one Pack Tpt Gp HQ.

Amended in file 25/2.

J.M. Ingleden.
Lt Col.
G.S.

HB

Circulate for amendment to priority list No 3
G1. 25/2

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TO MIDAS FLAMBO

FROM MIMA

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ref 50244/sun 26	14 Feb	3110/2 FAS

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SUBJECT: Pack Transport - Farriers

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech, CMF.

S3/3

3110/2/A1

13 Feb 44

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MEMA

1. There is an acute shortage of farriers in pack transport units operating with 10 Corps. Pending arrival of British OR farriers, will you please request the Italian military authorities to produce 20 farriers ex Italian Army for attachment to British units as soon as possible.

2. These personnel should be despatched to Italian Transit Camp, NAPLES. Please state ETA.

Brigadier,
ADAG.

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Copy : 57 Area.
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OCD/mme

13 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General Berardi, Chief of Staff Italian Army, with copy to His Excellency Marshal Messe.

Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa have informed me that they have passed instructions to Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia to obtain by requisition 400 small type horses from the Italian Army there.

Would you please pass formal authority to Italian Headquarters Sardinia to supply these on demand.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)
Army Sub-Com., ACC.

Copy to: Rear HQ (MMIA),
Army Sub-Com.

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SUBJECT:- Pack Arty Gps and Pack Tpt Coy

Chief of Staff SMRH

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q.(MAIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/3/18
17 Feb 44

1. It is understood that there is a Pack Arty Gp and a small Pack Tpt Coy in SARDINIA, and another Pack Arty Gp in APULIA, which were prepared for employment with the originally proposed Mountain Div.

2. As these will presumably not now be required would you please state if they are available to be offered to Allied HQ for employment in operations.

3. You will remember that two Pack Arty Gps were asked for some time ago but were not then available, and any further Pack Tpt Coys that can be organised are urgently required.

4. If they are available would you please state strengths and availability of ammunition.

ABC

Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Redesignation of Italian Pack Tpt Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q. (MAIA)
LEGHORN (LSCC)
SD/3/17
16 Feb 44

Chief of Staff S.A.C.H.Q.

Ref this Sub Commission's letter SD/3/16 of 3 Feb and your 1648/Ord of 9 Feb.

1. Orders have now been received from Allied HQ that Italian Mule Pack Tpt Coys are to be redesignated as follows in order to avoid confusion with other Allied Pack Tpt Coys.

Under Comd	Old Designation	New Designation
EIGHTH ARMY	No 2 ex APULIA	7 ITALIAN Pack Tpt Coy
10 CORPS	No 1 " "	3 " " " "
FIFTH ARMY	No 1 ex SARDINIA	1 " " " "
(less 10 CORPS)	No 2 " "	2 " " " "
1 Mot Bde	No 3 " "	5 " " " "
"	No 4 " "	4 " " " "
	68 Inf Regt Coy	6 " " " "

2. Further it is requested that any future Coys supplied be numbered consecutively 8, 9, 10 etc.

3. It is stated that the above designations have already been in use with 10 CORPS and FIFTH ARMY for some time. The confusion originally arose through the first two Coys from SARDINIA arriving on the mainland with the numbers 1 and 2 when there were already Coys supplied from APULIA with those numbers.

4. Would you please issue the necessary instructions and send this Sub Commission a copy of your order, so that Allied H. may be informed.

AB/

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L Brigadier
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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AFHQ ADV ATM ECH CMP
2043/G(SD)
12 Feb 44

SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Coys.

G (SD) Main ACSF (2)

Copy to:- Fifth Army (2)
Eighth Army (2)
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Attached at Appendix "A" is chart shewing present layout of Pack Tpt Coys.

L.M. Inglelow.
Lt Col.
G.3.

ADC.

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Appendix 'A' to 2043/G(SD) dated 12 Feb 44

Fmn		Units now under comd	Units available				
Eighth Army	1 Cdn Corps	34 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	2 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	ETA	ITALY	18 Feb	
			6 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	"	"	18 Feb	
	13 Corps	4 Ind Pack Gp	HQ 1 Cypriot Pack Gp	"	"	24 Mar	NOT firm
		13 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	618 Cypriot Pack Tpt Coy	"	"	24 Mar	
		26 Ind Pack Tpt Coy	619 " " "	"	"	24 Mar	
		7 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	622 " " "	"	"	3 Apr	
			620 " " "	"	"	13 Apr	
			621 " " "	"	"		
Fifth Army	2 Corps	1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy					
		2 " " " "					
		5 " " " "					
	10 Corps	4 Pack Gp	20 French Pack Tpt Coy	ETA	Italy	15 Feb	
		3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	19 " " " "	"	"	18 Feb	
		50 Pack Tpt Coy	18 " " " "	"	"	23 Feb	
		14 Italian Cav Gp	HQ's two Italian Pack Gps				
		359 Pack Tpt Coy	Three Italian Pack Tpt Coys.				
		573 " " "					
		574 " " "					
	French Corps	14 French Pack Tpt Coy	Ref serials 32 Z and 33 Z on ACSF Second Priority List dated 23 Jan.				
		15 " " " "					
		17 " " " "					
		21 " " " "					
		22 " " " "					
	NZ Corps	B Ind Pack Gp					
		12 Pack Tpt Coy					
		17 Pack Tpt Coy					
	1 Mot Gp	4 Italian Pack Tpt Coy					
		6 Italian Pack Tpt Coy					

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Appendix 'A' to 2043/G(SD) dated 12 Feb 44.

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SUMMARY.

Units under comd Fifth and Eighth Armies -

North African Pack Tpt Coys	3
Indian Pack Tpt Coys	5
French Pack Tpt Coys	5
Italian Pack Tpt Coys (incl 50 Pack Tpt Coy)	9

Units available for Fifth and Eighth Armies

Indian Pack Tpt Coys	2
Cypriot Pack Tpt Coys	5
French Pack Tpt Coys	3
Italian Pack Tpt Coys	3
Total available	3
Total originally demanded	2
Surplus to demand	1

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SUBJECT:- Pack Mt Coys

ADVR ADV ADM PAO
CAP
2043/G(SD)
7 Feb 44

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Copy to:- G(SD) ACAP
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INTAIO

In reply to your SD/3/15 undated.

1. Duplication in the designation of Pack Tpt Coys with Fifth and Eighth Armies made it essential to re-number certain units.

2. The new designation, vide this HQ 2043/G(SD) dated 31 Jan, were forwarded with the approval of Fifth and Eighth Armies and of Capt Lanico, NATA Liaison Offr. It is regretted that the time factor did not permit consultation with your HQ itself.

3. As these Italian units with fwd fms have in point of fact received the new nomenclature from Fifth and Eighth Armies, it is requested that to avoid any further change, you will concur in this instance.

4. All further proposed designations will be forwarded to you for comment in future.

I. M. Tonkleden.

Lt Col.
G.S.

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Dt/va

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

N° 1648 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 9 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Reparto salmerie.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocomissione per l'Esercito **LEQUILE**

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Riferimento foglio SD/3/16/59 del 3 corrente.-

I) - A seguito precedente comunicazione verbale, si conferma che il comando militare della Sardegna, avendo approntato 1500 muli richiesti dal Comando Alleato, non ha ulteriore disponibilità di quadrupedi per il 7° reparto salmerie, il quale - pertanto - non potrà essere più costituito.

II) - Il reparto costituito dal I raggruppamento motorizzato con i quadrupedi del 68° fanteria, ha già avuto il nominativo di: " 250° reparto salmerie".-

Ref. SD/3/16 of 3rd inst.

I. Further to verbal conversation, we beg to confirm you that the Mil. Auth. in SARDINIA having prepared 1500 mules requested by the Allied Auth. had none left for the 7 Packs Tpt Coy, which will not be formed.

II The unit formed by the 1st Motorized Bde with the quadrupeds of the 68th Inf. Regt received the foll. designation: 250 Packs Tpt Unit.

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

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

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To ACMF Rptd MMIA FLAMBO
FROM AFHQ Signed CINC? Cite? FHGCT

478634 5th Feb 1215

RESTD? ⊙ Ref your SD 2679 of 2 Feb ⊙
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⊙ Submit list of all Staben pack tpt coys
with British cadre for which designation or
redesignation is required ⊙ FOUR ⊙
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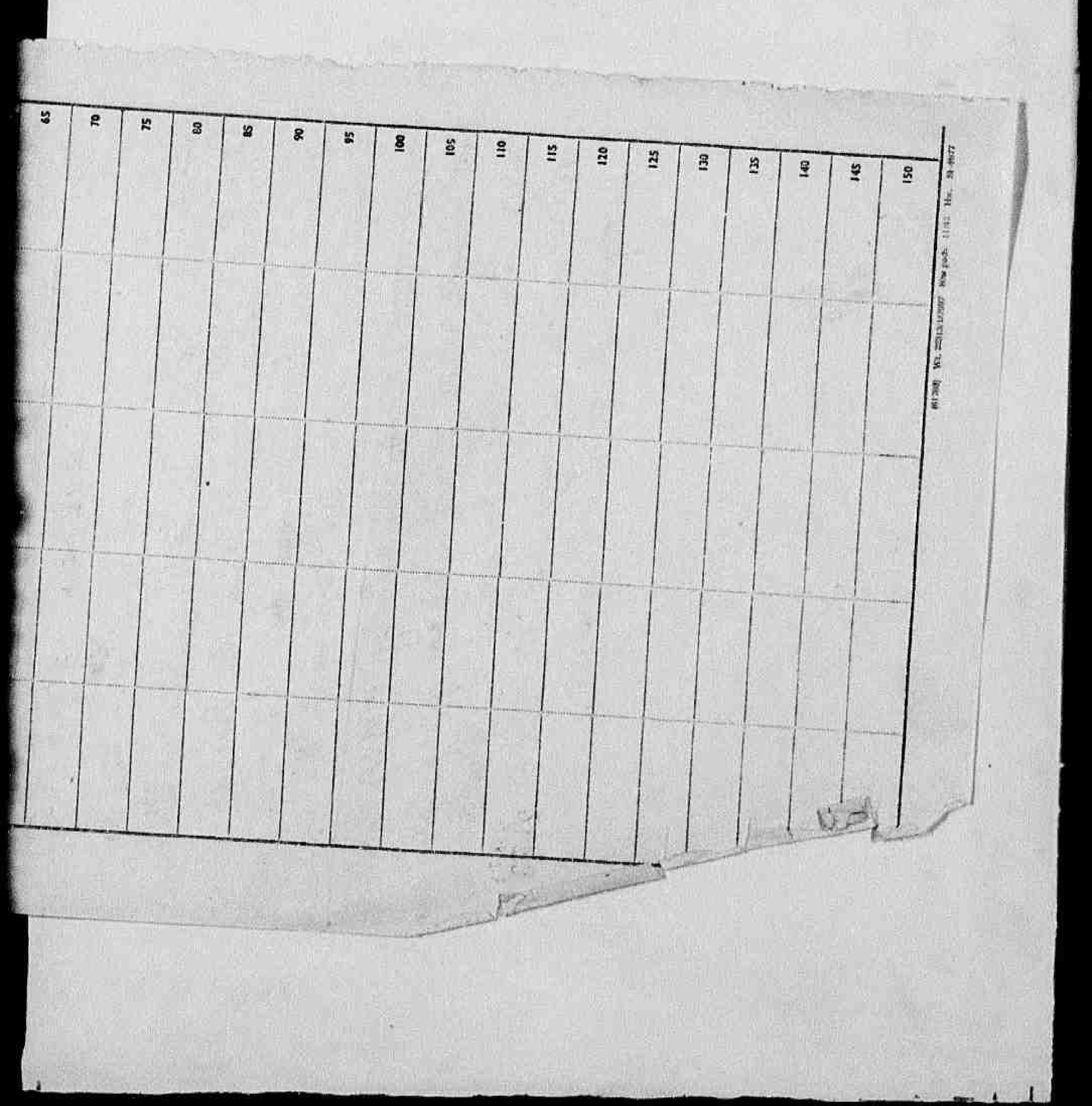
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TO FABLE for SIMMONS MMIA FREEDOM, MACMF (FLAMBO)

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD/199 Date 6 In Reply to Number

march programme includes the formation of four Pack ~~the~~ Transport Companies
mule ~~platoons~~ inform us earliest about
giving situation in SARDINIA and CORSICA
numbers of mules available

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Subject:- Mule Pack Tpt Coys

Military Mission to
Italian Army
SD/3/16
3 Feb 44.

Chief of Staff, S.M.L.E.

Ref your 1125/Ord of 11 Jan.

1. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech have suggested to AGF that the numbers of the Pack Tpt Coys working with FIFTH ARMY should be changed in accordance with numbers that they are now using. MMIA has asked them NOT to change the numbers from those given in your abovementioned letter, and is awaiting their decision.

2. Would you please state your intentions with regard to No 7 Coy. So far as is known, no application has yet been made for its shipment from SARDINIA.

3. Please note that 'X' Pack Tpt Coy has been renamed 50 Pack Tpt Coy and will in future be known by this name.

4. You are requested to give a number to the Coy that is going to 1 Mot Bde with 68 Infantry Regt. It is suggested that this be called No 8 or 9, or 68.

Ref your 154.3/MMB of 15 Jan.

5. Authority has been given for 5 Offrs and 250 ORs reinforcements for Pack Tpt Coys with FIFTH ARMY to be shipped from SARDINIA. MMIA has signalled for information as to the priority allotted.

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TO FLTTIA INFO FLEET X ARMY - 5 ARMY BR

FROM FLAFTBO 156

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Your SD 122 of 21 Oct 0 Gen BASSO in forwarding 2 offrs and
196 offs for Fifth Army 0 These were in answer to demand
from 34 U.S. Div but understand Fifth Army ER allocated
large number of these approx 2 and 56 to 10 CORPS Suggest
therefore 5 offrs and 250 reinforcements EX SARDINIA for Fifth Army
should The units due shortly be allocated to units of 5 ARMY so
necessary re Organization also Gen BASSO'S HQ and FLTTIA to ALGIERS

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TO AFHQ rptd MMIA FLANDO

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FROM ACMF

Originator's Number: SD2679

Date: 02

In Reply to Number: —

One ⊙ Request authy for redesignation of following pack Gft coys ⊙ (a) 1 Italian pack Gft Coy (CALABRIA) to be 7 Italian pack Gft Coy. (b) 2 Italian pack Gft coy. (CALABRIA) to be 3 Italian pack Gft coy. (c) 4 Italian pack Gft coy. (SARDINIA) to be 4 Italian pack Gft coy. (d) 359 pack Gft coy (NA) to be 359 pack Gft coy (e) 573 pack Gft coy (NA) to be 573 pack Gft coy (f) 574 pack Gft coy (NA) to be 574 pack

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Gpt coy (3) X ~~gpt~~ X British pack Gpt coy to be 50 pack Gpt coy (4) 1 Italian pack Gpt coy (SARDINIA) to be 1 Italian pack Gpt coy (5) 2 Italian pack Gpt coy (SARDINIA) to be 2 Italian pack Gpt coy (4) 5 Italian pack Gpt coy (SARDINIA to be 5 Italian pack Gpt coy one Italian pack Gpt coy (68 Italian Inft Regt) to be Italian pack Gpt coy Two The additional three pack Gpt coys to be provided by MMIA

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SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Coy

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
3D/3/15
1 Feb 44

AFHQ Adv Adm Sch G(SD)

Copy to: ACMF G(SD)

Ref your 2043/G(SD) of 31 Jan.

1. Italian Pack Tpt Coys are at present numbered as follows:

(a) N° 1 originally with EIGHTH ARMY now with FIFTH ARMY.

(b) N° 2 with EIGHTH ARMY.
both the above came from APULIA (not CALABRIA).

(c) N°s 3, 4, 5 and 6 all with FIFTH ARMY and all ex SARDINIA.

2. In order to avoid confusion it would be appreciated if the numbers were not changed.

3. The Pack Tpt Coy with 68 Inf Regt joining 1 Mot Bde Gp is an extra large one composed of 21 Officers, 536 O.Rs and 442 animals. The Italian General Staff will be asked to give it a number.

4. The number 50 for "X" Pack Tpt Coy is noted and the Italian General Staff will be informed.

ABC

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SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Coys

G(SD) Main AGHP

Copy to:- MMIA

1. Until recently Pack Tpt Coys were numbered as follows:-

Under Comd Eighth Army	HQ A Ind Pack Gp 13 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 30 Ind Pack Tpt Coy HQ B Ind Pack Gp 12 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 17 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy(Calabria)
Under Comd 10 Corps	HQ 4 Pack Gp 2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy(Calabria) 4 Italian Pack Tpt Coy(Sardinia) 14 Italian Cav Gp 359 Pack Tpt Coy (NA) 573 Pack Tpt Coy (NA) 574 Pack Tpt Coy (NA) X Br Pack Tpt Coy
Under Comd Fifth Army (less 10 Corps)	1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy(Sardinia) 2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy do 5 Italian Pack Tpt Coy do 14 French Pack Tpt Coy 15 French Pack Tpt Coy 17 French Pack Tpt Coy + 21 French Pack Tpt Coy + 22 French Pack Tpt Coy + one Italian Pack Tpt Coy att 68 Italian Inf Regt

2. In order to clarify recommended that cert

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Under Comd 10 Corps	(HQ 4 3 4 14 35 57 57 50
Under Comd Fifth Army	(1 Ita 2 Ita 5 Ita 14 Fr 15 Fr 17 Fr + 21 + 22 + 6

+ = Not yet under command

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APM: ADV ADM: RCH
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2043/G(SD)
31 Jan 44

...ere numbered as follows:-

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◆ = Not yet under command

2. In order to clarify the designation of these units, it is recommended that certain of them be re-numbered as follows:-

Under Comd Eighth Army	HQ A Ind Pack Gp 13 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 30 Ind Pack Tpt Coy HQ B Ind Pack Gp 12 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 17 Ind Pack Tpt Coy 7 Italian Pack Tpt Coy
Under Comd 10 Corps	HQ 4 Pack Gp 3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 4 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 14 Italian Cav Gp 359 Pack Tpt Coy 573 Pack Tpt Coy 574 Pack Tpt Coy 50 Pack Tpt Coy
Under Comd Fifth Army	1 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 2 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 5 Italian Pack Tpt Coy 14 French Pack Tpt Coy 15 French Pack Tpt Coy 17 French Pack Tpt Coy ◆ 21 French Pack Tpt Coy ◆ 22 French Pack Tpt Coy ◆ 6 Italian Pack Tpt Coy

Nos 250 amended by ACMF signal SD 23664 9 Jan

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3. The new designation of [illegible] Calabrian and Sardinian Pack Tpt Coys should as under ocnd 10 Corps and Fifth Army is already in use at HQ Fifth Army.

4. It is further suggested that the remaining three Italian Coys scheduled to be provided through MMIA be numbered 8, 9 and 10 in order of arrival. The existing designation of the remaining Ind, Cypriot and French Coys due to arrive ex MIDEAST and North Africa is not likely to cause confusion and should remain as at present.

J. M. Eagleton

Lt Col.
G.S.

HB

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM**

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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA LO T-LAMBC | Date Time of Origin: 26

For Action

TO MMIA (IFO) FILPOT SARMY

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions — OR — 55

Originator's No. ILO 11925 Ref your SD122 ① Boesa COLLECTING vfts personal originally destined for additional reinforcement ② ltr from personnel request for PBS ③ Seemy ILO 8638 of 11 jan ④ PBS agreed to release these and SAVEMM went for - word yesterday ⑤ Believe ⑥ of 100 available in day or two ⑦ will keep you informed

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

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SEGRETO

SM3 54

Nº 1230/Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, li 16 gennaio 1944

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO LECCE

OGGETTO: Personale italiano da impiegare in rinforzo ad unità inglesi.-
It. Reinf. to Brit. Units

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On request of M.M.I.A.
In seguito a richieste di codesta M.M.I.A. questo S.M.R.E. ha disposto, a suo tempo, l'approntamento dei sottoelencati nuclei di personale:

a) - per costituzione del 7° rgt. artiglieria da montagna misto italo-inglese: 5 ufficiali, 9 sottufficiali, 472 truppe (foglio 723/Ord. del 12/12/43); 46

b) - per costituzione della 10ª compagnia salmerie mista italo-inglese: 2 ufficiali, 10 sottufficiali, 266 truppe (foglio 1029/Mob. del 21/12/43).- 175

In order to form the units according to WE & facilitate mobilization,
Allo scopo di dare fisionomia organica a detti nuclei e facilitarne lo svolgimento delle questioni di carattere matricolare ed amministrativo, si è disposto che essi vengano costituiti come reparti autonomi, e precisamente: provided to operate autonomously

- Reparto italiano del 7° rgt.inglese art. da montagna: per il personale di cui alla lettera a); 2061
- Reparto italiano della 10ª cp. salmerie inglese: per il personale di cui alla lettera b).-

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

S. M. R. E. 2ª REP. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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

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Date 6/1/44

to ITALIAN ARMY.

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DA SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE
AT MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE

LEQUILE

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Nº 1543/MOB ALT RISPONDE VOSTRO S.D/99 DATA 14 CORRENTE ALT UN REPARTO COMPLEMENTI SALMERISTI DI CINQUE UFFICIALI ET DUECENTOCINQUANTA UOMINI EST IN AIPRONTAMENTO IN SARDEGNA PER ESSERE IMPIEGATO IN CAMPANIA PER RIFORNIRE DI PERSONALE I REPARTI SALMERIE ITALIANI A DISPOSIZIONE DELLA 5^ ARMATA ALT FRATTANTO EST STATO DISPOSTO CHE 100 SALMERISTI RICHIESTI URGENZA PER Iº REPARTO SALMERIE SIANO TRATTI DA PERSONALE RESOSI DISPONIBILE IN CAMPANIA ALT SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE = 1930150144 =

P. V. C.
IL TEN.COL. DI S.M. CAPO SEZIONE
(L.Millefiorini)

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Ref y/SD/99 of 14th inst ⊙ A reinforcement Pack Tpt Unit with Staff of 250 O.Rs. is under formation in SARDINIA to be sent to CAMPANIA as reinforcements for the Italian Pack Tpt Coy attached to 5 Army ⊙ Meanwhile instructions have been given so that 100 men requested urgently for the 1st Pack Tpt. Coy be transfered from personnel now available in CAMPANIA ⊙

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO

nº 1125 Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 11 gennaio 1944

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
- presso il R.E. Italiano -

LEQUILE

OGGETTO: Compagnie someggiate.- Pack Tpt Coys.

Allegati: 2.

Si trasmette specchio (allegato 1) dal quale risultano i dati di costituzione dei reparti salmerie a disposizione del XV gruppo d'armate Anglo-Americane.-

Poichè, sin dal 24 dicembre u.s., questo S.M. col foglio 873 di cui si allega copia (allegato 2) ha inequivocabilmente stabilito i nominativi di detti reparti salmerie, nessuna possibilità di equivoci al riguardo vi è più per questo S.M. ed i comandi dipendenti.-

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Allegati: 2.

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Enclosed is specchio (Appx 1) of data regarding the formation of Pack Trk Coys * for 15 Army Gp.

Si trasmette specchio (allegato 1) dal quale risultano i dati di costituzione dei reparti salmerie a disposizione del XV gruppo d'armate Anglo-Americane.-

Thus S.M.R.E. on 24 Dec in letter 873 of which a copy is attached (Appx 2) decided on the designation of these Pack Trk Coys so that there can be no misunderstanding on the part of these SMRE or the units under command

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possibility of misunderstanding

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REPARTI SALMERIE A DISPOSIZIONE DEGLI A.A.

Indicativo del reparto	Ente incaricato della costituzione Unit responsable for the formation	Data di costituzione Date of formation	Formazione ed organico T/E W.E.	Stength FORZA Uff. offrs	Sott. e trup. ORs	Quadr. Quadrupeds	Centro di mobilitazione Depots responsable
1°	7ª armata	8.10.1943	Unit of 4 sects. Rep.su 4 sez.	5	329	250	Dep.226° ftr.
2°	7ª armata	25.10.1943	" " 5 "	8	456	344	Dep. 14° art.
3°	C/do M.Sardegna	1.11.1943	" " 4 "	5	394	305	Dep. 16° art.
4°	id.	1.11.1943	" " 4 "	5	394	305	id.
5°	id.	30.11.1943	" " 4 "	8	392	323	id.
6°	id.	30.11.1943	" " 4 "	8	392	323	id.
7°	id.	15.12.1943	" " 5 "	8	481	398	id.
8°(1)	IX corpo d'armata	17. 9.1943	Imprecisati Unknown	-	-	67	=======

(1) In corso richiesta al IX corpo d'armata per precisarne la costituzione.-
Request has been sent to IX Corps for precise details.

S.M.R.E. 2ª REP. UFF. ORD.

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REPARTI SALMERIE A DISPOSIZIONE DEGLI A.A.

Data di costituzione Date of formation	Formazione ed organico Type W.E.	FORZA Strength Uff. offrs	Sott. e trup. ORs	Quadr. Quadrupeds	Centro di mobilitazione Depots responsible	Attuale dislocazione e dipendenza Location
8.10.1943	Unit of 4 secs. Rep.su 4 sez.	5	329	250	Dep.226° ftr.	Settore 5ª Ar.Am.
25.10.1943	" " 5 "	8	456	344	Dep. 14° art.	Settore 8ª Ar.Ingl.
1.11.1943	" " 4 "	5	394	305	Dep. 16° art.	Settore 5ª Ar.Am.
1.11.1943	" " 4 "	5	394	305	id.	id.
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30.11.1943	" " 4 "	8	392	323	id.	id.
15.12.1943	" " 5 "	8	481	398	id.	id.
						Not arrived on mainland Non ancora giunto in continente
17. 9.1943	Imprecisati Unknown	-	-	67	=======	1ª divisione paracadutisti Inglese 1st Para. Div.

al IX corpo d'armata per precisarne la costituzione.-
sent to IX Corps for precise details.

S. M. R. E. * 2ª REP. UFF. ORD. MOB.

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SMRE

TRANSLATION

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1°) In order to avoid possible misunderstandings, herewith designation of Packs Tpt. Coys attached to Allied Forces or under formation for attachment.

Art. Packs Tpt. Coy — Formed by 7 Army on 6.10.43 mobilized on 19.10.43 at the Mobilization Centre of the 226 Inf. Regt. Depot.
Strength 5 officers 329 men 256 animals

Rgt Packs Tpt. Coy — formed by 7 Army on 25.10.43 mobilized on the same date at the Mob. Centre of the 14 Army df Regt. Dep.
Strength 8 offrs. 456 men 344 animals

3rd & 4th Packs Tpt. Coys — formed by SARDINIA on 1.11.43 mob. on the same date at the 16 Army df Regt. Dep.
Strength of each 5 offrs. 394 men 305 animals.

2°) The two other Coys. whose formation was req. in Sardinia by our 532/ORD/V of 25.11 are now ready awaiting for their transfer to the mainland, and will be known as 5th & 6th P.T. Coys. (already transferred to 5th Army)

3°) The Coy whose formation was req. in Sardinia by our 624/ORD/V. of 6.12 is under formation. It will be known as 7 P.T. Coy and is to be kept for the time being at our disposal.

4°) Advisable to inform all their dependents units of above.
HQ Sardinia must establish a clear distinction between the 3rd & 4th P.T. Coys, these being formed, mobilized, on the same date, with the same strength. The HQ will then inform us and the AA.FF. COMPANIA which Coy same they intend for our approval the features of the 5th & 6th Coys.

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For Gen. A. MARIOTTI
Lt. Col. G. GUIDA

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UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

all. 2

n° 873/Ord/V. di prot.

P.M. 151, 24 dicembre 1943

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA — NAPOLI
(rif. f° 451/Op. del 12 dic. 1943)
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA — P.M. 50
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 67
AL COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 114
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 410

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO — P.M. 151
ALLO S.M.R.E. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI — S E D E
ALLO S.M.R.E. UFFICIO SERVIZI — S E D E

OGGETTO: Indicativi dei reparti salmerie.-

1°) - Al fine di eliminare ogni dubbio o possibilità di equivoci, si precisano gli indicativi dei reparti salmerie già impiegati presso le unità anglo-americane e di quelli costituiti o in approntamento per lo stesso impiego:

I° reparto salmerie - quello costituito dalla 7ª armata in data 8 ottobre 1943 e mobilitato sotto la data del 19 ottobre c.a.
Centro di mobilitazione: dep.226° rgt.ftr.
Organico: ufficiali 5 truppa 329 quadrupedi 250

II° reparto salmerie - quello costituito dalla 7ª armata in data 25 ottobre 1943 e mobilitato sotto la stessa data.
Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 14° rgt.art.df..
Organico: ufficiali 8 truppa 456 quadrupedi 344

III° e IV° reparto salmerie - i due costituiti dalla Sardegna in data 1° novembre 1943 e mobilitati sotto la stessa data.
Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 16° rgt.art. df.
Organico di ciascuno: ufficiali 5 truppa 394 quadr. 305.

2°) - I due reparti salmerie, la cui costituzione fu ordinata al comando militare della Sardegna con foglio n° 532/Ord/V del 25 novembre u.s., già approntati e in attesa di trasferimento in continente, assumeranno gli indicativi di V° e VI° reparto salmerie.-

3°) - [illegible]

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AL COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 114
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M. 410

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO — P.M. 151
ALLO S.M.R.E. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI — S E D E
ALLO S.M.R.E. UFFICIO SERVIZI — S E D E

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Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 14° rgt.art.df..
Organico: ufficiali 8 truppa 456 quadrupedi 344

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Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 16° rgt.art. df.
Organico di ciascuno: ufficiali 5 truppa 394 quadr. 305.

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3°) - Il reparto salmerie la cui costituzione fu ordinata al comando militare della Sardegna con foglio 634/Ord/V del 6 dicembre c.a., in corso di approntamento, assumerà l'indicativo di VII° reparto salmerie.- E' per ora da tenere a disposizione di questo S.M. in Sardegna.

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4°) - In relazione a quanto sopra, i comandi in indirizzo sono pregati di fare a tutti i dipendenti reparti interessati le opportune e necessarie precisazioni.-

In particolare il comando militare della Sardegna dovrà stabilire una inequivocabile distinzione tra i reparti III° e IV°; aventi lo stesso centro di mobilitazione e costituiti e mobilitati contemporaneamente, segnalando poi, a questo S.M. e al comando FF.AA. della Campania, gli elementi per la precisa indicazione dei due reparti anzidetti.-

Il predetto comando tenga presente la stessa necessità nel sottoporre alla sanzione di questo S.M. il provvedimento di costituzione dei reparti V° - VI° e VII°.-

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

p. c. c.
IL TEN.COL. in s.S.M. CAPO SEZIONE
(G. Guida)

S.M.R.E. * II Uff. Gab. * 2° REP. UFF. ORD.

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Subject:-Horses from Italian Army.

To:-MGIA. L.O.

Copies to(Q).

Allied Force H.Q.,
Adv.Admin.Echelon,
C.M.F.,
26/Year.

4 Jan. 44.

Reference your signal ~~MD 43~~ 32 of 26 Dec 43.

1. I sent an Officer to BARI and he was unable to contact the L.O., No.2 District.

2. He reports however that there were no horses to be seen at BARI but that the Italian Mission stated they could collect 40 riding horses from Italian Units further South.

3. In view of shortage of riding horses can you arrange for this to be done, and for them to be delivered at No.1 Field Remount Depot, FOGGIA.

4. Reference last para of above signal. Action has already been taken to obtain 300 riding horses from SARDINIA and the 40 mentioned above are for immediate needs until the SARDINIA horses arrive.

[redacted]

Make Remount
Refer Executive Q

/BH.

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Colonel,
D.D.V.& R.S.

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MEAV 360 IMPORTANT

T OVR 1 GR 55

TO HMIA RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP

FROM MONICAOXX MONICO FLAMBO

ILO 8638 11

REF YOUR SD88 FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WITH P B S ITALIANS FORMING TWO REMOUNT COYS EACH7 OFFRS 164 ORS(.) CONFIRM BODIES NOT EVAILABLE HERE BUT ARE BEING CALLED UP FROM CIVVY LIFE FROM NAPLES AREA THIS WILL REQUIRE ABOUT TWO WEEKS(.) UPON THESE NEW COYS CAN BE FORMED LATER(.) AM EXPEDITING MOVE OF YOUR 350 PERSONNEL(.)

THF 109/// 110942

RPTN 360 1 55

15 8638 11 88 7 164 350 110942

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Conferma

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Date_____

to

ITALIAN ARMY

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MESSAGE FORM

From ALLIA

To FLAMBO

T O O

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SD 83 (°) For MONICO ALLIA LO (°) Ref our SD70 of fifth (°) BASSO has signalled SMRE that he cannot provide personnel (°) You probably know why (°) SMRE have now signalled IX CORPS to find them from BARI (°) We hope to know number available shortly and intend to move them to NAPLES at once to be formed into unit under American supervision (°) If they are to be completely equipped here more time will be wasted (°) Confirm that PBS first concern is to get the bodies and if you have learnt anything new inform us (°) Inform all concerned of position ~~urgent~~

To be sent in Cipher if liable to interception
in Line

Hampton
Maj

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MILITARY MISSION.
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Date 5th January 44

In reply refer to:
454.2

4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Have to get this signed by Sir, Not in accordance with procedure

Please refer to my note of 26 December 1943 with regard to the shipment of mules from Sardinia.

The Allied Control Commission has just been informed that the operational needs of the 15th Army Group make it impossible to recede from the original demand for the shipment of mules to the mainland of Italy. The The Allied Military Authorities in Sardinia have been so informed and will presumably transmit this decision to the Italian Military Command.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: MMIA

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REFERENCE ~~our~~ ONE SIX FOUR NINE ACCORDING TO ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FIGURES ON PACK MULES IN SARDINIA CLN PAREN TO FREEDOM REPEAT FABLE FOR SIMMONS FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN TOTAL NUMBER OF MULES IN SARDINIA CMA (THREE CMA EIGHT ZERO ZERO SMCLN) THESE MULES ARE REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS CLN TO PACK UNITS NOW WITH FIFTH ARMY CMA SIX HUNDRED MULES SMCLN TO ADDITIONAL PACK UNITS READY TO BE EMPLOYED WITH FIFTH ARMY CMA SIX HUNDRED MULES SMCLN PACK MULES TO REPLACE LOSSES IN FIFTH ARMY CMA FOUR HUNDRED SMCLN NEED FOR LEGHORN DIVISION CMA THIRTEEN HUNDRED MULES SMCLN NEED FOR MAINTENANCE OF UNITS IN SARDINIA CMA NINE HUNDRED MULES

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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DISTRIBUTION:
2 - AG Files
1 - Diary
1 - MMIA

Add 1 pack unit with Fifth Army = 600
" 1 " ready for Torpedo Loads = 600
LEGHORN Div = 1300
Maintenance of units in Sardinia = 900
Total 3,400

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From: SMRE. G Ops.
To: MMIA
To: Supreme Cond. (for information)

Ref: 3060/OP. V.
15 DEC. 43

PACK TRANSPORT

SD/3
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Ref. Ltr. SD/2/25 of 11 DEC (copy to S.C.)
BF reference 29/12 Ltr

Confirming figures given during meeting held on 15 inst, the present quantity available on the continent is of 3810 mules, of which 1788 are for the formation of the mountain Div. "LEGNANO".

Only a little more than 2000 mules are left for the minimum necessary for the training and ~~use~~ routine of the ~~high~~ light formations under ~~formation~~ Corps with reduced T.E. organics.

It is necessary that this quantity be left to the Italian Army. Should these mules be requested our units, trained for the mountains will loose their main means of action.

Replacement of mules by MT will not ameliorate the position of these high formations, which might be requested later for the mountains in Central or North Italy.

A light truck, special for mountain use, will be necessary to replace every 10 mules.

(sgd) for Gen. AMBROSIO
Col. F. LELLA

2650 Sigl.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

I° REPARTO - Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151 li 12 Dicembre 1943

N. 3060 /OP.V. prot.

Allegati 1

Risposta al foglio N. .....

del .....

OGGETTO: Urgente.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano - L O C A L E

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO - S E D E

Riferimento foglio SD/2/25 dell'11 dicembre (allegato in copia per il Comando Supremo.

A confer a di quanto prospettato nella riunione del 15 corr., preciso che l'attuale disponibilità, in continente, di muli ammonta a 3010 quadrupedi, dei quali 1700 per la ricostituenda divisione da montagna "Legnano".

Restano, quindi, poco più di 2000 muli, i quali costituiscono il minimo indispensabile per l'addestramento e la vita delle grandi unità in corso di riordinamento con organici ridotti.

Rappresento pertanto la necessità che anche quest'ultima aliquota di quadrupedi non sia sottratta all'Esercito Italiano. Nella eventualità che ciò dovesse avvenire, le nostre unità costituite e addestrate per la montagna verrebbero a mancare del loro principale mezzo d'azione.

La costituzione dei quadrupedi con autocarri - d'altro canto - non migliorerebbe le possibilità logistiche e operative di quante G. U., il cui impiego potrebbe essere richiesto, in prosieguo di tempo, dalle truppe operanti nel continente.

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Esercito Italiano = L E S S U I L E

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO = S E D E

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Rappresento perciò la necessità che alcuna quest'ultima aliquota di quadrupedi non sia sottratta all'Esercito Italiano. Nella eventualità che ciò dovesse avvenire, le nostre unità costituite e addestrate per la montagna verrebbero a mancare del loro principale mezzo d'azione.

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Ad ogni modo, occorrerebbe un autocarro leggero, del tipo da montagna - per ogni 10 quadrupedi.

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO in s. S.M.
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni-
(Francesco Lella)

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen.di Div. A. Terzaghi)

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SUBJECT:- Personnel for 7 Mtn Regt

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/3/11
2 Jan 44

15 Army Gp

1. The Italian General Staff have requested that an Italian M.O. and a Veterinary Offr may be included in the personnel moving on 14Jan to join 7 Mtn Regt.

2. It is suggested that owing to the language difficulty this inclusion would be beneficial.

3. May we please be informed if there is any objection to these attachments.

ABC

for
Brig
Comd

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SUBJECT: Purchasing Mules by Italian Army

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/3/9
1 Jun 44

Allied Control Commission

Ref your 454.2 of 30 Dec to Marshall MASSE. att for your infm is a translation of the letter received from the SMRS which caused us to send our Q 261 of 27 Dec to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech and copy to you.

ABC

for Brig
Comd

TRANSLATION

SMRS Services Branch
Veterinary Section
Ref: 167
25 Dec 43

M M I A

Subject: Authorisation to send to SICILY
Requisition Commission for Animals

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further to our 100 of the 4th inst.

Owing to the lack of forage we decided to cancel the requisition of animals from SICILY. Please consider cancelled our request for authorisation of the despatch to SICILY of 9 offrs and 5 men made in our above letter.

signed Gen A MARIOTTI

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In reply refer to:
454.2

30 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission has been directed to inform Your Excellency that the purchase of mules for the Italian Army should be coordinated with the Allied supply authorities in Naples. The proper procedure will be for the Italian Army to submit to the Military Mission with the Italian Army a statement of its requirements in mules to be purchased which will then be forwarded to the AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon for action in light of availability and requirements of the Allied Forces.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech
MMIA

Staff Capt "Q" I believe you have received a letter now stating that they are not going to buy any

Yes" owing to lack of forage on railhead. Total
~~No~~" ~~number required~~ 2,400.
~~Doubtful~~"

* Cross out whichever is inapplicable

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"Q" I think we should send copy of letter to Sec. G II

I agree

THI/3 ONS A

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio
~~ripart~~ ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

P.M.151, 30 dicembre 1943

N. 999 /Ord.V prot.
Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. SD/2/22
del 6.12.1943

OGGETTO: Personale Italiano per rgt.artiglieria da montagna.-
Subject Italian Personnel for mountain Artg. Regt.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
- presso il R.E. Italiano - LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA
- rif.suo 2711 del 24 corr. - P.M.410

Tra il personale italiano richiesto per la costituzione del reggimento artiglieria da montagna non sono compresi un ufficiale medico e uno veterinario.-

Indubbiamente ciò è dovuto al fatto che, tanto gli uomini quanto i quadrupedi, potranno far capo all'organizzazione sanitaria dell'unità alleata cui sono aggregati.-

Comunque si prospetta a codesta Missione l'opportunità di includere fra il personale stesso un medico ed un veterinario italiani, per facilitare (evitando di dover ricorrere frequentemente all'opera di un interprete) le consultazioni sanitarie che un reparto di una certa consistenza impone quotidianamente.- 2045

Si prega di voler comunicare con cortese premura le decisioni al riguardo di codesta Missione.-

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del 6.12.1943

OGGETTO: Personale Italiano per rgt.artiglieria da montagna.-
Subject: Italian Personnel for Mountain Artly. Regt.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
- presso il R.E. Italiano - LECUILLE

e, per conoscenza:

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Among the personnel requested for Mountain Regt. artillery an M.O. and a Vet. Offr. were included.
Therefore this will necessitate both men and animals will be able to apply for treatment to the Med. Organization of the Allied formation to which they are attached.
We therefore wish to bring to Your notice the desirability of including an Italian M.O. and Vet Offr. among the personnel, so that, by avoiding frequent recourse to the services of an interpreter, we may facilitate the medical attention that a unit of any size requires daily.

Gen. Mariotti

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

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Subject:- [illegible]

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Military Situation to
the Italian Army.

H.Q. 1st. Italian Corps,
3rd January 43.

AT Dec 43.

Ref:- G.

S.S.I.
M.I.I.A.

For your information, 1st. Italian Corps have the following:-

7,000 German.

7,200 Rules.

Lieutenant
Major.

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FROM: SMRE. G.A.F./MOB. SEC. GEN.
TO: MILITA
NO 132/GAB/V.
23 DEC.

SUBJECT Italian personnel for a Mountain Artly Regt.

Rif. MILITA letter 5D/2/22 of 6 DEC. and Smare E letter 723/ORG of 12 DEC. from SMRE.

1) The Italian personnel for a Regt. Mountain Artly has already been assembled @ 16 in two training troops.
One of these troops contains the personnel for Regt HQs, one Tp and the Regt Ammo. Column.
The other the personnel for 2 Tps.

2) These two training units are stationed:
one in the vicinity of "MASSERIA PIGNICELLI (S.W. BRINDISI)
one a CISTERNINO.
To keep them in training and organization they have 2 BTY: ARTY already formed.

3) As regards personnel, we are at present changing some of the men with others who physically are more suitable

4) SMRE has been informed that the day when these men should be in a state of complete preparedness has been put at the 31 DEC. to 15 Jan 44. We await specific confirmation of the date and when the time comes, I propose that motor Tpt from

5) Will MILITA please let us know where these men are to be present station.

Sig. called on 28 Dec that Maj Gen. Marietti
[illegible] not required until 7 Jan — [illegible] that 15th Army Gp cancelled

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STATO AGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordin mento e Mobilitazione

Sezione Ordinamento

N. 932 /Ord./V. P.M. 151, li 23 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO : personale italiano per reggimento di artiglieria da montagna.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
presso l'Esercito Italiano — LECUILE

e, p.c. : AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M.410

ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI - S E D E

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Riferimento al foglio di codesta Missione 3D/2/22 data 6 c.m. ed a seguito foglio 723/Ord. data 12 c.m. di questo S.M.R.E.

1) - Il personale italiano per il reggimento d'artiglieria da montagna è già stato riunito in due batterie di formazione di

- l'una comprende il personale per il comando di rgt., per una batteria, per la colonna munizioni reggimentale ;
- l'altra comprende il personale per due btr. .

2) - Detti due reparti - di formazione - sono dislocati :

- uno nei pressi di "Masseria Pignicella" (sud-ovest di Mel dei) ;

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de montagna.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
presso l'Esercito Italiano — LEQUILE

e, p.c. : AL COMANDO DI CORPO D'ARMATA — P.M.410

ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI - S E D E

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- uno a Cisternino

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e sono appoggiati, ai fini addestrativi ed organizzati due gruppi d'artiglieria già costituiti .

3) - Nei riguardi del personale, è attualmente in corso la so tuzione di alcuni elementi con altri fisicamente più id

4) - E' stato segnalato a questo S.M.R.E. che la data d'appr

N.B. BATTERIA DI FORMAZIONE = a Tp. which contains men about to training; it has only the bodies and no equipment

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mento del personale in questione è stata differita dal 31 c.m. al 15 gennaio p.v. . Si gradirà conferma del rinvio della data di approntamento.

5) - Si prega codesta Missione di comunicare la località di avviamento del personale in questione e di disporre, a suo tempo, per l'autotrasporto del personale stesso dalle località di attuale dislocazione.

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

P. c. c.
TEN.COL. [illegible] S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(D. Bischelotti)

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le località di attuale dislocazione.

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



P. c. c.
IL TEN.COL. DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(D. Michelotti)

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CLASSIFICATION URGENT Circular

FROM, P.W.B. G.S.D. 21/12/43. 136

TO: HQ. N.I. CORPS. } and for information to
Ref., 1029/Mob./V. } G.M.M.I.B. 21/12/43. S/3 76
S.M.R.E. Service Pr. D. 36

Ref: Reinforcements for a cruiser Unit

Following personnel has been requested by G.M.M.I.A. to complete an allied Cruiser Unit;

1 Capitain
1 Lieut.
1 Maresciallo
9 L.M. & Ag5
10 L/Ag5
26 Corporals
220 Privats (comprising 12 buglers)

The above personnel must be voluntary or taken from young age groups acquainted with ~~water~~ mules, drawn from units under this command. It would be preferable to choose the 2 officers ~~Coy Battalion (horse drawn)~~ of the artillery.

The above personnel must be provided with complete kits and arms in best order, a pr. of ~~leather~~ half boots and leggings new or in good condition,

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The above personnel must be provided with complete kits and arms in best order, a pr. of half boots and leggings new or in good condition, winter clothing and 3 blankets per man.

E.S.D. of C.M. (Ufficio Servizi of C.M.) will supply above.

~~Equipment to be made ready~~ by the 31st inst. any further details will be forwarded later.

Pietro Capo C.M.
MARIOTTI

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE

SEGRETO 75

Sezione Mobilitazione
P.M. 151, li 21 dicembre 1943

N.1029/Mob./V prot.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Personale di rinforzo ad un reparto salmerie dell'Esercito Inglese.-

AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA
= Uff. Operazioni.....P.M.410

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
- presso l'Esercito Italiano.....LEQUILE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI.....S E D E

La missione militare inglese presso l'esercito italiano, ha chiesto il seguente personale di rinforzo per completare un reparto salmerie formato con militari e muli alleati.-

capitani	1
tenenti	1
marescialli	1
serg.magg.o serg.	9
cap.magg.	10
caporali	26
soldati	230 (dei quali 13 cucinieri)

Il personale di cui sopra deve essere costituito da elementi volontari e delle classi più giovani, pratici di salmerie, tratti dai reparti dipendenti da codesto comando - Scegliere i due ufficiali preferibilmente da quelli di artiglieria delle batterie someggiate o ippotrainate -

I militari in parola debbono avere il corredo, l'armamento ed equipaggiamento individuale nel massimo ordine, un paio di stivaletti a gambaletto nuovi od ottimi, indumenti invernali e tre coperte da campo ciascuno.-

L'ufficio servizi dello S.M. provvederà all'assegnazione degli oggetti di corredo, armamento ed equipaggiamento necessari.

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del reparto salmerie
dell'Esercito Inglese.-

AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA
= Uff. Operazioni.....P.M.410

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
- presso l'Esercito Italiano.....IBQUILE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI.....S E D E

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- L'approntamento è fissato per il 31 corrente.
- Riserva di ulteriori precisazioni.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f.to Mariotti

p. c. c.
IL TEN. COL. DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(M. Michelotti)

Michelotti

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SUBJECT:- Animals in CORSICA

Stato Maggiore R E

Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/3/6
23 Dec 43

Copy to: Allied Control Commission
(ref your 1438 of 14 Dec)

Ref your 1544 of 22 Dec.

This matter was the subject of a signal sent by the Allied Control Commission to higher authority on 14 Dec.

I am therefore taking no action.

ABC

Brig
Comd

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.

N° 1544 di prot. P.M. 151, lì 22/12/1943.

OGGETTO : Quadrupedi della Corsica.-
SUBJECT Animals in Corsica.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

L E Q U I L E

Risulta che i quadrupedi lasciati in Corsica dalle truppe italiane (circa 2700) - a causa di insufficiente alimentazione e di mancanza di cure - vanno rapidamente deperendo e sono soggetti a moria.

Quanto sopra si rappresenta affinchè cotesta Missione esamini la possibilità di evitare la perdita di un patrimonio zootecnico così prezioso.-

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- A. Mariotti -

About 2700 animals left in Corsica by Italian Trs, on account of insufficient food and lack of care, are wasting away and are in danger of becoming diseased.

With regard please look into the matter and bring about the 2036
save of avoiding the loss of such precious national zoological heritage.

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SUBJECT:- Purchase of Mules by Italian Army

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/3/5
21 Dec 43

Allied Control Commission

Copy to: 15 Army Gp
AFHQ Adv Adm Sch

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Ref your 454.2 of 15 Dec regarding the proposed purchase of 2,400 mules by the Italian Army.

1. The stage has been reached on the mainland of ITALY when any future demands for mule units will involve taking mules which are being used for unit maintenance. This can only be done by giving them vehicles in exchange. I therefore consider that they are justified in their proposed purchase, and more so now that it has been decided to form a Div for combat as well as retain two field Divs.

2. I see no reason why they should not be ferried across from SICILY and railed up here. This would be a FLAMBO transportation decision.

3. I understand that up to 8,000 mules formerly belonging to the Italian Army were dispersed among the Sicilian civilian population. Their withdrawal should therefore not affect the economy of the island.

ABC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
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18 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

Our Financial Subcommission in going over the Italian expenditures has discovered that they intend to purchase 2400 mules for the Army. This requirement is for the purpose of replacing some of its mules taken for Allied purposes.

This purchase raises several questions such as:

a. Are the mules a military requirement?

b. Will the Allied Authorities provide the shipping to bring them from Sicily?

c. Will their withdrawal from Sicily affect the economy of the Island?

Would you be good enough to give me your comments on the above, in particular question "a"?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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SUBJECT: MULES.

MMIA
LEQUILE.

Liaison Officer, D.
Military Mission
to Italian Army.
C/o No.2 District.
Ref: MP/104.
20 DEC 43.

Ref your sig SD 22 of 19 DEC.

Herwith particulars of 2 PARA Bde mule Det.

The det consists of 27 mules which have been locally requisitioned as the bde advanced and 26 Italian tps picked from refugees, strays etc.

Thedet, as such, has been in existence since September and has been working as a pack coy for any unit in the bde requiring MT, under Lieut LEGG RE.

The Bde Comd wishes to make the det up to about 60 mules andto use existing Italians as a cadre for training British personnel in their management etc

Told it apply Prov for chargers and back clothing. Must be regularised

Capt,
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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FROM THRUPP 181644A

TO M MIA

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REP FROM 2 PARA BDD REQUIRES

30 MULES AND PACK SADDLES AND

40 MULATEERS TO BRING TO

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SUBJECT: Personnel for Mule Pack Bat Coy

Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/3/1
12 Dec 42

Chief of Staff
S H A E F

Copy to: 15 Army Gp
AFHQ Adv Adm Sub

ref FLAMBO SD713/B42 of 14 Dec.

Ref our SD/3/1 of 14 Dec.

1. The following personnel are required (instead of 1 offr and 300 men)

Capts or Lieuts	2
Warrant Offrs Class 1	1
Sergeants	9
Corporals	10
L/Corporals	26
Ptes	250 incl 13 Cooks

Total . 2 officers 276 other ranks.

2. Please confirm as soon as possible by telephone that the above can be made available by 31 Dec.

ABC

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TO MMIA
RPTD SD 15 ARMY GP
FROM FLAMBO
SD713/3482
IN REPLY SD1609 OF 13 DEC
PARA SECOND FROM 15 ARMY GP . TWO CAPTS OR LTS
ONE WO I 9 SJTS 10 CPLS 26 L/CPLS
230 ORS TO INCL 13 COOKS . REQD TO JOIN COY
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FREEDOM

THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE ANIMALS LEFT BEHIND BY ITALIAN UNITS ON CORSICA ARE DYING FROM UNDERFEEDING AND LACK OF ATTENTION PENDING PASSAGE TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA HIGHER ECHELON BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR ANIMALS TO MEET ALLIED REQUESTS FOR PACK UNITS AS WELL AS FOR THE ITALIAN MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OMA THE HIGH COMMAND REQUESTS THAT AT LEAST A PART OF THESE ANIMALS ON CORSICA BE GIVEN BACK TO THE ITALIAN ARMY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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FROM SMRE OPS and [redacted] Officer Cmd Secn.
NO S/ORD/V. DEC 12 43.

TO: HQ. LI Gps:

FOR INFO

TO: MAIA.

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i) The MAIA has ordered the immediate dispatch of 5 Aph. and 481 OR for the formation of a mixed Regt. (Mtn. ARTY. The specialist qualifications of the personnel can be seen in the attached scheme.

ii) The O/m personnel together with complete personal equipment
— will be drawn from 22 ARTY Gp. of 231 Gen Sic Div. (which will soon probably be disbanded). In case of deficiencies, they will be made good from other units of LI Grps.
— will be chiefly volunteers and if carefully picked men.
— will concentrate in a suitable place near BARI(I)71 where they will be organized into 2 Bty Troops, in accordance with instructions from our HQ.
— must be ready no later than DEC. 26 43.

iii) It will be the direct responsibility of HQ LI Grps to see that they are got ready and that no men are included who are in any way unsuitable or calculated to put up a bad show in front allied troops who will form part of the mixed Regt.

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iv) By or before 20 DEC. HQ. LI Grps will notify MAIA

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ii) The O/m personnel together with complete personal equipment
— will be drawn from 22 Arty Gp & 231 Comb Div
(which will soon probably be disbanded). In case of
deficiencies, they will be made good from other
units of 21 Grps.
— will be chiefly volunteers and of carefully picked men.
— will concentrate at a suitable place near Brussels
where they will be organized into 2 Mixed Troops,
in accordance with instructions from your HQ.
— must be ready no later than DEC. 26 43.

iii) It will be the direct responsibility of HQ 21 Grp to see
that they are got ready and that no men are included
who are in any way resistance or calculated to put
up a bad show in front of allied troops who will 2528
part of the mixed Regt.

iv) On or before 20 DEC. HQ. 21 Grps will notify MMIA
direct (and inform us too) of the state of preparedness
of the O/m personnel and their whereabouts.

v) The MMIA, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter for being
sent for info. is asked to let us know, as soon as the
men are ready, where they have to be sent to, and
provide the necessary ships.

Yours Monckton.

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URGENTISSIMO
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SEGRETO

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

N° 723/Ord./V di prot. P.M.151, 1/ dicembre 1943

OGGETTO : Personale italiano per la costituzione di un reggimento di artiglieria da montagna inglese.-

Allegati: 1.

AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.410

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE
Presso il R.Esercito Italiano LEQUILE

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I) - La Missione Militare Inglese ha richiesto l'urgente assegnazione di 5 ufficiali e 481 tra sottufficiali e truppa per la costituzione di un reggimento misto di artiglieria da montagna.- La specializzazione del personale richiesto risulta dallo specchio allegato.-

II) - Il personale suddetto, con armamento ed equipaggiamento individuale al completo:

- sarà tratto dal 22° raggruppamento artiglieria della 231ª divisione costiera, della quale è previsto prossimo lo scioglimento; in caso di deficienza, anche da altri reparti di codesto C.A.-
- sarà costituito da elementi prevalentemente volontari ed accuratamente scelti;
- sarà riunito in località idonea nelle vicinanze di Brindisi,

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- sarà riunito in località idonea nelle vicinanze di Brindisi, ove verrà raggruppato in due batterie di formazione, secondo le disposizioni che codesto comando impartirà con la massima urgenza;

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- dovrà essere pronto non oltre il 26 corrente.-

III) - Codesto comando ne curerà direttamente l'approntamento, accertandosi che non siano immessi elementi poco idonei che possano figurare male nei confronti dei militari alleati con i quali sarà costituito il reggimento misto.-

IV) - Entro il 20 corrente codesto comando riferirà direttamente alla Missione Militare Inglese, dandone conoscenza a questo Stato Maggiore, sullo stato di approntamento del personale e sulla sua dislocazione.-

V) - La Missione Militare Inglese, cui il presente foglio è diretto per conoscenza, è pregata di comunicare ove il personale, non appena pronto, dovrà essere avviato e di fornire i mezzi di trasporto all'uopo occorrenti.-

S. M. R. E. * 2° REP. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. F. Mariotti)

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All. al fº 7../Ord. del 12.12.1943

PERSONALE (ufficiali e truppa) da fornire al Comando Inglese per la costituzione di un reggimento art. da montagna su: un comando di reggimento - una colonna munizioni reggimentale - tre batterie (ciascuna su due sezioni di due pezzi):

Personnel (Bde Comd to Bde HQ, for the formation of a Regt Mountain Artl. consisting of Regt HQ - Ammn Sect - 3 Btys (each 2 Sects of 2 guns.)

Personale da fornire ripartito per grado e specialità	Regt HQ Comando di reggimento	Ammn column Colonna munizioni reggimentale	per ciascuna btr. Comando di btr. (Battery HQ, Troop Capt.)	per ciascuna btr. per le sezioni (each Sect, Troop P.)	Regt Total. Totale complessivo per il rgt.
Capitani Capts.	1	-	-	-	1
Subalterni Subalterns	-	1	1	-	4
Totale ufficiali (Total Offrs.)	1	1	1	-	5
Marescialli di batteria B.S.M.	1	-	-	-	1
Sergenti Sgts.	-	2	-	2	8
Totale sott.li (Total N.C.O.)	1	2	-	2	9
Specialisti (1) Specialists.	-	5	-	4	17
Caporal maggieri L/Sgts.	-	1	-	2	7
Caporali L/Cpls.	-	4	1	4	19
Scelti L/Cpls.	-	5	1	8	33
Artiglieri Gnrs.	4	59	13	98	396
Totale truppa (meno gli specialisti) (Total OR' (less specialists))	4	70	15	112	455
TOTALE SOTTUFFICIALI SPECIALISTI E TRUPPA (2) (Total of N.C.O's specialists and men)	5	77	15	118	481

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(1) - di cui

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	te	mentale			il rgt.
Capitani	1	-	-	-	1
Subalterni	-	1	1	-	4
Totale ufficiali	1	1	1	-	5
Marescialli di batteria	1	-	-	-	1
Sergenti	-	2	-	2	8
Totale sott.li	1	2	-	2	9
Specialisti (1)	-	5	-	4	17
Caporal maggiori	-	1	-	2	7
Caporali	-	4	1	4	19
Scelti	-	6	1	8	33
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TOTALE SOTTUFFICIALI SPECIALISTI E TRUPPA (2)	5	77	15	118	481

(1) - di cui 3 maniscalchi e 2 sellai per la colonna munizioni; 6 maniscalchi e 6 sellai da ripartire fra le tre batterie.-
Fra i maniscalchi dovranno essere compresi un caporal maggiore, quat-

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tro caporali e due scelti.-

(2)- Vi debbono essere compresi:

- 6 sottufficiali per i conducenti (2 per batteria);
- 21 attendenti per cavalli (1 al comando di reggimento; 2 alla colonna munizioni; 6 per ciascuna batteria);
- 377 conducenti (59 per la colonna munizioni; 106 per ogni batteria);
- 15 autisti di riserva (3 per la colonna munizioni; 4 per batteria);
- 6 stallieri (3 per il comando reggimento ed 1 per batteria);
- 7 aiutanti di sanità (1 per la colonna munizioni e 2 per batteria);
- 3 infermieri (uno per batteria);
- 18 cucinieri (3 per il comando di reggimento e 5 per batteria).-

(2) The following must be included:

- 6 N.C.O's for the drivers. (2 per Tp)
- 21 horse attendants; 1 for Comdr; 2 for the Ammn. Col; 6 for each Tp.
- 377 drivers (59 for Ammn. Col, 106 for each Tp
- 15 spare car drivers (3 per Ammn Col; 4 per Tp)
- 3 Stablemen (1 for Regt HQ 1 per Tp)
- 7 Asst. attendants. (1 for Ammn Col. 2 per Tp)
- 3 male nurses (attendants)
- 18 Kitchen attendants (3 for Regt HQ. 5 per Tp).

The return for W.E. we last with our 530/2/2x of 1 Dec 43.

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colonna munizioni; 6 per ciascuna batteria);

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- 15 autisti di riserva (3 per la colonna munizioni; 4 per batteria);
- 6 stallieri (3 per il comando reggimento ed 1 per batteria);
- 7 aiutanti di sanità (1 per la colonna munizioni e 2 per batteria);
- 3 infermieri (uno per batteria);
- 18 cucinieri (3 per il comando di reggimento e 5 per batteria).-

(2) The following must be also included:

- 6 N.C.O^s for the drivers. (2 per Tp)
- 21 horse artillery; 1 for 6 mdr; 2 for the 18 pdr. each; 6 for each Tp.
- 377 drivers (59 for Amn. Col, 106 for each Tp
- 15 spare men drivers (3 per Amn Col; 4 per Tp)
- 3 Stablemen (3 for Regt HQ 1 per Tp)
- 7 Asst. artillery. (1 for Amn Col. 2 per Tp)
- 3 male nurses (orderlies)
- 18 Kitchen orderlies. (3 per Amn Col. Regt HQ. 5 per Tp).

Chief enforcement W.E. who to deal with per 30/2/42 of Dec 42.

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Subject to review 7th JANUARY 1944

U.S. SECRET EQUALS BRITISH SECRET

Officers	33
O.R.s.	895
	928
Vehs	19
Trailers	-
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MOUNTAIN REGIMENT, R.A. (NORTH AFRICA).

consisting of a Regimental Headquarters, Regimental Ammunition Column, and three Batteries, each of two troops, each two guns. (Total: 12 guns).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

DETAIL	Regimental Headquarters		Regimental Ammunition Column		Three batteries (each) Battery Headquarters		Two troops each		Total Battery		Total		Total, Mountain Regiment, R.A. North Africa
	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	
Lieutenant-colonel	1										1		1
Major (second-in-command)	1										1		1
Majors					1				1		3		3
Adjutant (captain)	1										1		1
Captains		1	1		1		1		3		10	1	11
Subalterns			1	1	1	1	1		3	1	10	4	14
Total, officers	3	1	2	1	3	1	2		7	1	26	5	31
Regimental serjeant-Maj.	1										1		1
Battery sergeant-majors		1	1		1				1		4	1	5
Battery quartermaster-serjeant			1		1				1		4		4
Signalling serjeants					1				1		3		3
Serjeants (a)			3	2			4	1	8	2	27	8	35
Total, warrant officers, battery quartermaster-serjeants and serjeants	1	1	5	2	3		4	1	11	2	39	9	48
Tradesmen (b)	2		7	5	11		7	2	25	4	84	17	101
Lance-serjeants				1)	1			(1	3	2	9	7	16
Bombardiers	2		2	4)		1	6	(2	10	6	34	19	53
Lance-bombadiers	1		3	6	10	1	27	4	6	9	22	23	55
Gunners	6	4	26	59		13		49	58	111	206	396	602

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	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	
Lieutenant-colonel	1										1		1
Major (second-in-command)	1										1		1
Majors					1				1		3		3
Adjutant (captain)	1										1		1
Captains		1	1		1		1		3		10	1	11
Subalterns			1	1	1	1	1		3	1	10	4	14
Total, officers	3	1	2	1	3	1	2		7	1	26	5	31
Regimental serjeant-Maj.	1										1		1
Battery sergeant-majors		1	1		1				1		4	1	5
Battery quartermaster-serjeant			1		1				1		4		4
Signalling serjeants					1				1		3		3
Serjeants (a)			3	2			4	1	8	2	27	8	35
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Lance-serjeants				1)	1			(1	3	2	9	7	16
Bombardiers	2		2	4)		1	6	(2	10	5	34	19	53
Lance-bombadiers	1		3	6	10	1	27	4	6	9	22	23	55
Gunners	6	4	26	59		13		49	58	111	206	396	602
Total, rank and file (excluding tradesmen)	9	4	31	70	11	15	33	56	77	127	271	455	726
Total, other ranks	12	5	43	77	25	15	44	59	113	133	394	481	876
Total, all ranks	15		45		28		46		120		420	486	906
Attached													
R.A. Ch. D. - Chaplain	1										1		1
R.A.M.C. -Medical officer	1										1		1
Nursing orderly (corporal)			1								1		1
R.A.O.C.-Shoemaker (corporal)	1										1		1
R.A.V.C. -Veterinary officer (captain)	1										1		1
- Batman - Private (also acts as batman)	1										1		1

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DETAIL		Regimental Headquarters	Regimental Ammunition Column	Battery Headquarters	Two troops each	Total Battery	Total	Total, Mountain Regiment, R.A. North Africa
Attached (continued)								
R.C.C. - Cooks for officers' messes	British	1	1	1	1	4	4	
Other ranks' messes	British							
Corporals	British		1	1	1	4	4	
Privates	British	1		1	1	4	4	
Total, attached	British	7	3	4	4	22	22	
Total, Mountain Regiment, R.A. North Africa	British	22	48	32	46	124	442	
	Italian	6	78	16	59	134	466	
	British	28	126	48	105	258	928	928

(ii) Distribution of Tradesmen, rank and file, and non-tradesmen.

Tradesmen

Artificers, R.A. or fitters, gun)				1			1		3			3
Carpenters and joiners)			1			1		2	7			7
Fitters, M.V.)	(c)		1						1			1
Motor Mechanics)			2						2			2
Farriers)	(d)		1	3		1	1	2	2	7	9	16
Saddlers and harness makers)			1	2		1	1	2	2	7	8	15
Clerk, R.A. clerk's section (serjeant)		1										
Clerks)		1								1		1
Driver-operators)	(c)		1	2			2			8		8
Total tradesmen		2	7	5	11	4	2	16	4	48	17	48
						7		25		84		101

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(ii) Distribution of Tradesmen, rank and file, and non-tradesmen (cont'd)

DETAIL	Regimental Headquarters		Regimental Ammunition Column		Battery		Headquarters		Two Troops each		Total		Battery		Total		Total, Mountain Regiment, R.A. North Africa
	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	British	Italian	
Non-tradesmen (cont'd)																	
Grooms		3						1								6	6
Sanitary dutymen										1						7	7
Cooks																18	18
Nursing Orderlies																3	3
Total, rank and file	9	4	31	70	11	15	33	56	77	127	271	455					726
	13		101		26		89		204		726						726

(iii) Horses.

Horses for :-							
Officers	3	3	3	2	7		27
Grooms	2						2
Medical officer	1						1
Veterinary officer	1						1
Italian officers	1		1		1		4
Signalling Sorjeants			1		1		3
Total, horses	8	3	5	2	9		38

(iv) Distribution of mules and drivers (Italian).

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	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers

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Nursing Orderlies					1				1		3		3
Total, rank and file	9	4	31	70	11	15	33	56	77	127	271	455	726
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Officers	3		3		3		2		7				27
Grooms	2												2
Medical officer	1												1
Veterinary officer	1												1
Italian officers	1				1				1				4
Signalling Serjeants					1				1				3
Total, horses	8		3		5		2		9				38

(iv) Distribution of mules and drivers (Italian).

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	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers	Mules	Drivers		Mules	Drivers
Ammunition			48	24			16	16	32	32		144	120
Bareback			6	3			4	2	8	4		30	15
Charging and batteries			12	6								12	6
Cookers and containers			15	8								15	8
Guns and carriages							16	16	32	32		96	96
L.H.Gs.			3	3			1	1	2	2		9	9
Office			4	2								4	2
Pioneers			1	1			2	2	4	4		13	13
R.A.M.C. & R.A.V.C.					1	1			1	1		3	3
Relief							8	8	16	16		48	48
Signalling stores			4	2	5	5	4	4	13	13		43	41
Stores			6	3			1	1	2	2		12	9
Water			15	7								15	7
Total, mules and drivers			114	59	6	6	52	50	110	106		444	377

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	Regimental Headquarters	Regimental Ammunition Column	Battery Headquarters	Two troops each	Total Battery	Total	Total, Mountain Regiment, R.A. North Africa.
			Three batteries (each)				
Motor cycles, solo	1	2					3
Cars, 5-cwt, 4 x 4	1		1		1		4
Cars, 4-seater, 4 x 4	1						1
Truck, 51-cwt, 4 x 2 personnel	1						1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2 water, 160 Gal.	1						1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2 G.S.		3	3		3		12
	3	3	4		4		18
(vi) Weapons (for British personnel only).							
Pistols, .38-inch	7	7	5	4	13		53
Rifles, .303-inch	7	21	16	22	50		208
Machine carbines	7	19	11	20	51		179
L.M.Gs. . 303-inch		4		2	4		16
3.7 inch howitzers				2	4		12

(a) Includes 3 N.C.Os i/c muleteers in regimental ammunition column and 2 in each troop.

(b) See footnotes(c), (d) and (e) for ranks

(c) Includes:-

1 Staff-sergeant
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1 Lance-sergeant
2 Bombardiers
3 Lance-bombardiers

(d) Includes:-

British ranks	Italian ranks
1 Staff-sergeant	1 Lance-sergeant
3 Sergeants	4 Corporals
3 Lance-bombardiers	2 Lance-corporals

(e) May be allotted a proportion of N.C.O. ranks included in table (i).

NOTE

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NOTE

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NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base

Sergeant clerk (R.A. clerks' section) 1

First Reinforcements

Subalterns	3	Pistols, .38-inch	3
Sergeant	1	Rifles, .303-inch	14
Bombardiers	1	Machine carbines	8
Lance-bombardiers	2		
Gunners	15		
Drivers, I.C.	1		
Farrier	1		
Saddler and harness mn	1		
Total	25		

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Pack Tpt Coys

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/2/25
\ Dec 43

Chief of Staff
S M R E

Copy to: 15 Army Gp GSD
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

Ref your 2873/85 Op V of 7 Dec.

1. It is understood that the two additional Pack Tpt Coys ordered by the Allied Control Commission to be prepared in SARDINIA are destined for FIFTH ARMY.

2. Ref your statement that owing to the absence of mules on the continent the Pack Tpt Coy for "LEGNANO" Div is also under formation in SARDINIA? your attention is drawn to the att copy of ACC's letter of 12 Nov to Comando Supremo.

3. You also state that further formation of Pack Tpt Coys would deprive existing units of their normal establishment of animals.

4. The information that is required now is

(a) Whether sufficient personnel, mules and pack saddlery exist to form further Pack Tpt Coys in ITALY.

(b) If it is necessary to take the mules at present used for unit maintenance, and what is the minimum number of vehicles that would be required to replace them?

5. Would you please consider this matter and make a proposition that we could forward to higher authority, as it is known that Mule Coys are urgently required in forward areas and it might be possible to obtain a limited number of vehicles in exchange for mules.

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MDT/ria

12 November 45

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Ambrosio, Chief of the Supreme General Staff

With reference to the creation of a mountain division for which your headquarters has submitted three alternative plans, I am informed from ALGIERS that your Plan 1 is accepted with the proviso that the division remain motorised for an indefinite period inasmuch as all available mules must be allotted to the FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies to meet more urgent current needs. I would suggest that your Excellency contact General CASTELLANO for a detailed statement of what is desired by AFHQ.

For the Chief of the Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

Copy to: 15 Army Group
Brigadier General BUCHESNE

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TRANSLATION

From: S.M.R.E. 6 Ops - 1st Branch
TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 2873/OP/V
7 DEC 43
1 enclosure.

Subject: Italian Mule Units

Re: y/request by SD/2/13 of 30 NOV. of MMIA

Besides the two It. Mules units which left recently for the continent, there are in SARDINIA two other units under formation out of which the Italian Mules Coy required by the Allies could be taken.

Th. W.E. of these two units — as shown in attached schemes — is nearly the same as in British ones and could then remain unchanged.

We asked the Military Command in SARDINIA the date in which one of these units will be ready to move, and he will let you know as soon as possible.

Owing to the absence of mules on the continent, the Italian Mules Coy for the LEGNANO division is also under formation in SARDINIA.

Eventual formation of Italian Mules Units in the continent will deprive units from their organic assignment of quadrupeds.

Further formation of mule coys on the mainland would deprive existing units of their normal establishment of animals.

(signed) Gen. A. MARIOTTI

2 [illegible] Sqt.

/Me.

THi/09. oAg.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

I° REPARTO - Ufficio Operazioni

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P.M.151, li 7 Dicembre 1943

N. 2873 prot. OP.V.

Allegati 1

Risposta al foglio N. .....

del .....

OGGETTO: reparti salmerie.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

presso l'ESERCITO ITALIANO

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La formazione dei due reparti - quale risulta dallo specchio allegato - è pressochè corrispondente a quella delle salmerie inglesi e potrebbe perciò rimanere invariata.

Questo S.M. ha già richiesto al Comando Militare della Sardegna la data in cui uno dei reparti sarà pronto a partire e si riserva di comunicarlo al più presto a codesta Missione.

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Una eventuale costituzione di reparti salmerie in continente priverebbe i reparti dei quadrupedi di loro assegnazione organica.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen.di Div. A.Mariotti)

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FORMAZIONE REPARTI SALMERIE

FORMATION OF ITALIAN MULES UNITS

H-Q.

	PERSONALE			QUADRUPEDI			CARRI	
	Uff.	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Per ufficiali	Da tiro	Da soma	A 2 ruote	A 4 ruote
COMANDO:								
- comandante (Capit.)	1							
- ufficiali subalterni	1							
- ufficiali veterinari	1							
- sergenti di contabil		1						
- cap.magg.o caporali			1					
- cap.magg.o cap.le di contabilità			1					
- attendenti			3					
- conducenti			20					
- soldati per servizi v.			5					
- quadrupedi				3	8	12		
- carri							4	
TOTALE COMANDO ...	3	1	30	3	8	12	4	
SEZIONE SALMERIE:								
- comandante (subalt.)	1							
- marescialli o sergenti maggiori		1						
- sergenti		1						
capor.magg.o cap.le			5					
- conducenti			78 (1)					
- maniscalchi			1					
- allievi maniscalchi			1					
- sellai			1					
- allievi sellai			1					
- attendenti			1					
- quadrupedi				1		74		
TOTALE SEZ.SALMERIE	1	2	88	1		74		

RIEPILOGO REPARTO :

- comando ...

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- cap.magg.o caporali			1					
- cap.magg.o cap.le di contabilità			1					
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RIEPILOGO REPARTO :								
- comando	3	1	30	3	8	12	4	
- 4 sez. salmerie	4	8	352	4		296		
TOTALE REPARTO	7	9	382	7	8	308	4	

Nota: (1) - di cui 3 di riserva.

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By Authority of
C-in-C, AF
Initials: W.J.M.
Date: 1 Dec 1943

Capt Monica

AG 454.2-1 SUP-AGM

1 December 1943

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA

1. Advice is furnished that authority has been granted the Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA, to select and obtain from Italian Army authorities in SARDINIA, by requisition, the number of mules listed by type below for the Fifth Army:

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900
Total	1630

2. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at CAGLIARI now being shipped, and the two Italian pack groups being organized for shipment.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

Copy to:
AFHQ Adv Admin Sch, FLAMBO
15th Army Group
ACC
Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport Coy (Salmeria)

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/2/13
30 Nov 43

Chief of Staff
S M R E

1. I have been asked to state by what date you could provide one Pack Transport Coy complete, for employment with the Allied Forces.

2. The organisation of a British Pack Transport Coy is as follows

	Offrs	Men	Animals
Company HQ	2	42	26
Four Tps each	1	63	77
Veterinary Sec	1	3	2
TOTAL ...	7	304	336

Each Troop consists of 75 pack animals and is divided into 6 sections each of 12 pack animals with three spare.

3. I believe that you were organising Pack Tpt Coys for the 1st Motorised Bde Gp and a Mountain Bde Gp. If these are in existence, I would like to know how they compare with the above with a view to their employment as already constituted.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. F. O. 464, U. S. Army

31 October 1943

MEMORANDUM

FOR : General Brann

1 Results of my visit in company with Lt Col Train, G-4 Section to 15 Army Gp, Allied Military Mission, British Military Mission, and headquarters Italian Army General Staff, are submitted herewith.

2 At 15 Army Gp I was informed by Lt Col Glasgow that request for the two pack train battalions in Sardinia had been granted. I explained my mission of getting all available information concerning pack equipment, artillery and mules, and was instructed to visit the Allied Military Mission before proceeding to other headquarters.

3 I called on Brig Gen Taylor at HQ Allied Military Mission, who advised me to visit the British Military Mission to find what I could about the situation in the Italian Seventh Army. Gen Taylor detailed a British captain to accompany us.

4 At the British Military Mission at Lequile, we found that a check was being made of all 7th Army units to find the status in mules, pack units, and personnel, equipment and material in general. Number of mules reported to date (30 Oct) was 4,015. Saddles and other equipment for the mules was given as roughly sufficient for 20% of the animals, about 800. It was stated that a large percentage of the mules were required for the supply agencies of army units since most were without motor transportation and local haulage was by mule cart. There are supply units: pack tps or gps, in the 7th Army. As indicated earl in this paragraph, there is a shortage of pack equipment in the 7th A

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8 With respect to pack artillery units, the following were repor to be fully equipped and available for service:

(a) The 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 11th Artillery Regt, Man Division, equipped with the 75/18 (calibre 75mm, 18 calibres in le Both these battalions are to be included in the mountain division mentioned in para 6 above.

(b) In Sardinia the 4th Gp (Bn) of the Calabria Divisio 116th Gs of Corps Tps of the 1lli Corps, both 75/13 battalion available but with no definite assignment.

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(c) There are also in Sardinia six batteries of 65mm pack howitzers.

(d) No report has yet been received about pack units in Sicily.

9 Ammunition

(a) In Sardinia there are 110,000 rounds of 75/13 ammunition.

(b) In Italy there are 30,000 rounds of 75mm ammunition, but of this, 24,000 are to go to the motorised bde ordered to Fifth Army.

(c) There is a supply of 30,000 rds of 75/27 ammunition in Italy, which can be converted for use in other 75mm weapons.

10 I reported the above to Gen Taylor on my return to HQ Allied Military Mission. He asked me to inform you that effort was being made in the formation of the Italian mountain division to include as many units of Alpini as possible; that these units are reputed to be excellent fighters and well trained in mountain warfare. He advised that we give careful consideration to a possible employment of all or part of the mountain division with Fifth Army. At 15th Army Gp I was informed that AFHQ had ordered the formation of the mountain division and no decision had been made as to how it would be employed, whether with Fifth Army or Eighth Army.

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13 Recommendations

2015

(a) That decision be made as to probable desire for use of an Italian mountain division as such.

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M. J. BRINACH
Lt. Col., FA,
Assistant G-3

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SUBJECT:- Italian Animal Pt and Pack Arty.

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
6/9/4
4 Nov 43

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1 Gp ARMY GP

1 Herewith translation of a letter received today giving details of mules and horses in 7 Italian Army.

2 Ref para 4, 7 Italian Army have been asked to find out how many sets of saddlery there are in stores.

3 Also attached is a rough staff table showing the numbers of men, mules and MT required in the latest proposed org for an Italian Pack Bty.

AS:

for Brig
Comd

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Latest Organisation for a Pack Bty of (A) 3 or (B) 2 Tps (each 4 x

	MULES		1 1/4 ton LIGHT LORRIES	
	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
HEADQUARTERS	13	13	12	12
TROOPS	261	174		
SUPPLY SECTION			6	4
	274	187	18	16

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tion for a Pack Bty of (A) 3 or (B) 2 Tps (each 4 x 75mm Howe)

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	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
	13	13	12	12		
	261	174				
N			6	4	12	8
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[illegible] Obs [illegible] from an ALPINI Arty officer (English terms used throughout)

1. [illegible]egt consists of HQ and two Btys.

2. Each Bty has HQ and usually three troops (sometimes two or even four) of 4 guns each.

3. (a) Bty HQ (uncertain) (and "B" Echelon)

	APPROX Men	Mules
Two O.P. Sections, Liaison Sec. Signal Sec with Two or more W/T sets & line.	150	30

(b) Each Tp Comd by Capt. with Lt 2 ic. MO & 4 2/Lieuts (1 for each Sec)

1 Sec =	Tp HQ with ors, Liaison Sec, Sig Sec with 2 W/T sets RF2 and line & two guns	120	35
2 Sec =	4 guns and 2 MGs, First Aid Det and Farrier.	80	35
3 Sec =	Amn on pack mules - One squad for each gun.	50	40
4 Sec =	Forage, Rations, Baggage etc on pack mules. May have two single mule carts	50	40
	TOTAL Tp.....	300	150

(c) Each section is divided into four Squads usually commanded by a corporal.

(d) Each gun requires 10 mules — 7 to carry the gun and 3 to carry amn with the gun.

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+ 2/Lieuts (1 for each Sec)

1 Sec =	Tp Hq with ors. Liaison Sec. Sig Sec with 2 W/T sets RF2 and line & two guns	120	35
2 Sec =	4 guns and 2 MGs. First Aid Det and ferrier.	80	35
3 Sec =	Amn on pack mules - One squad for each gun.	50	40
4 Sec =	Forage, Rations, Baggage etc on pack mules. May have two single mule carts	50	40
	TOTAL Tp.....	300	150

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6. The 75/13 how is stated to be preferable for Mtn warfare to the 75/18 as it is handier and has not such a flat trajectory.

7. Substitution of Jeeps for mules in the "B" Echelon and possibly even in Nos 3 and 4 Secs, seems worth consideration as there is a shortage of the right type of mule. Assuming that one jeep could carry 1/2 ton (8 mule loads amn) there would be a very considerable saving in time, men, animals, and the supplies required for them.

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SUBJECT:- Mules or Pack Tpt Coys

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY
G/5/2
11 Nov 43

1/ ARMY GP

Ref our G/3/4 of 9 Nov para 2.

1 We are informed by 7 ITALIAN ARMY that the following pack saddlery is available in store:-

(a) Approx 100 sets in CALABRIA.
(b) " 300 " " APULIA.

2 Lt Col MACDONALD ADV & RS, NEAR EIGHTH Army visited this Mission yesterday afternoon with a view to getting fwd urgently the 350 mules to complete the 600 ordered as per Near Eighth Army signal Q52 dated 15 Oct rptd 15 Army Gp.

3 At a meeting this morning with Chief of Staff 7 ITALIAN ARMY it was arranged that 210 mules complete with personnel and pack saddlery would be railed from MARTINA FRANCA at the same time as the 140 from BARI, as it was not convenient to wait for 210 from CALABRIA.

4 The movement of this total of 350 which completes EIGHTH ARMY's demand is being arranged today and it is hoped that they will be fwd tomorrow or the day after.

5 The 210 from CALABRIA will of course be available later for the formation of Mule Pack Tpt Coys if decided upon, but at the moment 7 ITALIAN Army are still talking about the requirements of the 8th Div that they have been ordered to form by Allied Missions

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ABC

for Brig
Comd

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FROM: DE OMARTINO

TO: Maj. Hampton

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Pack saddles available in CALABRIA ... 100

" " " " PUGLIE ... 298

Information re lorries (heavy or light) of 5th Corps is arriving here on 11/11/43

2010

TRANSLATION.

SUBJECT:- Animal Transport

2/10345 di prot
9 November 1..

From : 7 Italian Army

To : BMM

In reply to your G/9/557 of 31 Oct.

1 The total number of mules under comd (having deducted the 250 in 1st Pack tpt Coy sent to Eighth Army at FOGGIA) 4,708

Mules required for the following units:-

2nd Pack Tpt Coy being formed for EIGHTH ARMY (140 already ready at BARI. 210 being got ready in CALABRIA 350

Pack Tpt Coy for the Mtn Gp (already constituted) 200

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

750

Mules in use with Pack units 2,018

Mules in use with non pack units (their only means of transport for adm) 1,310

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

3 About 700 horses are used for pulling carts.

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

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

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COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
Stato Maggiore-Ufficio Operazioni

N. 2/10345 di prot. P.M.107, li 9 Novembre 1943

OGGETTO : Quadrupedi.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO IL COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
LECUILE

In esito al foglio 6/9 in data 31 ottobre c.s., si comunica :

1)- Totale muli esistenti pressi i reparti dipendenti (già dedotti i 250 del I reparto salmerie, inviati a Foggia, a disposizione dell'8ª Armata britannica) n. 4078

- Muli adoperati per i seguenti reparti salmerie :

. II salmeria a disposizione dell'8ª Armata britannica (in corso di costituzione : 140 muli già approntati a Bari, 210 in approntamento in Calabria) ..... n. 350

. Salmeria per il raggruppamento da montagna (già costituita) ..... " 200

. Salmeria per il I raggruppamento motorizzato (in costituzione)..... " 200

Totale " 750

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3)- Circa 700 sono i cavalli adoperati per tiro di carri.-

4)- I quadrupedi suddetti sono tutti muniti di bardatura a basto o per il traino.

Presso i depositi esistono poche centinaia di bardature a basto.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

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SUBJECT:- Priority for use of Mules in 7 ITALIAN ARMY

15 ARMY GP

British Military Mission
G/9/2
5 Nov 43

Copy to:- N° 2 District (for infm)

1 The following demands for mules from 7 Italian Army have been received

(a) Rear Eighth Army sig Q 921 of 30 Oct (not to 15 Army Gp) for 3 mule tps of approx 250 mules complete with personnel and saddlers for 13 Corps in FOGGIA area.

This order was cancelled by Rear Eighth Army sig Q 5 of 10 Oct (not to 15 Army Gp)

(b) Rear Eighth Army sig Q 52 of 15 Oct to N° 2 District rptd 15 Army Gp stated that 600 mules complete with personnel and saddlery were required for 5 Corps in S.SEVERO area soonest.

As a result of this the 250 referred to in (a) above were despatched forthwith and 7 Army were ordered to find a further 350.

(c) Rear Eighth Army sig Q 241 of 31 Oct rptd 15 Army Gp stressed urgency and asked for ETA of the 250. DAQMG 15 Army Gp telephoned the next day asking for as many as had been collected to be sent up at once.

We have just been informed that 140 with pack saddlery have been collected in BARI area and they will be sent up.

2 Indications of future requirements are as follows

(a) AFHQ sig Z778 CITE FREECT of 27 Oct to FATIMA rptd 15 Army Gp directing FATIMA to order the Italian Govt to proceed with the formation of a div of mtn tps.

As a result of this 7 ITALIAN ARMY have been ordered by the SACM to form a mtn Bde Gp which they inform us will contain an Alpine Recce unit and Bty of 75mm both with pack tpt.

(b) 15 Army Gp sig SD166 of 27 Oct stating that no further Italian Pack units or Pack animals would be transferred without 15 Army Gp authority but that Allied Armies would retain those already working for them and any for which transfer had already been arranged.

The balance outstanding in para 1 have been assumed to be in the latter category.

(c) The second para of 15 Army Gp sig 166

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(c) The second part of 15 Army Gp SD 168 asked for details of all existing Italian Army resources of pack arty and pack animals, and proposals for organising in pack tpt coys the pack tpt elements of Italian Inf Bns and other units.

Our O 35 of 30 Oct in reply pointed out the conflict of policy between AFHQ 2778 and 15 Army Gp SD 168 and asked for clarification.

3 The total number of mules in 7 Army is stated to be just under 4000 of which many are known to be used for pulling carts. There is a shortage of pack saddlery.

4 There will be difficulty in finding enough strong mules for the two Btyt of 75mm in APULIA and 7 Italian Army are asking for a certain number of light lorries to complete them.

5 Whilst full details are being obtained of the numbers of mules with pack saddlery or carts, may the priorities for the formation of pack units in 7 Italian Army please be given.

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T:= Mules and Horses

British Military Mission.
G/9
31 Oct 43

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HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY

1. It is understood that there are approximately 4,000 mules in 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

2. Can you please inform this Mission approximately

(a) How many of these mules will be required for the Pack Artillery in PICENO and LEGNANO Divs.

(b) Of the remainder how many are suitable for carrying pack loads.

(c) How many sets of pack harness are available exoluding (a) above.

(d) How many mules are in use drawing carts.

(e) How many horses are in use drawing carts.

2:06

Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

Copy to Q.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

31 October 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Ambrosio, Chief of Supreme General Staff.

I am directed to request your Excellency to alert at once and prepare for shipment to Italy all pack units under your control in Sardinia. This applies particularly to the two fully equipped pack mule groups at Cagliari which are urgently needed for use with the 5th Army.

The Allied Military Mission would like to be informed of the location of all pack units in Sardinia, their present assignment and the approximate date when they will be available for movement.

For the Chief of Mission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

Copies to:

15th Army Group
Brigadier Duchene

2005

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Subject:- Pack Arty and Mules, 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

British Military Mission
to 7th: Italian Army
G/9
30 Oct 43

I5 Army Group (2 copies)

Reference your SD I68 of 27 Oct.

I. The following pack arty exists in 7 Italian Army

(a) One Bty of three tps total twelve 75/I3 guns complete in PICENO Div area FASANO P8353 - MARTINA FRANCA P8239.

(b) One Bty of two tps total eight 75/I8 guns in LEGNANO Div area BRINDISI still lacking a few heavy mules and small carts. Hoping to complete shortly.

(c) One Bty of three tps total twelve 75/I3 guns in CALABRIA without mules or pack harness.

2. Total of mules in 7 Army 3970 includes above.

3. We are endeavouring to find out how many are for pulling carts and how much pack harness exists.

4. The number of mules large enough to carry 75mm guns loads is definitely limited and will not exceed I (a) and (b) above.

5. HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY reports verbally that there are beleived to be about six tps 65/17 ? complete with ALPINI Bns in SARDINIA or CORSICA.

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Brigadier,
Comdg; British Military Mission.

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MESSAGE FORM OUT

TO : BMM ITALIAN 7 ARMY rptd FLAMBO FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY 2 DISTRICT

FROM : 15 ARMY GP SD 168

FIRST (.) No further Italian Animal Pack Units or Pack Animals will be transfered from Italian 7 Army to Allied Armies or Districts without authority this HQ (.) Allied Armies will retain those already working for them and any for which transfer has already been arranged (.)

SECOND (.) BMM will send a rep to report to this HQ earliest with full details all existing Italian Army resources of pack arty and pack animals (.) Also with proposals for organizing in pack tpt coys the pack tpt elements of Italian Inf Bns and other units

G/

Recd BMM 1Hours 30 OCT

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PRIORITY TOO

Signed

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LR 23 X 43 SIGNALS

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MESSAGE FORM.

9/4

TO:- 15 ARMY GROUP

From:- B M M 7 ITALIAN ARMY 0.35 30

FIRST (.) Your SMI68 of 27 arrived here P M 30th by HLS via TARANTO and BRINDISI (.) It conflicts with policy laid down in AFHQ Signal 2778 of 27 Oct for one Italian Combat division organised as mountain troops (.) State which policy has been approved (.)

SECOND(.) Herewith by hand details of existing Italian Army Pack Art (.) Also total mules in use both for mule drawn vehicles and for pack (.) Enquiry on hand to disquss how many available for pack and how much pack harness (.) Figures inclu mules in Italian Inf Bns and other units (.)

THIRD(.) Italians report verbally that we must have captured up to eight thousand mules in SICILY are you tapping this source

Lieutenant Berg By Hand

Signed.

TOO 23.00

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Situation

Subj: Pack artillery.

1. On 24 Oct. Maj. Humphs asked, among other things, for information about the pack artillery units "ready for use".

At present there is only one battery of 75/13's which is operationally fit, & that belongs to the PICENO Div. This battery, however, has already been allotted to the mountain unit being formed, & ∴ cannot be considered as available.

2. Another pack battery (75/18) of part of the # LEGNANO Div's. Arty. Regt. The battery has only two Troops, & is not up to W.E in men, animals, & stores, especially harnesses. Efforts are being made to make it up to W.E.

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3. In ~~the~~ CALABRIA there should be twelve 47/ 13's. Depending on ~~the~~ their serviceability, & numbers & stores being available, we will examine the possibilities of forming a new battery.

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SEGRETO

COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

n. 2/9924 di prot. P.M.107, li 29 ottobre 1943.

OGGETTO : Artiglierie someggiate.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso il Comando della 7ª Armata = LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza :
AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA 7ª ARMATA = S E D E

Il giorno 24 corr. il Magg.Hampton di cotesta Missione ha chiesto, fra l'altro, notizie delle unità di artiglieria someggiata, di pronto impiego.

Attualmente è efficiente un solo gruppo da 75/13 appartenente alla divisione "Piceno". Questo gruppo, però, è stato già assegnato al raggruppamento da montagna che si sta costituendo e, pertanto, non è da considerare disponibile.

Un altro gruppo someggiato, da 75/18, fa parte del reggimento di artiglieria della divisione "Legnano". Ma esso è su due sole batterie e presenta notevoli deficienze organiche, sia nei riguardi degli uomini e dei quadrupedi, sia nei materiali, specialmente bardature. Si sta cercando di rimetterlo in efficienza.

In Calabria dovrebbero trovarsi 12 pezzi sfusi da 75/13. Questo comando, in relazione allo stato di efficienza dei pezzi ed ai quadrupedi e materiali disponibili esaminerà la possibilità di costituire un nuovo gruppo.-

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(Raffaele Pelligra)

Comando T. Armata · Stato Maggiore

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