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SD/3 Org. of Male Units - General
Opened Sept. 10, 1944 - Closed Jan. 16, 1945
Sept. 1944 - Jan. 1945

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP, /00

Tel:- FORSLVE 226,

3143/(0),

16 Jan 45.

AFHQ, G-1(B).

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub-Commission (MGLA) HQ AG.
G3(SD)
ST (ref your 570/ST of 11 Jan 45).

Ref para 6 of MGLA signal SD 2671 of 10 Jan 45.

1. In addition to the personnel ex PICENO Div, the Italian personnel who will be released from 7 Mountain Regt RA on being replaced by BASUTOS will be available as muleteers.
2. As the personnel ex 7 Mountain Regt RA are already trained muleteers it is suggested that they should be used in priority to the personnel ex PICENO Div and divided amongst the four coys of 253 Group to form a nucleus of trained personnel in each coy.
3. DADST(AT), AFHQ at present located at this HQ, strongly recommends the suggestion in para 2 above.
4. If muleteers ex 7 Mountain Regt are not available in time to join coys at GRIVETO, it is recommended that the coys be so organised before despatch from GRIVETO that the ex Mountain Regt personnel can join at POSSOMBONE at a later date.
5. Will you please advise this HQ in due course of the action taken in this matter.

61 Agued
15.5/1

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E. Genet
for Commanding General.

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MEMO

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15 ARMY OF

AFHQ, 61 ST

SD 2097

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REF YOUR S E C O N D IN A140 OF 13 JAN (.) AS REPORTED
IN MY SD 2063 OF 12 JAN WAR MINISTRY HAS NO RPT NO LIAISON
OFFERS ENGLISH SPEAKING AVAILABLE FOR POSTING AS REQUESTED (.)
THIS IS REGRETTED (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING
UNITS TO NAME A FEW UNDER YOUR COMD HAVE ENGLISH SPEAKING
OFFERS: E I G H T ARMY OSI, CIVIL LIAISON, LIAISON STAFF
5 CORPS, 13 CORPS, 56 DIV, 46 DIV

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SD/56
SD/56

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AF 652

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: Auth: SAC [initials] :
: Initials: [initials] :
: 14 January 1945 :
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AG 091.711/029 GCT-O

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Provision of BR-ITI Muleteers

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIA)

R.V.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is the present program for the supply of muleteers for BR-ITI Pack Transport Companies (column (a)). Provisions from call-up shown in column (c) are subject to such changes as you may find necessary and are indicated only as a guide.

2. Will you please insure that the necessary arrangements are made to comply with the program.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

Jack Carter
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Appendix "A"

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - Addressee
1 - DMT
1 - G-1 (B)
1 - G-3 Org (B)
4 - G-3 Org (F)
1 - G-4 (B)
1 - Q(Maint)
1 - S & T
1 - V & RS
2 - AG Records
1 - AG M & D

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Demands		Provisions		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Reinforcements for six Existing Pack Tpt Coys up to the <u>end JAN</u>	700	From Sicily call-up in JAN	700	Of 4000 in Sicily. No difficulty in a full
New Pack Gp Hq and four coys by <u>end FEB</u>	2000	252 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at FOSSOMBRONE Lt call DISTONE from ORVIETO now Lt call DISTONE from ORVIETO 13 Jan Lt call DISTONE from ORVIETO 20 Jan Total	35 200 900 <u>900</u> 2035	Personnel equipment
Reinforcements for ten Pack Tpt Coys by <u>end FEB</u>	1200	From Sicily call-up in JAN from CAMPANIA call-up in JAN-FEB Total	400 <u>800</u> 1200	Of 2500 up, 85% ITIs. Of likely to
New Pack Gp Hq and four Coys by <u>Mid-MAR</u>	2000	253 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at ORVIETO PICENO personnel due ORVIETO 16 JAN ex Combat Rft Trg Center 25 JAN Total	35 1780 <u>220</u> 2035	All these PICENO in at CESANO
Reinforcements for fourteen Pack Tpt Coys by <u>end MAR</u>	1700	From SARDINIA call-up in FEB From 7 Mountain Regt RA Total	1200 <u>500</u> 1700	Dependent Two ships 6000 men during FEB
TOTAL	<u>7600</u>		<u>7670</u>	

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Statement showing demands and provisions JAN - FEB - MAR 1945

Appendix "A" to AFH letter
AG 091.711/029 GGT-O, dated
14 January 1945

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Provisions (c)	(a)	Remarks (d)
From Sicily call-up in JAN	700	Of 4000 remaining to be called up in Sicily, 1400 are at REGGIO now. No difficulty is expected in raising a further 2600.
252 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at FOSSOMBRONE At call DISTONE from ORVIETO now At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 13 Jan At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 20 Jan Total	35 200 900 <u>900</u> 2035	Personnel are now at ORVIETO for equipment and basic training.
From Sicily call-up in JAN from CAMPANIA call-up in JAN-FEB Total	400 <u>800</u> 1200	Of 2500 expected from CAMPANIA call-up, 85% are to be allocated to BR-ITIs. Of these approx. 40% are likely to be fit as muleteers.
253 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at ORVIETO PICENO personnel due ORVIETO 16 JAN ex Combat Rft Trg Center 25 JAN Total	35 1780 <u>220</u> 2035	All these personnel are standing by, PICENO in APULLA and Combat Rfts at CESANO.
From SARDINIA call-up in FEB From 7 Mountain Regt R. Total	1200 <u>500</u> 1700	Dependent on shipping Two ships have been earmarked and 6000 men are expected to be available during FEB.
	<u>7670</u>	

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

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British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

AWHQ (G.1(B) A1 Section)

Phone No: LIGHTNING ROAD 162

Copy to: HQ 15 Army Group (A(O) Branch
HQ Land Forces Sub
Commission, Allied
Commission (MMIA) ✓
G (SD)

14.5A

12 Jan 45

SD/3
15 Jan
RIS

3, 4, 7, 14 and 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coys

Reference your CR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser 1116) dated 1 Dec 44.

Formation of the above-named units on W.E. NA/300/1 is now complete with the exception of the following deficiencies:-

(a) <u>O.R. Personnel</u>	3 Coy	-	81
	4 Coy	-	61
	7 Coy	-	84
	14 Coy	-	79
	250 Coy	-	68

These deficiencies do not affect the operational efficiency of the units.

(b) Transport

One Jeep trailer per Coy deficient.

DMH/XY

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British) 2364
Fifth Army.

Translation
From SMRE

To MMIA

Subject Specialists

Max

Ref. 11194/MOB

Date Jan 12, 1945

Quote 422 B. 15/1

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Reply to paragraph 6 of letter 50/3 dated
Dec. 29, 1944

Up to the present time, the following
specialists have been sent to ORVIETO for
the forming of the 8 Coy and the
two Pack Tpt Units (252 and 253):

- 6 officers - interpreters
- 4 O.R. interpreters
- 12 - blacksmiths (senior W.O.s & O.R.s)
- 22 - Total specialists

In order to complete the W.E.
of the a/m units, the following specialists
are required:

40 { officers } interpreters

10 clerks

90 drivers

92 cooks

100 blacksmiths (of which 8 sergeants
will be supplied by Pack Tpt Coy
which have already been formed)

and which are in the line at present)

8	cant drivers
64	saddlers (of which 8 sergeants will be furnished by Pads Tpt logs which have already been furnished & which are in the line at present)
40	shoemakers
8	driver - mech
8	motorcyclists
460	total specialists

For the time being, this SMRE
does not have the
~~has no accountability of said personnel~~
in order to make up the deficiencies
mentioned above. These deficiencies
may be made up by drawing
from those who are being recalled,
and from Allied transit camps.

cpl. T.C.
T.C.

(sgd) Gen SANTO

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO EERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

N° 11194 / Mob. di prot. P.M. 3800, li 12 gennaio 1945
OGGETTO: specializzati.

SD 14/1
ROMA

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto - Uff. C.A. - P.M. 3800

Risposta paragrafo 6 del foglio SD/3 del 29 dicembre 1944.

A tutt'oggi sono stati avviati a Orvieto per la formazione delle 8 compagnie e dei due comandi di gruppo someggiati (252° e 253°), e seguenti specializzati:

- ufficiali interpreti 6
- militari di truppa interpreti 4
- maniscalchi (sottufficiali e militari di truppa) 12
- Totale specializzati 22

Per completare gli organici dei suddetti reparti mancano ancora i seguenti specializzati:

- ufficiali } interpreti 40
- militari di truppa }
- scritturali 10
- autisti 90
- cuochi 92
- maniscalchi (di cui 8 sergenti verranno forniti da compagnie someggiate già costituite e attualmente in linea) 100
- carraitori 8
- sellai (di cui 8 sergenti verranno forniti da compagnie someggiate già costituite e attualmente in linea) 64
- calzolari 236
- motoristi 28
- motociclisti 8

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- maniscalchi (sottufficiali e militari di truppa)	12
Totale specializzati	22

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- ufficiali	}	interpreti	40
- militari di truppa			10
- scritturali			90
- autisti			92
- cuochi			100
- maniscalchi (di cui 8 sergenti verranno forniti da compagnie someggiate già costituite e attualmente in linea)			8
- carraitori			64
- sellai (di cui 8 sergenti verranno forniti da compagnie someggiate già costituite e attualmente in linea)			236
- calzolari			28
- motoristi			8
- motociclisti			460

Questo S.M. non ha, per ora, alcuna disponibilità di tale personale per ripianare le deficienze di cui sopra. Queste potranno essere colmate attingendo dai richiami in corso di attuazione nonché, secondariamente, dai campi sosta A.A.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

RAC MESSAGE FOR

FROM MIA

TO AFHQ for G3(ORG) AND G1(BR) AND ST
15 ARMY GROUP FOR SD AND A AND ST

INFO DISTONE
DISTONE FOR MIA LO
ITALIAN RET DEPT ORVITCO
ITALIAN MULETEER CENTRE FOSSOMBRONE

SD 2090

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS 252 PACK TPT CP BR-ITT (*) FOLLOWING HAVE COVERED FROM
(CRVIETO TO FOSSOMBRONE) (*) ONE (*) 252 PACK TPT GROUP HQ
STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 OPS 8 JAN (*) TWO (*) 200 MULETEER
RPTS 11 JAN (*) THREE (*) 265 PACK TPT COY 4 OFFERS 300 OPS
13 JAN (*) FOUR (*) 267 PACK TPT COY 10 OFFERS 300 OPS 14
JAN (*) FIVE (*) 18 OFFERS ~~268~~ **268** OPS 916 OPS TOTAL 2095 (*) SIX (*)
268 AND 269 PACK TPT COYS WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FORWARD BY 15
ARMY GROUP 18 JAN

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

Internal

AG Q(AS)
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SD/50(2) GEL
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD/56
SD/51/1 FILE

AUTHENTICATED

Stanley

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SUBJECT IS 252 PACK TTT GP BR-ITI (*) FOLLOWING HAVE MOVED FROM
 CHUETO TO FOSSUMERONE (*) ONE (*) 252 PACK TTT GROUP HQ
 STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 ORS 8 JAN (*) TWO (*) 200 MILITARY
 RPTS 11 JAN (*) THREE (*) 266 PACK TTT COY 4 OFFERS 375 ORS
 13 JAN (*) FOUR (*) 267 PACK TTT COY 10 OFFERS 369 ORS 14
 JAN (*) FIVE (*) 18 OFFERS ~~261~~ **261** NOCS 916 ORS TOTAL 1095 (*) SIX (*)
 268 AND 269 PACK TTT COYS WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FORWARD BY 15
 ARMY GROUP 18 JAN

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

Stanley

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 MINISTRY OF WAR

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on 11/11/50

18th for 18th

FROM 15 ARMY GROUP
 TO A MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 INFO AFHQ CITE FHGAB
 MMIA
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY
 DISTONE

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SUBJECT IS FORMATION OF ADDITIONAL ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COYS (.)
 FIRST (.) MMIA ARE UNABLE TO PRODUCE FOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING ITALIAN
 LIAISON OFFICERS FOR COYS FORMING NOW (.) THESE URGENTLY REQUIRED (.)
 REQUEST YOU ARRANGE WITHDRAWAL OF FOUR SUITABLE OFFICER FROM UNITS
 UNDER YOUR CMD AND DESPATCH EARLIEST TO PACK MULE TRANSPORT
 TRAINING DEPOT FOSSOMERONE (.) REQUEST SIGNAL ETA TO 15 ARMY GROUP
 REPEATED MMIA DISTONE (.) SECOND (.) FOR MMIA (.) PRESUME YOU ARE
 TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO PRODUCE THE FOUR LPS REQUIRED FOR FURTHER
 FOUR COYS (.) REQUEST CONFIRMATION THESE OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE
 BY END JANUARY (.) THIRD (.) MMIA SD 2083 OF 12 NOT TO ALL REFS

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 Info G/7/1
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 ho's available. There
 are NO ho's available 2360
 I can only "say again"*

8/14/1

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FROM MMIA

12 1030A

TO 15 ARMY GROUP A

INFO AFHQ G1 BR
15 ARMY GP SD AND ST
DISTONE
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
WAR MINISTRY
8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO

SD 2083

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS NEW PACK TPT COYS BR-ITI (.) WAR MINISTRY REPORT NO LIAISON OFFRS
ENGLISH SPEAKING AVAILABLE FOR POSTING AGAINST WE (.) SUGGEST PRIORITY
OF TPT COYS MIGHT JUSTIFY TRANSFER OF LO'S FROM FMNS UNDER YOUR CMD CARRYING
HIGH PROPORTION OF ENGLISH SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFRS AGAINST ENTITLEMENT

PRECEDENCE Important.

AUTHENTICATED L.H. T. Gledew.
It. Col.

INTERNAL:

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SD/50 (2)

G/7/1

FILE: SD/3

SIGNAL

MMIA

TO AFHQ G3 ORG G1 BR MOV
15 ARMY GP SD A S.T.
1 DIST

INFO WAR MINISTRY DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
ICF RTC CESANO FOR MMIA LO
ITALIAN RET DEPOT ORVIE TO

SD 2071

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Secret

A (.) SUBJECT IS MULETEERS (.) PROVISION PERSONNEL FOR 252 & 253 PACK TPT GP
HQS AND 266 CMA 267 CMA 268 CMA 269 CMA 270 CMA 271 CMA 272 & 273 PACK TPT
COYS ALL BR ITI (.) ONE (.) 252 PACK TPT GP HQ STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 CR'S LEFT
O R V I E T O RFT DEPOT 8 JAN FOR F O S S O M B R O N E (.) TWO (.) 200
PERSONNEL AWAITING MOV TO F O S S O M B R O N E FROM O R V I E T O NOW (.)
THREE (.)
/ TWO COYS STRENGTH APPROX 900 WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FWD TO F O S S O M B R O N E
BY 1 DIST 13 JAN (.) F O U R (.) TWO FURTHER COYS STRENGTH APPROX 900 WILL BE
READY FOR CALLING FWD 20 JAN (.) FIVE (.) 253 PACK TPT GP HQ IS NOW FORMING
AT O R V I E T O (.) SIX (.) REMAINING FOUR COMPANIES WILL BE FORMED AT
O R V I E T O FROM FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AND SHOULD BE READY LAST WEEK JAN (.)
1780 EX P I C E N O E T A O R V I E T O 16 JAN (.) 220 EX C E S A N O
COMBAT TNG CENTRE E T D 25 JAN (.) SEVEN (.) 74 POTENTIAL FARRIERS HAVE
BEEN SENT TO P A S S O C O R S E FOR TNG (.) 75 FARRIERS ARE BEING MOVED
FROM T A R A N T O TO P A S S O C O R S E E T A 14 JAN (.) SPECIALIST
PERSONNEL UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY (.) B (.) WHAT IS REQUIREMENT FOR
MULETEER REPLACEMENTS & RPTS BR ITI FOR 5 ARMY

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HQS AND 266 CMA 267 CMA 268 CMA 269 CMA 270 CMA 271 CMA 272 & 273 PACK TPT
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 PERSONNEL AWAITING MOV TO FOSSOMBRONE FROM ORVETO NOV (.)
 THREE (.)
 / TWO COYS STRENGTH APPROX 900 WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FWD TO FOSSOMBRONE
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 ORVETO FROM FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AND SHOULD BE READY LAST WEEK JAN (.)
 1780 EX PICEÑO ETA ORVETO 16 JAN (.) 220 EX CESANO
 COMBAT TNG CENTRE ETD 25 JAN (.) SEVEN (.) 74 POTENTIAL FARRIERS HAVE
 BEEN SENT TO PASSOCORSE FOR TNG (.) 75 FARRIERS ARE BEING MOVED
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 MULETEER REPLACEMENTS & RFTS BRITI FOR 5 ARMY

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PRECEDENCE

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RECEIVED: Pnn EIGHT Pack Tpt Coys, TWO Pack
Tpt Co HQ's (BR-ITI)

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M. I. A.)
SD/3
29 Dec 44

TO : War Ministry

Copy to: O.C. Br Cadre Rft Trg Depot (Italian) ORVIETO (through 26 Fd Pun Camp).

252 & 253 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT GROUP HEADQUARTERS
266 - 273 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES

Ref your 9489/ORD of 20 Dec and 9526/ORD of 21 Dec the following
formation orders were issued by higher authority on 19 Dec
notified in your letters under reference, should therefore be amended.

1. (a) The under mentioned Units will be formed as shown :-

Unit	W.E.	SEL	With effect Supervisory from Authority	War Office Serial No. Allotted
(1) 252 Italian Pack Tpt Co HQ	(ii) NA/834/1 (XII/465/1)	(iii) to be notified	(iv) 15 Dec 44 HQ No. 1 Dist.	(vi) 93391
253 Italian Pack Tpt Co HQ	do	do	1 Jan 45 HQ No. 1 Dist.	93392
266 Italian Pack Tpt Co	NA/800/1 (XII/461/1)	do	15 Dec 44	93393
267 do	do	do	do	93394
268 do	do	do	do	93395
269 do	do	do	do	93396
270 do	do	do	1 Jan 45	93397
271 do	do	do	do	93398
272 do	do	do	do	93399
273 do	do	do	do	93400

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Supervisory
Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10
Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition
to those received from Supervisory Authorities.

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(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
252 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ	NA/834/1	to be notified	15 Dec 44	HQ No. 1 Dist.	93391
253 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ	do	do	1 Jan 45	HQ No. 1 Dist.	93392
266 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	NA/800/1	do	15 Dec 44	do	93393
267 do	do	do	do	do	93394
268 do	do	do	do	do	93395
269 do	do	do	do	do	93396
270 do	do	do	1 Jan 45	do	93397
271 do	do	do	do	do	93398
272 do	do	do	do	do	93399
273 do	do	do	do	do	93400

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(c) Special equipment lists as in coln (iii) above will be issued :

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided in accordance with SATE letter 9489/ORD dated 20 Dec. Formation of Coys will commence at ORVIETO, and training will continue at FOSSOMBRONE. The difficulty in providing English speaking liaison officer is understood; first priority are the eight, one for each Coy H.Q.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities :-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

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3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT (cont'd)

- (b) Unit equipment to Special Equipment Lists as in para 1 (a) column (iii) above when issued.
- (c) Transport to complete to W.E. to be issued as available in accordance with priorities to be allotted.

4. STATIONERY

Demands based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as follows :-

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F. L1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F. L1394) to No 10 Publications Depot, (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F. L1392) to AEPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be :- "Title of Unit"
CAF

6. SPECIALISTS

Please state present position regarding provision of specialist personnel for these units.

Internal Distn :- A/Q
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G(11)L

[Signature]
Major General
MGA

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- nearest Stationery Depot, units.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F. L1394) to No 10 Publications Depot, (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
 - (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F. L1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be :- "Title of Unit"
CMT

6. SPECIALISTS

Please state present position regarding provision of specialist personnel for these units.

[Signature]
Major General
MMA

Internal Distn :- A/Q
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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - PASO

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OR/1155/G-1(BR) (Ser. 1305)
28 Dec 44.

BRITISH CADRES FOR ITALIAN PACK UNITS

1. (a) The under mentioned Units will be formed as shown below under the supervision of HQ No.1 District.

Unit	W.E.	Effective Date	Serial No. allotted
Br Cadre 252 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ	AI/6/2	15 Dec 44	93432
-do- 266 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	(NA/807/2) NA/298/2	-do-	93433
-do- 267	-do-	-do-	93434
-do- 268	-do-	-do-	93435
-do- 269	-do-	-do-	93436
-do- 253 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ	AI/8/2	1 Jan 45	93437
-do- 270 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	(NA/807/2) NA/298/2	-do-	93438
-do- 271	-do-	-do-	93439
-do- 272	-do-	-do-	93440
-do- 273	-do-	-do-	93441

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.1 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.1 District.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

- (a) Officers - (i) Lt.Cols by Dep Mil Sec, AFHQ. } in conjunction with
(ii) Others by G-1(B), AFHQ. } DST, AFHQ.
- (b) Other Ranks - by D4G CHQ 2nd Echelon

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.1 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q(AB), AFHQ.
(d) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be indented for as follows:-

- (a) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) - 20,000
nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by AFPS, AFHQ.

-do- 268 -do-
 -do- 269 -do-
 -do- 253 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ AL/8/2
 (NA/807/2)
 -do- 270 Italian Pack Tpt Coy NA/298/2
 -do- 271 -do-
 -do- 272 -do-
 -do- 273 -do-
 (b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.1 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. HQ No.1 District.

2.

PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

- (a) Officers - (i) Lt.Cols by Dep Mil Sec, AFHQ. } in conjunction
 (ii) Others by G-1(B), AFHQ. } with
 (b) Other Ranks - by DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon } DST, AFHQ.

3.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.1 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
 (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1096-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
 (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1096 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by G(AS), AFHQ.
 (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

4.

STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be indented for as follows:-

- (a) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) - 203 (AFHQ) nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by ADPSS, AFHQ.
 (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').
 (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5.

PAY

- (a) Br Cadres, 252 & 253 Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ will make application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers to the nearest area or Pd Cashier.
 (b) Remainder of Cadres will be paid by the unit or formation to which attached.

6.

POSTAL

Postal address will be:-

Br Cadres, 252 (or 253) Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ, CTF.

Br Cadres, --- Italian Pack Tpt Coy, CTF.

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(+ 62/110)

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7. COMPLETION

(a) HQ No. 1 District will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to DST, AFHQ, when formation is complete.
(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 18 Jan 45, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

OK
*for Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.*

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+++ WED/117 of 21 Dec 44 refers.

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FROM MMIA LQ DISTHREE
TO MMIA

271223A

EA 137

SECRET

Please signal urgently location where following ICF
units are forming (.) A (.) 601 (.) ITALIAN vet hospital (.)
B (.) 230 232 429 519 ITALIAN field hospitals (.) C (.)
1 and 2 ITALIAN ITALIAN mobile laundry and bath units (.)
D (.) 1 ITALIAN MAC (.) E (.) 252 and 253 ITALIAN pack tpt
GP HQS (.) F (.) 266 to 273 ITALIAN pack tpt coys (.) This
information is requested by DISTHREE

DISTR:

IMMEDIATE

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

241040A

SD 1994

Ref your AG 091.711/137 GDS-O of 21 (.) The heading
"provision" should incl (A) Date 6 Nov nominated 1988
Despatched 1822 Arrived 1753 Accepted 911 vide 5 Army
1869 of 22 Nov 6985 of 27 Nov (.) (B) On date 5 Dec in
addition to the 184 despatched of 580 nominated by 3 Dist
a further 355 were despatched (.) 336 arrived (.) 239
accepted vide 5 Army 2798 of 19 Dec (.) This increases
total nominated to 11566 (.) Despatched 4709 (.) Arrived
2401 (.) Accepted 1293 (.) MMIA LO visiting you Wednesday
will amplify

Internal : Mov (2)
A/Q
SD/50 (2)
File SD/3/1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512Land Forces s/c
RD/etb

HEADQUARTERS

22 Dec 44

AG 091.711/137 GDS-C

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers for Fifth Army.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FCR: Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MIA)

1. In reply to MIA letter SD/3 dated 14 December 1944, the following is the state in the provision of muleteers for Fifth Army as so far recorded at this headquarters:

a. Demands

Date	Number	Purpose
10 November	2770	Completion to TO/US of existing units (US-ITI and BR-ITI) plus two new US-ITI coys.
27 November	1000	Replacement of November wastage.
8 December	1200	Three new US-ITI coys.
	1600	Replacement of December wastage.
	1030	Two new Group Headquarters and eight new BR-ITI coys.
Total Demand at 10 December	10600	
Add 10%	1000	Provision of January wastage.
Commitment	11600	

b. Provisions

Date	Nominated	Dispatched	Appr.	Accepted	Remarks
27 November	170 (3 Dist)	358	336	239	
5 December	580 (3 Dist)	158	149	53	Dist three SD389 27 Nov
10 December	178 (TRANI)	184	163	90	
10 December	500 (TRANI)				MIA SD1903 10 Dec
10 December	800 (TARANTO)	800			MIA SD1906 10 Dec
11 December	800 (TARANTO)	800			MOV TAR/C/398 10 Dec
12 December	800 (TARANTO)	590			MOV TAR/C/402 11 Dec
13 December	500 (ABRUZZI)				MOV TAR/C/2352 12 Dec
13 December	750 (MIA)				MIA SD1930 13 Dec
19 December	1000 (SICILY)				
19 December	1000 (SICILY)				
22 December	500 (SICILY)				
	2000 (PICENO)				
	9578	2532	315	143	
	1988	1822	1753	259	
	11566	4709	1401	911	

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27 Dec 44

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 091.711/137 GLS-0
dtg 21 December 1944 (Cont'd)

2. The present wastage rate in Coys and the rejection rate in drafts are considered excessive. You are requested to ensure that only fit men of classes 1914 to 1924 are sent forward.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:



R.H. Furse
R.H. FURSE
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Trans pe.
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

822/12
n° *9526* 10rd. di prot.

SD/3
28/12
P.M. 3800 *21* dic. 1944

OGGETTO: Costituzione di nuovi reparti salmerie BR-ITI.- *23*

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

Riferimento foglio SD/3 del 13 c.m.-

Si comunicano i nominativi assegnati ai reparti salmerie in corso di formazione presso il capo affluenza complementi di Orvieto :

- XXII gruppo salmerie su: *composed of.*
- . comando *N.G.*
 - . 18° reparto salmerie
 - . 19° " "
 - . 20° " "
 - . 21° " "

- XXIII gruppo salmerie su:
- . comando
 - . 22° reparto salmerie
 - . 23° " "
 - . 24° " "
 - . 25° " "

Herewith list of titles assigned to the ²²XXII and ²³XXIII pack transport units being formed at ORVIETO.

R. Mansfield



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

[Signature]

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Translation

SD/3

R23/12

From SURE

Ref. No. 9489/000

to MMIA

Date. 20 Dec 44

This SURE has ordered the formation of the 2nd and 23rd pack transport groups, on the 12 of December

for same, accordingly with orders from MMIA the Prescribed Establishment is conformed to publication A1/11 and those establishments comprise one Interpreter for each Unit HQ and one for each platoon HQ respectively 8 and 33 interpreters making a total of 40 GAs.

We would like to point out that the No. of personnel in that category is very small and that at the time being the full quota of interpreters will not be assigned

Therefore, in the mean time we are doing our best to assign the largest possible number of Interpreters and will little by little fulfill the full quota at future dates

R. Llanos

SANT

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO E. RCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO

n° 9489 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11 20 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Costituzione XXII° - XXIII° Gruppi Salmerie.



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA GABINETTO UFFICIO C.A.

P.M. 3800

AL MINISTERO GUERRA DIR. GEN. LEVA SOT. E TRUPPA

P.M. 3800

AL COMANDO MILITARE LAZIO E ABRUZZI

P.M. 3800

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E. UFFICIO PERSONALE E SEGR.

P.M. 3800

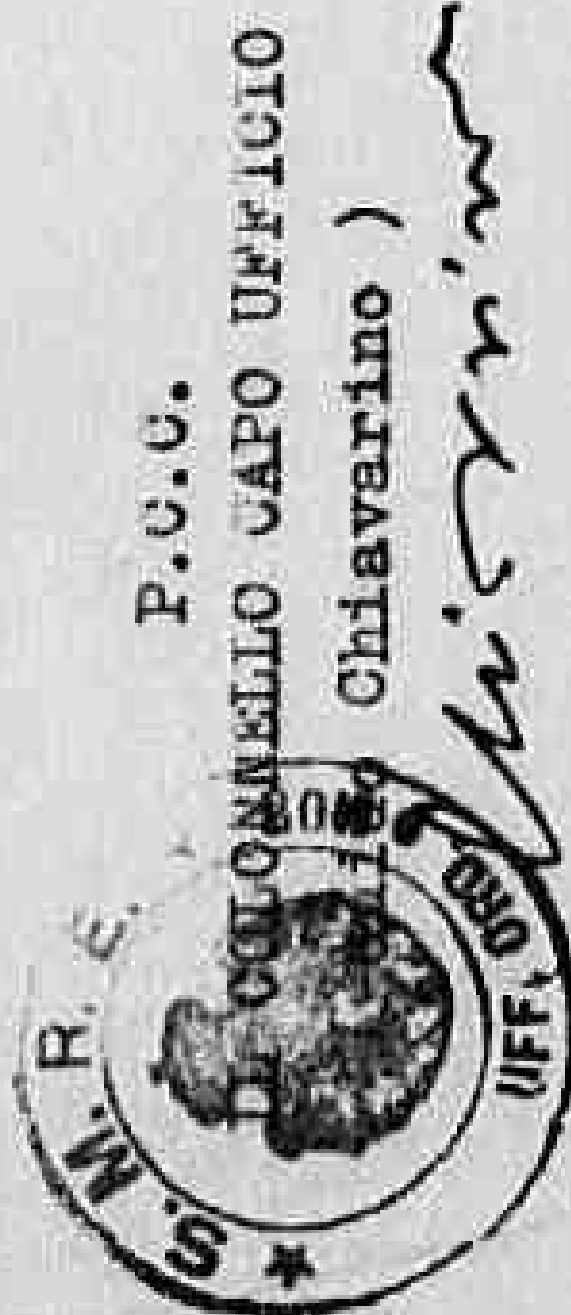
Questo Stato Maggiore a disposto sin dal 12 c.m. la costituzione dei 2 Gruppi Salmerie in oggetto specificato.

per gli stessi, come d'intesa con codesta M.M.I.A., sono stati prescritti gli organici di cui alla pubblicazione AI/1/1. Detti organici contemplano un interprete per ciascun comando di reparto (totale 8) e uno per ogni Comando di plotone (totale 32): complessivamente 40 tutti militari di truppa.

Si rappresenta che la disponibilità in atto di tale categoria di militari è ridottissima e non consente, per ora almeno, l'assegnazione di tutti gli interpreti previsti dagli organici.

Pertanto, nel mentre si assicura che sarà fatto di tutto per assegnare subito il maggior numero possibile, si provvederà a completarne il fabbisogno mano a mano si riuscirà a trovare i rimanenti.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



P.C.C.

COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
Chiaravino

Chiaravino



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

e per conoscenza:

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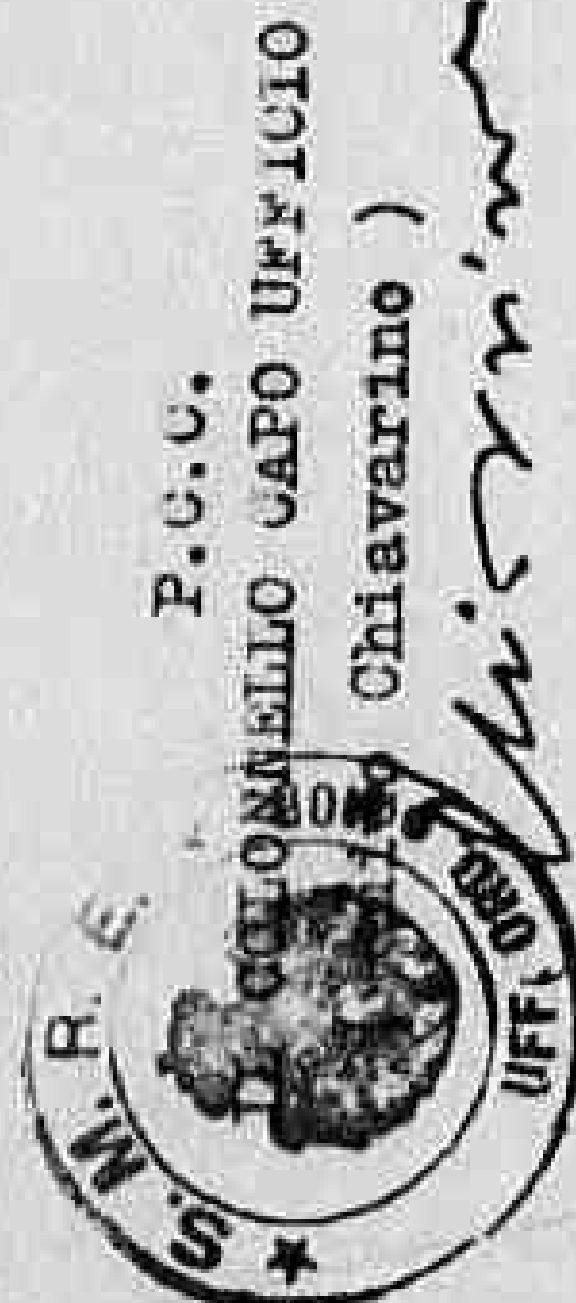
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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



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C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : C.O. MTOUSA
MMLA

191922

INFO: C.O. 15 ARMY GROUP
C.O. PBS

2798

SECRET

(Begin part 1) (.) Paragraph 1 (.) Report on Italian Muleteer (US-ITI and British ITI) replacements received 9 December follows: A (.) Status: (1) 385 scheduled to move from BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO (2) 336 arrived; 19 AWOL enroute (3) 59 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (4) 31 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 246 are from 1918 or younger classes (6) 239 fit for Muleteers (7) 8 (Begin part 2) 7 unfit for Muleteers but fit for other duty (8) 10 unfit for any duty, now in hospital (9) 220 men are trained Muleteers (.) B (.) equipment and rations: (1) 336 nearly completely equipped (2) 19 without mess kits (3) 336 without undershirts and socks wool (4) sufficient rations issued to every individual; warm meal provided at BENEVENTO, ROCCASBOCCA and ROME (.) C (.) Assignment: (1) 145 Muleteers to US-ITI (2) 55 men to other US-ITI units (3) 5 in hospital (US-ITI) (4) 94 Muleteers to British-ITI (5) 31 men to other British-ITI units (6) 5 in hospital (British-ITI) Paragraph 2 (.) Request adjustment be made in total amount of Muleteers to be furnished 5th ARMY by adding 116 Muleteers to future shipments

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGOT
TO 15 ARMY GROUP MMIA
INFO FIFTH ARMY

191807

EX 71184

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Ref 5 Army 9702 of 15 (.) For 15 Army Group (.) ONE (.) Necessary
every fit man of classes 1914 to 1924 from drafts sent forward be
used by you as muleteers (.) Present rejection rate will involve
movement of 30000 men to produce 11000 muleteers (.) TWO (.)
Desirable also monthly wastage rate reduced by all means in your
power (.) Present rate equivalent three new companies per month (.)
THREE (.) For MMIA (.) Ensure future drafts include only men of
above classes who are fit for duty on leaving base

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SECRET

1605/79/G(SD.1)

Agenda for the First Meeting of the AAI Committee on Pack

Tpt Coys

SUBJECT

1. (a) to examine the provision, accommodation, equipping and training of Italian personnel required to form eleven pack tpt coys (eight BR-ITI and three US-ITI).

(b) to decide on the priority of provision of personnel as between rfts for existing coys and personnel for new coys.

REQUIREMENTS

2. (a) Estimated requirements by 31 Dec are :-

11 New coys :-

US-ITI	1200
BR-ITI	4675
say	6000
Existing coys (incl 2 new coys) at 1 Dec	2100
Wastage during Dec at 3 men per coy per day on 17 coys	1600
1500	1500
4500	9700
3100	
1600	

Total required by 31 Dec

(b) NIA to say how this requirement can be met.

ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

(a) The BR-ITI portion will be received, equipped and trained basically at a Base Rft Trg Depot to be set up in 1 District at CRVIZTO. The specialist trg required is to be given at FOSSOMBRONE.

(b) As the Depot at CRVIZTO is NOT yet established it may be necessary to accept the first arrivals at FOSSOMBRONE and equip and train them basically there, although this is undesirable.

(c) Points for decision are :-

- (1) Will the depot at CRVIZTO be set up in time to receive the first arrivals?

REQUIREMENTS

2. Estimated requirements by 31 Dec are :-

11 New coys :-

US-ITI 1280
 RA-ITI 4675

Existing coys (incl 2 new coys) at 1 Dec
 Westage during Dec at 3 men per coy per
 day on 17 coys

Total required by 31 Dec

MMIA to say how this requirement can be met.

ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

(a) The RA-ITI portion will be received, equipped and trained basically at a Base Rft Trg Depot to be set up in 1 District at ORVIZTO. The specialist trg required is to be given at FOSSOMBRONE.

(b) As the Depot at ORVIZTO is NOT yet established it may be necessary to accept the first arrivals at FOSSOMBRONE and equip and train them basically there, although this is undesirable.

(c) Points for decision are :-

(i) Will the depot at ORVIZTO be set up in time to receive the first arrivals?

(ii) What period of time will be required for equipping and basic training at ORVIZTO?

(iii) If the answer to (i) above is NO, what additional personnel, British and Italian, are required at FOSSOMBRONE to carry out the equipping and basic training?

PRIORITIES

(a) The priority for the provision of personnel for new coys is laid down in para 3 of Appx 'C' to 1605/79/0(5DL) dated 28 Nov 44 as :-

- (i) Two new coys forming in Fifth Army
- (ii) Specialists i.e. farriers and saddlers.
- (iii) Four British and three US coys per passu
- (iv) Four British coys.

required by
 15 Dec

(b) The Committee will be asked to press the requirements for rfts to existing coys in to the above list.

FROM 5 ARMY

151504

TO CS MFOUSA, FM MIA

RFTD HQ, 15th Army Group, CO PRS

9702

SECRET

"Begin part 1" Secret: A report on Italian muleteer replacements received 8 Dec follows (.)(1) 184 scheduled to move from 407 regiment IPI (2) 163 arrived; 17 AMOL; 4 sent to hospital enroute (3) 39 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (4) 39 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 95 are from 1918 or younger (6) 90 are fit for muleteers (7) 67 unfit for muleteers but fit for ^{only} military duty (8) 6 unfit for any duty (9) 6 men are trained muleteers (10) 140 completely equipped (11) 23 nearly completely equipped (12) 5 days or more rations issued to every man for 4 day journey (.)(3) These 163 replacements distributed as follows: (1) 58 to US-ITI pack mule units (2) 38 to US-ITI other units (3) 6 unfit to US-ITI hospital (4) 32 to Bri-ITI pack mule units (5) 29 to Bri-ITI other units (.)(4) CM related subject: report of Italian muleteer replacements received 30 Nov follows: (1) 98 scheduled to move from TRANI (2) 60 scheduled to move from AFRAGOLA (3) 149 arrived (4) 51 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (5) 23 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (6) 75 are from 1917 or younger (7) 53 fit for muleteers (8) 91 fit for other duty only (9) unfit for any duty (10) 15 trained as muleteers (11) 149 without blankets (12) 29 were in civilian clothing (13) 149 without mess kits or substitute (14) rations sufficient for journey (.)(5) D These 149 distributed as follows: (1) 43 to US-ITI pack mule units (2) 44 to US-ITI other units (3) 3 to US-ITI hospital (4) 10 to Bri-ITI pack mule units (5) 47 to Bri-ITI other units (6) 2 to Bri-ITI hospital (.)(6) E request adjustment be made in total amount to be furnished 5 Army by adding 190 muleteers to future shipments.

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FROM SAI SIGNED SAC CITE FUGCT

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TO AAI, NMIA

INFO RAAC

FX 68518

SD/3 40 63
SECRET

Dated 9 Dec, your SD 1806 (.) ONE (.) Sixth Combat Group
FUGCT Div will NOT be formed (.) Personnel will be available for
volunteers and combat rfts (.) TWO (.) For NMIA (.) Request you *SD/3 40 63*
state earliest if 2000 requested in para 4 of AAI Cable are
available now and also if remainder are suitable as combat
rfts (.) THREE (.) For AAI (.) Your para 5 refers (.) Clothing
and equipment volunteers now being examined in detail (.) Will
notify you earliest.

IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: Pack Tpt Coy Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUR-CON. A.C.
(N.M.I.A.)

SD/3
14 DEC 44

TO : A.F.H.C. G 3 Org 01 Br
A.A.I. SD 4
War Ministry

R.I.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is summary of present Pack Tpt Coy situation.
2. Will you please say if this agrees with your records?
3. Will A.A.I. please signal breakdown between US and BR ITI of 842 personnel provided to 5 Army vide MHA SD 1863 of 30 Nov.

A. M. Longland
Major General
N.M.I.A.
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INTERNAL:
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TO

A.F.H. G 3 Org 01 Pr
A.A.I. SD A
War Ministry

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*for. Major General
M.M.I.A.
2342*

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Pack Tpt Requirements A.A.I.

Summary showing :-

1. Requirements of rft and replacement personnel for present pack Tpt units operating
2. Requirements of personnel to form new coys.
3. Personnel found.
4. Arrangements for further personnel.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Signal or Letter Reference	Requirement	US ITI	ER ITI	TOTAL	Signal or Letter Reference	Provision
AFHQ FX 60906 of 1 Dec.	Rfts as at 10 NOV.	938	1073	2011	MMIA SD/3 of 6	Moved ex LECCE, Military District FES and AFRAGLIA.
EMIA SD/3 of 8 Nov.	The new Coys.	760		760	MMIA SD 1863 of 30 Nov	NOTE: Further 842 also moved were allotted to other duties in 5 Army.
EAI A 699 of 27 Oct SD 955 of 5 Nov.					3 Dist SD/389 of 27 Nov	Moved end Nov to 5 Army
					FX 60906 of 1 Dec	Moved 5 Dec to 5 Army
						DEFICIT CARRIED DOWN
	Situation as at 5 Dec:-	1698	1073	2771		

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SECRETAPPENDIX "A" to
MIA letter SD/3 of 14 Dec.

ments A.A.I.

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of rft and replacement personnel for present pack Tpt units operating with FIFTH Army.

of personnel to form new coys.

und.

for further personnel.

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ES ITI	ER ITI	TOTAL	Signal or Letter Reference	Provision	Moved or Available	on Order	TOTAL	Over Insuranc
938	1073	2011	MMIA SD/3 of 6	Moved ex LECCE, Military Districts PES and AFRACCLA.	911			
760		760	MMIA SD 1863 of 30 Nov	NOTE: Further 842 also moved were allotted to other duties in 5 Army.				
			3 Dist SD/389 of 27 Nov	Moved and Nov to 5 Army	170			
			FX 60906 of 1 Dec	Moved 5 Dec to 5 Army	580		1661	
				DEFICIT CARRIED DOWN			1110	
1698	1073	2771			1661		2771	

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1 Signal or Letter Reference	2 Requirement	3 US ITI	4 BR ITI	5 TOTAL	6 Signal or Letter Reference	7 Provision
AFHQ FX 60906 of 1 Dec	DEFICIT BROUGHT DOWN			1100		
	November wastage	600	400	1000	MMIA SD 1930 of 13 Dec.	From TARANTO moved on 10, 11, 12 Dec to COLLE SALVETTI
				2100	MMIA SD 1890 of 6 and SD 1920 of 13 Dec.	1500 required by 15 Dec (a) From ELBA (b) " AFRAGOLA (c) " TRANI
AAI 1605/ 79/G(SD1) of 4 Dec	December wastage (Three new Coys (Eight new Coys Insurance	1000 1200	600	1600	MMIA SD 1890 of 6	From ABRUZZI via TRANI due 25 at ORVIETO
		25	4675 100	6000	MMIA SD 1912 of 11	From SICILY. Due 31 Dec (1) To ORVIETO via AFRAGOLA (2) To 5 ARMY via PES destina to be signalled by AAI.
	AAI 1605/79/G(SD1) of 8 Dec.	2825	5775	9700		
	Over Insurance	153	103	256	MMIA SD 1890 of 6	Balance remaining to be found. Tps ex PICENO under discussi
	DECEMBER TOTALS	2978	5878	9956		
	Add round figure deficit difference on AFHQ signal FX 60906 of 1 Dec.			10		
	Add November Totals	1698	1073	1661		
	COMPLETE TOTALS	4676	6951	11,627		

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
US ITI	BR ITI	TOTAL	Signal or Letter Reference	Provision	Moved or Available	on Order	TOTAL	Over Insurance
600	400	1100	MMIA SD 1930 of 13 Dec.	From TARANTO moved on 10, 11, 12 Dec to COLLE SALVETTI	2228		2228	128
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1200	4675	6000	MMIA SD 1912 of 11	From SICILY. Due 31 Dec (1) To ORVIETO via AFRAGOLA (2) To 5 ARMY via PSS destination to be signalled by AAI.		1500 1000 ✓	2500	
2825	5775	9700	MMIA SD 1890 of 6	Balance remaining to be found. Tpe ex PICENO under discussion.			3100	
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		10						
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Add 100 V&R
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Subject :- Pack Tpt Units

SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN VIETNAM

Tel: FIBPOT 73

1605/79/G(SD1)

12 Dec 44

CG FIFTH ARMY (5)
CO PES (5)
MMIA (3)
G(Ops)
G(Trg)
Plans
A
A6
Q (2)
Q(AE)
G-4
ST
Ord
V & RS
Lab

Attached herewith, copy of AFHQ letter HFD/110B dated 8 Dec 44
for information.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Q 5/12
S 8/3

COPY

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

FILE NO : HSD/110B
SUBJECT : Pack Tpt Units
TO : HQ AAI

8 December 1944

Reference your letter 1605/79/G(SD1) dated 29 Nov 44.

1. The formation of two Pack Tpt Gp HQs and eleven pack tpt coys is approved and the necessary authority for their formation is being issued as a result of your detailed proposals.

2. It is confirmed that one Cav Mob Vet Sec is being provided by GHQ, IEF.

3. IAFI have been instructed to provide the necessary ITALIAN personnel (See AFHQ cable FX 63481 dated 5 Dec 44).

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W.A. Anderson
B.C.S.
for

J. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of Staff.

JRW/acn

- Copies to :- C-1 (B)
C.I.O.
C-4 (B)
Q (IE)
Q (Maint)
V & RS
G-3 (Ops)
S & T
Ord (B)
G-3 (Trg)

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Subject :- Lack Tpt Coys

SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

Tel: FILHOT 73

1605/79/G(SD1)

12 Dec 44

CG FIFTH ARMY
CO IBS
MHA —

Herewith copy of AFHQ message FX 64197
dated 6 Dec, for information.

Walter A. ...
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

For info

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Subject :- Pack Tpt Coys

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/79/G(SD1)

12 Dec 44

CG FIFTH ARMY
CO FBS
MIA —

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dated 6 Dec, for information.

Handwritten signature

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Re: info

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IMPORTANT

RR. CIPHER MESSAGE IN
FOLIO NO. 95444
6 DEC 44.

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE PHGOT
TO: TROOPERS FOR INFO-MIDEAST MAIN AAI
PAIC.

COO. OS1725A
TOR. 070035A

NO 1 FX 64197

FIRST-

ESSENTIAL TO FORM MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PACK TPT UNITS
FOR OPS IN 1945 AND THEREFORE PROPOSE FORMING 11
PACK TPT COYS. 2 GP HQS AND ANCHILARY V AND R UNITS
EARLIEST. OF THESE 3 PACK UNITS WILL BE FOR US ARMY.
IN SPRING HOPS TO FORM-FURTHER 3 COYS ON BRITISH
ACCOUNT.

SECOND

RULES NEGOTIATING AVAILABLE FROM MEDITERRANEAN RESOURCES
OPEN TO THIS HQ WILL NOT BRING US TO BALANCE
EFFECTIVELY THIS INCREASED COMMITMENT ALTHOUGH
ANTICIPATE WE CAN GET INITIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
FIRST ELEVEN COYS AND RESERVE AT APPROX 20 PER CENT.
MOST URGENTLY REQUEST THEREFORE THAT YOU RECONSIDER
DECISION IN YOUR SACRY (OPS) OF 14 NOV AND RE-EVALUATE
POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING RULES FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN
GERMANIC UNDER AFR. AND MIDEAST TO ASSIST IN
MAINTENANCE OF THIS INCREASED COMMITMENT. MOREOVER
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHETHER 3 COYS IN SPRING AT
RECONSTRUCTIVE FOR US

THIRD.

PERSONNEL. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WFO OF ITALIAN
BELIEVERS EARLIEST REQUEST YOU MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOR
TO INCLUDE SUCH HQS AND SPECIALISTS. IF EMP 37 YOUR
270995 SDYS OF 26 BUREAU TO FORM 3 NEW DIRECTOR
TPT COYS (ITALIAN) AND NEGOTIATE ADV UNITS THE
FOLLOWING IS REPHRASED: A. RECONSTRUCTIVE
PERSONNEL IF YOUR STAFF HAVE ON 14 NOV OFFICERS 12
EARTHEN SETS AS MANDATE SOME OF WHICH 10 OFFERS AND 12
DHS

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FROM : MEMPHIS CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE
TO : THOMPSON FOR INFO MEMPHIS ADVISE
NO : EX 6417

SCED NO: 55216
6 BEX. 42
TOL. 0547252
TOL. 0703564

SECOND PRIORITY EX 6417 COTD

ITEM FURNISHES 16 FOR NADIRUS 5 PIES 140 TOTAL 20 OFFERS AND 177 CRI.
UNDERSTAND PROVISION OF THESE AIRMAIL UNDER DISCRETION DEPARTMENT.
WILL FIND THE BALANCE FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES. REQUEST YOU INCLUDE ALL
AVAILABLE MAY 38. IN ADDITION REQUEST FROM LIST OF CARRIES FOR FURTHER 3
COYS TO ARRIVE ITALY IN MARCH.
FOURTH. UNDERSTAND AN TWO BACK THE ONE AVAILABLE IN PAYS. REQUEST
YOU ALSO WITH TRAVEL AND INTEREST PAID TO DEPARTURE AIRPORT THE
FULL FEE.
FIFTH REQUEST ALSO YOU REQUESTS RATE FOR 2 COYS FROM MAY 15 TO MAY 30
TO ITALY IN MAY 74.

C(SD)	6 ACTION	C(TRE)	5
A	2	ORD	4
AG	1	LAE	1
Q	3	SIC ADV AAI	7
Q(LB)	2	(AT REQUEST OF C(SD).	
Q	3		
Q	1		
V & L	1		

SG. 0706004
TOL. 0706004

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Subject: - Pack Tpt Units

Handfor 5359
HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (68)

Tel: FILPOT Ext. 226

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ AC.

3074/13/A(0)

6 Dec 44.

Copy to: ST - ref your ST/5/6/5 of - Dec 44.

Ref para 6 of the Minutes of AAI Committee on the Formation of Additional Pack Transport Units, forwarded under this HQ 1605/79/G(SM) of 8 Dec 44.

- (SMB) 4061
1. It is considered essential that the Italian Liaison Officers for the first four Pack Transport Companies should be available to assist in the formation of these Companies.
 2. They should be able to speak English and, if possible, have some knowledge of animal transport.
 3. It is, therefore, requested that four L.Os with the qualifications referred to above be held in readiness to report for duty when called forward by this HQ, so that there will be no delay in the early stages due to language difficulties.

JSS/VRT

HEADQUARTERS
11 DEC 1944
G.

ASW
Brigadier,
DAG.

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CH 6/7/

Effective date 6 Apr. 44

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RESTRICTED**ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY**
(Reparto Italiano Salmeria)**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**
(ORGANICO DI GUERRA)(i) Personnel and Animals
(Personale e quadrupedi)

Officers (Ufficiali)	10
ORs (Sottuff. e truppa)	165
Total (Totale)	175
MCs. (Motocicli)	1
Vehicles (Veicoli)	7
Trailers (Trattori)	—

DETAIL (Descrizione)	OFFICERS (Ufficiali)	Warrant officers (Marescialli magg.)	Warrant officers (Marescialli capo)	Staff-serjeants (Maresciallo ordm.)	Serjeants (Sergenti)	Corporals (Caporal maggiore)	Lance-corporals (Caporali)	Privates (Soldati)	Total (Totale)	Riding horses (Cavalis da sella)	Pack mules (Muli da soma)	Total, animals (Totale quadrupedi)
HEADQUARTERS (Comando)												
Major (officer commanding) (Maggiore - comandante)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Captain (second in command) (Capitano - vice comandante)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Captain (administration) (Capitano addetto all'ammin.)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Subaltern (liaison) (Sottufficiale di collegamento)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Staff-serjeant-major (Sottufficiale di maggioranza)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Company quartermaster-serjeant (Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Staff-serjeant forrier (Sottufficiale maniscalco)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Wheeler (Carradore)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Administrative serjeant (Sottufficiale di contabilità)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Tradesmen (Lavoratori specializzati)	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	7	—	—	—	—
Non-tradesmen (Lavoratori non specializzati)	—	—	—	—	4	4	13	41	—	20	—	29
Total, headquarters Italian Pack Transport Company (Totale comando reparto italiano salmeria)	4	1	2	2	7	0	15	57	7	20	—	27

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ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY

(Reporto Italiano Salmerie)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

ORGANISMO DI GESTIONE - CONTABILITÀ

(i) Personnel and Animals - continued

Personale e quadripartiti - comunicazioni /

DETAIL (Detachment)		OFFICERS	(Lieutenants)	Wounded when sent	(Mortartillo mag.)	Wounded when sent	(Mortartillo ordin.)	Serjeants	Corporals	(Caporal maggiore)	Lower corporals	(Caporali)	(Privato)	Total	(Total)	Riding horses	(Cavallo da sella)	Pack mules	(Mulo da soma)	Total animals	(Totale quadrupedi)
A, B, C AND D Troops (each) (I) (A, B, C e D plotone - italiano)																					
TROOP HEADQUARTERS (Comando di plotone)																					
Subaltern		1																			
(Subalterno)																					
Troop serjeant (Sottufficiale addetto)																					
(a)																					
Trademen																					
(Specializzato)																					
Non-translators																					
(Non specializzati)																					
Total, troop headquarters (Totale comando plotone)		1						3	4				15	23		3	3	3	6		
ATTACHED (Aggregati)																					
Interpreters (Interpreti)													1	1							
Total, troop headquarters (including attached personnel) (Totale comando plotone incluso personale aggregato)		1						3	4				16	24		3	3	6			
NUMBERS 1-6 SECTIONS (each) (Numeri 1-6 sezioni - ciascuna)																					
NCO in charge of section (Graduato capo sezione)																					
Pack drivers (Conduttori)													1	12	14			12	12		
Total, each section (Totale ogni sezione)													1	12	14			12	12		
Total, each troop (Totale ogni plotone)		1						3	10	6			88	108		3	75	78			
Total, Italian Pack Transport Company (including attached) (Totale reparto italiano tal. incolto)		10	1				9	15	47	30	390	485						320	345		

ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY

(Reporto Italiano Solmarie)

War Establishment - continued

(ORGANISMO DI GUERRE - CONDIZIONALE)

(i) Personnel and Animals - continued

(Personale e quadripedi - costruzioni)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	OFFICERS (Ufficiali)	Non-com. Class I (Maresciallo maggiore)	Non-com. Class II (Maresciallo capo)	Staff-sergeants (Maresciallo ordin.)	Sergeants (Sergenti)	Corporals (Caporali maggiori)	Lance-corporals (Caporali)	Privates (Soldati)	Total (Totale)	Riding horses (Cavalli da sella)	Pack mules (Muli da soma)	Total animals (Totale quadrupedi)
ATTACHED (Comando)												
Medical Corps (Sanità)												
Medical officer (captain or lieutenant) (Ufficiale medico - capitano o tenente)	(a)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Veterinary Corps (Veterinari)												
Veterinary officer (captain or lieutenant) (Ufficiale veterinario - capitano o tenente)	(a)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Veterinary sergeant (Sottufficiale veterinario)	(a)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Private (Soldato)												
Battman/Groom (Allevatore)												
Interpreter (Interprete)												
Total, attached (Totale aggregati)	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	3	1	3
Total, headquarters Italian Pack Transport Company (including attached) (Totale, comando reparto distacco italiana - compresi gli aggregati)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	10	20	37

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ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY (Rapporto Italiano Solmarie)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued (ORGANICO DI GUERRA - continuazione)

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties (distribuzione dei graduati e truppe secondo lavori e servizi)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Company headquarters (Comando di reparto)	Troop headquarters (Comando di plotone)	Six sections (Sei sezioni)	Total, troop (Totale di plotone)	Total, Italian Pack Transport Company (Totale reparto)
TRADESMEN (Specializzati)					
Farmers (including 1 sgt mounted on horse)					
(Manovali-compreso 1 sottufficiale montato)					
Saddlers (including 1 sgt)					
(Sarti-compreso 1 sottufficiale)					
Shoemakers					
(Calzaioli)					
Cooks					
(Cuochi)					
Clerks					
(Scritturali)					
Filter MT					
(Motoristi)					
Total, tradesmen (Totale specializzati)	7	8	1	6	20
NON-TRADESMEN (Non specializzati)					
Corporals					
(Caporal maggiore)					
NCO 1/c sections (corporal)					
(Caporal maggiore capi-sezione)					
Battmen/Grooms					
(Allevatori)					
Officers' mess orderly					
(Cameriere mensa ufficiali)					
Sanitary duties (lance-corporal)					
(Caporale di sanità)					
Driver sanitary duties					
(Conduttore per servizi sanitari)					
Water duty man					
(Addetto servizio acqua)					
Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal)					
(Caporale addetto all'ufficiale medico)					
Medical orderlies					
(Soldati di sanità)					
Orderlies					
(Servizi mensa)					
LMG detachment					
(Gruppo fucile mitragliatore)					
Drivers (motor-cyclist)					
(Manovali)					

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ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY (Rapporto Italiano Solmarie)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued (ORGANICO DI GUERRA - continuazione)

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties - continued (distribuzione dei graduati e truppe secondo lavori e servizi - continuazione)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Company headquarters (Comando di reparto)	Troop headquarters (Comando di plotone)	Six sections (Sei sezioni)	Total, troop (Totale di plotone)	Total, Italian Pack Transport Company (Totale reparto)
Drivers (MT) (Automobilisti)					
Stable drivers (Conduttori alla guida)					
Pack drivers (Conduttori)					
Total, non-tradesmen (Totale non specializzati)	41	13	14	97	429
(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)					
Bicycles (Biciclette)					
Motor-cycles (Motociclette)					
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS					
(Autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 GS)					
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 water					
(Autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 water)					
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS					
(Autocarri 3 ton 4x2 GS)					

NOTES (Note)

- Mounted on horses
(Montato su cavalli)
- Includes one corporal
(Compreso 1 caporal maggiore)
- Is or includes one lance-corporal
(Di cui 1 caporale)
- Includes one for MT duties
(Compreso 1 per autotrasporti)
- Includes one for administrative duties
(Compreso 1 per servizi amministrativi)
- One sec in A and C troops to be MA mules, remainder AT mules
(Uno sezione dei plotoni A e C deve essere formata da muli, rimanenti di trasporto di artiglieria. Tutte le rimanenti di muli per servizio normale).

PSSN 901B 250 6-44

SECRET

SUBJECT: Conversion of No's 3, 4, 7, 14 and 250
Italian Pack Transport Companies

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.A.)
File No. SD/3
(O Dec 44)

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed as shown, under the supervision of Mr. Increment FIFTH (US) Army, with effect from 20 Nov 44.

Unit	W.E.	Serial No.
3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	NA/800/1(AI/1/1)	As for British Cadre (i.e. 11056)
4 "	"	" " " (i.e. 11057)
7 "	"	" " " (i.e. 11059)
14 "	"	" " " (i.e. 11058)
250 "	"	" " " (i.e. 11709)

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Mr. Increment FIFTH (US) Army. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Mr. Increment FIFTH (US) Army.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided from the existing strength of these units, under the supervision of Mr. Increment FIFTH (US) Army.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Mr. Increment FIFTH (US) Army:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F.G. 1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent Form A.F.L. 1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified by DAIRSS, HQ AMI.

Italian Pack Tpt Coy M/509/ITAL/1/1) As for British Cadre (i.e. 11056)
 4 " " " " " " " " " " (i.e. 11057)
 7 " " " " " " " " " " (i.e. 11058)
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- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L. 1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to DAIPOSS, HQ AAI.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- No. Italian Pack Tpt Coy, CMF.

6. COMPLETION

Br. Increment FIFTH (US) Army are reporting to G.I.(B)A.I. Section, AFHQ, copies to HQ AAI and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMIA), when formations are completed.

Copy to: AMIA 10 Br Inc 5 Army (2)
 AMIA 10 5 ARMY (1)

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 for General Cast
 M. M. I. A.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Org of Units, 3, 4, 7, 14 and 250
Italian Truck Transport Coys.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/3
10 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

This HQ letter SD/3 of 25 Nov is hereby
cancelled.


Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LO 5 ARMY
MMIA LO Br Iner 5 Army (2)
Internal: A/Q
S/T

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Pack Transport

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 343

ST/3/400

10 Dec 44

C.G. Fifth Army (For Br Incr (ST))
D.D.S.T. Eighth Army

Copy to: D.S.T. A.F.H.Q.
D.D.S.T. 1 District
MMA
G(SD)
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Q.

1. In order to proceed with the Formation of the first four new Italian Pack Tpt Coys, it has been decided to withdraw four small Italian Cadres from existing Coys.

2. These Cadres will be chosen from Nos 3, 4, 7 and 14 Italian Pack Tpt Coys. Each will consist of:-

2 Troop Officers
4 Troop Serjeants
4 Section Corporals
1 Farrier Serjeant
1 Saddler Serjeant

3. While it is fully appreciated that the continual turnover of personnel in these Coys has hindered the training of N.C.Os, it is essential that the new Coys should be formed round a nucleus of experienced N.C.Os. who are accustomed to British methods, and on whom the Br cadres can rely.

4. These Cadres should be nominated and held ready, but it is not likely that they will be required before 31 Dec 44. It is particularly requested that the officers should be carefully chosen and that they should be capable of instructing.

5. Agreed MMA (conversation Majors STANTON - EYRE refers).

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sd/ G.H. RUSSELL HAY, Lt.Col.
for Brigadier,
D.D.S.T.

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FOR ACTION AAI Q.			
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REF. No.)	3DI806.	(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET.	SD 10/12

REF THIS HQ 1605/79/G SD(1) OF 20th NOV. FIRST. POSN REF ITALIAN MULE COYS IN AAI IS THAT APPROX 9700 ALL RANKS ARE REQUIRED BY 31st DEC FOR FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS. A. TO COMPLETE 15 EXISTING COYS TO WE AND TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR 2 US COY NOW FORMING. REQUIREMENT 2100 ALL RANKS. B. TO REPLACE DECEMBER WASTAGE AT THREE MEN PER COY PER DAY FOR 17 COYS. REQUIREMENT 1600 ALL RANKS. C. TO FORM 11 NEW COYS AND ESSENTIAL V&R UNITS TARGET DATE FOR READINESS THESE COYS IS FIRST MARCH. REQUIREMENT 6000 ALL RANKS. SECOND. FROM INFORMATION GIVEN BY MMIA REF AT CONFERENCE THIS HQ ON 7th DEC THE ESTIMATED DEC AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL FOR MULE COYS IS AS FOLLOWS. NOW. 2100 15th DEC. 1500 25th DEC. 500 31st DEC. 2500 ~~THIS DATE~~ THIS LEAVES DEFICIENCY 3100 ALL RANKS AS AT 31st DEC. MMIA ESTIMATE THAT THIS NUMBER WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE OVER JAN 45. THIRD. FROM ABOVE PARAS IT IS CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FORM 11 NEW MULE COYS BY THE TARGET DATE OF FIRST MARCH. EVEN IF ALL DRAFTS ARRIVE AT FULL STRENGTH

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AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT 2000 SELECTED OFFICERS AND ORS BE MADE AVAILABLE
NOW AT PICENO GRUPPO. TH IS GRUPPO COULD NOT BE EQUIPPED AND READY FOR OPS
FOR AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS AND CONSIDER AMN CAN BE BEST EMPLOYED FOR
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - REINFORCING OTHER GRUPPI AND PROVISION OF ABOVE
PERSONNEL FOR HULE COYS. FIFTH. REQUEST YOU SIGNAL AGREEMENT EARLIEST AND
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SUBJECT: Formation of Additional
Pack Transport Coys

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

Ref: - PROJECT 73

1605/79/5(SD1)

8 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (3)

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para 10.

Reference also HQ letter 1605/79/5(SD1) dated 29 Nov 44

1. The minutes of the First Meeting of L.I. Committee on the Formation of additional Pack Transport Units, held at HQ AAI on 7 Dec 44 are enclosed for information and action where necessary.

John H. ...
for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Appendix 'A' to
1605/79/G(SD1)
dated 8 Dec 44

Minutes of First Meeting of AI Committee on Formation
of Additional Pack Transport Units held at HQ AI on
7 Dec 44 at 1445 hrs

<u>Chairman</u>	Maj	SCOTT	G(SD)
<u>Present</u>			
	Brig Gen	HALLIDAY	ICAO
	Brig	CARTER	DEL
	Brig	HINDE	DDST
	Col	GLASGOW	G(SD) (US)
	Col	PLUNKETT	DDV and RS
	Lt Col	GERRETT	'A'
	Lt Col	JONES	'Q'
	Maj	PARTON	Q(AE)
	Maj	DAWTRY	'A'
	Maj	ETHLE	3 & T
	Maj	FRIEDBERG	G(SD) (US)
	Maj	STANTON	RELA
	Capt	MALCOLM	G(SD)
	Capt	PASCALL	'Q'
<u>Secretary</u>	Maj	MORGAN	G(SD)

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Total	6600	2327

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(c) By 25 Dec in L of C	500	520
(d) By 31 Dec in L of C	2500	200
Total	6600	2327

This leaves a balance of 3400 pers deficient against the requirement of 9700 by 31 Dec 44. MIA estimate that the deficiency can be made up by 31 Jan 45.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL

3. The Meeting agreed on the following disposal for the personnel estimated to become available in para 2 :-

- (a) 2100 at TARANTO to be clothed and equipped by MIA with blankets and minimum messing gear and despatched under COHR escort by rail to COLLE SALVETTI between 11 and 17 Dec. These personnel fill the Fifth Army requirements for rfts up to 30 Nov and provide the personnel necessary to form two new coys.

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- (b) 1500 personnel ready by 15 Dec, to be clothed and equipped under MIA arrangements and sent to COLLE SALVETTI for Fifth Army to fill the estimated Dec wastage in US and Brit coys.
- (c) 500 personnel ready by 25 Dec, to be sent to the BR-ITI Base Rft Trg Depot to be established at ORVETO. These personnel will be clothed and equipped by MIA before delivery if possible. MIA will investigate this and advise MIA.
- (d) 2500 personnel ready by 31 Dec, to be divided, 1000 for Fifth Army for new US-ITI coys, 1500 to ORVETO for BR-ITI coys.
- (e) The division of the remaining personnel will be decided at a later Meeting of the Committee.

SPECIALISTS

4. The Meeting agreed that specialists, i.e. farriers and saddlers should be selected by MIA before drafts are sent forward. MIA will advise MIA of numbers of specialists available. The importance of the early provision of farriers for trg at PASSO CORSE was stressed.

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6. The Meeting decided that it was desirable that the Italian Officers for the new coys should pass through the ORVETO Depot and that they should therefore be provided at the same time as the drafts.

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CONCLUSIONS

- 8. (i) The success of the scheme to provide additional pack tpt coys and to maintain existing coys depends to a large extent on the speedy setting up of an efficient Base Rft Trg Depot to handle the intake of recruits.
- (ii) The number of personnel estimated to become available by 31 Dec falls short of the requirements by approx 3100.

G. Morgan
Major, GS.,
Secretary.

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Subject: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

Brigade, Impresari (A Branch),
Rear Hq Fifth Army,
GAT.

Phone No: Lightning Near 102

13 Corps (A)

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission.

C(13) (with encl)

6 Dec 44

3, 4, 7, 11 and 250 Italian Tank
Transport Companies.

1. So Herewith nine copies of AFM letter CM/1216/C-1(BA)
(Ser 1216) dated 1 Dec 44, ordering formation of the above named
units on HQ HA/800/1(A3/1/1) wof 20 Nov 44.

2. Formation will be carried out under your supervision
and completion reported to this HQ in due course.

3. This HQ letter 1254 dated 22 Nov 44 is hereby
cancelled.

46. *M. Heddle. G. P.*
D. J. HEDDLE, Captain,
for Col,
A. & G. S.

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54.
In reply FR 63481 of 5 Dec (*) FIRST (*) Figures vide your para FIRST should read (A) 1500 (B) 15 Dec (A) 500 (B) 25 Dec (A) 2500 (B) 31 Dec (A) 5100 (B) 31 Jan (*) These total 7600 being 6000 required by Appx C to AAI letter 1408/79/5(SD1) of 29 Nov and 1600 being Dec wastage (*) Figures are in addition to 2119 personnel ex TARANTO dealt with in MMIA signal SD 1863 of 30 Nov (*) SECOND (*) Personnel will be within 1914/24 class physically fit and adequately screened but can NOT promise 100 farriers and 75 saddlers (*) Will do best possible and advise you (*) Request destination all above (*) Col NOAKES will discuss clothing at AFHQ CASERTA 7 Dec

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Subject :- Italian Personnel for
Pack Tpt Coys

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: FILFOT 73

1605/79/0(SDI)

4 Dec 44

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Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (3)

Reference para 10 of this HQ 1605/79/0(SDI) dated 29
Nov 44.

1. The First Meeting of the Committee to deal with the
formation of additional pack tpt coys will take place at the
EXCELSIOR HOTEL in Conference Room 3 on Thursday 7 Dec 44 at
1445 hrs, to discuss the attached Agenda.

2. LMA have arranged for a rep to be present.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
G(33 T).

SECRET1605/79/G(SD.1)

Agenda for the First Meeting of the AAI Committee on Pact
Tpt Coys

OBJECT

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REQUIREMENTS

2. (a) Estimated requirements by 31 Dec are :-

11 New coys :-

US-III	1200	
BR-III	<u>4675</u>	say
		6000

Existing coys (incl 2 new coys) at 1 Dec
Wastage during Dec at 3 men per coy per
day on 17 coys

2100

1600

9900

Total required by 31 Dec

- (b) MMIA to say how this requirement can be met.

ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

3. (a) The BR-III portion will be received, equipped and trained basically at a Base Rft Trg Depot to be set up in 1 District at CRVLETC. The specialist trg required is to be given at FOSSOMERONE.
- (b) As the Depot at CRVLETC is NOT yet established it may be necessary to accept the first arrivals at FOSSOMERONE and equip and train them basically there, although this is undesirable.
- (c) Points for decision are :-
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 - (ii) What period of time will be required for equipment and

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	9000

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(i) Will the depot at CRVIZIC be set up in time to receive the first arrivals?

(ii) What period of time will be required for equipping and basic training at CRVIZIC?

(iii) If the answer to (i) above is NO, what additional personnel, British and Italian, are required at FOSSOMERONE to carry out the equipping and basic training?

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PRIORITIES

4. (a) The priority for the provision of personnel for new coys is laid down in para 3 of appx 'C' to 1605/79/G(SLI) dated 2 Nov 44 as :-

(i)	Two new coys forming in Fifth Army	} required by 15 Dec
(ii)	Specialists i.e. farriers and saddlers.	
(iii)	Four British and three US coys para passu	
(iv)	Four British coys.	

(b) The Committee will be asked to phase the requirements for rfts to existing coys in to the above list.

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TO NMIA

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SECRET

Subject is formation of Italian Mule Coys (.) Ref AAI/1605/79/0(SDI)
of 29 Nov 44 and conversation INGLEDEY - BARNES (.) FIRST (.) Con-
firm you can provide following personnel read "A" Number of Personnel
"B" Date available (.)

(A)	(B)
2800	15 Dec
500	25 Dec
3500	31 Dec

(.) SECOND (.) Confirm also, that personnel "A" will be within 1914/24
Age groups and physically fir "E" will be adequately screened (.)
"C" of first batch will include 100 farriers and 75 saddlers (.)
THIRD (.) We can clothe and equip first batch of 2,800 and under-
stand you can clothe and equip BRITI proportion of second and third
batches from existing stocks (.) Request confirmation (.) FOURTH (.)
Every effort will be made to ensure suitable personnel are provided
by dates shown in para 1 above.

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SUBJECT: - Formation of Italian Units

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: - FILPOT 73

1605/79/G(SD1)

2 Dec 44

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Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)

'A' ST
'Q' V & RS
Q(AE)

1. Application is made to form the following units :-
Italian

Offrs ORs Vehs Trailers MCs Animals

(a) Units to be formed:

Two Italian Pack Tpt
Gp HQ: Each
A1/35/1
(XII/465/1)
(NA/834/1)

Total Two Gp HQs

Eight Italian Pack
Gp Coys: Each
A1/1/1
(XII/461/1)
(NA/800/1)

Total Eighth Coys

TOTAL

4 31 - - - 4
8 62 - - - 8

10 485 7 - - 1 342

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TOTAL

(b) Units to be disbanded: Nil.

(c) Any other units affected: Nil.

(d) Net increase:

(e) Net decrease: Nil.

2. Additional appointments or upgrades above the rank of major:

Officer commanding each Gp to be a Lt Col.

3. Where personnel are being provided from:

Personnel to be provided by MIA.

4. Reasons for formation:

Required for future operations.

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4	31	-	-	-	4
8	62	-	-	-	8
10	485	7	-	-	1 342
80	3880	56	-	-	8 2221
88	3942	56	-	-	8 2744

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5. Reasons for items in paras 2 and 3:

Not applicable.

6. Effective dates for formations:

(a) ONE Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ and FOUR Italian Pack Tpt Coys -
15 Dec 44.

(b) ONE Italian Pack Tpt Gp and FOUR Italian Pack Tpt Coys - 1 Jan 45.

7. Supervising authority: HQ No 1 District.

8. No imprest a/cs required.

John M. Newberry
1st Field-Marshal,
Commander in Chief.

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CT:- Conversion of units - Italian Army. HQ Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
S/3 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1026/C-1(DR) (Ser. 1139) 51
4/12 1 Dec 44.

NOS. 3, 4, 7, 14 & 250 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES.

AFHQ letter of even number (Ser. 1068) dated 18 Nov 44 is hereby cancelled.
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General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1 (HR) (Ser. 1140)
1 Dec 44.

NOS. 3, 4, 7, 14 & 250 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed as shown, under the supervision of Mr. Increment Fifth (US) Army, with effect from 20 Nov 44.

Unit	W.E.	Serial No.
3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy	NL/800/1 (AI/1/1)	As for British Cadres (i.e. 11056)
4 " " " "	" "	" " " (i.e. 11057)
7 " " " "	" "	" " " (i.e. 11059)
14 " " " "	" "	" " " (i.e. 11058)
250 " " " "	" "	" " " (i.e. 11709)

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2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MILA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Mr. Increment Fifth (US) Army:-
(a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.P. 61098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
(c) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent from A.P. L1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by PRESS, HQ 441.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.P. L1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demands").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.P. L1392) to D.D.F.S., HQ 441.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- No. Italian Pack Tpt Coy.

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+++ ASD/922.6 of 23 Nov 44 refers.

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distribution as necessary.

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser. 1116)
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- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Transport to complete to W.E.

4. STATIONERY

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F. L1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by RAESS, HQA AI.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F. L1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F. L1392) to RAESS, HQA AI.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- No. Italian Pack Tpt Coy,

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 40 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army.

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AALC).

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Incidents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Dr. Increment Fifth (US) Army:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.P. 61098-1000 (less anti-gas stores).
- (c) Transport to complete to W.E.

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units by RAFFSS, HQAAL.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L1394) to WO.10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L1392) to RAFFSS, HQAAL.

Postal address will be:- No.Italian Peck Test Coy,
CWE.

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1. Mr. Increment Fifth (US) Army will report to G-1 (R)A.1. Section, AFHQ, copies to HQ LHM and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MIL.), when formations are complete.

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

(MIL)

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* Incl copy for new unit and
distribution as necessary.

SUBJECT: - Formation of additional Rifle Coys

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HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

TO: FIVEPOT 23

1005/79/G(SD1)

24 Nov 44

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Ref AFHQ signal PX 55255 dated 20 Nov 44 NOT to all addressees.

Attached are minutes of a meeting on the formation of additional
pick up coys.

May early action be taken on the recommendation at para 11 (c).

Field Marshal
Commander in Chief

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SECRET

1605/79/G(SD1)

29 Nov 44

Minutes of a Meeting held at HQ on 24 Nov 44 to discuss the Formation of Additional Pack Coy's for Future Operations

<u>Chairman</u>	Brig	HINDLEY	G(SD & T)
<u>Present</u>			
Brig-Gen	HAMILTON	DCLO	
Brig-Gen	LATE	15th Army	
Brig	HINDE	ST	
Brig	RITCHIE	'G'	
Col	GLASSON	G(SD) (US)	
Col	JONES	'G'	
Col	KINGA	G(E)	
Col	PLUNKETT	V & R	
Lt-Col	BRIDGEMAN	Gr2	
Lt-Col	GERBERT	'A'	
Lt-Col	HART	V & RS	
Lt-Col	JONES	'G'	
Lt-Col	McADAM	Lab	
Lt-Col	McQUEEN	G(SD)	
Lt-Col	ATLASSE-PALMER	AG (Ind)	
Lt-Col	MILLER	C(Ops)	
Major	FRIDBERG	G(SD) (US)	
Major	CLARE	Lines	
Major	EYRE	ST	
Major	LEWINE	V & R (US)	
Capt	PASCALL	'G'	
Secretary	Major	G(SD)	

OBJECT OF THE MEETING

1. The object of the Meeting was to discuss the formation of additional pack tpt c-ys for future operations.

EXISTING UNITS

2. The following units exist at present :-

British	22 Cys	Indian	7
		North African	4
		Cypriot	6
		Italian	5+3=8
US	10	Italian	2315

Col CLASSEN C(SD) (US)
 Col JONES 'Q'
 Col KING C(AB)
 Col PLUNKETT V & R
 Lt-Col BRENNAN Ord
 Lt-Col GERRETT 'A'
 Lt-Col HUNT V & R
 Lt-Col JONES 'Q'
 Lt-Col McARDL Lsb
 Lt-Col McQUEEN G(SD)
 Lt-Col McLAUGHLIN A6 (Ind)
 Lt-Col MILLER E(Cps)
 Major FRIEDBERG C(SD) (US)
 Major CLARE Plans
 Major EYRE SF
 Major LEWNE V & R (US)
 Capt PASCALL 'Q'
 Major MORGAN G(SD)

Secretary

OBJECT OF THE MEETING

1. The object of the Meeting was to discuss the formation of additional pack type coys for future operations.

EXISTING UNITS

2. The following units exist at present :-

British	22 Coys	
		{ Indian 7- North African 4 Cyriot 6 Italian 5+3=8
US	10	Italian
Total	32	2315

In addition two Italian coys are now being formed by Fifth Army.

REQUIREMENT

3. A recent appreciation showed that a total of 48 coys would be required for future operations, leaving a balance of 16 coys to be formed including the two new Italian coys being formed by Fifth Army, or a net balance of 14 coys. We have stated that, in their opinion, it should be possible to form and maintain a total of 14 coys including the two new Italian coys for Fifth Army.

LIMITING FACTORS-ANIMALS

4. (a) an examination of resources in animals, personnel and equipment showed that the number of animals available and becoming available would be the limiting factor in the formation of new units. Attached at Appendix 'A' to these Minutes is a statement showing the number of animals calculated to be available at 1 Mar 45.

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(b) In arriving at the total of 4926 animals available by 1 Mar, the following assumptions were made:

- (i) that a reduction in the Theatre reserve from 30% to 20% is a fair risk.
- (ii) that the wastage in existing units during Nov and Dec would not exceed an overall figure of 10% per month and for Jan and Feb 5% per month.

It was realised that if either or both of the above estimates proved too optimistic, the number of animals available would be reduced.

(c) The number of animals required including adequate reserves, was estimated at 440 and 350 for British and US coys respectively. This estimate gives an approximate yield of 2 British coys or 3 US coys per 1000 animals.

(d) A target of 11 new coys (8 British and 3 US) to be formed by 1 Mar 45 in addition to the 2 Italian coys mentioned in para 2 above, was agreed by the Meeting.

5. The monthly intake of mules promised for 1945 from Middle East, ITALY and SICILY is 1350. For the following reasons it is most desirable that every effort should be made to obtain additional mules from other sources:

- (a) Wastage at 10% per month in units which will exist in March will be approximately 1500, i.e. 150 more than the anticipated intake.
- (b) Wastage during Jan and Feb may well exceed 5% and as a result less than 11 coys will be formed.
- (c) Theatre reserve should be restored to 30% if such is possible.
- (d) Three coys additional to the 11 above will be required by the British for ops in the Spring, i.e. a total of 1200 mules approximately. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to explore the possibility of obtaining mules from SPAIN and AMERICA.

PERSONNEL

6. (a) The sources of personnel were examined. For US coys, personnel must be Italian.

(b) Personnel for the coy of Basutos and one coy of Bechuana may be available, but in view of the length of time required to train this personnel and the desirability of keeping the number of nationalities involved to a minimum, Basuto and Bechuana coys should not be formed as a first requirement.

- (3) A target of 11 new coys (6 British and 5 US) to be formed by 1 Mar 45 in addition to the 2 Italian coys mentioned in para 2 above, was agreed by the Meeting.

5. The monthly intake of mules promised for 1945 from Middle East, ITALY and SICILY is 1550. For the following reasons it is most desirable that every effort should be made to obtain additional mules from other sources:

- (a) Western at 10% per month in units which will exist in March will be approximately 1500, i.e. 150 more than the anticipated intake.
- (b) Meeting during Jan and Feb may well exceed 5% and as a result less than 11 coys will be formed.
- (c) Theatre reserves should be restored to 304 as soon as possible.
- (d) Three coys additional to the 11 above will be required by the British for ops in the Spring, i.e. a total of 1280 mules approximately. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to explore the possibility of obtaining mules from G.I. and AMERICA.

PERSONNEL

- 6. (a) The sources of personnel were examined. For US coys, personnel must be Italian.
- (b) Personnel for the coy of Basutos and one coy of Bechuanas may be available, but in view of the length of time required to train this personnel and the desirability of keeping the number of nationalities involved to a minimum, Basuto and Bechuanas coys should not be formed as a first requirement.
- (c) One Indian Coy from FALC might be made available. AFHQ should be asked to investigate this.
- (d) The required number of Italians can be obtained but the personnel will be mostly untrained. A period of two months for training was considered reasonable. The Meeting agreed that the 11 new coys should be formed from Italians with, in the case of the British coys, British cadres to be formed from 732 and 733 Pack Coy from UK, augmented by a number of officers and specialist personnel already requested. The two British coys will arrive in ITALY about mid Jan 45. AFHQ have been asked to arrange for advance parties to arrive during Dec 44.
- (e) Existing resources of British personnel augmented by the two pack Coy from UK reinforced as in 6 (d) above will be no more than sufficient to form cadres for 8 British coys. Additional British officers and NCOs will be required for any extra coys.

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- (f) In view of recent unsatisfactory reports on Italian muleteer reinforcements, the Meeting agreed that the personnel provided should come from the 1914/1924 age groups. Careful screening is necessary prior to arrival of personnel in units in order to weed out men due for early demobilization and medically unfit.
- (g) Graduates will need at least two months training and should be provided on high priority. The numbers required for British boys are:

Barriers	100
Saddlers	75

DDV and AS is making arrangements to train the barriers at PLSO CORRAL near ROMA.

- (h) The Meeting considered the question of accommodating and training the remaining personnel for British boys. The following was agreed:
- (i) Immediate and urgent action should be taken to set up a Base Reinforcement Training Depot for Italian recruits in the Operational Zone.
 - (ii) A Wing for officers, muleteers and saddlers should be added to the Depot to train the recruits as they become available.

EQUIPMENT

7. Adequate equipment exists in British units for the pending arrival of reinforcements of 8 Italian boys. The availability of equipment for the 3 US-III boys is subject to confirmation by Fifth Army.

OTHER UNITS

8. Two British Pack Coy Hqs are required for the new AR-III boys. The V & R units set out at Appendix 'B' to these minutes will be needed additional to existing units.

METHOD OF FORMATION

9. After discussion it was agreed, subject to confirmation, that PBS would form the boys for Fifth Army and that the British boys should be formed under cadres at the muleteer wing of the Base left by Depot. If, however, personnel are available before the Depot is set up, they may be despatched direct to existing units provided they have been medically inspected, processed, clothed and equipped.

COMMITTEE

10. Committee will be set up at HQ and to deal with any further proposals which may arise out of the formation of the boys. The following branches are

- (i) Immediate and urgent action should be taken to set up a Base Reinforcement Training Depot for Italian recruits in the Operational Zone.
- (ii) A wing for officers, muleteers and saddlers should be added to the Depot to train the recruits as they become available.

EQUIPMENT

- 7. Adequate equipment exists in British hands for the equipping and maintenance of 300000 men. The availability of equipment for the 300000 men is subject to confirmation by Fifth Army.

OTHER UNITS

- 8. Two British Pack G, Hqs are required for the new 40-IMI coys. The V & R units set out at Appendix 'I' to these minutes will be needed additional to existing units.

METHOD OF FORMATION

- 9. After discussion it was agreed, subject to confirmation, that P&S would form the coys for Fifth Army and that the British coys should be formed under cadres at the muleteer wing of the Base Training Depot. If, however, personnel are available before the Depot is set up, they may be despatched direct to existing units provided they have been medically inspected, processed, clothed and equipped.

COMMITTEE

- 10. A Committee will be set up at HQ JMI to deal with any further proposals which may arise out of the formation of the coys. The following branches and services will be represented on this Committee:

G(SD), 'A', 'Q', G-4, ST, V and RS, Lab.

CONCLUSION

- 11. The Meeting decided that:
 - (a) Estimated available resources, in animals, personnel and equipment, would allow the formation of 11 new pack cpt coys, in addition to the two Italian coys now being formed for Fifth Army, and that this number of coys should be formed by 1 Nov 45.
 - (b) The action set out in Appendix 'C' to these minutes is required to provide the necessary trained Italian personnel.

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- (c) A copy of these minutes be forwarded to JEF, who should be requested to:
- (i) approve the formation of eleven boys and two G.I. HQ additional to two boys already authorized for Fifth Army.
 - (ii) Make every effort to obtain additional mules from Spain and the Americas.
 - (iii) Obtain an Indian boy from K.I.C.
 - (iv) Instruct M.I. to provide Italian personnel required at appendices 'B' and 'C'.
 - (v) approve the additional V and R units shown at appendix 'D' and to obtain:

from UK 27 extra, 100 OR, PAVO

from M.I. Best One C.V. Mob Vet Sec.

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Statement showing estimated availability of animals at 1 Mar

a) Posn at 1 Jan 45

Liabilities

2 new Italian coys
Reserve. 20% of WE/TO
Wastage 10% per month :-

*32 coys for Nov/Dec 2213
2 coys for Dec 52

Balance at 1 Jan 45

520
2317

2265

3387

8489

Assets

Surplus over WE/TO ()
From Middle East Nov
From Sicily Nov
From Italy Nov
Bal from MANTOVA and

(b) Posn at 1 Mar 45

Liabilities

Wastage 5% per month for Jan/Feb 1159
Balance available for new coys at 1 Mar 45 4923

6087

Assets

Surplus to WE/TO plus
From Middle East Jan
From Sicily Jan
From Italy Jan

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/79/G(SD1)
dated 29 Nov 44

Statement showing estimated availability of animals at 1 Mar 45

Assets

	520	Surplus over WE/TO (11066 animals) at 1 Nov 44	5043
TO	2317	From Middle East Nov/Dec	1900
th :-		From Sicily Nov/Dec	800
		From Italy Nov/Dec	400
/Dec	2213	Bal from MILANOVA and PICENO Divs	346
	52		
	2265		
	3387		
	8489		

Assets

th for Jan/Feb	1159	Surplus to WE/TO plus 20% reserve at 1 Jan 45	3387
for new boys at 1 Mar 45	4925	From Middle East Jan/Feb	1500
		From Sicily Jan/Feb	800
		From Italy Jan/Feb	400
	6087		

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Approved: M to 1605/79/G(SD1)
 Dated 4/ Nov 44

ADDITIONAL V & R UNITS

(a) BASE UNITS	British		Italian		OR Civilians Remains
	RAVC	AGC	RAVC	AGC	
Units	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	
One Brit Hosp for 500 animals with Ital Unit (New Unit)	3	53	2	1	-
One Ital Hosp 250 animals with Brit Corps (New Unit)	1	3	5	94	-
Increment to 4 Vet Hosp	-	-	1	100	-
Increment to 1 Vet Unit Depot	-	-	1	100	-
One Brit Purch Commission (New Unit)	2	3	-	2	-
Increment to 1 School of Veterinary	1	10	-	2	-

(b) REMAINING UNITS

3 C.M.V.Es. (New Units)	3	27	3	21	-	-	One available in BR
2 V & R.C.Es. (New Units)	4	68	4	14	-	-	
Four Pack Coys (New Units)	8	9	-	-	-	-	
Total	22	207	9	36	9	485	4

(c)

PERSONNEL SITUATION (British)		RAVC		AGC		RAVC	
		Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
Total requirements; as shown above		22	207	9	36	9	36
Present deficiencies in Units		6	28	-	-	-	-
Total estimated required		28	235	9	36	9	36

Estimated available

RAVC
 Offrs OR AGC RASC

including transfer to
 RASC at present
 attached to V & R Units
 One C.M.V.E. ex BR

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First Cadre (New Unit)	1	2	3	24	-	-	94	-	-	-
Increment to 4 Vei Hosp	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
Increment to 4 P4 Mit Legat	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
One Rat Pouch Companies	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
(New Unit)	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Increment to 1 School of										
Fortify										
(b) <u>NEW UNIT</u>										
3 C.M.V.3s. (New Units)	3	57	3	24	-	-	-	-	-	One available in ME
2 V & R.C.3s. (New Units)	4	68	4	14	-	-	-	-	-	
Four Pack Boys (New Units)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	22	207	9	36	9	485	4			

(c)	PERSONNEL SITUATION (British)					
	RAVC	OFFRS	OR	ACC	RASO	
Total requirements; as shown above	22	207	9	36		
Present deficiencies in Units	6	28	-	-		
Total estimated required	28	235	9	36		

Estimated Available

Breeding transfer to RAVC at present attached to V & R Units One C.M.V.S. as ME	RAVC					
	OFFRS	OR	ACC	RASO		
	1	19	1	7	1	7
Estimated RAVC required as UK " other area	27	156	3	29		
						2312

HOSPITALS

2. The additional hospitals are required for the following reasons:
- (i) Present hospitals (two-500 animals and one-250 animals) are equipped to hold:
- 1250 animals
- Actual sick at present 1300 animals

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(ii) Such an increased stock organization would be approximately an increase of:

450 animals (per S.C. unit)

This would make the total number of sick animals to:

2250 animals

(iii) The request for two additional hospitals, i.e. one for 500 and one for 250 animals would bring the total hospitals available to:

2000 animals

If the request for the Italian increment of 100 personnel per No 4 Veterinary Hospital is granted, it will be able to hold 500 animals above present capacity.

RESCUE DEPOTS

3. an increment of 100 Italian OR and 1 officer to 1 Field Rescuer Depot (where civilian labor in very bad and scarce) will be the only demand at present for increase in Rescuer Depots to meet exigencies.

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Appendix 'B' to 1005/79/1(901) dated 2/1/79

Provision of trained Italian personnel for three US and eight British back log coys with corresponding V and R Units

REQUIREMENTS

1. (a) Numbers

US

(i) Personnel for three coys

1200

British

(ii) Personnel for eight coys (incl 90 officers) 4000

(iii) Paratroopers 100

(iv) Saddlers 75

(v) V and R Units

500

4675

Total

6000

(b) Type

Personnel to be physically fit and from the 1914/1924 age groups NOT due for early demobilisation. Paratroopers and Saddlers to be selected from ironworkers, leatherworkers and allied trades.

DATE REQUIRED

2. In order to allow sufficient time for training, the personnel are required to arrive in depot or be ready for detachment to units NOT later than 15 Dec 44.

PRIORITY FOR PROVISION

3. Personnel should be provided in the following priority:

(a) Two new coys now forming in Fifth Army (NOT incl in para 1 (c) 2341

(b) Snoodelists

(c) Four Brit and three US coys para 1(a)

(d) Four British coys

(ii) Personnel for eight coys (incl 20 others)	4000
(iii) Farriers	100
(iv) Saddlers	75
(v) V and B Units	500
	4675
Total	5000

(b) Time

Personnel to be physically fit and from the 1914/1924 age group for due for early mobilization. Farriers and Saddlers to be selected from ironworkers, leatherworkers and allied trades.

DATE REQUIRED

2. In order to allow sufficient time for training, the personnel are required to arrive in depots or be ready for despatch to units NOT later than 15 Dec 44.

PRIORITY FOR MOVEMENT

3. Personnel should be provided in the following priority:

- (a) Two new coys now forming in Fifth Army (NOT incl in para 1 (a) **2311**)
- (b) Specialists
- (c) Four Brit and three US coys per pasau
- (d) Four British coys

REMARKS

4. The following arrangements will be made for the reception of the personnel provided:

- (a) US All personnel will be received by PPS at LUXEMBURG (subject to confirmation).

(b) MOVEMENT

- (i) Farriers and Saddlers will be received at Base Rpt Army Depot to be established in 1 District. If this depot is NOT ready to receive personnel they should be despatched to units after processing, clothing, equipping and medical inspection under 421A arrangements.

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(ii) Warriors and V and R personnel at PASSO CORRETE.

ACCOMMODATION

5. (a) US Fifth Army will make arrangements with PES for the accommodation of their part of the intake (subject to confirmation).

(b) BRITISH

(i) AAI will accommodate the instructors and soldiers, NOT despatched direct to units, at Base Artillery Depot to be established in 4 District.

(ii) AAI will accommodate farmers and V and R personnel at PASSO CORRETE.

EQUIPMENT

6. All personnel will be clothed and equipped after delivery at places of reception, with the exception of those despatched to PASSO CORRETE or direct to units who will be clothed and equipped under their own arrangements before delivery.

TRAINING

7. Responsibility for training will be as follows:

(a) For US Gays - Fifth Army

(b) British Gays - AAI

(c) Specialists - AAI

ACTION REQUIRED8. (i) By AFHQ and AGFA

(i) Provision of personnel as outlined in paras 1 to 3, 4 (b) (i)

(ii) Clothing and equipping as in para 6.

(b) By AAI

(i) Arrangements for reception, accommodation and equipment in

Para 4	(b) (i)	- Q
4	(b) (ii)	- V and R3
5	(b) (i)	- Q
5	(b) (ii)	- V and R3
6		- Q

(ii) Training of personnel in para

6. All personnel will be clothed and equipped after delivery at places of reception, with the exception of those despatched to PABCO CORPSE or direct to units who will be clothed and equipped under M.I. arrangements before delivery.

TRAINING

7. Responsibility for training will be as follows:

- (a) For US Coys - Fifth Army
- (b) British Coys - M.I.
- (c) Specialists - AAI

ACTIONS REQUIRED

8. (a) By M.I. and M.I.I.

- (i) Provision of personnel as outlined in paras 1 to 3, 4 (b) (i)
- (ii) Clothing and equipping as in para 6.

(b) By M.I.

- (i) Arrangements for reception, accommodation and equipment in para 4.
 - (a) (i) - Q
 - (b) (i) - V and RS
 - (b) (ii) - Q
 - (b) (i) - V and RS
 - (b) (ii) - Q

(ii) Training of personnel in para

- 7 (b) - ST (in co-operation with ST Army)
- 7 (c) - ST and V and RS

(c) By Fifth Army and RS

Reception, accommodation, equipment and training of all personnel for US Coys as in paras 4 (c), 5 (c), 6 and 7 (b).

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SUBJECT:- Pack Tpt Gps operating
with FIFTH Army.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
SD/3
28 Nov 44

To : Ministry of War.

43. R2^a/₁
1. Ref your letter 1/4574, Serv of 15 Nov 44 subject equipment of XVI Pack Tpt Gp in the present winter season.
 2. The matter has been taken up by this HQ.
 3. The authorities are fully aware of the difficulties of XVI Pack Tpt Gp and every effort is being made to improve the situation.

Copy to:
A/C

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

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SUBJECT: Org of Units: 3, 4, 7, 14
& 250 Pack Tpt Coys.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(L.F.S.C.)

SD/3

25 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

Copy to: WMIA LO FIFTH Army.

Br Lucas (Gore) (Hickman)

1. (a) 3, 4, 7, 14 & 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coys will be converted to W.E. RA/800/1 (AI/1/1) from their existing Italian establishments with effect from 20 Nov 44 under the supervision of Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.

(b) Copies of the new W.E. will be distributed automatically by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army.

(c) Existing designations and mobilisation serial numbers will be retained.

2. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Will be adjusted to new scales in accordance with instructions to be issued by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.

3. COMPLETION

(a) Br Increment Fifth (US) Army will report to AFHQ, copy to HQ AAI, and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (WMIA) when conversions are complete.

(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 9 Dec 44, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

Copy: A/Q, ST

[Signature]
Major General
L.F.S.C.

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SECRET

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Subject: Conversion of Units - ITALIAN

SD/3
24/11

British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
G.S.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

13 Corps (A)

1458

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission
OG 10 Publications Depot
C(SD) (with encl)
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22 Nov 44

3, 4, 7, 11 and 250 Italian Pack Tot Coy's

1. Herewith nine copies of AFHQ letter CG/1026/C-1(SI)(Ser 1068) dated 18 Nov 44, ordering conversion of the above named units to W3 HQ/800/1(11/1/1) wef 20 Nov 44.
2. Conversion will be carried out under your supervision.
3. OG 10 Publications Depot is requested to forward twelve copies of W3 to 13 Corps (A) and three copies to this HQ.
4. Completion will be reported to this HQ in due course.

DSH/GAE

[Signature]
24 NOV 1944

[Signature]

D. P. HEIDEL, Captain,
for Col,
AA & G.S.

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SUBJECT:- Conversion of Units - ITALIAN

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1026/C-1(BR) (Ser. 1068)
18 Nov 44.SECRET3, 4, 7, 14 & 250 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be converted to W.E. NA/800/1 (AI/1/1) from their existing Italian establishments with effect from 20 Nov 44 under the supervision of Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.
- (b) Copies of the new W.E. will be distributed automatically by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army.
- (c) Existing designations and mobilisation serial numbers will be retained.

PERSONNEL

Personnel to adjust to new W.E. will be posted by Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (AFILA).

EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Will be adjusted to new scales in accordance with instructions to be issued by Br Increment Fifth (US) Army.

COMPLETION

(a) Br Increment Fifth (US) Army will report to G-1.(B) A.I. Section, AFHQ, copy to HQ ALI, and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AFILA) when conversions are complete.

(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 9 Dec 44, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

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G-3 (Org.2) (Manpower) (2)

G-3 (Org.2) (ORBAT)

Q. (Maint)

Q. (A.E.)

S.T.

Ord. (Br)

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

21 Nov 44 (Gen. L)

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PA. Van Tu (Lond)

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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File CR/3102/G-1(HR)

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* Incl copies for units concerned and distribution as necessary

++++ WSD/L39 of 13 Nov 44
refers.

Translation.

From: SMRE.

To: MMH.

Ref: 1/4874/1000

Date: 15th Nov. 44

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Subject: Efficiency of Pack type units depending from
allied units.

Ref 0862/CIS dated 31st/10/44

N/T

210th Div HQ. has informed us that the
equipment of the XXI Pack type group is not adequate to the
needs of the operational duties of the unit in the actual
winter season and affects seriously the expected results as well as
the moral and health of the men.

Particularly, this unit is different in
tents and winter clothing (Pullovers, mollen socks, mollen gloves,
rain coats etc.) and personal cleaning articles. Transport is also
different for the supply of comfort articles; example - wine.

The above has been brought forward to
the Allied HQ employing such units and G.O. 5th Army.
However, the question is brought up also to MMH. with a
view to help in accelerating its completion.

Gen. A. SANTI.

Sgt. SODRE.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

N° 1/4874/Serv. di prot.-

OCCETTIO: efficienza reparti salmerie alle dipendenze di unità alleate.-

Efficiency of Park Tot. Unit. under the Command

LA M. M. I. A. J. of Allen v. int.

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.

AL COMANDO DELLA DIVISIONE "T" dello S.M.R.E.
(rif. foglia n. 0862/Ord. in data 31/10/1944)

S.M. 151, 14/15 Novembre 1944

R. O. M. A.

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P.M. 170

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Il Comando della 210^a Divisione segnala che l'equipaggiamento del XXI Gruppo Salmerie non è adeguato alle esigenze operative dei reparti stessi, nell'attuale stagione invernale, con dannose ripercussioni sul rendimento, sul morale e sulla salute degli uomini.-

In particolare essi difettano di tende, di indumenti invernali (maglioni di lana, calze di lana, guanti di lana, impermeabili ecc.) e di mezzi di pulizia personale; difettano inoltre di mezzi di trasporto per il rifornimento dei generi di conforto (ad es. del vino).-

In proposito è già stato interessato il comando alleato che interiega tali reparti e l'ufficiale di collegamento con *2304* arma-
ta; si rappresenta però la questione anche a codesta M.M.I.A., perche
voglia compiacersi intervenire, allo scopo di accelerare il soddisfa-

mento delle necessità segnalate.

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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.

AL COMANDO DELLA DELEGAZIONE "M" dello S.M.R.E.
(rif. foglio n. 0562/Ord. in data 31/10/1944)

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mento delle necessità segnalate. -



FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE PHOCT

TO MMIA

INFO AAI. FIFTH ARMY, PBS *AAI could they see immediate of request for 5 coys & they 16 1850 A. 17/11*

FX 53497 *amended*

SECRET

Authority granted formation 5 additional pack mule coys for 5 Army to include 2 coys authorized in our FX49942 dated 8 Nov (.) AAI SD 958 of 10 Nov and 5 Army 169 of 7 Nov refer (.) PARA TWO (.) Priority for provision of muleteers to be in accordance with AAI SD 955 of 6 Nov (.) First 2000 to complete deficiencies in existing FIFTH Army units, then 2000 muleteers to complete 5 new coys authorized in para 1 (.) PARA THREE (.) To accommodate these new coys FIFTH Army ceiling will be increased by 2000 to a total of 14000 (.) PBS authorized ceiling will be reduced correspondingly by 2000 (.) PARA FOUR (.) Muleteers to be provided as in FIFTH Army cable 2209 of 10 Nov (.) This HQ will make necessary equipment and mules available to FIVE Army on application

Two coys only mentioned in AAI SD 955

2011 provided

577 anticipated to be available re 183 deficient in 760 for fuel 2 coys

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*115 - E Vicorella
muleteers - 760
for 2 coys*

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FLRKB V LRAR 3183 QVR 2
FROM HQS AAI NOV 041200 A
TO 5 ARMY
INFO MMIA
QQY GR -
SD 954

CONFIDENTIAL

THIS HQ HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGES OF REQUEST ~~STATED~~ STATED IN AFHQ MSG
47838 DATED 3 NOV X PLEASE INFORM US OF NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL
PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES THAT WERE REQUESTED AND THE DATES UPON
WHICH THEY WERE DESIRED

X

MTHI 1250 SENT HTH
RECD 04/1415A J O E

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Sherry taking action
direct with AFHQ



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CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
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FORM (A) <u>AAI</u>	<u>SD</u> <u>3</u>	DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 101700A	
TO (FOR ACTION) <u>AFHQ</u>	<u>12 11</u>	<i>get seen</i> <i>life</i>	
TO (FOR INFORMATION) <u>MEPOUSA 5TH ARMY META</u>	<u>35</u>	Message Instructions QVR 4	GR
(REF. No.) <u>SD 958</u>	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <u>SECRET</u>	<i>off</i>	

1. NEED FOR 5 ADDITIONAL ~~1/11~~ PACK MULE COS FOR 5TH ARMY AS STATED IN 5TH ARMY MESSAGE 1699 DATED 7 NOV WAS NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN AT THIS HQ WHEN OUR SD 958 WAS DISPATCHED 6 NOV HOWEVER NOW DEEMED OPERATIONALLY NECESSARY.
2. IF THE 5 COMPANIES REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ARE AUTHORIZED BY AFHQ INCREASE IN CEILING IF ITALIAN TROOPS FOR 5TH ARMY WILL BE NECESSARY. THIS WILL MEAN EITHER AN INCREASE IN TOTAL US CEILING OR A DECREASE IN CEILING OF US (ITI) WITH FBS OR AAF/MEO

Future prospects
1. Appropria (834 units)
216 217 Gd Bus may
produce further
Fifth Army require
three more cos
= 1140

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1.e
760 - 938 5th Army
760 - 1073 Butler
Two (of these
5 incl 98)
cos
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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 1918

Call 5 Srl. No. 5 Priority 5 Transmission Instructions CIPHER SECRET

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) 5 Army Originator 5 Army Date-Time of Origin 07 M1

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ MMIA

MMIA SD
FILE REF 13
Date Recd 8/11/1

Message Instructions - OR -

Originator's No. 1699

SECRET @ Para 1 @ This refers to AAI SD 954 NOT
to all (C) Informal request made TATC to RICHY 27 Oct for five
additional pack mule corps to support 5 Army future operations as
generally discussed at AAI conference held that date. @ Para 2 @ Requested by
Gen TATC for Gen. HARRISON G. MTOSS were two mule corps for support current
phase 5 Army operations. @ These two corps required now to enable relief.

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BY ANY MEANS ☒ CIPHER ☐ WIRELESS

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MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

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mule corps now employed @ The latter need rest and time to absorb
replacements of personnel and unless in order to avoid complete
disruption @ Para 3 @ If latter two corps furnished now only three
additional required to support operations referred to in Para 1 @ Para 4 @ This
message does NOT cover requirements of British supplied troops now
serving or to serve with 5 Army

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COPY

FROM: CG MTOUSA

REF NO: PX 48560

TO: MMIA

DATE TIME: 051515A

FIFTH ARMY NOW HINXEX BEING PROVIDED 760 ITALIANS (BODIES) FOR FORMATION OF
2 PACK MULE COMPANIES FIFTH ARMY TRAINING CAMP.

(ACTION TO FIFTH ARMY- MMIA. INFORMATION TO AAI - COMZONE MTOUSA MAIN -
PERBASE CITE NAQMC PX 48560 SIGNED CG MTOUSA)

TRAINED MULETEERS NOT AVAILABLE. MMIA TO FURNISH FROM ITALIAN ARMY SOURCES
ESSENTIAL ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT. COMZONE MTOUSA TO FURNISH 520 ARTITIO
AERO MULES AND SADDLES FROM STOCKS PRESENTLY ON HAND. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS
OF ANY ITEMS OF ESSENTIAL ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT NOT SUPPLIED BY MMIA,
INDICATING QUANTITIES THAT CAN BE FURNISHED FROM STOCKS UNDER YOUR CONTROL
IN ORDER THAT NECESSARY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN REPLACING THE BALANCE REQUIRED.
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS AT SUCH TIME THAT THESE
COMPANIES BECOME OPERATIONAL. PARA. THIS FOR COMZONE MTOUSA. REQUEST
ACTION BE TAKEN AS INDICATED ABOVE FOR COMZONE.

*Action copy on 5/1/3
WAB*

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SECRET Land Forces 3/C

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PRIORITY

Date | Time Rec'd : 051744A
Date | Time Sent : 051412A
Reference NR : FX98522
Cite : FHGCT

Important.

(1) X YOUR APPRECIATION FOR/FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF PACK TRANSPORT
 PERSONNEL SHOWS A ~~5000~~ TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF ~~FIVE 2~~ TO
~~2~~ ~~2~~ ~~2~~ ITALIAN VOLETEERS TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING THE
~~11~~
~~11~~ ADDITIONAL PACK TRANSPORT BOYS ~~101 3000~~ REQUIRED FOR FUTURE
 OPERATIONS / ~~PX 48522~~ SIGNED SAG RPT SAG FROM
~~90.3.~~ UNPAREN FOREIGN TO FOR ACTION AAI
 TO FOR INFO ~~VIA 201 VIA DITE ERGOT~~
 INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL ARE ~~2~~ ~~2000~~ ~~250~~ VOLETEERS TO
 PRESENT DEFICIENCIES PRESUMABLY IN ~~82~~ ARMY UNITS
 X ~~5012/84~~ 1
 X ~~2000~~ OF 11 NOVEMBER PROVISION
 FOR APPROXIMATELY ~~2~~ ~~2~~ ~~2~~ ITALIAN VOLETEERS TO COMPLETE
~~52~~ DEFICIENCIES IN ~~31~~ ARMY UNITS X ~~2297~~
 AGREED THAT ~~52~~ ARMY SHALL HAVE ~~2~~ ADDITIONAL PACK VOLE COVRANI

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : _____
Classification : _____
Precedence : _____
From : _____
To : _____

Date Time Rec'd : _____
Date Time Sent : _____
Reference NR : _____
Cite : _____

REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF ~~SEVEN~~ ²⁰⁰ PERSONNEL X CAN
BE RETAINED AS ~~VOLUNTEERS~~ BUT TRAINED PERSONNEL
PREFERABLE IF AVAILABLE X ⁽⁴⁾ X THESE REQUIREMENTS TOTAL ^(RE) ~~8000~~ ?
APPROXIMATELY ~~1000~~ ⁸⁰⁰⁰ ~~2000~~ ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS X AT PRESENT
ALL AVAILABLE VOLUNTEERS ARE EMPLOYED WITH UNITS IN THE ARMY AREA
AND THE ONLY IMMEDIATE SOURCES ARE THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE ~~UNITS~~
MANTOVA ~~RPT MANTOVA~~ AND PIZENO ~~RPT PIZENO~~ DIVISIONS X PERSONNEL
UNTRAINED AS VOLUNTEERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM CALL DASH UP
~~RPT~~ AND ~~OTHER~~ OTHER SOURCES TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS IF
ACCEPTABLE TO YOU X ⁽⁵⁾ ~~REQUEST~~ X REQUEST YOU STATE PRIORITY FOR
THE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL IN PARIS ~~ONE~~ ⁽¹⁾ TO ⁽³⁾ 2296

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

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n° 4355 /ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 9 ottobre 1944

Stampa: FILE REF S133
Date Recd 11/10/44

AL COMANDO TERRITORIO DI
e, per conoscenza:

- AL M.G. = GABINETTO - Ufficio C.A.
- AL L.G. - Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali
- AL M.G. - Direz. Gen. Serv. Consls.
- AL M.G. - Ispettorato Serv. Imp. e Veter.
- AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA
- ALLA DELEGAZIONE "M" DELLO S.M.R.E.
(Rif. fo 0330/Ord. del 22/9 c.a.)
- ALL'ISPettorato TRUPPE AUSILIARIE
- ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
- ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI

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OGGETTO: Cambio denominazione 11° cp. del 408° rst.ftr. (centro mobilizzazione: dep. 139° ftr. - Bari).-

Changing of Denomination of Regt

Si dispone che, con decorrenza dal 1° ottobre c.a.,
11° cp. del 408° rst.ftr., dislocata a Peseo Corese (Roma)
ed impiegata per governo quadrupedi alle dipendenze del 1° dep.
rimonta da campo (ente A.A.):

- a)- nessuna la denominazione di "17° reparto salmerie";
- b)- sia resa amministrativamente autonoma;
- c)- passi alle dipendenze disciplinari ed amministrative di
codesto comando (fermo restando la dipendenza d'impiego
dall'ente A.A. sopra citato).-

I militari attualmente aggregati al reparto in questione
ne saranno ascritti nella forza effettiva.-

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... (ante A.L.):

b)- sia resa amministrativamente

dall'ente A.A. sopra citato). -

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TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 302074/C.A. 24
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TO : MMIA

DATE: 4 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: 12, 13, 15, 16 Pack Transport Units

Ref. : SD/3 dated 21 Sept. — *14*

1. With letter 300983/C.A. dated Sept 11, I have already dealt with the measures adapted in regard to the drawbacks verified in the forming of the pack Transport Units in question.

As among the military sent from Sardinia to form said units there were some of the old classes who had the right to be demobilized, the HQ concerned has been requested to send an explanation.

2. With letter 301554/C.A. dated Sept 23, 1944 I dealt with the other measures of a penal or disciplinary nature already effected or being studied.

3. I believe that the increase in absences without leave in Campania is due, among other, to the disparity with the other regions concerning the orders in force in regard to obligatory military service of the noncom classes from 1914 to 1919 have not been recalled.

This causes low morale among the military of said classes who are sent from other regions to depots in Campania in order to form new units.

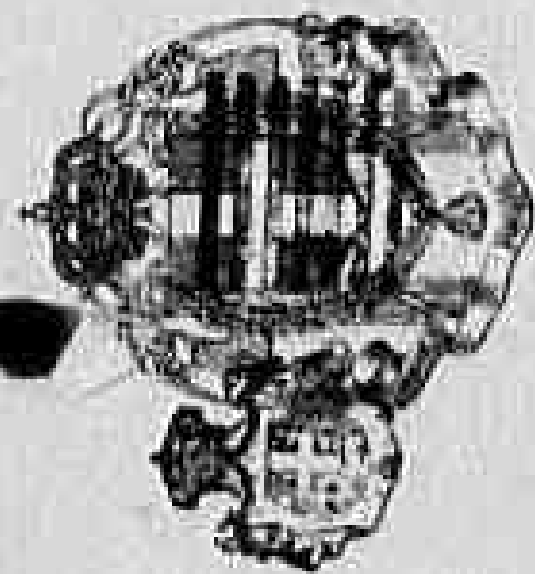
It is necessary, therefore to extend the orders of a general nature, in force in the remaining continental territory, to said region (and to the Province of Foggia).

Campania

PPF $\frac{1}{CO}$ (CASATI)

*Copy of above is in
SD / SP for action re
para 3 (call-up)*

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Prot. No 302024/c.p.
317-IV-12

P.M. 151, 1 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti salmerie 120 - 130 - 150 - 150

ALLA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

Riferimento SD/3 del 21 settembre.

1) - Con lettere n. 300983/C.A., in data 11 settembre u.s., ho già riferito sui provvedimenti adottati riguardo gli inconvenienti verificatisi nella costituzione dei reparti salmerie indicati in oggetto.

Successivamente, essendo emerso che tre i militari inviati dalla Sardegna per costituire i reparti in parola ve ne erano alcuni di classi anziane aventi diritto a congedo, sono stati chiesti chiarimenti al riguardo al comando responsabile.

2) - Con lettera n. 301554/C.A., del 23 settembre ho informato degli altri provvedimenti di carattere penale o disciplinare già attuati o in corso di studio.

3) - Ritengo che il propagarsi del fenomeno delle assenze arbitrarie in Campania sia, tra le altre cause, anche da imputare alla disparità con le altre regioni circa le disposizioni vigenti in fatto di obbl

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P.L. 151, 4 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti salmerie 120- 130 - 150 - 160

ALLA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

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Ciò genera una situazione di disagio morale nei militari di quelle stesse classi che da altre regioni vengono fatti arruolare ai depositi della Campania per costituire nuovi reparti. Occorrerebbe,

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pertanto, estendere anche a tale regione (ed alla provincia di Poggia) le disposizioni di carattere generale vigenti nel rimanente territorio continentale.

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SUBJECT: 250 Italian Pk tpt Coy

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
SI/3
4 Oct 44

TO : A.A.I.

Ref your 1029/74/01 of 25 Sep 44.

1. Italian War Ministry consider that, while the coy is quite capable of running itself, for supe and liaison with Allied units the usual cadre ^{would be} is most useful.
2. Copy of W. E. herewith.

[Signature]
Maj Gen
M M I A

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INFO

FROM HATH ANI 240015 A

TO CG FIFTH ARMY

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Translation

From: SMRE.

To: H.Q. Signal
H.Q. 209 Div.

Subject: Signal.

Ref: 7115/ad. ¹⁹
Date: 27.9.44.
SD/3 per 10.

Detachment of the 4th + 5th. Pack Tpt. Lfrs. formed with mules + animals primarily of C.I.L. units as placed at disposal of 1 District. will be organized into independent units to be named 1st. and 2nd. Pack Tpt. Rpt. units. (1) W.E.F. 20th inst. said units to come under H.Q. 209 Div. in discipline and admin. (1) H.Q. AA1 will give instruction regarding employment of men and animals as rpt. th. Pack Tpt units. (1) H.Q. 209 Div. is requested to report on how men + animals are employed by action.

(Sgt) for A. S. A. V. T. 2289

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Copia per la M.M.I.A.

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESEMPIO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILIZZAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

N° 7115/Ord. di prot.

P.M.151, 27 settembre 1944

TELEGRAMMA A RASO

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FILE REF	
Date Recd	29/9/

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEONARDO"
- rif. n° 2192/Cy. del 20.9 del C.I.L. -
AL COMANDO DELLA 209^a DIVISIONE

C. per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - GARIBOLDI - Uff. C. A.
- rif. n° 564/OA. del 10 corrente -
ALLA DISTRIZIONE "A" DELLA C.M.M.S.
ALLA S.M.M.S. - Ufficio Operazioni
ALLA S.M.M.S. - Ufficio Servizi

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FILE REF
Date Recd 29/9/

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEONARDO"
- rif. n° 2392/Op. del 20.9 del C.I.T.L. -
AL COMANDO DELLA 209^a DIVISIONE

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - 4.11.1955 - UFF. C.A.
- rif. n° 564/AX. del 10 corrente -
ALLA DIREZIONE "A" DELLO S.M.R.E.
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Operazioni
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UFFICIO CAPO UFFICIO
(Chiaravino)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 12/30

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
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Originator

Date/Time of Origin

FIFTH ARMY

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For Action

TO

13 CORPS

MAIN AAI, AFHQ (W) For Information (INFO) MAIN 8th ARMY
MMIA

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MAIN A	SD/3
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Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

1204 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref Main AAI SD 1931 of 28 Sept (.) 7 Italian Pack Tpt Coy and
17 Indian Pack Tpt Coy passed from under command FIFTH Army to under command 13 Corps
with effect from 0002 hrs 28 Sept (.)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE
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SUBJECT: Re-organization C.I.L.

Army Sub Commission
A.C.C.

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 210

1029/7 4/21

25 Sep 44

1. 250 Italian Pack Transport Coy has been made available to the Allies and is at present working with British Increment, FIFTH ARMY.
2. All Italian Coys under command British or U.S Forces are organized either on US/IT T.O or BR/IT W.E. Both these include a U.S or British Cadre.
3. It is NOT intended in the present stage of operations to re-organize this Coy.
4. The Coy is somewhat different from the other Italian Coys in that it has been working for a long period without a Cadre. Do you consider that the Coy can work efficiently without a Cadre?
5. Meantime it would be appreciated if you would send a copy of the W.E of this Coy.

3 (C.D.)
Copy to ST
V&R

J. Macfui
Major
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Translation

SD/3 15

From: MA. of W.

Ref: 300983/CA.

TO: MA H 1A.

Date: 11 9 44.

Subject: Formation of Pack Tpt. Units, NLS 12, 13, 14, 15.

In reply to your SD/3 of the 3rd inst.

1) Your request for the formation of the a/m units, (SD/3 dated 27.7.44) reached SMRE on July 29th. last

2) That same orders were sent to Campania Mil. Command under on 5450/rd. copy attached (enc. 1)

3) As regards the information listed in your a/m letter, SMRE, on being approached for the formation of the units, report:-

a) The only communication received regarding the return to SMRE control of the "fide" group is AG 3705 dated August 15th. from H-A. P.B.S. received on Sep 1st (Enc. 2.)

b) The delay with which the formation order was received by ~~the~~ Campania Mil. Command must be attributed to difficult postal communication owing back of tpt. On the other hand it was impossible to give the order by phone since no facilities and detailed W.I. as 2285

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 - b) The delay with which the formation order was received by ~~SM~~ Campania Mil. Command; must be attributed to difficult postal communications owing back of it. On the other hand it was impossible to give the order by phone since it was essential to send detailed W.R. as 2285 supplemented by you.
 - c) 212 Lt. H.Q. would not release the "Guide" before Aug. 15th. since it was only on that date that P.B.S. communicated the order SD/879 of 28.7.44 of AA1 (Enc. 2.)
 - d.) nothing to report.

e) + f). Owing to AWOL (423 men) which took place at the time of departure it must be estimated that the units referred to are formed in considerable measure (46%) by elements got from Saudinia. It is a well known fact that owing to the difficulty there are men in Saudinia who have not seen their families for years and who have practically all been subject grave war sufferings.

As regards the request for Veterinary Officers and one M.O. arrangements have been made for posting same.

4) With reference to the remarks contained in your para of equal number of your a/m letter I beg to point out that -
a) from all the above it would appear that from the beginning to the end of the affair it has at no time not been treated as urgent.

b) see under a) below.

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of their personnel. Should they be abolished
there would be no means of providing
for the formation of units.

d) An adequate circular (Enc. 3) issued
by SM RE warned Div. Commanders a
long time ago of the necessity of ensuring
a good cadre for units to be mustered
for the allies. Campania Ital. Command

is furthermore, fully aware of the fact that when forming Pack Tpt. units preference should be given to mounted officers and that ~~as~~ a Cavalry Col. had been long ago appointed for inspection duties.

e) SPARE would prefer to control from closer quarters the formation of units, sending one of their own officers down to the unit, from time to time, were it not for the fact that scarcity of officers combined with lack of transport makes this wish difficult to accomplish.

Control duties were, therefore, necessarily assumed by the Command in charge of forming the units. (Enc. 4).

f) Nevertheless SPARE closely followed up the formation of the units referred to until they received from Campania the Command arrangement of the formation having been completed (Enc. 5)

5) On ~~the~~ Aug. 25th as a result of telephone communication with Col. Negroni, L.O. to 1474, 2284.

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5) On ~~the~~ Aug. 25th as a result of telephone communication with Col. Megorin, L.O. with AAI H.Q. and previous to PM 12:25h, intervention, SAA RE ~~was not~~ ^{with} arranged to make up personnel deficiencies complained of.

6) Measures already adopted or being carried out. —

- a) Orders issued by this Ministry as per Ltr. 3 + 4 will be confirmed. In the meantime the Campania Mil. Commander will be admonished for not having complied with stipulations as per para 4 (let d).
- b) C.O.'s 12th, 13th, + 15th units are being replaced by 3 excellent cavalry officers.
- c) Col. Mancini has been replaced as C.O. of the 31st Inf. Regt. Depot pending hearing of charges against him.
- d) Finally, as regards the veterinary officers and M.O. their transfer to destination has already been ordered.

The Minister
(Sgd) A. CASATI

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Translation Luc. 1
 From: SSM RE.
 To: Circula.
 Subject: Formation of Pack Tpt. Units for Allies.

1) The formation of 4 Pack Tpt. Units (12th, 13th, 15th, + 16th) to be placed at the disposal of the Allies is hereby ordered.

2) Formation + W.I., personnel to be employed in the formation, station and date of mustering: as per enclosed schedules (not attached).

3) Head Center: 31st Inf. Regt Depot (Naples)

Saidina (Mil. Command will arrange to send the 9th. Mulemen Coy. to Naples (Cable 5451/Ord. of the 29th inst.).

4) Animals - will be supplied by ACC when required for use.

5) Materials of Ammunition: Only personal arms. For 1921 class computer report requirements refer to SSM RE Review Branch.

6) Personal equipment for men of the 1st "Saida" group and of the 9th. Mulemen Coy. should then have at present

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4) Animals: will be supplied by ACC when required for use.

5) Materials: a) Armament: Only personal arms. For 1921 class conscripts report requirements urgently to S.M. RE Services Branch.

b) Personal equipment: For men of the 1st "Faida" group and of the 9th. Muletier Coy. Submit them here at paragraph 3 on charge. For 1921 class conscripts report requirements urgently to S.M. RE - Services.

c) Unit equipment: Saddles + carts to be supplied by Allies (ACC) at

time of use. Personal use material to be drawn from 1st "Faida" Hq. and the 9th. Muletier Coy.

Any difficulties to be reported to SPARE,
Cavalry Branch.

Campania Unit Command is requested to -

- a) Report to SPARE, SD Branch, as soon as units are formed.
- b) Report to SPARE, SD Branch, as soon as possible all necessary data for the final sanction of units disbanded and units formed.

(Sgd) Gen. A. SANTI

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Translation
 From: H.Q. P. B. S. Enc. 2
 APO 782. Ref: AG-370.5 BPGOT.
 Date: 15.8.44.

To: Circular Telegram.

Subject: Allotment + detachment of troops (Italian)

Telegram PAC, H.Q. AA1, Re 427, quote
 SD 879 dated July 28th. 1944, 1st Guide
 Bn. (Italian) is released from PBS
 detachment and returns to SMRE
 control (Italian Army)

By order of Col OXX
 (Sgd) O M. Madsen, 1st Lt.

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Translation Inc: 3
 From: SOTARE.
 To: Circular
 Subject: Mustering of units for allies.

It has been checked that personnel of the older classes, discarded or lacking experience in the handling of animals as well as officers + NCO's unsuitable for their tasks have been posted to one of our Park Tpt. units formed for service with the allies.

The unit, as now to be expected, has later been employed by the allies in advanced operational zones, sometimes even in front line duties.

Results + consequences are obvious. -
 Reduced output of the unit, inadequacy, undeserved treatment to individuals and the unit, unnecessary loss of men and animals, etc., and last, but not least, simple cause for criticism by the allies of our soldiers and our systems.

I must point out the inefficiency of the work carried out by the unit in charge of organising the Park Tpt. unit referred to.
 I must remind all that our direct

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I must point out the inefficiency of the work carried out by the unit in charge of organising the Park Troop. Unit referred 22.11.41

I must remind all that our direct contribution to the war fought beside the Allies is judged, chiefly, by the work done by the infantry unit; both combatant and service, while cooperate directly with Allied troops.

I order therefore the maximum care on the part of all concerned. Sever control

exercised by the various H.Q.'s concerned in selection of personnel and in the organization of our units to be placed at the direct disposal of the Allies.

I feel confident that the conscientious & efficient work of all concerned will present any further difficulties which give a poor impression of the units directly concerned and, even worse, ~~detract~~ of the Station Army.

(Sgd) Gen. P. BERRARD.

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Translation Page 4

From: SM RE.

To: Circular.

Subject: Units for Allies.

Ref: 2625/Ord.

Date: 2.4.44.

Further to my 1381/Ord. of 21.1.44,

It ~~is~~ has been observed that units at the disposal of the Allies, particularly those in isolated stations, are not properly interpreted to the detriment of ~~their~~ welfare and output.

This difference must be attributed chiefly to ~~the~~ ^{the} fact that some ~~units~~ ^{H.Q.'s}, since the units have been employed by the Allies, have deemed it their duty to have all interest in the units, possible due to a misunderstood sense of respect for the Allies.

I must point out therefore that said units, though employed by the Allies remain under the control of our H.Q.s ^{Direct}.

Please therefore issue the following instructions:-

- Control of said units will be clearly stipulated (there appear to be some doubts

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I must point out therefore that said units, though employed by the Allies remain under the control of our H.Q.s ^{right} following instructions.

- Control of said units will be clearly stipulated (there appears to be some doubt in some cases)
- Frequent inspections will be carried out, even by Divisional officers in order to eliminate all deficiencies and above all to provide for all requirements other way ~~stands~~ ^{be} met off.

(Sgd) Gen. P. BERARDI

[Signature]

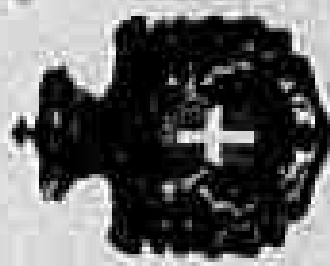
Translation Enc-S.

From: Comilit, Campora
To: SMI RE. (Telugam)

7801/mob. ① Reply 7006013/rd. dated
17th inst. ① Formation Pack Tpt. Unit
completed as far as personnel is concerned ①
Unit will be ready to move
21st. date fixed by Allies end.
General Soldavelli. 200844.

~~Test~~

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 300983 /C.A.

P.M. 151 li 4 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Costituzione dei reparti salmerie 12 - 13 - 15 - 15.

Constitution of Pack Transport Units

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

NUMERO	SP/3
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Date Recd	12/9/1

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Rispondo alla lettera di codesta A.S.C. n. SD/3 del 3 corrente.

1° - La richiesta di costituzione da parte della M.M.I.A. dei reparti in oggetto (SD/3 del 27.7) pervenne allo Stato Maggiore Esercito il 29 luglio c.a. -

2° - Nello stesso giorno vennero impartiti i conseguenti ordini al comando militare della Campania con lettera 5450/ord. allegata in copia (alleg. 2.09)

3° - Circa le notizie elencate nella lettera in riferimento, lo S.M.E.E. interessato alla costituzione dei reparti comunica:

- a) - la sola comunicazione ricevuta circa il ritorno sotto il controllo dello S.M.E.E. del rept. Guide è quella AG 3705 in data 15 agosto del comando P.M.S. pervenuta il 1° settembre (all.2);
- b) - il ritardo con cui l'ordine di costituzione è stato ricevuto dal comando militare della Campania è da attribuirsi alle difficoltà dei collegamenti postali dovuti alla penuria dei mezzi. Dall'altra parte l'ordine non poteva essere trasmesso telefonico. **2278** dato che era necessario inviare gli organici dettagliati comunicati da codesta A.S.C.;

c) -

OGGETTO: Costituzione dei reparti salmerie 12 - 13 - 15 - 15.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
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c) - il comando italiano 212 non avrebbe potuto rilasciare il rpt. Guide prima del 15 agosto poiché solo in tale data il comando P.B.S. ha diramato l'ordine SD/879 del 28/7 dello A.A.I. (v. allegato 2);

d) - nulla da dire;

e) - f) - in merito alle assenze arbitrarie (423 uo.) verificatesi al momento della partenza è da considerare che i reparti in questione sono stati costituiti per buona parte (46%), con elementi provenienti dalla Sardegna. E' noto che per le difficoltà di trasporti, in Sardegna vi sono militari che da qualche anno non rivedono i propri familiari i quali nella quasi totalità sono stati soggetti a

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Allegato n. 1

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STATO MAGGIORE Esercito
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

N. 5459/Ord. di prot.

F.M. 151, 29 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Costituzione reparti salmerie per A.A.-

Allegati: 2 (omesei)

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.B. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
ALLO S.M.R.B. - UFFICIO SERVIZI
ALLO S.M.R.B. - UFFICIO TRASPORTI

P.M. 120
P.M. 50

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1)- Si dispone la costituzione di quattro reparti salmerie (120- 130-150 e 160) da mettere a disposizione degli alleati.

2)- Formazione ed organici, personale da impiegare per la costituzione, località e date di approntamento: come da specchi allegati (omesei)

3)- Centro di mobilitazione: deposito 310 art.ftr. (Napoli).

Il comando militare Sardegna provvederà ad avviare la 9ª compagnia movieri a Napoli (marconigramma n. 5451/Ord. del 29 corrente).

4)- Quadrupedi: saranno forniti dagli alleati (A.C.C.) all'atto dell'impiego.

5)- Materiali: a) - armamento: soltanto quello individuale; per i richiamati della classe 1921, segnalare con urgenza il fabbisogno a questo S.M. - ufficio servizi;

b) - dotazioni individuali: per gli elementi del 1º raggruppamento "ruide" e della 9ª compagnia movieri, quelle ad essi attualmente in distribuzione; per i richiamati della classe 1921, segnalare con urgenza il fabbisogno a questo S.M. - Ufficio Servizi -

c) - Dotazioni di reparto:

- bardature e carrette: saranno fornite dagli alleati (A.C.C.) all'atto dell'impiego;

- materiali di uso generale: saranno tratti dal 10 reg.

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P.M. 151. 29 luglio 1944

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P.M. 120
P.M. 50

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
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- 1)- Si dispone la costituzione di quattro reparti salmerie (120- 130-150 e 150) da mettere a disposizione degli alleati.
- 2)- Formazione ed organici, personale da impiegare per la costituzione, località e date di approntamento: come da specchi allegati (omessi)
- 3)- Centro di mobilitazione: deposito 310 mt. Str. (Napoli).
Il comando militare Sardegna provvederà ad avviare la 9ª compagnia movieri a Napoli (marconigramma n. 5451/Ord. del 29 corrente).
- 4)- Quadrupedi: saranno forniti dagli alleati (A.C.C.) all'atto dell'impiego.
- 5)- Materiali:
- a) - armamento: soltanto quello individuale; per i richiamati della classe 1921, segnalare con urgenza il fabbisogno a questo S.M. - ufficio servizi;
 - b) - dotazioni individuali: per gli elementi del 1º raggruppamento "Guide" e della 9ª compagnia movieri, quelle ad essi attualmente in distribuzione; per i richiamati della classe 1921, segnalare con urgenza il fabbisogno a questo S.M. - Ufficio Servizi -
 - c) - Dotazioni di reparto:
 - bardature e carrette: saranno fornite dagli alleati (A.C.C.) all'atto dell'impiego;
 - materiali di uso generale: saranno tratti dal 1º raggruppamento "Guide" e dalla 9ª compagnia movieri; eventuali deficienze siano segnalate a questo S.M. - ufficio servizi.

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b) - Il comando militare Campania è pregato di:

- a) - inoltrare, appena costituiti i reparti, le richieste trasporto a questo S.M. - ufficio ordinamento e ufficio trasporti;
- b) - comunicare appena possibile a questo S.M. - ufficio ordinamento tutti i prescritti dati per la definitiva sanzione dei reparti sciolti e di quelli costituiti.

IL GENERALE ADDDETTO
F.to Alessandro SANZI



P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.
COL. S.M. LUIGI MINETTIORINI

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RISERVATO

COMANDO SEZIONE ZONA PENINSULARE
APO 782

AG 370.5 BPGCT (15 agosto 1944) 15 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Assegnazione e distacco di truppe (italiane)

Telegramma PAC, Comando, AAI, Riferimento n. 427, cit. SD 879 in data 28 luglio 1944, il primo battaglione Guide (Italiano) è rilevato dal Distaccoamento PES e torna sotto il controllo dello S.M.R.E. (Esercito Italiano).-

Per ordine del colonnello OXX :

F.to O.M. MADSEN
1° Lt.

INDIRIZZI:

C - in C. AFHQ (5)
SOS NATOUSA (10)
C - in C. HQ AAI, Attn: GSD (Br) (2)
CG, HQ AAI, (US) Attn: GSD (US) (2)
MAIA (Rome) (2)
ACC (Rome) (2)
In Sect (5)
212 th Div. (Ital) (2)
C/S (2)
G-1 (2)
G - 3 (3)
G - 4 (1)
QM (3)
Fifth Army (3)
SIRE (Italian Army) (2)

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AG 370.5 BEGCT (15 agosto 1944) 15 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Assegnazione e distacco di truppe (italiane)

Telegramma PAC, Comando, AAI, Riferimento n. 427, cit. SD 879 in data 28 luglio 1944, il primo battaglione Guide (Italiano) è rilevato dal Distacco PBS e torna sotto il controllo dello S.M.R.E. (Esercito Italiano).-

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IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

(T. Col. S.M. Luigi Millefiorini)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO = UFFICIO
ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE = SEZ. ORD. =

N. 1381/Ord.di prot.

OGGETTO: Approntamento reparti destinati a collaborare con
gli anglo-americani -

P.M.151, 21 gennaio 1944

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL XXII CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DELLA DF. "SABAUDA"

P.M.120
P.M.50
P.M.67
P.M.114
P.M.410
P.M.30

Si è verificato che ad un nostro reparto salmerie, costituito per col-
laborare colle truppe anglo-americane operanti nella Penisola, sia stato
assegnato personale di classe anziana, o di scarto, o privo di pratica dei
quadrapedi: inoltre quadri - specialmente sottufficiali - non all'altezza
del compito.

E' successivamente avvenuto - come del resto era da prevedere - che
il reparto salmerie sia stato impiegato dagli anglo-americani nella zona
di operazione più avanzata, talvolta fin sulle prime linee.

Sono ovvie le considerazioni e le conseguenze: limitato rendimento del-
l'unità, inadeguato, immeritato trattamento usato a singoli e reparto, ina-
deguate perdite di uomini e di quadrapedi, ecc., infine - non ultimo - lar-
go motivo a critiche per parte degli alleati sui nostri soldati e sui no-
stri sistemi.

Rilevo l'insufficiente opera svolta dagli enti che provvidero all'orga-
nizzazione del reparto salmerie in questione.

Ricordo che il nostro contributo diretto alla guerra combattuta a fien-
co degli alleati si esplica, per buona parte, appunto attraverso il lavoro
delle numerose unità - di arma combattente e dei servizi - che collabora-
rano direttamente colle truppe alleate.

Prescrivo la massima cura da parte di tutti a severo controllo per
parte dei vari comandi - nella scelta del personale e nell'organizzazione
delle nostre unità destinate a disposizione diretta degli A.A. -

Confido sull'opera fattiva e coscienziosa di tutti affinché non abbia-
mo a ripetersi manchevolezze del genere di quelle sopra accennate che si
riverberano negativamente sulla compagine delle unità direttamente inte-

N. 1381/Ord.di prot.

P.M.151, 21 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Approntamento reparti destinati a collaborare con gli anglo-americani -

AL COMANDO FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
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P.M.410
P.M.30

Si è verificato che ad un nostro reparto salmerie, costituito per collaborare colle truppe anglo-americane operanti nella Penisola, sia stato assegnato personale di classe anziana, o di scarto, o privo di pratica dei quadrupedi: inoltre quadri - specialmente sottufficiali - non all'altezza del compito.

E' successivamente avvenuto - come del resto era da prevedere - che il reparto salmerie sia stato impiegato dagli anglo-americani nella zona di operazione più avanzata, talvolta fin sulle prime linee.

Sono ovvie le considerazioni e le conseguenze: limitato rendimento dell'unità, inadeguato, immeritato trattamento usato a singoli e reparto, inadeguate perdite di uomini e di quadrupedi, ecc., infine - non ultimo - l'argomento a critiche per parte degli alleati sui nostri soldati e sui nostri sistemi.

Rilevo l'insufficiente opera svolta dagli enti che provvidero all'organizzazione del reparto salmerie in questione.

Ricordo che il nostro contributo diretto alla guerra combattuta a fianco degli alleati si esplica, per buona parte, appunto attraverso il lavoro delle numerose unità - di arma combattente e dei servizi - che collaborano direttamente colle truppe alleate.

Prescrivo la massima cura da parte di tutti a severo controllo per parte dei vari comandi - nella scelta del personale e nell'organizzazione delle nostre unità destinate a disposizione diretta degli A.A.

Confido sull'opera fattiva e coscienziosa di tutti affinché non abbiano a ripetersi manchevolezze del genere di quelle sopra accennate che si ripercuotono negativamente sulla compagine delle unità direttamente interessate ed, in sostanza, sul buon nome del nostro Esercito.

P.C.C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

(Ten. Col. di S.L.L. Millefiorini)

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

F/to P. Berardi

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

N. 2625/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151 - 2 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti in servizio per A.A.-

AL COMANDO MT.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL XXI CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA

P.M. 120
P.M. 50
P.M. 125
P.M. 67
P.M. 114
P.M. 410

Seguito mio 1381/Ord. del 21 gennaio U.S. (allegato in copia per
VII C.A.).

E' stato notato che i reparti in servizio per gli A.A. - in particolare quelli isolati - non vengono sufficientemente seguiti e ciò a scapito del loro benessere e rendimento.

L'inconveniente è da attribuirsi, in gran parte, al fatto che taluni comandi, una volta passati i reparti in questione alle dipendenze d'impiego degli alleati, hanno ritenuto doveroso disinteressarsene, sia pure per un malinteso riguardo verso gli A.A.-

Preciso che, invece, detti reparti, tranne che per l'impiego, continuano a dipendere dai nostri comandi.

Prego pertanto disporre che per i reparti stessi:

- vengano chiaramente derivate le dipendenze (in qualche caso sussistono ancora dubbi);

- siano effettuate frequenti ispezioni, anche da parte di ufficiali dei comandi di G.U. al fine di eliminare eventuali manchevolezze e soprattutto per provvedere alle varie necessità che verranno rappresentate.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

f.to P. BERARDI

N. 2025/Ord. di prot.

OGGETTO: Reparti in servizio per A.A.-

P.M. 151 - 2 aprile 1944

AL COMANDO RT. AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA
AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL XXVI CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA

P.M. 120
P.M. 50
P.M. 125
P.M. 67
P.M. 114
P.M. 410

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MIL C.A.A.).

Seguito n. 1351/Ord. del 21 gennaio U.S. (allegato in copia per

E' stato notato che i reparti in servizio per gli A.A. - in par-
ticolare quelli isolati - non vengono sufficientemente serviti e ciò a
scapito del loro benessere e rendimento.

L'inconveniente è da attribuirsi, in gran parte, al fatto che ta-
luni comandi, una volta passati i reparti in questione alle dipendenze
d'impiego degli alleati, hanno ritenuto doveroso disinteressarsene, sia
pure per un malinteso riguardo verso gli A.A.-

Preciso che, invece, detti reparti, tranne che per l'impiego, con-
tinuano a dipendere dai nostri comandi.

Prego pertanto disporre che per i reparti stessi:
- vengano chiaramente derivate le dipendenze (in qualche caso sussisto-
no ancora dubbi);

- siano effettuate frequenti ispezioni, anche da parte di ufficiali dei
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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
r.to P. BERARDI

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IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

(Ten. Col. S.M. Luigi MILLETICHINI)



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Allegato 5

DA COMITAT CAMPANIA
AT STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO

n. 7801/Mob. alt Risposta tele 6013/Ord.data 17 corrente alt
Costituzione reparti salmerie per quanto riguarda personale est
già avvenuta alt Reparti saranno pronti a muovere 21 corrente
data fissata da parte alleata fine Gen.Soldarelli - 200644

F/to T.Col.in s.S.M. Guida

P.C.C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

(Ten.Col.S.M.Luigi Millefiorini)

Millefiorini

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No. 785020

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: 12, 13, 15, and 16 Peck Transport Companies

Military Mission Italian Army
Rome
SD/3 5
21 September 1944

To : Minister for War

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter from our Senior Liaison Officer, Naples to General SOLDARELLI with reference to reinforcements for the above companies.

2. The 183 reinforcements needed to make up the above companies to strength have not yet been furnished. This is the fourth attempt to bring these units up to strength, and this information is furnished for your attention in order that the generally unsatisfactory condition in Naples may be corrected by you.


CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

CPK/lak

1 Incl:
Ltr, Hq MMIA, Naples to Gen
Soldarelli, 18 Sep 44.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: Formation of 12, 13, 15, and 16 Mule Pack Companies

Military Mission Italian Army
Rome
SF/3

20 September 1944

To : Minister for War.

1. No reply to our letter above file, dated 3 September 1944, has been received. No reply to our tracer, above file, dated 10 September 1944, has been received.

2. It is urgent that a reply be received without further delay.

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

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HEADQUARTERS
17 SEP 1944
A. C. C. 2269

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units

SECRET

RE ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 226

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Date Recd	15/9/44

HQ 21 Italian Pack Transport Group

Capt Jace was a copy of LGE A2/35/11 Also copy on 5017

1. NOTATION

This unit will be formed on VE A2/35/11, wof 10 Sep 44 under the supervision of HQ EIGHTH Army in conjunction with HQ 228 Italian Division

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be formed from HQ 21 Italian Pack Transport Group (at present on Italian Establishment), and from rfts provided by the Army Sub Commission ACC.

3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued in accordance with provisional F 61098 now being prepared.

Requests for equipment will be submitted by the unit to HQ 228 Italian Division, copy to Army Sub Commission ACC.

4. COMPLETION

Formation will be completed within 21 days of effective date when a report will be sent to this HQ.

RE/RP

General, Commander-in-Chief.

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ 01(LF) (3)
 HQ 21 (01C 2) (2)
 HQ 21 (01C 5) (2)
 HQ 21 (01C 7) (2)

Italian Control Commission

AFHQ 2nd Echelon (6)
 Army Sub Commission... (6)
 Army Sub Commission Liaison
 Italian Military Mission...
 C(SED) (2)

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Personnel will be found from HQ 21 Italian Par. Transport Group (at present on Italian Establishment), and from rfts provided by the Army Sub Commission ACC.

3. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued in accordance with provisional AF 31098 now being prepared.

Inputs for equipment will be submitted by the unit to HQ 223 Italian Division, copy to Army Sub Commission ACC.

4. COMPLETION

Formation will be completed within 21 days of effective date when a report will be sent to this HQ.

KRM/RLT

K. L. Lenoir
for General,
Commander-in-Chief.

DISTRIBUTION:

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G2 (Org 5) (2)
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of VD)

HQ 1 Div

G2 2nd Echelon (6)
Army Sub Commission... (5)
Army Sub Commission Liaison
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SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Units -
HQ 21 Italian Pack Tpt Group

Military Mission to
the Italian Army
ROME

16 11/3
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War Ministry

Copy to :- EIGHTH ARMY
MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

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Copy of AAI letter 3097/15/A(0) (Ser.0138) of 13 Sep 44 is
forwarded for your information.

ABC

Major General
MMIA

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Subject: Formation of 12, 13, 15 and 16 Mule Pack Companies.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA)

Hq ACC

Rome

SD/3

19 September 1944

To : Minister for War.

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1. No reply to our letter, above file, dated 3 September 1944, has been received.

2. It is urgent that a reply be received without further delay.

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel.

For Major General

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA)

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