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DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

SD 2556

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION _____

REF YOUR LO/GES OF 21 FEB PARA 6 (.) ARRANGE FOR THE POSTING
AS SUGGESTED

PRIORITY ROUTINE

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C O P Y

251928

FROM 5 ARMY

TO NMIA, INFO CG MTCUSA, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, CO PBS

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S E C R E T

Ref NMIA Cable SD/2212, time dated 21 NST. Para 1. Proposed reorganization letter, file AG320/2 of 24 Dec was not based on disbandment or reconversion in order to organize the 5 Pack Mule Coys. FIFTH ARMY ceiling was increased appropriately "from 12000 to 14000" when authorization for first few coys was made.

Para 2. Strength of 12381 on 18 Jan is correct as stated in NMIA cable. However, the impression that 1000 persons are actual under 210 Div in forward staging areas must be based on a miscomprehension due to our feeding PBS US-ITI troops in army area. These 1000 persons are not in Army area. PARA 3. Schedule of shipments requested in our 7485, dated 202046 still applies. PARA 4.A Regarding February requirements, assuming all shortages of muleteer and other services are filled by 1 Feb, requirements will be 45 per day for muleteers and 10 per day all others. PARA 5. Every man physically fit for muleteer duty is being used as such regardless of qualifications ref para 7 NMIA cable.

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29 Jan
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SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N 19/26
Classification : S
Precedence : R
From : 5 ARMY
To : MMIA

HEADQUARTERS
1 25 JAN 1945

Date Time Rec'd : 260300
Date Time Sent : 251928
Reference NR : 2322
Cite : SD 2212 SD 261

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21 NST

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FROM FIVE ARMY ACTION TO MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE CMA INFO TO CHARLIE GEORGE

MTUSA CMA CHARLIE GEORGE ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP CMA CHARLIE OBOE PETER

BAKER SUGAR PAREN PARAGRAPH ONE X PROPOSED REORGANIZATION LETTER CMA FILE
AG 320/2

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~~202046~~

~~OUR SEVEN FOUR EIGHT FIVE CMA DATED TWO ZERO TWO TWO FOUR SIX STILL~~

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APPLIES X PARAGRAPH FOUR A REGARDING FEBRUARY REQUIREMENTS CMA ASSUMING

ALL ~~SHORTAGES~~ OF ~~MULETEER~~ AND OTHER SERVICES ARE FILLED

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DAY FOR MULETEERS ~~AND ONE ZERO PER DAY~~ ALL OTHERS X PARAGRAPH FIVE

X EVERY MAN PHYSICALLY FIT ~~FOR~~ MULETEER DUTY IS ~~BEING~~

USED AS ~~SUCH~~ REGARDLESS OF QUALIFICATIONS REFERENCE PARAGRAPH

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Subject: Move of Pack Transport Rfts.

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25 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information : .

FROM : DISTONE 24143A
TO : ITALIAN RPT DEP ORVIETO
INFO : 71 SB AREA :: 61 AREA :: 15A :: 15A :: 15 ARMY GP :: PACK TPT TRG
CENTRE FOSSOMBRONE :: MOVEMENT :: MOV FOLLINO ::

SD 6. RESTRICTED. UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS MOVE ON 27 JAN ONE
HUNDRED MULTITEER RPTS FROM ITALIAN RPT DEP ORVIETO TO PACK
TPT TRG CENTRE FOSSOMBRONE. MOVE IN TPT TO BE PROVIDED BY RPT
DEP.
STAGE NIGHT 27/28 JAN FOLLINO.

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Wheatley
Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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Subject: Personnel moves by Italian GT Coy.

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25 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : AFHQ CITE FIFTH SIGNED SIGNED

TO : MMIA

INFO : MOVWIT MOV ROME

FX90917 25.1

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ONE PD NO. 1 ITALIAN GT COY WILL PROCEED

EARLIEST UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV ROME FROM ROME TO

SAN GIORGIO DEL SARNIO AND PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE TO LIFT MULETEERS

AND ARTY REINFORCEMENTS

(TWO) DET OF 30 VEHs WILL LIFT 750 MULETEERS FROM

SAN GIORGIO AND PROCEED TO ORVIETO AND 20 VEHs

WILL LIFT 316 ARTY REINFORCEMENTS TO CESENA PD

THREE PD DET OF 20 VEHs WILL LIFT 370 MULETEERS CESANO

(ROME) TO ORVIETO PD FOUR PD

RETURN TIMINGS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH MOVWIT PD

Copies to : FILE 792/13
FILE 859/1
FILE 844/10
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[Signature]
Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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MOVEMENT ORDER

BY

MAJOR J H. TONGATE RAC.DCE.

Comd; Iti. Rft. Depot

TO:- *Col. Spauld.*

1. *110 Men* ~~Company~~ *252* Group will move at *1100* hrs on *27.1.45* from this Depot (Orvieto) to Fossombrone under the command of *20th Detachment by the Italian Adj.*
2. Transport will be ready on the barrack square at *10.30* hrs.
3. ROUTE

(1) Orvieto - Perugia - Foligno (Stago night).
(2) Foligno - Rieti - Terni - Fossombrone - Porto 46 - Terni - Porto
Road Rieti 16 - Nott. Fano - Rieti 3 - Fossombrone
Aut. only. Nov. 41. Sub. Area

4. Administration
Kit

All personnel will parade with full kit as issued and will also be in possession of 1 coverlet. Officers kit will be stacked outside the stores by *0900* hrs. The Adj. will arrange transport.

Documents

All Rolls; MED. CERTS.; DI CARDS, will be in the British *2638* Adj. Desk by *1600* hrs on *26.1.45*. O.C. *perg.* will report to the Adj. at *1030* hrs on *27.1.45*.

Enticement

Three days rations will be carried in bulk to be arranged by the messing Officer who will be responsible to see that the rations are loaded.

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on 27-1-45 from this Depot (or victs) to Possombrone under the command of 10th details by the Italian Adj.

2. Transport will be ready on the barrack square at 10.30 hrs.

3. ROUTE

(1) Orvieto - Perugia - Foligno (Stage night)
(2) Foligno - Rieti - Pinerolo - Frosinone - Rome - Civitavecchia - Portofino - Genoa - Portofino
Road Route 16 - North - Lano - Rieti - Frosinone

Authority: Nov. 41. Sub. Area

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O.C. Adj. will report to the Adj. at 1030 hrs on 27.1.45-5.

Rations

Three days rations will be carried in bulk to be arranged by the messing Officer who will be responsible to see that the rations are loaded on lorry detailed

N.B. - The Messing Officer will have a hot meal ready to be served to the men at 10.30 hrs on 27.1.45 in the main square.

Italian Reinforcement Depot

25 Jan 45

O.C. Adj. Rpt. Dept.

17.11.19.

Mov: 71 Sub Area.

O.C. Comms.
File.

James. Rhine
Capt & Adj.
Iti. Rft. Depot

27/1

MOVEMENT ORDER

BY

MAJOR J H TORCHATE

Command Iti Rst Depot

Company of

hrs

Group will move at

45 from This Depot (Orvietto) to Pussombe under the command of

Transport will be ready at the barrack square at hrs.

Route

Administration

Kit

a) All personnel will parade with full kit as issued and will also be in possession of 1 coverlet.

b) Officers kit will be stacked outside the stores by 0830 Hrs. The Adjutant will arrange transport.

c) RATIONS

Three days rations will be carried in bulk to be arranged by the Messing Officer who will be responsible to see that the rations are loaded on a lorry detailed

NO

Company of

Group will move at hrs

15 from This Depot (Orvietto) to Fossombrone under the command of

Transport will be ready at the barrack square at hrs.

Route

Administration
Kit

- a) All personnel will parade with full kit as issued and will also be in possession of 1 coverlet.
- b) Officers kit will be stacked outside the stores by 0830 Hrs. The Adjt will arrange transport.

c) RATIONS

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Italian Reinforcement Depot

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Capt & Adjt
Iti Dft Depot

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Subject:- FOSSOLONE Training Centre.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ. I District.
Ref. IO/G22.

24 January 45.

See 49
SD/52^D
29/1
To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. An Italian major needed for 266 Coy.
An Italian capt (adm) needed for 267 Coy.
This was information from the centre on 23 Jan.
2. They are very badly off for interpreters. They have only 3 for 1,250 men. As the men are almost entirely unused to horses, the language difficulty seriously affects the progress of the training. One L.O. has arrived from 8 Army.
3. Gen ST, I District have a copy of the Italian W.E. of the centre.
- Refer to our sign
J.A. Brown
Capt.
MMIA HQ. I District
26.87

Subject:- 7 Mtn Regt at BOSSOMBEONE.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MIA)
C/o HQ, I District.
Ref IO/G23.

21 Feb 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Brigadier MONACCI 2 L/c 209 Division has visited the Muleteer Training Centre at my request with reference to the recent disturbance caused by 7 Mtn Regt.

2. The causes for discontent were as follows:-

A desire for the unit to remain united, a desire to be a Combat Unit, demands for leave and periods of rest, and pay troubles.

3. The main reason was probably a strong dislike to joining Muleteer units. Brigadier MONACCI was not impressed by the quality of the Italian officers. He considered that the present intention to split up 7 Mtn Regt as rifts for the existing Coys should proceed. They would serve as instructors thus improving their morale and prestige. Those who volunteered for Combat Groups to which they previously belonged should be supported in their requests.

4. Leave is being granted subject to normal regulations. Short periods of rest can be arranged on the spot more easily when the men are split up among various troops.

5. When the Regt was at ORVIETO its pay was dropped to 9 lire a day. This has now been restored to the Combat level of 45 lire and back pay will be made up. 209 Div have issued orders to this effect.

6. The number of ringleaders forming discontent is about 30. It is suggested that they be posted away eg.

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6. The number of ringleaders fomenting discontent is about 30. It is suggested that they be posted away eg. to 21 Group at BORGO SAN SEPOLCRO. Your instructions are awaited.
7. Orders have been given for severe and prompt disciplinary action to be taken should further trouble arise.
8. The use of 7 Mtn Regt as rifts for the existing Coys is proceeding according to previous instructions issued by me.

Copy to:- ST., I District.
"Q", I District.
ADST 61 Area.
HQ., 209 Division.

[Signature]
MIA HQ., I District.
Capt.

MM A	<i>[Signature]</i>
FILE NO.	SD/42/6
Date Recd.	24/2/45

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Subject: Moves of Muleteers.

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21 Jan. 1945

The following ~~xxx~~ details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : DISTRICT - 201815A

TO : 61 AREA

INFO : 8TH ARMY - AFHQ - MIA - COPY Q BY MILEX MIA LO

A/44 CONFIDENTIAL (.) MIA SIGNAL SD2110 OF 18 (.)

QUOTE (.) PROPOSE TO FIND JAN REQUIREMENTS FOR BR-ITI MULETEERS AS FOLLOWS (.)

AN (.) 100 FOR 8 ARMY EX-200 PERSONNEL SENT FOSSOMBRONE ON 11 JAN (.)

UNQUOTE (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVEMENT DIRECT WITH 8TH ARMY

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[Signature]
Capt. RF
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject - Moves of Muleteers
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~~QVR 4~~
FROM DISTONE 201815A
TO 61 AREA
INFO 8TH ARMY - AFHQ - MMIA - COPY Q ST MMILXX MMIA LO
~~COY GR 42 BT~~
A/44 CONFIDENTIAL (.) MMIA SIGNAL SD2110 OF 18 (.)
QUOTE (.) PROPOSE TO FIND JAN REQUIREMENTS FOR BR-ITI ~~MMIA~~
MULETEERS AS FOLLOWS (.)
AM (.) 100 FOR 8 ARMY ~~EX-200~~ EX-200 PERSONNEL ~~MMIA~~
SENT FOSSOMBRONE ~~ON~~ ON 11 JAN (.) UNQUOTE
(.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVEMENT DIRECT WITH 8TH ARMY
~~BT~~
~~COM PCE ENRSE 201 NR 270P AFTER FOSSOMBRONE~~
~~SENT 2711 268 225 JJD BE-K~~
~~RD NR268 2254A WTH BB~~

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM NMIA
 TO CG FIFTH ARMY
 INFO MTCUSA, 15 ARMY GROUP, NMIA LO FEAR FIFTH ARMY
 PENSEASE, PENSOUTH, NMIA LO PENSOUTH

21 1640 A

SD 2122SECRET

REFERENCE YOUR 7485 (.)

FIRST (.) YOUR PROPOSED ORGANIZATION IN FILE AG 320-2 OF 24 DEC INCLUDES 15 PACK HOLE COMPANIES AND EVIDENTLY CONTEMPLATES DISBANDMENT OF RECONVERSION OF SOME PRESENT UNITS TO KEEP WITHIN CEILING OF 14000 (.) SUGGEST THIS PROGRAM BE ACCOMPLISHED (.)

SECOND (.) YOUR STRENGTH REPORT OF 21 JAN FILE AG 337.2-2 SHOWS TOTAL STRENGTH OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO 210 DIV TO BE 12737 WHICH INCLUDES 356 PERSONS IN 4 VET HOSP WHICH ARE ITI-ITI(CEA AND NOT US-ITI (.) ON A TOTAL US-ITI STRENGTH OF 12381 ON 18 JAN (.) THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONS WHO ACTUALLY ARE UNDER 210 DIVISION COMMAND IN FORWARD STAGING AREAS AWAITING ASSIGNMENT AND ARE NOW CARRIED ON US RATION ACCOUNT (.) THEREFORE TOTAL US-ITI ASSIGNED TO 210 DIVISION IS APPROXIMATELY 13381 (.)

THIRD (.) 700 EX SICILY CALL-UPS DEPARTED REGGIC 20 JANUARY FOR ASTRONI FOR ONWARD ROUTING TO YOU (.) 13 PERSONS ARRIVED ASTRONI 20 JAN EARMARKED FOR 210 ENGR TAGG CO (.) 65 PERSONS IN ASTRONI EARMARKED FOR 210 ENGR COMBAT GROUP (.) TOTAL 778 ENROUTE TO YOU (.)

FOURTH (.) FIRST 600 EX LAZIC CALL-UP WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY BEING RUMORED IN ASTRONI FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO YOU (.)

21 1640 A

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FOURTH (.) FIRST 600 EX LAZIO CALL-UP WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY BEING A TOTAL OF 833 IN ASTRONI FOR FORWARD SHIPMENT TO YOU (.)

FIFTH (.) THEREFORE BY 1 FEB YOU SHOULD HAVE STRENGTH OF 14759 LESS ATTRITION CMA ESTIMATED AT 31 PER DAY FOR 15 DAYS (.) OR APPROXIMATELY 14000 CMA WHICH IS CEILING (.)

SIXTH (.) YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR FEB NOT YET RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 4b OF MIA USA LETTER 20 DEC FILE AG322.96/774 A-C (.) ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WHEN RECEIVED (.)

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SEVENTH (.) INVITE ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF AFHQ SIGNAL FX 71184 OF
19 DEC QUOTE NECESSARY EVERY FIT MAN OF CLASSES 1914 TO 1924 FROM DRAFTS
SENT FORWARD BE USED BY YOU AS MULETEERS (.)
EIGHTH (.) WILL ENDEAVOR TO FILL YOUR REQUEST FOR LIMITED NUMBER
OF SPECIALISTS FOR TECHNICAL UNITS AS IS BEING DONE FOR 210 ENGINEERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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Major

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C O P Y

FROM BR INCR 'A' FIVE ARMY
TO DISTONE, (AFHQ, MMIA - INFO)

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64/3A REFERENCE YOUR A/43 of 20 (.) Destination is Italian Transit
Camp AREZZO.

(Sgd) Capt Westbury

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From : DISTONE

To : FIGHT ARMY (BR INCR)

Info : AFHQ. MMIA. MMIA LO. Copy to: Q -ST

Ref : A/42

CONFIDENTIAL

MMIA signal SD 2110 of 18 (*) Request you notify this HQ place for
delivery of 600 muleteers due ORVIENTO 23 Jan

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FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : NMIA

202246A

INFO: MINOHA
15 ARMY GROUP

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SECRET

MULETEER REPLACEMENTS FOR US-ITI ARE NOT BEING RECEIVED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (.) ORGANIZATION OF URGENTLY NEEDED 5 MULE PACK COMPANIES HAS BEEN PENDING FOR OVER 45 DAYS DUE TO LACK OF MULETEERS (.) CADETS AND EQUIPMENT WERE ASSEMBLED AND READY ON 1 DECEMBER (.) SHIPMENTS TO DATE HAVE BARELY BEEN SUFFICIENT TO COVER SHORTAGES IN EXISTING UNITS AND ATTRITION LOSSES (.) EXCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 560 REPLACEMENTS NOW AT LEBHORN, SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: SHORTAGE IN 10 EXISTING US-ITI PACK MULE COMPANIES TOTAL 380; 5 NEW COMPANIES HAVE 202, 183, 28, 28 AND 28 RESPECTIVELY AGAINST 388 EACH NEEDED FOR FULL STRENGTH (.) THOSE WITH 28 EACH HAVE ONLY CADET PERSONNEL (.) IT TAKES 20 DAYS OF TRAINING AFTER RECEIPT OF FULLY EQUIPPED REPLACEMENTS IN ORDER TO ORIENT AND TRAIN THE TYPE OF REPLACEMENTS BEING FURNISHED (.) TACTICAL PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EMPLOY ALL 5 PACK MULE COMPANIES ON EARLY MISSIONS (.) THESE MISSIONS WILL NECESSITATE MULETEER REPLACEMENTS FOR ALL 5 COMPANIES TOGETHER WITH SHORTAGES OF EXISTING COMPANIES PLUS ATTRITION LOSSES OF 310 PER COMPANY PER DAY TO BE DELIVERED TO ARMY ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: 400 ON 21 JANUARY (560 GENERAL REPLACEMENT NOW AT LEBHORN WILL NOT COVER DUE TO ANTICIPATED UNFIT PERSONNEL), 670 ON 24 JANUARY, 610 ON 26 JANUARY, 520 ON 30 JANUARY (.) NOTE THAT FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE ARE MULETEERS AND IF QUALITY OF PERSONNEL IN FUTURE SHIPMENTS IS NOT INCREASED OVERPAST SHIPMENTS, TOTAL NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS SHIPPED (FROM WHICH WE MAY

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SECRET MULETEERS) SHOULD BE INCREASED BY 30% (.) THOSE UNFIT FOR MULETEERS WILL BE USED AGAINST SHORTAGES IN OTHER SERVICE TROOPS (.) THE URGENCY OF SENDING MULETEER REPLACEMENTS HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY STRESSED, SEE ARMY CABLES 1869, 6895, 4497, 9493, 4538 AND OTHERS (.) REQUEST ADVISE

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MMIA

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15 ARMY GP

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SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN 15 ARMY GP LETTER 3142/A(0)
OF 16 JAN IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY M M I A

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Important

J. M. Longland
Lt Col

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FROM : DISTONE
TO : AFHQ CITE FHGAB
INFO : 15 ARMY GP - MMIA - 61 AREA

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RESTRICTED.

REF YOUR FX 28931 OF 17 FEB (*) ACTION ALREADY TAKEN TO DISPOSE
OF MULETEERS REJECTS FROM FOSSOMBONE (*) FIT PERSONNEL
BEING ABSORBED IN PNR UNITS (*) UNFIT PERSONNEL DISPOSED OF THROUGH
ITALIAN MED CHANNELS

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INFO V NBZX NR 19114 QVR 3
FROM DISTONE 191502A
TO AFHQ CITE FNGAD
INFO 15 ARMY CP -- NMIA -- 61 AREA
QRY GR 33

SD2 RESTRICTED . REF YOUR FX28931 OF 17 FEB . ACTION ALREADY TAKEN TO
DISPOSE OF MULETEERS REJECTS FROM F O S S O M E R O N E . 2678
111 PERSONNEL BEING ABSORBED IN PND UNITS (...)
UNFIT PERSONNEL DISPOSED OF THROUGH ITALIAN RED CHANNELS

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SENT JM 1729 B1
RD HUTTON NR19114 1729
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AMCA	R 20/2
INREP	SD 4/4/6
Disp Eacd	20/2

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

18 1430 A

TO: AFHQ FOR C-1 ER C-3 ORG MOV

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
 FIFTH ARMY FOR ER INCR
 EIGHTH ARMY
 DISTONE
 FIFTH ARMY ER INCR FOR MMIA LO
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
 DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
 PERBOUTH FOR MMIA LO
 ITALIAN RPT DEPOT ORVIETO
 ITALIAN MULETEER CENTRE POSSOMBRONE

R-9

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REF FIRST FA 03648 OF 12 (.) PROPOSE TO FIND JAN REQUIREMENTS FOR
 ER-ITT MULETEERS AS FOLLOWS (.) A (.) 100 FOR EIGHTH ARMY EX 200
 PERSONNEL SENT TO F O S S O M B R O N E ON 11 JAN (.) OUR SD 2090
 OF 14 REFERS (.) REQUEST 1 DISTRICT ARRANGE DESPATCH DIRECT WITH
 EIGHTH ARMY (.) B (.) 600 FOR ER INCR FIVE ARMY FROM O R V I E T O
 (.) THESE MEN DUE TO ARRIVE O R V I E T O EX S I C I L Y CALL
 UP 23 JAN (.) OUR SD 2100 OF 17 REFERS (.) REQUEST 1 DIST MOVE
 FROM ORVIETO UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DIRECT WITH 5 ARMY Br. Incr

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

W. K. G. J. D. C. P.

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INTERNAL
 MIN OF WAR
 A/J
 SPEC SEC
 LOV (2)
 SD/3/1
 SD/50
 SD/56
 SD/51/1
 SD/49

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHQAB

TO : DISTONE

172029A

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
MMIA

FX 28931

RESTRICTED

UNDERSTAND FROM 15 ARMY GROUP THAT 200 ITALIAN MULETEER REJECTS
AT PRESENT AT FOSSOMBRONE (.) ESSENTIAL YOU REMOVE THESE IMMEDIATELY
TO PROVIDE ACCOMODATION FOR ADDITIONAL MULETEERS (.) SUGGEST YOU
COLLECT AND USE A3 LABOUR RFTS FOR YOUR OWN ITALIAN LABOUR COYS

WS

SD DIST.: SD/42/5 (Action Copy)
SD/3/1
SD/14/1
LAB

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being done already

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12h*

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LRKB V LAEE NR16

QVR-3

FROM LAEE 172029A

TO DISTONE

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP MMIA

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24/18

RESTRICTED

UNDERSTAND FROM 15 ARMY GROUP THAT 200 ITALIAN MULETEER
REJECTS AT PRESENT AT FOSSOMERONE (.) FX28931 SIGNED SACHED CITE
(FHGAB (.) ESSENTIAL YOU REMOVE THESE IMMEDIAELY TO
PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ADDITIONAL MULETEERS (.) SUGGEST
YOU COLLECT AND USE AS LABOUR RFTS FOR YOUR OWN ITALIAN
LABOUR COYS

BT172024A

SENT NR16 17/2209A VG

RCD NR16 17/2209A HRA B

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Stamp:
HEADQUARTERS
19 FEB 1945
4 2875

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MMIA

15 173A

15 ARMY GP

AFHQ 01 BT

SD 2097

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR MESSAGE IN AL40 OF 13 JAN (.) AS REPORTED
IN MY SD 2093 OF 12 JAN WAR MINISTRY HAS NO RPT NO LIAISON
OFFERS ENGLISH SPEAKING AVAILABLE FOR POSTING AS REQUESTED (.)
THIS IS REQUESTED (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING
UNITS TO NAME A FEW UNDER YOUR COMD HAVE ENGLISH SPEAKING
OFFERS: EIGHT ARMY GRI, CIVIL LIAISON, LIAISON STAFF
5 CORPS, 13 CORPS, 56 DIV, 46 DIV

A/C
SD/3
6/7/1
SD/56
SD/56

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RAC MESSAGE FOR

FRM MIA

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

INFO DISTONE
DISTONE FOR MIA LO
ITALIAN PFT DETT ORVINTO
ITALIAN PULETER CENTRE FOSSCBROME

SD 2090

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SUBJECT IS 252 PACK TTT GP BR-IT (*) FOLLOWING HAVE COVERED TTT
ORVINTO TO FOSSCBROME (*) ONE (*) 252 PACK TTT GROUP HQ
STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 OPS 8 JAN (*) TWO (*) 200 PULETER
RPTS 11 JAN (*) THREE (*) 266 PACK TTT COY 4 OFFERS 379 OPS
13 JAN (*) FOUR (*) 267 PACK TTT COY 10 OFFERS 369 OPS 14
JAN (*) FIVE (*) 18 OFFERS **341** NOCS 916 OPS TOTAL 1095 (*) SIX (*)
268 AND 269 PACK TTT COYS WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FORWARDED BY 15
ARMY GROUP 18 JAN

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

Stanley

Internal

AQ Q(40)
ST NOV (2)
SD/50(2) G2L
MINISTRY OF WAR
SD/56 SD/3
SD/51/1 FILE

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From: MMLA

TO : AFHQ for G-1 Br G-3 Org Mov

Date Time
14/800 A

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

DISTREE

DISTREE FOR MMLA LO

52 AREA FOR MMLA LO

54 AREA FOR MMLA LO

ICF RPT ING CENTRA MMLA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO

SD 2094

CONFIDENTIAL

FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT REMAINS TO COMPLETE MOVE OF PICENO GP (.)
ALL TO ICF RTC CESANO AS RFTS (.) FIRST (.) BY RAIL FROM TARANTO
AREA (.) A (.) FROM MARTINA FRANCA (.) HQ AND CC RR STR 24 OFFRS
260 ORS 25 TONS STORES (.) B (.) FROM LOCOROTONDO (.) 235 INF
REGT AND ST COY STR 74 OFFRS 388 ORS 52 TONS STORES (.) C (.)
FROM BASINO (.) 336 INF REGT STR 32 OFFRS 234 ORS 76 TONS STORES (.)
D (.) FROM CISTERNINO (.) 152 ARTY REGT STR 66 OFFRS 400 ORS 25
TONS STORES (.) E (.) TOTAL 190 OFFRS 1272 ORS 1462 ALL RANKS 172
TONS STORES (.) SECOND (.) BY ROAD FROM FOLLOWING LOCNS USING 1
GEN TPT COY ICF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY 20 JAN (.) A (.)
FROM RENEVENTO (.) BN 336 INF REGT STR 10 OFFRS 40 ORS 3 TONS
STORES (.) B (.) FROM VAIRANO (.) 4 GP 152 ARTY REGT 15 OFFRS
300 ORS 3 TONS STORES (.) C (.) FROM AFRAGOLA (.) FOR DISBURSEMENT
AS RFTS 33 MED SEC LESS EQPT STR 4 OFFRS 36 ORS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED *[Signature]*

Internal:

Ministry of War

AG

Seco Sec

Med

Mov (2)

SD/3/1

SD/50 (2)

File: SD/57

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

131300A

A 140

RESTRICTED

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 COMD AND DESPATCH EARLIEST TO PACK MULE TRANSPORT
TRAINING DEPOT FOSSOMBRONE (.) 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 REFERS

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SD DISTR:
A/C SD/3
Info G/7/1
SD/56
SD/50
float

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Subject:- FOSSOMERONE Muleteer Training Centre.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/G23.

12 Feb 45.

To:- ST., I District.

1. Men entitled to leave will be sent on leave subject to the normal regulations and provided that it does not exceed 5% of the unit.

2. 7 Mountain Regt is being despatched from ORVIET to FOSSOMERONE with the other muleteers on 14th and 16th Feb. It will serve as rfts for the other units, supplying a backbone of experienced personnel.

Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

Copy to:- HQ., 209 Division.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA). —

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C O P Y

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FROM: BR INCR MIA LO 5 ARMY

TO : MIA HQ

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5 LO/A (.) REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED FOR BRITISH AS FOLLOWS (.)

MULETEERS 12 OFFICERS 324 ORs (.) LABOUR 31 OFFICERS 2182 ORs (.)

WB

DIST.: SD/59 A/C
SD/3/1
SD/19
SD/50
FLOAT

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Muleteers - Italian Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

SD/3/1
12 JAN 45

TO : MEDIA LO 3 District.

Copy for MEDIA LO NAPLES.

Ref your 3DL0/24 of 30 Dec 44.

1. 12 suitable men to look after mules in 99 Constr Sec will be released on request from AFRAGOLA Camp.

W. H. M. J. A.
Major General
M.E.I.A.

SD/50

2608

SECRET

SUBJECT: Back Tpt Personnel.LAND FORCES SUB.COM. A.C.
(L.F.I.A.)SD/3/2
12 JAN 45TO * AFHQ for G3 Org (4)
15 ARMY GP (2)

The following is the situation as at 11 Jan 1944 :-

PART I

	Provisions FROM	PLANNED	STARTED	ARRIVED	ACCEPTED	REMARKS
November	BAHI	654	525	486	151	
	ASTRONI	500	504	494	375	
	AFRAGOLA	834	793	773	385	
December	3 Dist Lab	580	539	499	329	
	TRANI	158	158	149	53	Note 678 ordered addl 542 left 23 Dec.
	TARANTO	2225	2029	1536	1049	
	ELBA	750	750	307	144	Many were discharged as unit
Totals as known 27 Dec 44		5701	5298	4244	2486	

PART II

December	TRANI	520	542	496		left 23 Dec for COLLIE SILVETTI.
	ABRUZZI via TRANI	450	400	380		arrived CHIPIO and incl 120 MCC's.
	SICILY via AFRAGOLA	750	790	782		arrived ORVIETO 20 Dec 44

ABRUZZI via TRANI	450	400	380	arrived ORVIETO 20/12/88
SICILY via AFRAGOLA	750	790	782	specialists sent 29/12 to PASSOCORSE.
"	50	50	50	ORVIETO
SICILY via REGGIO	500	500	500	COLLE SALVETTI
SICILY via ASTRONI	400	375	386	ORVIETO
This com- pletes first 2000 for new pack coys ORVIETO	600	500	485	
Bal Dec TOTAL	3270	3157	3079	

PART III

Serial	1. January	TRANI	200	230)	700	Moved to ORVIETO 7 Jan. This is insurance
2.		TARANTO	400	450)		Moving to COLLE SALVETTI 12 Jan
3.	Against require-	SICILY via REGGIO	600*			Moving to ASTRONI 12 Jan from REGGIO
4.	ment 1850 as at 3	SICILY via ASTRONI	600*			Next priority from REGGIO
5.	Jan plus attrition Jan 1200	SICILY via ASTRONI	900*			To COLLE SALVETTI vide MIA SD 2081 dated 11 Jan
6. Total 2000		TRANI	175*			Move to ORVIETO week ending 15 Jan
7.	For second	FICENO	1780			Due to move to ORVIETO 25 Jan.
8.	for new BRIT COYS-	FICENO	220			Move to PASSOCORSE requested MIA SD 2081 of 11 Jan
9.	Total 2000	TRANI TARANTO	75			For Br ITI rulebook ref's. Move requested

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TO COLLE SALVEMIN VICO
MNTL SD 2081 dated
11 Jan

Move to CRVIETO week
ending 15 Jan
Due to move to CRVIETO
25 Jan.
Memo to SAC, CRVIETO
requested WIA SD 2081
of 11 Jan

For Dr ITI millets
rfs. Now requested
MILL SD 2003 of 11 Jan
to AFRAGOLA
New Dr-ITI

Move to CRVETS week
ording 15 Jan

Due to move to CHVETC
25 Jan.

Letter to W. MCCOY
requested WIA SD 2031
of 11 Jan

For Br ITI miletour

ref's. Move requested
MIL. SD 2073 of 11 Jan
to AFRAGOLA

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CON

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1130

7 Vtn Rect 730

TAVARES TCTM 6750

STUDY

part 2/86 - 1/83 of planned strength accepted.

PART II 3007 - arrived of 3270 planned.

PART III 6750 - planned. Only 45% now prove suitable.

12933 PREVISION

Reoutrent

AFHQ AG 091.711/137 GDS - 0 of 21 Dec and sec EMLA SD/3
of 14 Dec and Fifth Army signal 4092 of 8 Jan requesting
1850 replacements 3 Jan plus 1200 addition.

*U.S. MTT Provision	2175
Required	775

890 is next priority (after Part III Serial 10)
From SICILY if call-up (Jan) exceeds 4000 anticipated.

INTERVAL:

A/R,
 Q(AE),
 ST,
 Nov,

Major General
W. I. A.

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C O P Y

FROM: MAIN 16 ARMY GP

TO : FIFTH ARMY BE INC 'A'

121720A

INFO: AFHQ FOR FHQAB
MMIA

A 136

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR 64/3A OF 10 (.) AFHQ AND MMIA NOTIFIED OF PRESENT
MULETEAM DEFICIENCIES AND ESTIMATED LOSSES FOR MONTH OF
JANUARY TOTALING 600 (.) ESTIMATED DATE OF PROVISION REQUESTED
FROM THEM (15 ARMY GP SIG A 134 OF 12 REFERS (.) LABOUR SD/42
REFS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS 280 (MMIA SD 2039 OF 02 REFERS)
200 (15 ARMY GP A 125 OF 08 REFERS) AND 300 (CONVERSATION
MAXWELL (MMIA) - STONEY REFERS L (.) AFHQ AND MMIA REQUESTED
TO NOTIFY ETA OF BALANCE OF RFTS REQUIRED NAMELY 1400 (15
ARMY GP SIG A 135 OF 12 REFERS) (.) DUE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL
FOR NEW PACK MULE COYS AND RFTS FOR COMBAT GROUPS PROVISION
RFTS FOR EXISTING PACK MULE AND LABOUR COYS HAS BEEN DELAYED (.)
EXPECTED RFT POSITION WILL IMPROVE IN NEAR FUTURE

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SD DIST. 1 SD/60
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SD/3/1
SD/50
SD/42
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R.P.

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MAIN 15 Army Gp

TO MWIA

INFO AFHQ 5 Army Br Incr A Main 8 Army

A134

12 Jan.
SECRET

Ref your SD 2071 of 10 (.) Estimated No of muleteer rfts required by Br-ITJ units under command 5 Army for month Jan is 600 (.) No. 3 pack tpt coys now under command 8 Army and estimated requirements for that omitted for Jan are 100 (.) Request earliest date by which requirement can be met.

IMPORTANT

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ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 2/13

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ 5 Army BR INCR A Main 8 Army

Originator's No.

A 134

SECRETED Ref: ye SD 2071 of 10 @

Estimated number of mobile units after requisition by BR-IT1 unit 3 under
Command 5 Army for month January as per 3 pack rpt cons now
under command 8 Army and geting also requisition for that month 3 January
and 100 @ Request earliest date by which requisition can be used 2663

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY EITHER
BY ANY MEANS

EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIKELY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODEORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

1st PRIORITY

Signed

Signed

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Till or TOL		
22035		
Time cleared		

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

TO: MIA

INFO 15 ARMY Group, CG 5 Army for Br Incr, 8 Army
FX83648

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RESTRICTED

13 Jan estimated requirements for Pri-INT Muleteers excluding new companies follow
read (A) for Br Incr 5 Army (.) (B) for 8 Army (.)

Jan (.) (A) 600 (B) 100

Feb (.) (A) 1130 (B) 70

MAR (.) (A) 1630 (B) 70 (.) Letter follows

EK SD DISTR: A/C SD/3/1, SD/60, SD/50, Float

IMPORTANT

done CAMP *Refer* *2662*
from *Weekly* *Priority*
fourth *signal*
Copy to *ISAG* *SAB* *8A*
+ 4012

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

44/13

MSG Center No : N38/13
Classification : RESTRICTED
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : AEHQ
To : MMIA

Date Time Rec'd : 121600
Date Time Sent :
Reference NR : FX83648
Cite : FHQCT

11700 RTA
repeated 15 Army Group CQ 5 Army for British Increment
8 Army

RESTRICTED ① signed SAC

SD
13 Jan

estimated requirements for BRITISH-ITALIAN

MULETEERS excluding new companies follows read

(A) for British Increment 5 Army ① (B) for 8 Army ①

January ① (A) 600 (B) 100

February ① (A) 1130 (B) 70

March ① (A) 1630 (B) 70



letter follows

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L. FORCES S/C

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PRCCT

5 Army. INFO MMIA

FX 83715

224
Your 2076 dated 10 Jan refers (.) Receipt of 1850 muleteers and attrition replaced
ments will be available before end of current month.

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IMPORTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : 41/13

Classification : 5

Precedence : P

From : AFHQ

To : SARIN

WFO HUNTER
2076

PRIORITY

IMPORTANT

Date Time Rec'd : 130412

Date Time Sent : 121841

Reference NR : FX 83715

Cite : FHGCT

SO.

13 Jan

YOUR TWO **Z**ERO SEVEN SIX DATED TEN JANUARY REFERS X/ PARA X FOX XRAY

EIGHT THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE ACTION TO FIVE ARMY INFORMATION TO MMIA

1850

SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT ~~RT DIRECT~~ X RECEIPT OF ONE EIGHT FIVE **Z**ERO

MULETEERS AND ATTRITION REPLACEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE END OF
CURRENT MONTH)

Dist

SO Dist

A/c SO/3/1

SO/50

Home

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copies



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SECRET

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Translation

From. SMRE.

Ref^o 11373/MOB.

To. MMIA

Date 11 Jan. 45.

Pack transport troops.

Partial modification to letter 11222/MOB dated 8 Jan. 45.
Further to telephone communication of 15 day with
Major DOROS of MMIA and modifying the 2nd letter
of SM. we precise that the location of the 2000
Pack transport troops is as follows.

A 1780 men. Distributed as follows.

200 men.	from 225 inf Regt	LOCOROTONDO
174 "	" 336 "	FASANO
100 "	" 152 "	CISTERNINO
306 "	" 336 "	CASTELLO. S. GIORGIO DEL SANNIO.
550 "	" units of the "MANTOVA" S. GIORGIO DEL	
	ind autonomous bn of 1204 Bgt. SANNIO.	
121 "	" 5 th Coy 376 Inf Regt	TRANI 2658
329 "	" Reinforcement training depot	CESANO

to be made ready now. movements between the 8 and 15
of January

B. 220 men from Reinforcement training depot of CESANO
to be made ready as replacement unit.

We therefore beg MMIA to modify consequently
S.T.O.

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the orders issued with letter 50/3/1 and letter
S.O. 2950 of the 6th of January the last only sent
for information.

Reliance

SANTI.

11551

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

SECRETO

N° 11373 /Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11/11 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO : militari salmeristi.

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

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A. - P.M. 3800
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Trasporti S E D E

A parziale modifica foglio 11222/Mob. dell'8 gennaio c.a.-

1) - A seguito segnalazione telefonica odierna al maggiore DOBBS di codesta M.M.I.A., ed a variante del foglio sopracitato di questo S.M., si precisa che la ripartizione per località dei 2000 militari salmeristi richiesti da codesta M.M.I.A. è la seguente :

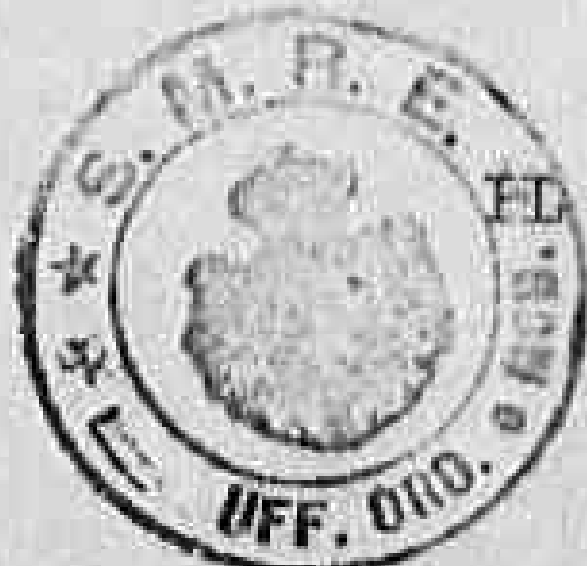
a) - 1780 u. così ripartiti :

- . 200 u. del 235° rgt.ftr. PICENO - LOCOROTONDO
- . 174 u. del 336° rgt.ftr. PICENO - FASANO
- . 100 u. del 152° rgt.art. PICENO - CISTERNINO
- . 306 u. del 336° rgt.ftr. PICENO - CASTELLO (S. Giorgio del Sannio)
- . 550 u. dai reparti del gr. MANTOVA - S.GIORGIO DEL SANNIO
(compreso btg.autonomo del 120° ftr.)
- . 121 u. della 5^a ep.del 336° rgt.ftr.- TRANI
- . 329 u. del dep.add.complementi - CESANO

da approntare subito. Movimenti tra 8 e 15 gennaio. 2657

b) - 220 u. dal deposito addestramento complementi di CESANO da approntare man mano affluiranno i complementi necessari.

2) - Si prega pertanto di voler modificare in conseguenza le disposizioni impartite da codesta M.M.I.A. con foglio SD/3/1 e dispaccio SD/2050 del 6 gennaio, quest'ultimo inviato solo per conoscenza.



P. C. C.
EL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

Chiavarino

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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C O P Y

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FROM: MMIA LO DISTHREE

TO : MMIA

111430

HU 149

MAY REPLY BE RECEIVED TO MY 3DLO/24 OF 30 DEC PLEASE

WB

DEST.: SD/3/1 A/C
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done 12/11

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1551-LEKE V MENDY
FROM M. K. I. A. LO DISTURB 111430
TO W. K. I. A.
QOM LGC PT
HU 149 . MAY ~~ST~~

REPLY BE RECEIVED TO MY 3010/24 OF 30 DEC PLEASE
MATTER BECOMING U R S E NT

WDT
MORT B

HEADS HU 149 . MAY EARLY BE RECEIVED
RECD AT 0256 ON 11 BY AAC NR K

12 Jan
N11/12 31/12 c/7818

HEADQUARTERS
21 JAN 1955
A. C.

SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

TO

AFHQ FOR OL ER AND MCN
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CG FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR ER INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
50 ELU
51 ELU

11/1950 A

FIFTH ARMY ER INCR FOR MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
FENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
52 AREA FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ICP RFT TRC CENTRE MMIA LO
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR C'DENWELL
1 FD REMOUNT DEF PASSOCORSE

SD 2081

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FURTHER MOVES SOONEST AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) FROM
TRANI CAMP (.) A (.) TO AREZZO FOR FIFTH ARMY ER INCR (.) 100
ENGPS 300 LAB (.) B (.) TO EIGHTH ARMY DESTINATION (.) 120 ENGRS (.) C (.)
TO 1 DIST DESTINATION (.) D (.) TO 3 DIST DESTINATION (.) 100
ENGPS 200 LAB (.) E (.) RECIPIENTS PLEASE SIGNAL DESTINATIONS (.) F (.) TO
173 ITALIAN LINE COY MCCERA INFERIORE 50 LINE CONSTR PERSONNEL
(.) G (.) TO ITALIAN LINE SCHOOL FRANCA VILLA 68 LINE CONSTR
PERSONNEL (.) SECOND (.) FROM AFRAGOLA CAMP (.) TO 1 FD REMOUNT
DEF PASSO CORSE 49 SPECIALIST RFTS FOR DEF STAFF (.) THIRD (.)
FROM ST ANDREWS CAMP TARANTO (.) A (.) TO 1 FD REMOUNT DEF
PASSO CORSE 75 POTENTIAL FARRIERS (.) B (.) TO COLLE
SALVETTI 175 FOR HUNTERS (.) FOR FIFTH ARMY (.) YOUR 2076 OF 10
REFERS (.) FURTHER (.) FROM ICF RTO CESANO IN WEEK
STARTING 22 JAN (.) A (.) TO AREZZO 200 RFTS FOR FRIULI OF (.)
B (.) TO IESI 200 RFTS FOR CREMONA OF

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SIGNAL

FROM M M I A

TO A F H Q FOR G-1 BR AND MOV

INFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
DISTONE
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52 AREA FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ICF RFT TRG CENTRE FOR MMIA LO
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO
56 B L U

SD 2080

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

M M I A SD 2072 OF 10 (.) PLEASE AMEND AS FOLLOWS (.) PARA S E C O N D B (.)
REDUCE 120 AUTONOMOUS BN TO 350 (.) PARA S E C O N D C (.) INCREASE I C F
RFT TRG CENTRE C E S A N O TO 332 (.) REMAINDER STANDS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED [Signature]

INTERNAL:
MIN OF WAR
A/Q
S/SEC
ST
MOV (2)
SD/50 (2)

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

11/100A

TO: AFHQ G3 ORG G1 RR MOV MOVWIT

INFO: DELEGAZIONI TRASPORTI 615 REGGIO WAR MINISTRY PBS IGPTIC FOR MMIALO
5 ARMY 5 ARMY FOR MMIALO

SD 2076

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SUBJECT S I C I L Y CALL UP (.) MOVES FROM R E G G I O (.) ONE (.) LAST DRAFT
1400 MOVED TO C E S A N O 7 JAN (.) TWO (.) UNDERSTAND 1400 NOW AT R E G G I O
AWAITING MOV (.) PLEASE MOVE AS FOLLOWS (.) FURTHER 200 TO C E S A N O THIS
COMPLETES 1600 VIDE MMIA SD2060 OF 8 JAN (.) THREE (.) 600 TO C O L L E
S A L V E T T I FOR MULETEERS (.) FOUR (.) BALANCE TO A S T R O N I / (.)
FIVE (.) PLEASE REPORT NUMBERS MOVED

PRECEDENCE

IMMEDIATE (to Action and
(First Info Addressees

AUTHENTICATED

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SPEC SEC. MOV (3)

A/Q G/SD

Q(AE)

FILE SD/49

SD/50/1

SD/50 (2)

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SIGNALFROM M M I ATO A F H Q FOR G-1 BR AND MOVINFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUPDISTONEDISTHREEDISTONE FOR MIA LODISTHREE FOR MIA LO52 AREA FOR MIA LO54 AREA FOR MIA LOICF RFT TNG CENTRE FOR MIA LOITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVETO56 B L USD 2072SECURITY CLASSIFICATION C O N F I D E N T I A L

M M I A SD 2050 OF 6 (.) F I R S T (.) REGRET LOCNS OF PERSONNEL NOW ALTERED

BY MIN OF WAR (.) S E C O N D (.) DISTRIBUTION IS NOW AS FOLLOWS (.) A (.)

FROM T A R A N T O AREA (.) 200 FROM 235 INF REGT L O C C R O T O N D O (.)

174 FROM F A S A N O 100 FROM C I S T E R N I N O 118 FROM T R A N I ALL

FROM 336 INF REGT (.) B (.) FROM B E N E V E N T O (.) 306 FROM 336 INF

REGT (.) 550 FROM 120 AUTONOMOUS BN (.) 200 FROM N A N T O V A GP (.) C (.)

FROM I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C I S A N O 132 (.) D (.) 25 J A N 220 FROM

I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C E S A R O

PRECEDENCE I M P O R T A N TINTERNAL:
MIN OF WAR

AQ

SPEC SEC

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MOV (2)

SD/50 (2)

AUTHENTICATED

W. W. B. L. C. P.

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N M I A SD 2050 DF 6 (.) FIRST (.) REQUEST LOCUS OF PERSONNEL FOR ALLIED
 BY MIN OF WAR (.) SECOND (.) DISTRIBUTION IS NOW AS FOLLOWS (.) A (.)
 FROM T A R A N T O AREA (.) 200 FROM 235 INF REGT L O C C R O T O N D O (.)
 174 FROM F A S A N O 100 FROM C I S T E R N I N O 118 FROM T R A N I ALL
 FROM 336 INF REGT (.) B (.) FROM B E N E V E N T O (.) 306 FROM 336 INF
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 FROM I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C I S A N O 132 (.) D (.) 25 J A N 220 FROM
 I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C E S A I O

PRECEDENCE I M P O R T A N T

AUTHENTICATED

W. W. Spall

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INTERNAL:
 MIN OF WAR
 AQ
 SPEC SEC
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 MOV (2)
 SD/50 (2)

SIGNAL

FROM MMIATO AFHQ G3 ORG G1 BR MOV
15 ARMY GP SD A S.T.
1 DISTINFO WAR MINISTRY DESTONE FOR MMIA LO
ICP RTC CESANO FOR MMIA LO
ITALIAN RPT DEPOT ORVIETOSD 2071SECURITY 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 OR 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 E 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 E S E E T A 14 JAN (.) SPECIALIST PERSONNEL UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY (.) B (.) WHAT IS REQUIREMENT FOR MULETEER REPLACEMENTS & RFTS BR ITI FOR 5 ARMY

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No. 785020

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FROM 5 ARMY

TO CCMIA

102020 A

INFO CG MTONSA, CG 15 Army GP, CG FRS

Ref FR 2076

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Letter MTONSA, File AG322.96/774A-0, subject: "Replacements for US-ITI units",
Refers, Aggregate troops basis US-ITI units for 5 Army is 14000; aggregate
assigned strength is 10944 (.)

CAM required to 31 Jan are attrition replacements totalling 1515 of which
1205 to be muleteers "based on attrition of 45 per day for muleteers and 10
per day all others, 3 Jan to 31 Jan inclusive" (.). Required to fill units
to strength and organizing of new units totals 3056 of which 1850 must be
muleteers (.). Confirming letter to follow (.). ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Related subject:
ref cable 4092, dated 7 Jan, on what dates may we expect receipt the 1850
muleteers requested and the attrition replacements for these units?

Muleteers are urgently needed for formation of new companies.

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IMPORTANT

SD DISTR: SD/58, SD/3/, SD/50, Float

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Subject:- Move of muleteers to Fossombrone

820/4

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Date: 10/1/45

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM DISTONE 09

TO 71 SUB AREA

INFO: IT REF DEPOT ORVIETO 15 ARMY GP 61 AREA Q(M)

MMIA 10 ST MMIA

A/27. OUR A7 OF 30 DEC. REFERS. 200 MULETEERS WILL MOVE EARLY 11 JAN BY ROAD
STAGING NIGHT 11 FOLIGNO AND ARR FOSSOMBRONE 12. IT BEING ARRANGED BY ST DISTONE.
FOR 15 ARMY GP. YOUR A 61 OF 29 DEC REFERS. PLEASE CANCEL RAIL ARRANGEMENTS.

Original & 2 Copies (G)
Copy to SMRE
" Float

NT

Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

So Dist

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SD/51/1

SD/50

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1/5/45

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SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

08/740 A

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AFHQ

INFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
DISTONE, DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

SD 2064

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

HQ 252 PAC TBT GP STRENGTH 4 OFFRS 31 CRS LEFT ORVIE TO RFT DEF
FOR FOSSOMBRONE 8 JAN

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED *[Signature]*

INTERNAL:

WIN OF WAR
AQ, MCV (2)
SD/50 (2)
SD/51/1
SD/56
SD/3/1

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH ARMY
OFFICE _____ P. NO. _____ SUSPENDED BY _____
Subject: Personnel for New Pack Mule Coys
RCV/jad

Ind No.	From	To	Date
	Sr MMIA LO	LFSCAC (MMIA)	6 Jan 1945

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Sign each indorsement with last name in full. Draw line at end of your action. Use entire width of sheet for large indorsements. If additional sheets are needed use this form, numbering all pages, use only one side. Keep attached to this correspondence to be filed therewith.

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From: Italian Liaison G-4

Jan 5 - 45

To : G-4
Sr. (MMIA) L.O., (Info)

Subject: Officers and technicians for Pack Mule Cos being formed.

In order to complete the two Pack Mule Cos which are being formed and to create three new ones, 210th Div HQ urgently requests following personnel:

1) Officers:

a. acquainted with Pack Mule units service

- 3 Captains, regular Army, to be appointed C.Os.
- 3 1st Lts, regular Army, or three Captains, reserve Offs, to be appointed Assistant C.Os.
- 18 Lts, regular Army or reserve Offs., to be appointed Platoon Leaders.

b.

- 5 Medical Officers, besides the two already requested
- 5 Veterinarian Officers
- 4 Chaplains

2) Technicians:

- 9 Farriers, NCOs or ORs who have been at the Army Farriers school, to be assigned to Cos (two each Co.)(one has already been assigned to one of the Cos)
- 40 Assistant Farriers, chosen among E Men who were Farriers or Blacksmiths in their civilian life.

/s/ A. CICOGLA
Capt., Artillery,
Italian Liaison Officer,
G-4 Fifth Army

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15 trained farriers from PCX ORVETO
16 Jan
the 44 probably available ex PC - 2nd Jan
23 Jan: myw asked to report on
how many found and where are they?
REP

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C O P Y

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FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : AFHQ CITE FHCAB

071230A

INFO: MMIA

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REFERENCE CONVERSATION JACOBSON-STONEY (.) MOVE OF 1400 ITALIAN
PERSONNEL EX PICENO DIV FROM ORVIEDO TO POSSOMBRONE REQUIRED DURING
WEEK COMMENCING 15 JAN (.) CONFIRMED YOU ARE MAKING NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS (.) MMIA WILL CONFIRM TO YOU BID FOR MOVE OF 200 RFTS
FOR TRIULI GROUP AND 1100 PERSONNEL EX SICILY CALL UP DURING SAME
PERIOD

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FROM 15 ARMY GROUP 071230A

TO AFHQ CITE FHGAB

INFO MMIA

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RESTRICTED . REFERENCE CONVERSATION JACOBSON - STONEY . MOVE OF
1400 ITALIAN PERSONNEL EX P I C E N O DIV FROM O R V I E T O TO
P O S S O M B R O N E REQUIRED DURING WEEK COMMENCING 15 JAN .
CONFIRMED YOU ARE MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS . MMIA WILL CONFIRM
TO YOU BID FOR MOVE OF 200 RFTS FOR F R I U L I GROUP AND 1100
PERSONNEL ~~EX~~ EX S I C I L Y CALL UP DURING SAME PERIOD

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FROM MMIA

TO A F H Q FOR G-1 BR AND MCV

INFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
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ICF RFT TNG CENTRE FOR MMIA LO
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT CRIVETO
56 B L U

SD 2050

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

NOT TO ALL
REF MMIA SD 1975 OF 20 DEC/(.) 2000 MULETEREL EX P I C E N C AVAILABLE FOR
MOV TO O R V I E T O AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) SOONEST AFTER 7 JAN (.) A (.)
200 FROM 235 INF REGT LOCOROTONDO P84 (.) B (.) FROM B E N E V E N T O (.)
580 EX 336 INF REGT (.) 550 EX 120 AUTONOMOUS BN (.) 200 EX M A N T O V A
GP (.) C (.) FROM I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C E S A N O 250 (.) SECOND (.)
25 JAN FROM I C F RFT TNG CENTRE C E S A N O 220

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED *W. M. L. H. P.*

INTERNAL:
Min of War
AQ
Spec Sec
ST
Nov (2)
SD/50 (2)

SD/3/1
SD/3/2

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SUBJECT: Loss of Volunteer Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES HQ, A.C.
(S.S.A.)

6 25/3/1
JAN 45

To: Ministry of War.

Copy to: WIA LO 52 Area, 15 Army Gp,
RTO 107, One District,
WIA LO 54 Area, WIA LO One District,
46 RM Italian Rft Depot CRIVICO.

1. Reference your 0638/40 of 25 Dec it is confirmed that movement by rail during the period 8-15 Jan has been requested for the following personnel who are to be sent to CRIVICO as volunteer reinforcements.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE LOCATION</u>
200	235 Infantry Regiment	LOCOROTONDO
580	336 Infantry Regiment	CASTELLO (S. GIORGIO del GARIBOLDI)
550	120 Autocannon Bn	S. GIORGIO del GARIBOLDI
200	CANTINA Group	S. GIORGIO del GARIBOLDI
250	Reinforcement Centre	S. GIORGIO del GARIBOLDI
1,780	Total	CRIVICO

2. Please arrange for these men to be concentrated as shown, and ready to move during the period stated. Orders for the move will be issued by AFHQ through the local Allied HQ.

3. To complete the 2,000 required from Combat Group Services a further 220 men will be selected from personnel now assembling at RTO 107 CRIVICO. This group of 220 volunteer reinforcements will be ready to move to CRIVICO by 25 Jan.

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Major General
S.S.A.

INTERNAL
8/6/23/18
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SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ CITE PROCT SIGNED SAC

TO : DISTREE

041800A

INFO: MMIA

FX 79852

SECRET

URGENT (.) MMIA SD 2023 REFERS (.) ONE (.) CANNOT AGREE

NO 2 COMBAT GROUP GT COY BE FORMED UNDER SUPERVISION

BLD (.) TWO (.) DESIRE SAME PROCEDURE TAKEN TO FORM

NO 1 COMBAT GROUP GT COY

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RE DIST: NOV (2)
Spec Sec
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SD/50 (2)
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FROM MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

011045A 29

TO MMIA

A 78

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REFERENCE AAI 3074/13/A (O) of 10 DEC 44 (.) FOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING ITALIAN

LIAISON OFFICERS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO PACK TRANSPORT TRAINING DEPOT

FOSSOMBRONE SOONEST

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FROM FIFTH ARMY (BR INTR 'A')

TO 15 Army Group AO Branch

INFO MMIA

NR 9916

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64/3A (.) Ref 5th Army signal 4924 of 29 subject channels for Br-ITJ Rfts (.)
Request all Br-ITJ rfts both muleteer and Pioneer allotted this increment
be routed to AREZZO (.) Present deficiencies A follows (.) Muleteers 1097
Pioneers 1971 (.) Request estimate earliest of future for both muleteer
and pioneer rfts.

EK SD DISTR: SD/3/1
SD/19 SD/50
SD/54 Float

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FROM LOGU 302308A

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO: MMIA

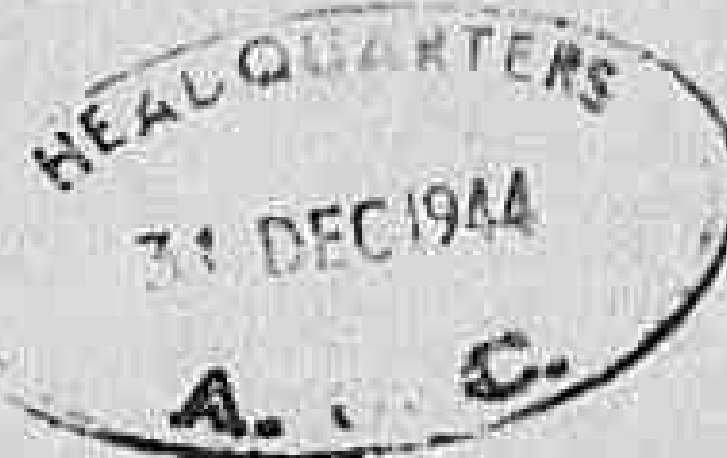
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REF NR9916

RESTRICTED X SIX FOUR SLANT THREE ABLE X REFERENCE FIFTH ARMY SIGNAL
(~~FOUR NINE TWO FOUR OF TWO NINE~~) SUBJECT CHANNELS FOR BRITISH ITALIAN
REINFORCEMENTS X REQUEST ALL BRITISH ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS BOTH
MULETEER AND PIONEER ALLOTTED THIS INCREMENT BE ROUTED TO AREZZO
X PRESENT DEFICIENCIES A FOLLOWS X MULETEERS TWO NINE SEVEN PIONEERS ONE
NINE SEVEN ONE X REQUEST ESTIMATE EARLIEST OF FUTURES FOR BOTH
MULETEER AND PIONEER REINFORCEMENTS PAREN FROM BRITISH INCREMENT ABLE
FIFTH ARMY FOR ACTION TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP ABLE DE// OBOE BRANCH FOR
INFO TO MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE PAF// PAREN

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INCOMING MESSAGES

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MSG Center No

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From

5 ARMY

To

ACTION CG MTOUSA & COPBS

INFO CG 15 ARMY GROUP

20 DEC 1944

A. C.

Date Time Rec'd

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Date Time Sent

292320A

Reference NR

4924

Cite

MMIA

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SECRET X STARTING WITH GROUP OF ~~(FIVE ZERO ZERO)~~ ITALIAN VULETEERS

SUBJECT OF VESSAGE VOV BARLETTA VARKED VOV SLASH CHARLIE CHARLIE

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SLASH MIKE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO TWO AND VESSAGE PENBASE THREE THREE

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FOUR SIX SIX DATED TWO THREE ONE EIGHT FIVE TWO ABLE CVA IT IS

PROPOSED TO CONSIDER ALL ~~RECEIVED~~ RECEIPTS OF VULETEERS AT COLLE

SALVETTI AS UNCLE SUGAR DASH ITI AND TO DISCONTINUE SPLIT BETWEEN

UNCLE SUGAR DASH ITI AND BAKER ROGER DASH ITI VULE PACK UNITS WITH

FIVE ARMY X THE BRITISH INCREVENT WITH FIVE ARBY HAVE BEEN INFORMED

OF THIS AND WILL HANDLE THEIR REPLACEMENTS SEPARATELY AND PREFERABLE

THROUGH ARE X P WHEN REF NR FOUR NINE TWO FOUR FROM FIVE ARMY TO

CHARLIE GEORGE MTOUSA AND CHARLIE OBOE PETER BAKER SUGAR FOR ACTION

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CVA ~~TO~~ CHARLIE GEORGE ONE ~~E~~ FIVE ARMY GROUP CVA MIKE MIKE ITEM

ABLE FOR INFORMATION ~~PAR~~ THIS NECESSARY SO THAT PENBASE CAN

DISCHARGE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EQUIPPING AND STAGING AS STATED

IN THEIR CABLE THREE THREE ~~E~~ FOUR SIX SIX X REQUEST MTOUSA

CONFIRMATION THIS PROCEDURE SATISFACTORY

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Subject : Muleteers - Italian Army.

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30 Dec 44

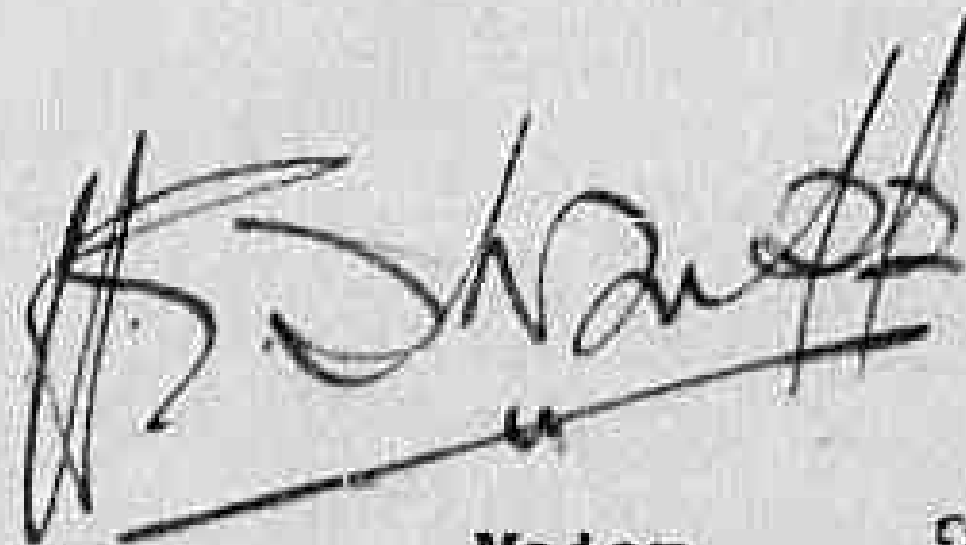
Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
MMIA
ROME.

Copy : "Q" - (Your min 34, File 601 Q refers).

99 Construction Sec, R. Sigs are responsible for the maintenance of the FOGGIA - NAPLES trunk line. In some places this line follows very rough tracks where, under winter conditions, going will be impassable to MT.

AFHQ, in letter AFHQ/3310/Q (Maint) dated 24 Dec 44 addressed to HQ 3 District, state that 12 pack mules can be made available immediately to 99 Construction Sec as well as one British NCO but suggest that the necessary 12 muleteers be provided by the Italian Army.

May the required number of muleteers be released for this work, please?



Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

291155A

TO DISTONE

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INFO MMIA

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Confirming conversation DAWTRY-ELLISON (.) FIRST (.) 200 equipped but untrained Italian muleteers will be moved from ORVIETO to FOSSOMBRONE week commencing 8 Jan to assist in preparation of latter Depot (.) Rail bid for above from ORVIETO to FANO has been made (.) SECOND (.) No further mov of muleteers to FOSSOMBRONE will take place until week commencing 15 Jan (.) THIRD (.) Understand Italian Pack tpt GP HQ for FOSSOMBRONE is now forming ORVIETO (.) Request you move this HQ soonest to FOSSOMBRONE (.)

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 29.1155A
TO DISTONE
INFO MMIA
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A60 (.) RESTRICTED (.)
CONFIRMING ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CONVERSATION DAWTRY -
E L L I S O N (.)

FIRST (.) 200 EQUIPPED BUT UNTRAINED ITALIAN MULETEERS WILL
BE MOVED FROM ORVIETO TO FOSSOMBRONE WEEK COMMENCING 8 JAN
TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF LATTER DEPOT (.) RAIL BID FOR ABOVE
FROM ORVIETO TO FANO HAS BEEN MADE (.)

SECOND (.) NO FURTHER MOV OF MULETEERS TO FOSSOMBRONE WIL
TAKE PLAVE UNTIL WEEK COMMENCING 15 JAN

THIRD (.) UNDERSTAND ITALIAN PACK TPT GP HQ FOR FOSSOMBRONE
IS NOW FORMING ORVIETO (.) REQUEST YOU MOVE THIS HQ SOONEST
TO FOSSOMBRONE (.)
BT

SENT 1315 BOCK. --BBBBBB--
RD 11315A F A B KKK

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5D/50
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FROM BR INCR A 5 ARMY

291934A

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TO AFHQ CITE WEGOT

INFO 15 ARMY GP MMIA

4913

RESTRICTED

64/3A (.) Ref 15 Army Gp signal A 57 of 28 (.) 760 mileteers reinforcements received
Nov Dec on account BRI-ITIS (.) Present deficiency still 297

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LRKB V LOGU NR 1

QVR -3-

FROM BR. INC. 'A' 5 ARMY 291934A

TO (1) AFHQ CITE FHGCT

INFO (2) 15 ARMY GROUP

(3) MMIA

GR 72 BT

REF NR 4913

RESTRICTED X

46/3A. SIX FOUR SLANT R// THREE ABLE X REFERENCE ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP

A 57 of 28 SIGNAL ABLE FIVE SEVEN OF TWO EIGHT X SEVEN SIX ZERO MULETEERS REIN//

REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED NOVEMBER DECEMBER ON ACCOUNT BRITIS X PRESENT

DEFICIENCY STILL TWO NINE SEVEN PAREN [EN FROM BRITISH INCREMENT ABLE FIFTH

ARMY FOR ACTION TO ABLE FOX HOW QUEEN CITE FOX HOW GEORGE CHARLIE TARE

INFO TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE PAREN]

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FROM PENSOUTH

291200

TO ~~XX~~ FIVE ARMY

INFO PENBASE MAIN, NMIA

PENSOUTH 1083 CITE BFLNO

S E C R E T

Italian Army replacements for 5 Army is subject (.) 396 EM
departed NAPLES by rail this date for COLLE SALVETTI.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

Land forces

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MSG Center No : 61/29
Classification : 5
Precedence : P
From : PENSOUTH
To : MMIA

Date Time Rec'd : 291520
Date Time Sent : 291200
Reference NR : 1083
Cite : BPLNO

PRIORITY

ITALIAN ARMY REPLACEMENTS FOR FIVE ARMY IS SUBJECT ~~EXTRACT~~ PD/PAREN

PENSOUTH ONE ~~ZERO~~ EIGHT THREE PD CITE BPLNO ~~PD BPLNO~~ PD PENSOUTH TO

FIVE ARMY FOR ACTION CVA AND ~~PENBASE~~ MAIN AND MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE FOR

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INFORMATION PAREN PD THREE NINE SIX EM ~~RECEIVED~~ DEPARTED ~~NA~~ NAPLES BY RAIL

THIS DATE FOR ~~COLLE~~ COLLE SALVETTI ~~RECEIVED~~

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20 DEC 1944
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SIGNAL

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FROM MIA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO AFHQ

15 ARMY GROUP
3 DISTRICT RPTD MIA LC
MIA LC RTC ICF
MIA LC 54 AREA
MIA LC 52 AREA
PTNSOUTH FOR MIA LC

SD 2019

SECRET

FIRST (.) No 1 Combat Groups G T ~~Group~~ ~~now~~ ~~forming~~ 2. AFRAGLIA is at your disposal as soon as 3 District report to Military HQ CANTANIA that all equipment has been issued and formation is complete (.) SECOND (.) You will use this Company and issue all necessary orders to move remainder of reinforcement personnel and stores ~~TEAM~~ to CESANO and ~~balance of FUGER Group~~ from PUGLIA to CESANO (.) THIRD (.) ~~Muleteers~~ ~~the~~ ~~PROGNO~~ will be moved by rail under separate arrangements (.) FOURTH (.) As soon as task detailed in second above is completed company will be concentrated CESANO in readiness to move when called forward by 15 Army Group (.) Advice MIA probable date (.) FIFTH (.) For AFHQ (.) Your FX 74235 CITE WHOOT of 25 December refers (.) Separate message follows reference rail move of muleteers

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INTERNAL:
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FIRST (.) No 1 Combat Groups G T Company New Company S. AFRAGGIA is at your disposal as soon as 3 District report to Military HQ CAMPANIA that all equipment has been issued and formation is complete (.) SECOND (.) You will use this Company and issue all necessary orders to move remainder of reinforcement personnel and stores TEANO to CESANO and balance of PUGLIA Group from PUGLIA to CESANO (.) THIRD (.) Multicores from PUGLIA will be moved by rail under separate arrangements (.) FOURTH (.) As soon as task detailed in second above is completed company will be concentrated CESANO in readiness to move when called forward by 15 Army Group (.) Advise IMIA probable data (.) FIFTH (.) For AFHQ (.) Your FX 74235 CITE FHGCT of 25 December refers (.) Separate message follows reference rail move of multicores

INTERNAL:

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File :- SD/6

PRECEDENCE URGENT

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA
TO SIGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
INFO MMIA MOVEIT

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SD 14

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your TC/32 of 29 Dec (.) Following agreed by MOVEIT (.) ALL
AVAILABLE MULETEERS INCL PRESENT 245 TO ORVETO ETD 5 JAN (.)
123 DRIVERS TO CEBANO ETD 5 JAN (.) 19 CARRIERS TO PASSO CORSE
RPT PASSO CORSE ETD 1 JAN (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) REF 15 SIGNALLERS (.)
DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION ARE GIVEN FROM SCHOOL (.) 230 DIV WILL REMOVE
FROM IRANI AND DISPOSE CORRECTLY

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

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TO DISTONE

INFO MIA

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Confirming conversation DAWTRY-ELLISON (.) FIRST (.) 200 equipped but untrained Italian muleteers will be moved from ORVIETO to FOSSOMBRONE week commencing 8 Jan to assist in preparation of latter Depot (.) Rail bid for above from ORVIETO to FANO has been made (.) SECOND (.) No further mov of muleteers to FOSSOMBRONE will take place until week commencing 15 Jan (.) THIRD (.) Understand Italian Pack tpt GP HQ for FOSSOMBRONE is now forming ORVIETO (.) Request you move this HQ soonest to FOSSOMBRONE (.)

EK Dist: SD/56, SD/51/1, SD/3/1, SD/50, Fleet

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MINISTRY OF WAR

AFHQ. 3 DISTRICT FOR MMLA LG.
MMLA LG FOR ICF. AMBUSH for MMLA LG.

SD 2023

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference MMLA SD 2013 of 29 Dec (*) No 2 Combat Group GT Company
forming at AMBUSH is placed at disposal of MMLA as soon as 3 District
inform Military HQ CAMBUSH that unit is equipped and complete (*) MMLA
will then move No 2 GT Company to CAMBUSH to form PRIVATE SCHOOL (*)
Report what task you propose to give this company for journey

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File: SD/6

ROUTINE

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FROM MAIN 15 ARMY GROU
TO 5 Army (Att A Branch Brit-Ind)

INFO AFHQ CITE FHGCT

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281810A

S E C R E T

Signal AFHQ CITE FHGCT RTD 15 Army Group and MMIA number of mules 2622
rfts received during Nov and Dec on account of Br-ITIS
RE SD Distr; SD/3/1, SD/50. Float *RV*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE ESSO

MSG Center No : N119/28
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : ROUTINE
From : MAIN IS ARMY GROUP
To : ACTION: SARMY (ATT. A BRANCH BRIT. INCR),
INFO : AFHQ cite FHGCT : MMIA

Date Time Rec'd : 281810A
Date Time Sent :
Reference NR : A57
Cite :

SECRET @ Signal AFHQ cite FHGCT rptd IS ARMY
GROUP and MMIA number of military reinforcements
received during NOVEMBER and DECEMBER on account
of BR-ITIS

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI
TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

TC/EA

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FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AND AWAITING MOVEMENT (.) FIRST (.)
drivers 123, driver candidates 45, labour rfts 230, 62 candidates
for service 110, office personnel 55, low category personnel 210 (.)
SECOND (.) Engineer rfts 257, being screened for possible rly engr
rfts (.) THIRD (.) Muleteers 245 returned from AMEL (.) FOURTH (.)
Ferriers 10 awaiting movement to ANKERO (.) Your SD 1887 dated 06
refers (.) FIFTH (.) 12 signallers (.) BY TC/EA dated 18 refers (.)
SIXTH (.) This signal cancels all previous signals

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SD/11/1
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Float

2020

Transmissions submitted by airtel BR-171

Min of War

WFO/MSO Dist

W. J. Dwyer
27 Dec 1944

1. The following instructions have been

issued to the 1 District & concerning the formation of the two groups of ~~the~~ Pack

At 1000 each with four boys at 1000 hours
referred to in the HQ letter 10/13 of

27 Dec.

2. It had been hoped that the personnel
for the groups would have been found for the
current call ups and that they were 2619
making these weeks' basic training of the

no basic trig and plans are being made for Fossumbore to be made ready at the earliest possible moment

It is intended that the combat personnel

is Picano should move to ~~as soon as possible~~ as soon as possible

initially they will

and remain there the minimum

time and move to Fossumbore as soon as possible

as possible

4. It is required that the first group of

shall be available before the arrival of

the first trances 1/6 Cpts have been

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FROM : MEXIA LD 52 AREA

271807A

TO : MEXIA

AG 18 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 124 rfts for 152 Medical Section
despatched by road today to LOCCORONDO, remainder will be sent
as soon as found (.) Only 100 muleteers found to date against
your requirement 1000 another 100 likely tomorrow and up to 300
possible from new intake of 1600 tomorrow (.) 11 potential
farriers for course have been found (.) Am I to request rpt
for muleteers as I find them?

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FROM : AFHQ cite DIRECT

271045 A

TO : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO : MIA

SECRET (.) IX75021 (.) Desire report of number of maleteers
British-Iti increment to 5 Army during November and December

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SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N 91/27
Classification : S
Precedence : P
From : AFHQ
To : MMIA INFO

Date Time Rec'd : 272246A
Date Time Sent : 271845A
Reference NR : FX-75021
Cite : FHGCT

SECRET PD DESIRE REPORT OF NUMBER OF ~~MULE TEERS~~ ~~RPT~~ MULETEERS

BRITISH DASH ITEM TARE ITEM INCREMNT ~~RPT INCREMENT~~ PAREN FOX XRAY

SEVEN FIVE ZERO TWO ONE ~~SIGNED~~ SUGAR ABLE CHARLIE ACTION TO HQ

~~RPT~~ ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP INFO TO MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE CITE FHGCT

~~RPT FHGCT~~ PAREN TO FIVE ARMY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

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FROM :- AFHQ CITE FHGOT

December 1944

TO :- MMIA

INFO :- 15 ARMY GROUP, CG 5 ARMY, PBS, 5 ARMY, PENSOUTH,
MINISTRY OF WAR

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SECRET (.) FX75188 (.) Your SD 2005 dated 26 December confirmed (.)

Approximately 400 personnel will move December 29 from NAPLES

CENTRAL STATION to COLLE SALVETTI

PRIORITY

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Land Forces

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December, 1944.

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FROM ACHQ

To DIA

N 85/28

INFO

15 ARMY GROUP, CG 5 ARMY, PHS, 5 ARMY, PENSOUTH, MINISTRY OF WAR

SECRET

SD 2005 PK75188

YOUR ~~SECRET~~ TWO ZERO ZERO FIVE DATED TWO ONE DECEMBER CONFIRMED X
INFORMATION TO FIVE ARMY FOR DIA LO AND PENSOUTH FOR DIA LO SIGNED SAC
CITE INNOT X APPROXIMATELY FOUR ZERO ZERO PERSONNEL WILL MOVE DECEMBER
TWO NINE FROM NAPLES CENTRAL STATION TO COLLE SALVETTI

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G-1, G-2, G-4, G-5 (L & Tn)

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G-3 (Org) Foreign T13/100

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DANIEL MOORE,
Major General, G.S.C.

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AFHQ

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MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GP. CG FIFTH ARMY. FOR. FIFTH ARMY
FOR MMIA LG. PENNSOUTH FOR LG. MIN OF WAR.

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SD 2005

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MMIA SD 1997 of 24 not to all (*) 400 personnel now at ASTRON ex
SICILY call-up (*) Request you move soonest to COLLE SALVETTI for
mileteers.

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~~217412~~ 5-10-1971 - 10 00 AREA -
10 00 00

05 1971

Ref your FA 73171 of 23 (.) May interest be issued
for release of 5 Coy 534 Regt PIRATE Div on guard
duties IRLAND in order to make necessary numbers
available for back rpt (.) Ref your FA 73117 of 23 (.)
war min are taking action but assistance ^{15 AG} ~~15 AG~~ & R
rpt would be appreciated if available

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File SD/31

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AFHQ

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SUBJECT IS MULTEERS (*) In reply FX 73171 of 23 (*) 800 personnel have been sent AFRAGOLA 23 Dec for calling fwd to ORVITO (*) 400 sent ASTRONI 23 Dec for onward routing to FIFTH ARMY (*) 371 ready REGGIO to move fwd (*) This leaves deficiency of 930 against the 2500 estimated available by 31 Dec from SICILY (*) This accounted for by (a) disturbances in Island (b) proximity to SICILIAN XMAS holidays (*) Deficiency regretted but hope to make up in first half of Jan as well as keep to original original Jan programme for mulsters from SICILY i.e. total 3000 (*) Every effort will be made to complete earliest and suggest review on approx 10 Jan

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SD/80 (2)

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

231319A

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TO MMIA INFO 1. Army Group

FX 73171

SD/3 ~~RESTRICTED~~

Your SD 1975 of 20 and AAI SD 1806 of 9 (.) Provided 11600 fit muleteers supplied in period 10 Nov 44 through 31 Jan 45 your proposal to use 600 combat rfts in lieu PICENO personnel is agreed (.) Bearing in mind urgency of pack coy requirement imperative you state whether you can supply full number fit muleteers in time without recourse to percentage of combat rfts (.) Understood only 400 BR-ITI and 400 US-ITI personnel so far earmarked as muleteers out of expected 2000 in first phase of SICILY call-up.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHCT

231101

TO : MMIA

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

FX 73117

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Ref 15 Army Group SD 1890 of 16 (.) Since selection of
Italian Army personnel your responsibility do you require
assistance suggested in para 3 of above signal.

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FROM LAEE 231101
TO MMIA
INFO 15 ARMY GROUP
GR44 BT

RESTRICTED (.) FX73117 (.) REF FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP (SUGAR-DOG
~~ONE EIGHT NINE ZERO~~) OF SIXTEEN X SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT X
SINCE SELECTION OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
DO YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE SUGGESTED IN PARA THREE OF ABOVE
SIGNAL

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RCD NR6 231151A HRA AR

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT 231833A

TO 5 ARMY

INFO MMIA, HQ 5 ARMY GROUP

FX 73373

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Our FX 71184 dated 19 Dec refers (.) ONE (.) Your 4808 dated 20 Dec NOT in accordance with our request that men classes 1914 to 1924 be used by you as muleteers (.) TWO (.) Not understood why personnel unfit for muleteers but fit for other military duties (.) THREE (.) In telephone conversation with Col ~~MM~~ D'ORSA it was agreed that personnel could be clothed and equipped upon arrival 5 ARMY (.) If personnel were sent up completely outfitted the result would be a loss due to AWOLS enroute.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N6/24
Classification : S
Precedence : P
From : AFHQ
To : FIVE ARMY - MMIA - INFO
(Action)

Date Time Rec'd : 240144A
Date Time Sent : 231833A
Reference NR : FX-73973
Cite : PHGCT

IMPORTANT

SECRET PD OUR FOX XRAY SEVEN ONE ONE EIGHT FOUR DATED ONE NINE

DECEMBER REFERS X DNE X YOUR FOUR EIGHT ZERO EIGHT DATED TWO ZERO

DECEMBER NOT ~~RPT NOT~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR REQUEST THAT MEN CLASSES

ONE NINE ONE FOUR TO ONE NINE TWO FOUR BE USED BY YOU AS MULETEERS ~~PD~~

TWO X NOT ~~RPT NOT~~ UNDERSTOOD WHY PERSONNEL UNFIT FOR MULETEERS

FOR OTHER MILITARY DUTIES X FOX XRAY SEVEN THREE THREE SEVEN THREE

SIGNED SAC ~~RPT SAC~~ ACTION TO FIVE ARMY INFORMATION TO MMIA ~~RPT MMIA~~

CMA HQ ~~RPT HQ~~ ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP CITE PHGCT ~~RPT PHGCT~~ X THREE X IN

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH COL DOG APOSTROPHE ORSA ~~RPT ORSA~~ IT WAS

AGREED THAT PERSONNEL COULD BE CLOTHED AND EQUIPPED UPON ARRIVAL FIVE

ARMY X IF PERSONNEL WERE SENT UP COMPLETELY OUTFITTED THE RESULT WOULD

BE A LOSS DUE TO AWOLS ~~RPT AWOLS~~ ENROUTE

SECRET

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FROM DISTONE

221740A

TO FIFTH ARMY (ATTENTION OF BR INC "A" BRANCH)

INFO 15 Army Group, 55 AREA, MMIA

A/29

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15 Army Group A 980 of 13 (.) 58 muleteers now concentrated at Italian transit camp AREZZO ready for collection (.) Deficiency of 9 as follows (.) Sick 3 (.) Deserted 1 (.) Balance of 4 from 402 Regt IPL now under your command (.) Of the 5 above can expect 2 to return to units (.) Please state destination for despatch on return from hosp and leave.

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FROM BISTONE 221740A

TO FIFTH ARMY (ATTENTION OF BR INC "A" BRANCH)

INFO 15 ARMY GP - 55 AREA - MMIA

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15 A GP A 983 OF 13 . 58 MOLETERS NOW CONCENTRATED AT

ITALIAN ~~TRANSIT~~ TRANSIT CAMP AREZZO READY FOR COLLECTION.

DEFICIENCY OF 9 AS FOLLOWS . SICK 3 . DESERTED ONE .

~~BALANCE~~ BALANCE OF FOUR FROM 402 REGT. IPL

NOW UNDER YOUR COMMAND . OF THE FIVE ABOVE CAN EXPECT

~~TO~~ TWO TO RETURN TO UNITS . PLEASE STATE DESTINATION FOR

DESPATCH ON RETURN FROM HOSP AND LEAVE

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approx 250 all ranks of HQ PICKED from present loan to CESAND first week

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W. H. H. H.

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FROM MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

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TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA, FIFTH ARMY

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Ref your FX 71184 of 19 and FX 71665 of 20 (.) FIRST (.) It is felt from contact these signs that posn may not be fully appreciated (.) Reason for heavy wastage is over worked depleted units and also the type of rft sent forward (.) Generally speaking only 50% of those arriving in forward areas are suitable for employment as muleteers (.) First party of 800 of 2110 from BALKANS 100 deserted before despatch or en route (.) Impossible reduce wastage until above factors are rectified (.) SECOND (.) These muleteers provide life line to Tps engaged in ops and on present unit strengths leave is out of the question apart from constituting a probably increase in the wastage rate which your FX 71184 of 19 request should be reduced (.) Situation regarding personnel from BALKANS was represented in MMIA LO 52 Area Q66 of 4 (.) Operations do not permit leave to be granted at present (.) For 5 ARMY (.) You are requested to consider these men for leave at earliest opportunity

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FROM MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 221510A
TO AFHQ
INFO MMIA FIFTH ARMY
QOX GR 172
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RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR FX71184 OF 19 AND FX 71666 OF 20 (.)
FIRST (.) IT IS FELT FROM CONTEXT THESE SIGS THAT POSN MAY NOT BE
FULLY APPRECIATED (.) REASON FOR HEAVY WASTAGE IS OVER WORKED
DEPLETED UNITS AND ALSO THE TYPE OF RFT SENT FORWARD (.)
GENERALLY SPEAKING ONLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THOSE ARRIVING IN FORWARD
AREAS ARE SUITABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AS MULETEERS. FIRST PARTY OF 300 OF
2110 FROM BALKANS 100 DESERTED BEFORE ~~8-11~~ DESPATCH OR EN ROUTE.
IMPOSSIBLE REDUCE WASTAGE UNTIL ABOVE FACTORS ARE RECTIFIED. SECOND.
THESE MULETERS PROVEDE LIFE LINE TO TPS ENGAGED IN OPS AND ON
PRESENT UNIT STRENGTHS LEAVE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION APART FROM
CONSTITUTING A PROBABLY INCREASE IN THE WASTAGE RATE WHICH YOUR FX
71184 OF 19 REQUEST SHOULD BE ~~reduced~~ REDUCED. SITUATION REGARDING
PERSONNEL FROM BALKANS WAS REPRESENTED IN MMIA LO 52 AREA Q66 OF 4.
OPERATIONS DO NOT PERMIT LEAVE TO BE GRANTED AT PRESENT. FOR 5 ARMY.
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THESE MEN FOR LEAVE AT EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY

BT 221510A

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FROM 15 ARMY GROUP

221510A

TO AFHQ

INFO NMIA

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For G3 Org (.) Proposals in NMIA SD 1975 of 20 Dec agreed provided 2000
suitable personnel made available as muleteers.

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This is a new idea.

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LRKP V LRAR 3999 QVR2
FROM 15 ARMY GROUP 221510A
TO AFHQ
INFO MMIA
QQX GR --25 BT
SD1978

RESTRICTED (.) FOR G3 ORG (.) PROPOSALS IN MMIA SD 1975
OF 20 DEC AGREED PROVIDED 2000 SUITABLE PERSONNEL MADE
AVAILABLE AS MULETEERS

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SENT 1905 DGH B
RECD 1906A J O K

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FIMOT

TO : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

201515A

INFO: MMIA
FIFTH ARMY

FX 71666

RESTRICTED

Subject Muleteers (.) All personnel arriving TARANTO ex BALKANS
were granted 30 days repatriation leave except 2110 sent to FIFTH
ARMY as muleteers (.) If operations permit it is recommended these
men be given leave earliest opportunity (.) Confirm if arrangements
can be made

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LRKE V LAEE NR 18 ~~11~~ R R
QVR 2
A- LAEE
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M// ACTION HQ. 15 ARMY GROUP
INFO. NMLA, FIFTH ARMY
GR 55 BT

RESTRICTED SUBJECT MULETEERS X ALL FX ~~71377~~ 71386 PERSONNEL ARRIV-
ING TARANTO EX BALKANS WERE GRANTED THREE ZERO DAYS REPATRIATION LEAVE
EXCEPT TWO ONE ONE ZERO SENT TO FIFTH ARMY AS MULETEERS X SIGNED SAC
CITE FHGCT X IF OPERATIONS PERMIT IT IS RECOMMENDED THESE MEN BE GIVEN
LEAVE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY X CONFIRM IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE
BT 201515A

SENT TO LRKB AT 20/1555A
RCD 201555A HRA RAR KKK OB

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FROM: 15 Army Group 20 1245 A

TO : DISTONE

INFO: AFHQ (Q MAINT)
MMIA

NT

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR 2713/1/Q DATED 17 DEC 44 NOT TO ALL (.)

TO ACCELERATE TRAINING AND FORMATION OF NEW PACK COYS ACCOMMODATION

AT FOSSOMBRONE WILL BE PREPARED ON PRIORITY X FOR 1000 MEN AND

200 MULES USING BUILDINGS REQUIRING LEAST WORK WITH ANIMALS

IN OPEN HORSE LINES WITHOUT HARD STANDINGS (.) REP DEPOT COMD AUTHORIZED

TO GIVE DECISIONS WILL REPORT 61 AREA BY 23 DEC 44 REMAINDER OF

STAFF FOLLOW EARLIEST (L) REPORT DATE YOU CAN RECEIVE TRAINEE PERSONNEL

AND ANIMALS AT FOSSOMBRONE MEANWHILE FULL REPORT ON SITE REQUIRED EARLIEST.

SD Dist
SD/3
SD/56
SD/50
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23 DEC 1944

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MMIA

20 173 A

AFHQ

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SD 1976

Further to MMIA signal SD 1938 of 15 Dec on subject 2000 Muleteers ex
PICENO for 15 Army Gp programme (.) FIRST (.) To preserve trained instructors
and specialists in PICENO for Combat purposes and avoid using these valuable
tps as muleteers would strongly recommend above 2,000 personnel be supplied
as follows (.) A (.) 1400 from PICENO as in present loan (.) B (.) 350 from
Combat Gp Reinf Centre to be replaced by similar No from PICENO (.) C (.)
250 from TRAMI recently arrived from TARANTO Camp and due for Combat Gps (.)
D (.) Total 2000 (.) SECOND (.) If agreed request you arrange move accordingly

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2 1/0
A/Q
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Nov (2)

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO 52 AREA

TO : MOVEMENTS TARANTO (BY HAND)
AFHQ FOR G 5

191730A

178/1

INFO: MMIA
52 AREA (BY HAND)
SIGNALS BARLETTA FOR MMIA LO TRANI

Q 108

CONFIDENTIAL

ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND (.) Following await arrangements for transportation
(.) TRAIN 33 (.) TRANI 1086 (.) ASTRONI 28 (.) MULETERS 11 (.) CATANZARO
51 (.) BARI 2 (.) PESCARA 167 (.) POTENZA 85 (.) NAPLES 286 (.) ROME 262 (.)

WB

DIST: TS/G/31/2
SD/52
SD/3/1
SD/50
FLOAT

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

191800A

178/2

TO AFHQ

INFO NMIA

SD 1943

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref my SD 1890 of 16 Dec paras 1 and 2 (.) ORVIETO will now be used for clothing and equipping 2000 pers ex PICEKO Div (.) Will bid for rail Move during latter half first week Jan (.)

FK

NMIA DISTR:

SD/50/1)

SD/3/1) G

SD/50)

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Nav (2)

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APRO for 01 Brit, 20v

Main HQ 15 Army Gr, DISTONE, DISTONE FOR 151A LO,
54 ARMA for 151A LO, Side Office BARLETTA
for O'DONNELL.

SD 1956

RESTRICTED

1 District supplied 67 par personnel for muleteers (.) 67 replacements
now ready TRANI Camp (.) Request you save soonest to Italian Transit
Camp INST.

SD/3/7, SD/19,
SD/50 (2)
Rev (2)
LAB

IMPORTANT

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C O P Y

FROM: DISTHREE

TO : AFHQ (G-3 ORG FOR)
MMIA

161535A

INFO: 54 AREA
56 AREA
94 SUB AREA
MMIA LO BARI
MOVEIT

Copy to: Q LAB MMIA LO

SD 679

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA SD 1922 of 13 Dec NOT to all (.) Destination
for 166 replacements for Muleteers are as follows (.)
100 to SALERNO to report 2904 Civil Labour Unit for
onward routing to FONTECAGNANO (.) 36 to CANUHELLO for
ADL "D" Team (2) 30 to BARI for 66 Gp Per Corps (.)
For info addresses (.) These are in addition to rfts
referred to my SD 615 of 12 Dec

WB

DIST.: SD/19
SD/3/1
Mov (2)
SD/50
FLOAT

2593

FROM 15 Army Gp

161700A

TO AFHQ

INFO NSIA

SD 1890

166

164
SD/3

R 17 1/2

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref NSIA SD 1938 of 15 Dec and FA 68518 CITE VNCT of 14 Dec.

First (.) Accommodation for 2000 at FUSCHERBERG NOT yet ready (.)

Do NOT rpt NOT plan to use DEVIATE for these personnel (.)

SECOND (.) Request personnel for peak top days be selected assembled clothed and equipped in present area for calling fwd when accommodation ready (.) THIRD (.) Suggest S and T and V and R reps visit FUSCHER in present location to select suitable offrs NCOs and specialists.

IMPORTANT

NSIA DISTR:

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S/Sec

Rev (2)

SD/50 (2)

SD/28

SD/3/1

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LRKB V LRAR NR 972 IMPORTANT QVR 2
FROM 15 ARMY GP 161700A
TO AFHQ
INFO MMIA QQY GR --- BT
SD 1890 CONFIDENTIAL . REF MMIA SD 1938 OF 15 DEC AND FX68518
CITE FHGCT OF 14 DEC .
FIRST . ACCOMODATION FOR 2000 AT F O S S O M B R O N E N O T
RPT N O T YET READY . DO N O T RPT N O T PLAN TO USE
O R V I E T O FOR THESE PERSONNEL.
SECOND . REQUEST PERSONNEL FOR PACK TPT COYS BE SELECTED ASSEMBLED
CLOTHED AND ~~EQUIPPED~~ EQUIPPED IN PRESENT AREA FOR CALLING
FWD WHEN ACCOMMODATION READY .
THIRD . ~~BT~~ SUGGEST S AND T AND V AND R REPS VISIT
P I C E N O IN PRESENT LOCATION TO SELECT SUITABLE OFFRS
NCOS AND SPECIALISTS
BT
SENT NR 972 1950 GI AR KK
RCD 1950A HRA B-3

Handwritten: Sandgren 1196/16 4390 457/16

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All this of
War about on
SD 1938 of 18

— there was a
letter ^{examining} to them
about it

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SD/3/1

7 DEC 1944

File 172

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SD/3.1

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told 18/12
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Sept 11.
H. England
H. C. C.

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SD/3/1
164

FROM SAL SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

141523A

TO AAI MMIA

INFO RAAC

FX 68518

SECRET

Lated 9 Dec, your SD 1806 (.) ONE (.) Sixth Combat Group PICENO
Div will NOT be formed (.) Personnel will be available for
muleteers and combat rfts (.) TWO (.) For MMIA (.) Request you
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 muleteers now being examined in detail (.) Will
notify you earliest

2589

IMMEDIATE

ogl

SD/3/1
SD/3
S/SD/30

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FROM FBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LO

TO MMIA

8572

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference your SD 1903 of 10 Dec paragraph 3 (.) Confirmed
200 muleteers available Ex AA (.) Will concentrate
AFRAGOLA and signal estimated date completion (.) Lack
transport will delay

IMPORTANT

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G Bu (o)
SD/3/1
SD/50

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FROM WHIA LO 52 Area
TO MOVEMENTS TARANTO (BY HAND)
AFHQ FOR 05

41645

170
SD/3/1

INFO WHIA
52 AREA (BY HAND)

C 39

CONFIDENTIAL

ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND (.) FOLLOWING people require arrangements for Tn (.)
FIRST by Movts TARANTO (.) TEAM 71 TRANT 143 (if camp can take) CATANZARO
50 BARI 77 PESCARA 100 POTENZA 24 NAPLES 272 (.) SECOND BY AFHQ (.)
ROME 397 (.) Muleteers who left on 12 were classified as follows (A) 107
(B) 95 (C) 426.

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SD DISTR
S/G/31/3
SD/3/1
SD/50
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MMIA

14 1700_A

SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA for O'DONNELL - DISTONE

54 AREA for MMIA LO - DISTONE for MMIA LO
• MAIN AAI

SD 1931

RESTRICTED

Ref AAI A 980 of 13 not to all (.) DISTONE require
67 Lab personnel from TRANI to replace men supplied
for muleteers (.) Report to this HQ when this additional
labour replacement personnel is available (.) For
DISTONE (.) Signal destination soonest

2586

SD/50

LAB

ROUTINE

MAXWELL CAPT.

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI () 141045
TO MMIA (ROME)
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

10/20

RESTRICTED

FIRST (.) Personnel ex TARANTO demobbed 150, sent on
30 days special leave 200 (.) Figures are approximate
further cases still outstanding are being dealt with (.)
SECOND (.) Following additional personnel available
as rfts (.) Drivers 20, low category personnel 20,
labour rfts 60, Engr rfts 44 (.) Consider these will
be needed to replace sick and absentees for moves
requested in your SD 1906 of 10 Dec (.) THIRD (.)
86 muleteers and 42 personnel for serial 110 also
available

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SD/3/1
SD/50
FLOTT

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FROM MOVKIT

TO MOV BARLETTA, UNIA LO 54 AREA

INFO DISTHREE, DISTHREE EAST, UNIA MAIN AAI, MOVKIT,
MOV FUGGIA, MOV BONE, MOV WESTRALL, 54 AREA, 201 SUP AREA

MOV/1/1431 13

RESTRICTED

17 V and R personnel move by rail from TRANI to PASSO CORTESE
in 1 Box on 15 Dec also 178 ruleteers move from TRANI to
COLLE SALVETTI in 6 Box on 15 Dec on same train.

TRAIN dep 1347

BIVIO CERVANO arr 1844 dep 1915 (.) ETA PASSO CORTESE AM 18 Dec (.)

ETA COLLE SALVETTI AM 18 Dec (.) Authy FREEDOM signal

FX 65609 dated 09 Dec.

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SD/11/1
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MMTA

13/100A

APR 23 03 Day Labor
DISTRESS, SA AREA FOR DATA LO
BANKETTA SIGN FOR O'DONNELL TRANS

SD/3/1

SD 1922

2583

Subject withdraws use of 552 volunteers from DISTRESS labor (.)
166 and 472 total 638 replacement personnel available TRANS as
notified in MTA SD 1887 of 6 Dec and SD 1906 of 10 Dec (.)
Movement of 472 is requested to destinations vide Distress
SD 675 of 12. (*) Destination and movement of 166 is required

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FROM: PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LO

TO : MMIA

4025-54/52

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CONFIDENTIAL

212/2

REFERENCE YOUR SD 1903 OF 10 DECEMBER PARAGRAPH 3 (.) CONFIRMED
200 MULETEERS AVAILABLE EX AA (.) WILL CONCENTRATE AFRAGOLA AND
SIGNAL ESTIMATED DATE COMPLETION (.) LACK TRANSPORT WILL DELAY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

WB

*6 Dist: 6-2 (C)
SD/3/1
SD/50*

MMIA DIST.: G (2)
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LRKB V MJVL NR2 P. P.
T QVR 1
FROM MJVL 121311/210A
TO M.M.I.A
GR 58 BT

Important
HEADQUARTERS
12 DEC 1944
A. C.

Land Force
12/12
3/12

CONFIDENTIAL PD REFERENCE YOUR SUGAR DOG ONE NINE ZERO THREE OF
ONE ZERO DECEMBER PARAGRAPH THREE PD CONFIRMED TWO ZERO ZERO MULETEERS
AVAILABLE EX ABLE ABLE PD REFERENCE NUMBER EIGHT FIVE SEVEN TWO PAREN
TO MMIA FROM PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN WILL
CONCENTRATE AFRAGOLA AND SIGNAL ESTIMATED DATE COMPLETION PD
LACK TRANSPORT WILL DELAY PD
BT 121210A

SENT NR2 121318A OAB B1 K
RECD NR 2 121319A J O E K

SS *12/12*
must Dist. G (v)
new 2582
SD/3/1 *CLONT*
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FROM PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LO

TO MMIA

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CONFIDENTIAL

Reference your SD 1903 of 10 Dec paragraph 3 (.) Confirmed
200 muleteers available Ex AA (.) Will concentrate
AFRAGOLA and signal estimated date completion (.) Lack
transport will delay

IMPORTANT

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G DISTR G 111 (0) ←
SD/3/1
SD/50

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FROM MMIATO Ministry of War
ALCom SICILY for MMIA LOS I G N A L

13/08/4

INFO AFHQ

AAI

3 DIST

3 DIST EAST

PENSOUTH

3 DIST FOR MMIA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

54 AREA " "

ICF FOR TEAM MMIA LO

Lt Col HOWARD

SD 1925

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref MMIA letter SD/49 of 4 subject call-up SICILY (.) ONE (.) After provision 2,500 personnel for pack tpt duties vide para 1 MMIA signal SD 1912 of 11 the following specialists will be selected under your arrangements to be available at REGGIO (.) Numbers will be reported daily to this HQ as follows (.) A (.) Farriers, Saddlers, V & R personnel, Ironworkers, Leatherworkers (.) B (.) M T drivers and mechanics (.) C (.) W T operators and mechanics (.) D (.) ALPINE (.) E (.) RESACLIERS (.) F (.) GRANITIERS (.) Para A for pack tpt move to AFRICOLA paras B-F for combat Gps move with ICF drafts (.) TMC (.) You will arrange for daily reports from each District showing numbers of (.) A (.) Total reporting (.) B (.) Medical Exemptions (.) C (.) Other exemptions (.) D (.) Awaiting examination (.) E (.) Enrolments (.) F (.) Awaiting despatch (.) G (.) Despatched (.) THREE (.) You will arrange for daily reports as at 1800 hrs from REGGIO showing (.) A (.) Total in camp (.) B (.) Daily arrivals (.) C (.) Numbers despatched to each destination (.) D (.) Daily totals despatched.

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

2580

Ref MIA letter SD/49 of 4 subject call-up SICILY (.) ONE (.) After provision 2,500 personnel for pack tpt duties vide para 1 MIA signal SD 1912 of 11 the following specialists will be selected under your arrangements to be available at REGGIO (.) Numbers will be reported daily to this HQ as follows (.) A (.) Farmers, Saddlers, V & R personnel, Ironworkers Leatherworkers (.) B (.) M T Drivers and mechanics (.) C (.) W T operators and mechanics (.) D (.) ALPINE (.) E (.) RESAGLIANI (.) F (.) GRAMATIERI (.) Para A for pack tpt move to APRACOLA paras B-F for combat Gps move with ICF drafts (.) TWO (.) You will arrange for daily reports from each District showing numbers of (.) A (.) Total reporting (.) B (.) Medical Exemptions (.) C (.) Other exemptions (.) D (.) Awaiting examination (.) E (.) Enrolments (.) F (.) Awaiting despatch (.) G (.) Despatched (.) THREE (.) You will arrange for daily reports as at 1800 hrs from REGGIO showing (.) A (.) Total in camp (.) B (.) Daily arrivals (.) C (.) Numbers despatched to each destination (.) D (.) Daily totals despatched.

INTERNAL:

A/Q (2)

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War Diary (2)

G-2 (1) for War Ministry

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FROM MAIN AAI
TO FIFTH ARMY (ATT BR INCR A BRANCH)
DISTONE
INFO MMIA

131450A

A 980

RESTRICTED

67 muleteers in labour units under comd DISTONE will be concentrated
AREZZO soonest (.) DISTONE will signal FIFTH Army (att Br Incr A Branch) rptd
this HQ when concentrated and available for collection (.) FIFTH Army (Br
Incr) will arrange collection direct with DISTONE (.) Replacements will be
provided from ABRUZZI call up (.) FOR MMIA (.) Your SD 1863 of 30 Nov
refers (.) Agreed Q

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LRM V LRAB NR 4154 QVP-3
FROM M A I N AAI 13/1450A
TO FIFTH ARMY (ATT BR INCR A BRANCH) DISTONE
INFO M M I A
QKX GR 66 BT

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Land Forces
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A 280 . RESTRICTED .
67 MULETEERS IN LABOUR UNITS UNDER COMB DISTONE WILL BE CONCENTRATED
AREZZO SOONEST . DISTONE WILL SIGNAL FIFTH ARMY (ATT BR INCR
A BRANCH) RPTD THIS HQ WHEN CONCENTRATED AND AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION . FIFTH ARMY (BR INCR) WILL ARRANGE COLLECTION DIRECT
WITH DISTONE . REPLACEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ABRUZZI CALL UP .
FOR M M I A . ~~REPL~~ YOUR SD 1263 OF 30 NOV REFERS . AGREED Q

BT THI 1530A
SENT NR 4154 AT 1632A WF AR TKS KKK
NECD NR 4154 AT 1630A J O E "....-AR-...." (TKU))

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FROM HQ AAI
TO NMIA
RPTD AFHQ FIFTH ARMY

Important.

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SD 969

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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your SD 1920 of 13 Dec (.) Para 2 total 1628 and para 1
total 2119 all are to move to COLLE SALVETTI for FIFTH ARMY (.)
FIFTH ARMY ~~to~~ give breakdown allocation US-ITI and BR-ITI when
distribution is made by them

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LP 3V LRAR 4251 IMPORTANT QVR 1
FM HQ AAI DEC 131700A
TO MMIA RPT AFHQ . FIFTHARMY
QQY

SD 969

CONFIDENTIAL X REF YOUR SD 1920 OF 13 DEC X PARA 2 TOTAL 1628
AND PARA 1 TOTAL 2119 ALL ARE TO MOVE TO COLLE SALVETTI FOR
FIFTHARMY X FIFTHARMY ~~WILL~~ GIVE BREAKDOWN ALLOCATION US - ITI
AND BR--ITI WHEN DISTRIBUTION IS MADE BY THEM X

BT 131700A

SENT SC 1815

CCRTS WA FIFTHARMY IS WILL

RECD NR 4251 AT 13/1814A AAA

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FROM : AFHQ

TO : AFHQ G3 org G4 Br Mov

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INFO : AAI S.D. A.
Ministry of War
5 Army
5 Army for MHA LO
52 AREA MHA LO
54 AREA MHA LO
Sigs B RLETTA for O'Donnell Trani
PERSOUTH FOR MHA LO
3 Dist MHA LO
1 Dist MHA LO

SD/3

SD 1920

CONFIDENTIAL

Further to MHA SD 1903 of 10 and SD/3 of 06 (.) ONE (.) Up to including 11 Dec 1600 personnel including 23 V&R rfts despatched ex TULWTO against AAI requirement 2119 to fill 5 Army requirements for rfts up to 30 Nov and provide personnel for 2 new coys (.) TWO (.) Against 1500 personnel due 15 Dec (.) A (.) 678 are at TULW awaiting mov (.) B (.) 750 ex ALBA now being processed AAI area (.) C (.) 200 are being concentrated .AL COLA. ex CD & AA West Coast collection slow owing shortage tpt date of availability for mov will be signalled (.) D (.) Total 1628 (.) Three (.) For Ministry of War & MHA LO's (.) Ensure all farrier Saddler and V & R personnel are separated and reported separately to this HQ when disposal instructions will be issued (.) Four (.) Breakdown allocation US ITI - R: ITI required all above personnel (.) AAI please signal

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PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

Stanley
May 4...

INTERNAL: A/3

Nov

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SD/3 with copy SD1890 SD 1903.

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SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

13/12/50 A

TO AFHQ G3 and G1 Br Key

INFO AAI S.D. A.
MINISTRY OF WAR
5 ARMY
5 ARMY FOR MMIA LO
52 AREA MMIA LO
54 AREA MMIA LO
SIGGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL TRANS
PENCOULT FOR MMIA LO
3 DIST MMIA LO
1 DIST MMIA LO

SD 1920 1930

CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) Further to MMIA SD 1920 of 13 para one (.) Further 628 personnel for pack tpt were despatched from TARANTO to 5 ARMY 12 Dec making total 2,228 against AAI requirement 2,119 (.) TWO (.) Next commitment after 1,500 due 15 Dec is one new pack tpt Group HQ and four new pack tpt Coy's all ER-ITI requirement is 2,000 plus 1,000 for US-ITI pack tpt (.) Total 3,000 (.) Provision will be A (.) Offrs and NCO's vide MMIA letter SD/3 of 13 not to all (.) B (.) 500 OR's ex ABRUZZI call-up (.) C (.) 2,500 OR's ex SICILY call-up phase 1 (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

INTERNAL: A/Q

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Nov, SD/3 with copy SD 1800
ST, SD/50 SD 1903

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FROM: HQ AAI

TO : MMIA

131430

SD/3/1

INFO: AFHQ
5 ARMY

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SD 968

SECRET

Reference your SD 1912 of 11 Dec (.). Destination for all US-ITI
repeat US-ITI Muleteers is COLLE SALVETTI

PRIORITY ROUTINE

WB

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MMIA DIST.: SD/52

A/c SD/3

SD/50

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION E464

INCOMING MESSAGE

Hand Over

MSG Center No : H 126/13
Classification : Secret
Precedence : Routine
From : HQ RMH
To : MHIA REPLATED AFHQ & ARMY

Date Time Rec'd :
Date Time Sent : 131230
Reference NR : SD 968
Cite :

Secret
Reference your SD 1912 of 11 DEC @ destination
for all US-ITI report US-ITI MULETEERS in
COLLE, SALVETTI

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FROM HQ AAI
TO NMIA
RPTD AFHQ FIFTH ARMY

131700A

SD 969

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your SD 1920 of 13 Dec (.) Para 2 total 1628 and para 1
total 2119 all are to move to COLLE SALVETTI for FIFTH ARMY (.)
FIFTH ARMY A give breakdown allocation US-ITI and BR-ITI when
distribution is made by them

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO 52 AREA

TO : MMIA

120915

INFO: AFHQ for OS
54 AREA for MMIA LO

Q 86

CONFIDENTIAL

FIGURES 11 ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND (.) FIRST AND SECOND COLUMNS
A CAMP 102 HOSPITALS 16 THIRD COLUMN 33 FOURTEENTH COLUMN 720
SIXTEENTH COLUMN 4944 (.) 71 MULETEERS MISSED TRAIN BECAUSE
ITALIAN TPT BROKE DOWN (.) THEY GO TODAY WITH THE REMAINING 519

WM

MMIA DIST.:

SD DIST.: S/G/31/2
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SD/50
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SD/3/1

FROM MOV TARANTO

121045A

CLASS CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: PRIORITY

TO MOV TARANTO

RTD DMRE V ROME ROME AREA 201 SUB AREA MMIA AFHQ

TAR/C413

ONE (.) DEP TARANTO 121927 TN 3934 muleteers 590 all ranks to COLLE
SALVETTI (.) All arrangements as per my TAR/C393 of 10 (.) TAC (.)
Train also conveys 612 (IT) L of C W/Shops BC I BORS 18 Italian offrs 2
ORs 104 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ tons for Leghorn (.) In 4 BCD vans (.) Carry UXP and 6
days rations (.) Meal mail as referred in para one above (.) THREE (.)
ETA COLLE SALVETTI PM 14 Dec Leghorn AM 15 Dec (.) Informed

cg1

DISTR:

G III
S/G/31/2
SD/3/1
SD/50

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FROM PENBASE

121812

TO AFHQ, PENECUTH

INFO MTOUSA ATTENTION COT
SACMED, AAI ADVANCE, 5 Army, NMIA

PBS 532915

SECRET

LST 907 lifted from ELBA 200 French personnel all ranks
90 mules, 150 tons unladen equipment including 2 immobile
tanks and 11 guns, and 1 vehicle, 11 Dec (.)

LST 1021 lifted a total of 750 Italians from ELBA in 2
shuttles, last one being completed 11 Dec (.)

Movement of Italians to 5 Army has been arranged.

IMPORTANT

ek

NMIA DIST:

G (2)

AQ (1)

Nov (2)

FLOAT (.)

as/c/19
SD/3/1
SD/56

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C O P Y

FROM: MOV TARANTO

TO : MOV ROME

111105A

INFO: ROME AREA. DMRS HOME. MWIA. PENBASE. AFHQ

TAR/C402

CONFIDENTIAL

DEP TARANTO 111927 TN3934 MULETERS

ALL RANKS 800 TO COLLE SALVETTI (.) ALL ARRANGEMENTS

AS PER MY TAR/6398 OF 10 (.) ETA COLLE SALVETTI PM 14 (.)

AFHQ FX 64841 OF 7 NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) ALL INFO

WB

SD SD

SD/3/2

SD/3/1

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C O P Y

FROM: MOV TARANTO

TO : MOV ROME

11

INFO: EMRS ROME
ROME AREA
G SUB-AREA
MMIA
AFHQ

TAR/398

CONFIDENTIAL

Dep TARANTO 10.1927 train 3934 MULETEERS all ranks
800 to COLLE SALVETTI (.) Hot meals BARLETTA 11.0620
to 0720 and BENEVENTO 11.1500 to 1600 $\frac{1}{2}$ (.) Subsequent
halts under Mov Sub Areas (.) Carry 5 days rations (.)
ETA COLLE SALVETTI PM.13 (.) AFHQ FX 64841 of 07 not to
all refers (.) All informed

WB

MMIA DIST.: SD/13/3
S/G/31/2
SD/50
SD/3/1

2566

SD/3/1

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FROM NMIA LO 52 AREA

111217A

TO NMIA

CONFIDENTIAL

Q 84

Your phone reported out of order (.)

Following muleteers leave today :-

A. 215

B. 270

C. 290

Also 23 Veh and 2 Remounts (.)

For STANTON (.)

IMMEDIATE

ek

NMIA DIST: G (2)
Mov (2)
FLOAT

[Signature]
Dist. - 5/6/31/2 M/C
SD/3 ← 2565
SD/50

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S I G N A L

FROM: MELA

TO : MIN ON WAR

AFHQ G-3 ORG A MOV

DATE TIME
11/8/50 A

INFO:

AJ SD A

3 Dist

3 Dist East

PRG

MEL. LO 3 Dist

ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR MELA LO

PERSONNEL FOR MELA LO

MELA LO 24 ADJ.

TELE. R.T.D.

5 ARMY

5 ARMY FOR ER INCR

Internal:

Copy to :

n/c

Spec Sec

Nov

S.T.

War Diary (2)

SD 1912

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Secret

Amend MELA letter SD/49 of 4 call-up SICILY as follows (.) A (.)

Ref para 4 (.) ONE (.) The allotment of phase 1 is now subject to

the provision as top priority of 2500 personnel for Pack Tpt duties

with AJ (.) TWO (.) This 2500 is required (.) 1500 for ORVITO for

ER-ITI (.) 1000 to destination to be confirmed by AJ for US-ITI (.)

THREE (.) Para 4 is therefore amended and phase 1 personnel allotted

to categories ITI-ITI 800 US-ITI 3000 (incl 1000 for Pack Tpt) ER-ITI

2600 (incl 1500 for ORVITO) ICF 1600 (.) B (.) Ref para 5 (.) ONE (.)

War Ministry are arranging staging Camp at REGGIO (.) TAC (.) Personnel

are being moved to MESSINA from districts and will require to be

transported from MESSINA to REGGIO at the rate of 1000 daily from 17 - 24

24 Dec incl (.) THREE (.) Movement is requested from REGGIO as follows (.)

FIRST (.) On 19 Dec 1000 to AIR.COLA for onward routing to ORVITO for

ER-ITI (.) 1000 to destination to be confirmed by AJ for US-ITI (.)

SECOND (.) On 28 Dec (.) First priority (.) 500 to AIR.COLA for onward

TELE. NO. R.T.D.

5 MAY

5 MAY for ER INCR

SD 1913

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Secret

Amend MMIA letter SD/49 of 4 Call-up SICILY as follows (.) A (.)

Ref para 4 (.) ONE (.) The allotment of phase 1 is now subject to

the provision as top priority of 2500 personnel for Pack Tpt duties

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War Ministry are arranging staging Camp at REGGIO (.) TWO (.) Personnel

are being moved to MESSINA from districts and will require to be

transported from MESSINA to REGGIO at the rate of 1000 daily from 18 - 84

24 Dec incl (.) THREE (.) Movement is requested from REGGIO as follows (.)

FIRST (.) On 19 Dec 1000 to AFRAGOLA for onward routing to ORVIETO for

ER-ITI (.) 1000 to destination to be confirmed by AAI for US-ITI (.)

SECOND (.) On 22 Dec (.) First priority (.) 500 to AFRAGOLA for onward

routing to ORVIETO (.) Above completes muleteer requirements (.)

Second priority (.) 1200 to ASTIGNI (.) Third priority (.) 1100 to

AFRAGOLA for ER-ITI (.) Fourth priority (.) 500 to MALLIS for ITI-ITI (.)

Fifth priority (.) 800 to TEANO for ICF (.) THIRD (.) On 25 Dec (.)

800 to destination ASTIGNI (.) 800 to TEANO for ICF (.) 300 to BASI for

ITI-ITI

AUTHENTICATED

PRECEDENCE

DATE 18

5 MAY 1954

ALCON SIGINT FOR

RECEIVED

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10 1845 A

FROM MMIA
 TO AFHQ for G 1 (Br) cma G 3 (Org) cma A cma Mov
 INFO AAI for SD and A
 DISTHREE
 DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
 DISTHREE EASTERN DETACHMENT
 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
 CG FIFTH ARMY
 FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
 EIGHTH ARMY
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
 PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
 56 BLJ
 MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1906

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you arrange moves of personnel from FRAM camp allotted against Serials in
 AAI List 8 where stated (*) ONE (*) 500 muleteers to COLLE SALVENTI vide my
 SD1903 of 10 against serials 151 and 236 (*) TWO (*) 150 rly eng personnel
 soonest to 2 Regt 1 Italian Rly Engns ROME against Serial 80 (*) THREE (*)
 365 engs against serial 100 as follows (*) To EIGHTH ARMY 165 (*) To DISTONE
 100 (*) To DISTHREE 100 (*) Recipients to nominate destinations urgently (*)
 FOUR (*) 89 engs to BENEVENTO for MARTOVA (*) FIVE (*) 472 lab 25631
 to destinations to be signalled by DISTHREE to replace men supplied for muleteers
 (*) SIX (*) Agreed 64 V and 2 rfts should go to 611 Incr 4 Vet Hospital
 PASSO CORRESE (*) Please arrange move (*) SEVEN (*) Move request for
 balance of personnel in camp follows soonest (*) For O'DONNELL (*) Report
 how many personnel at TARANTO have been demobilised by you (*) Separate signal
 follows giving breakdown of para 5 above (*) EIGHT (*) For DISTHREE please
 signal destinations required in paras 3 and 5 above (*) For EIGHTH ARMY and

SD 1906

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you arrange moves of personnel from TRAMI camp allotted against Serials in AAT List 8 where stated (*) ONE (*) 500 muleteers to COLLE SALVETTI via 100 SD1903 of 10 against serials 151 and 236 (*) TWO (*) 150 rly eng personnel soonest to 2 Regt 1 Gp Italian Rly Engrs HOME against Serial 80 (*) THREE (*) 365 engs against serial 100 as follows (*) To EIGHTH ARMY 165 (*) To DISTONE 100 (*) To DISTONE 100 (*) Recipients to nominate destinations urgently (*) FOUR (*) 89 dtrs to BENEVENTO for LANTOVA (*) FIVE (*) 472 lab 25632 to destinations to be signalled by DISTONE to replace men supplied for muleteers (*) SIX (*) Agreed 64 V and 8 rfts should go to 611 Iner 4 Vet Hospital PASSO CORESE (*) Please arrange move (*) SEVEN (*) Move request for balance of personnel in camp follows soonest (*) For O'DONNELL (*) Report how many personnel at TARANTO have been demobilised by you (*) Separate signal follows giving breakdown of para 5 above (*) EIGHT (*) For DISTONE please signal destinations required in paras 3 and 5 above (*) For EIGHTH ARMY and DISTONE please signal destinations required in para 3 above

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

W. J. Leonard Capt.

Internal :- AQ S/Sec
ST
RE
Lab

SD/3
SD/11ED/6/1
SD/50
SD/52
MOV(2)

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LRKE V LAEE

NR15

"P P"

QVR 1

FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 101635A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 - 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO - 52 AREA

GR 17 00K BT

QS2 RESTRICTED .

SECOND BATCH 800 MULETEERS FOUND .

DEPARTING 11 . WILL GIVE AMENDED LIST OF THE DESTINATION
TOMORROW

BT 101635A

SENT NR15 102027A IW D1

RCD NR15 102027A HRA BE KK

MMIA Dist-

G (2)

hwp (2)
2562
FLOAT.

102130

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA

101635A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO 52 AREA

Q 32

RESTRICTED

Second batch 800 muleteers found (.) Departing
11 (.) Will give amended list of the destination
tomorrow

cgl

DIST:

G (2)
MOV (2)
FLOAT

2561

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 101635A
TO MMIA
INFO AFHQ FOR G5 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO 52 AREA

Q 82

RESTRICTED

Second batch 800 muleteers found (.) Departing
11 (.) Will give amended list of the destination
tomorrow

ogl

DIST:

G (2)
MOV (2)
FLOAT

1663

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LROF V LAEE NR 93

R R

QVR-1

FROM MMIALO DISTHREE 091520A

TO MMIA

INFO SD DISTHREE DISTHREE EAST

PENSOUTH MMIALO

54 AREA

AFHQ

QQX GR 24 B1

HL 129 . RESTRICTED. REF MMIA SD 1889 OF 06 AND AFHQ

FX 264768 OF 07. TOTAL FIGURE MULETEERS EXTRACTED

DISTHREE LAB UNITS AND REQUIRING REPLACEMENT IS 550

BT 091520A

SNXT NR93

2205A

JH

B3

K

REDD NR 93 2205A JN AR// BBB KK

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8727 138

SD/3

21/10

10/12

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SD/19

SD/3 N/C

SD/50

2560

1664

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LR0F V LAEE NR10

QVR-1

FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 091830A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 52 AREA

QQY GR65 BT

Q79 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (SPO) MULETEERS (SPO)

FIRST BLOCK OF 800 FOUND (SPO) THEY GO TOMORROW 10 (SPO)

600 FOUND FOR SECOND BLOCK (SPO) IT IS THINK BALANCE OF 200 WILL PROBABLY
BE FOUND BY 1200 HRS TOMORROW (SPO) DOUBTFUL IF MANY OF LAST BATCH OF
519 WILL BE FOUND FROM PRESENT INMATES IN CAMP (SPO) HOPE TO FIND
REMAINDER INTIME FROM NEW ARRIVALS

BT 092100A

SENT NR10 0034A

RECD NR 10 0034A JN BB

IH KKK

Dist. 50/3 AC
50/50

MMIA.

Dist. G (2)

huov (2)

Flora 2559

0210

209
9748

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11/10

R 10/12

SD/3

10/12

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SECRET RAAC MESSAGE FORM

24/10/55

CIPHE	CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY 9705 Important	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS QVR 1.
	SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.			
FROM (A) <u>121A LO 52 Area</u>		DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 081615A		
TO (FOR ACTION) <u>121A</u> AFHQ for G5 Movts Taranto				
TO (FOR INFORMATION) <u>52 Area 54 Area for 121A LO</u>		MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR		

(REF. No.) Q 77. (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET SD/3
101.2

Repatriates Camp Taranto. Mannerini arrived tonight. NO rpt NO muleteers found today because camp was expecting 2700 new arrivals tomorrow 09. These however will not rpt not arrive till 10. Told Mannerini to find balance of 2400 required by AFHQ (their TX 6484174 Not to me). This will not rpt not be easy as remaining men in camp are not rpt not all physically fit. Have arranged expedition of screening and documentation of new arrivals 10 Dec in order to use as many as possible of them for this commitment. 121A. By telephone temporarily out of order. Following people are ready to go but await TN. TRANI 924 (subject to space in camp) CATANZA- 240 BARI 40 POTENZA 64 NAPLES 175 ROME 473. Destinations subject to change owing demand muleteers. 121A reference replacements of blankets and eating equipment. Mannerini confirms he can find 2400 blankets mess tins and spoons from Bari to be in camp by 13 to meet demands new arrivals. Informed that all rpt all men who arrived in camp with blankets were told to hand them into Camp Pool.

hum. A jisk. 255(82)
AR (1)
LNO (2)
FLOAT (1)

deciphered 10 0600. B.

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION	PRECEDENCE	THI OR TOR	Opt.
	ORIGINATING SECTION		
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION		
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION		
		TIME CLEARED	

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Immediate

LROF V LAEE NR4 "OPOP"
FROM MIA LO 52 AREA 071823A
TO MMIA
QQY GR80 BT

Q75 CONFIDENTIAL (.) REFERRING PHONE TALK INGLEDEW CRAWFORD 04 (.)
NOONE FROM WAR MINISTRY HAS ARRIVED HERE TO FIND MULETEERS (.)
MOVEMENTS HERE SAY AFHQ HAVE ARRANGED LIFT OF 2400 BY INSTALMENTS
OF 800 ON 10 11 AND 12 RESPECTIVELY (.) IS CAMP NOW TO FIND
~~ORIENTED TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CAMP~~

2400 (.) THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE FROM NEW ARRIVALS (.) WILLING PERSONNEL
FOR PACK TPT COYS AT PRESENT ARE MULETEERS (A) 534 (B) 20 (C) 11
VETS (A) 1 OFFICER (B) 3 ORS ~~REMOVAL~~ REMOUNTS 15 SADDLERS AND 9
SMITHS TOTAL 653

BT 071920A

SENT NR4 08/0015A 0B B K

REC'D NR 4 080015.A SLW B

Land Force 202
9/3/79
NTSP/13
135

8807

19/8

MMIA Dist:

SD/3

8/12 R 8/12

G (2)

hoo (2)

Flot.

HEADQUARTERS
2-DEC-1944
A. C.

Dist SD/3 AC

SD/10/3

SD/50

0800

8/12

080855

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~~205~~

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Subject :- Move of Muleteers.

8 Dec 44.

From : Movements L.O. MMIA.

To : G (2) /
SMRE (Ufficio Trasporti)
File 712/43
Float File.

Copy of AFHQ signal FX.64841 dated 07 Dec is passed for information :-

From AFHQ cite PHGDM signed SACMED.

To MOVETT (Info) MOV TARANTO MOVWIT MOV ROME IMRS ROME
DISTHREE EAST 52 AREA MMIA MAIN AAI PENBASE

~~XXXXXXXX~~

FX.64841. ITALIAN MULETEERS STRENGTH 2400 ALL RANKS WITH KITS WILL MOVE BY RAIL
FROM TARANTO TO COLIE SALVETTI. MOVEMENT WILL BE BY THREE COMPLETE TRAINS
EACH LIFTING APPROX 800 PERSONNEL ON 10, 11 AND 12 DEC.

DETAILS OF ROLLING STOCK AND DEPARTURE TIMINGS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVETT

Dist 50/3 MC
50/13/3
50/50

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2556

HP
Capt. H.E.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

11/8 (134)
8852

8852

5/3
8/2

INFO AFHQ G1(B2)

FIFTH ARMY (ATTN BR INCP)

201

REFERENCE YOUR SD 1987 OF 6 NOT TO ALL (.)

RESULTS

8/12

MMIA Dist - G (2)
2555 (2)
new

Float

S I G N A L

Internal Distribution:
A/Q, Spec Sed, RE,
Sig, S.T., Med, Lab
SD/50

FROM: MIA

TO : AFHQ for G 1 Brit

Info: MAIN AAI
DISTRESS

DISTRESS for MIA LO
DISTRESS EASTERN DET
54 AREA for MIA LO
MINISTRY OF WAR
FIFTH ARMY for MIA LO
EIGHTH ARMY for MIA LO
FBS SOUTHERN for MIA LO

SD 1887

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you arrange moves of personnel from TRANI Camp allotted against serials in List 3 as follows (.)

FIRST (.) 17 V and R personnel to 1 Pd Remount Dep PASSO CORESE against serial 75 (.) 64 are still enlisting movement to 5 Vet Hosp my SD 1794 of 15 and your PX 54838 of 19 refer (.)

SECOND (.) 118 Engrs to 920 Genio Bn 23 Div PESARO for distribution to EIGHTH ARMY Engr Coys against serial 100 (.)

THIRD (.) 52 for line constr goes to NOCERA INFERIORE against serial 112554
FOURTH (.) 19 farmers for Br Iner FIFTH ARMY to 231 Div Transit Dep AREZZO against serial 75 (.)

FIFTH (.) 175 ~~instructors for FIFTH ARMY to destination to be confirmed by~~
AAI against serial 151 and 236 (.)

SIXTH (.) 38. divs and 48 Gen tpt Coy personnel to AFRAGOLA for 1007 Gen Tpt

SD/3
66 1500 A

MINISTRY OF WAR
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
FBS SOUTHERN FOR MMIA LO

SD 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you arrange moves of personnel from TRANI Camp allotted against serials in AAI Dist C as follows (.)

FIRST (.) 17 V and R personnel to 1 Pd Remount Dep PASSO CORESE against serial 75 (.) 64 are still awaiting movement to 5 Vet Hosp my SD 1794 of 15 and your FX 54838 of 19 refer (.)

SECOND (.) 118 Engrs to 920 Genio Bn 238 Div PESARO for distribution to EIGHTH ARMY Engr Coys against serial 100 (.)

THIRD (.) 52 for line constr sees to NOCERA INFERIORE against serial 112554

FOURTH (.) 19 farmers for Br Iner FIFTH ARMY to 231 Div Transit Dep AREZZO against serial 75 (.)

FIFTH (.) ~~178 muleteers for FIFTH ARMY to destination to be confirmed by~~ AAI against serial 151 and 236 (.)

SIXTH (.) 138. divs and 48 Gen tpt Coy personnel to AFRAGOLA for 1007 Gen Tpt Coy and 1 Gen Tpt Coy ICF (.)

SEVENTH (.) 166 lab personnel to destination to be signalled by 3 Dist to replace men supplied for muleteers (.)

EIGHTH (.) To Distree only (.) Please report destination required in para 7 and total numbers required as replacements with distribution to units (.)

AFHQ FX 62829 of 4 refers (.) NINTH (.) To AAI (.) Please signal destination required in para 5 (.) TENTH (.) Remainder in Camp are 78 bdrs 22 DID proce-
med both on offer to AAI for service Divs against serials 130 and 125
respectively and 53 Office personnel on offer to SMRS

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SD/3/1

MMIA

06 1220 A

AFHQ FOR G3 ORG A AND MOV

AAI 5 ARMY 5 ARMY FOR MMIA LO

O 641

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your PX 61592 of 2 (.) 500 ITIS expected available

BLBA are in addition to TARANTO ps personnel

2553

AQ
ST
MOV
SD/50
SD/3/1

IMMEDIATE

WVH

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CONFIDENTIAL.

50/5

Dec 4A.

$$R^{7/2}$$

copy to: AFHQ G 3 Org & A.
 AFHQ G (SD) & A
 AFHQ LG Presidist.
 " " Presidist.
 " " Naibos.
 " " DARI
 " " LAFANHO
 " " FIVE .RAY.
 " " FIVE .RAY.

Further to this H. . . SD/3 of 1 Nov and your 305395/1/C.A. . . of 30 Nov, subject provision of volunteer reinforcements, replacements and personnel for pack tpt coys.

1. As at 10th Nov the requirement was for 3,711 made up as to all vice this B. . . above-quoted letter of 1 Nov and personnel for a further two co. companies.

Up to 1 Dec 1,986 personnel had been assigned against this figure of 2,771. At this 1,986 only 1,822 had actually been found available and moved. Owing to desertion and other causes en route 1,752 arrived at their destination, of which 911 proved physically capable of duty in pack bat coys. The balance of 842 was allotted to other duties in Five Army.

These figures may be summarised as follows:

	<u>Assigned.</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Physically Satisfactory.</u>
(a) From LEE, Boyot LINARVLO and Eastern Districts.	654	525	486	151
(b) From ASHCROFT	500	504	494	375
(c) From ASHCROFT	854	793	773	385
	1968	1822	1753	911.

Further to this A., SD/3 of 1 Nov and your 305396/1/C.A., of 30 Nov, subject provision of volunteer reinforcements, replacements and personnel for pack tpt coys.

1. As at 10th Nov the requirement was for 2,711 made up as to all vide this A.. Above-quoted letter of 1 Nov and personnel for a further two new companies.
2. Up to 1 Dec 1,988 personnel had been assigned against this figure of 2,771. At this 1,988 only 1,822 had actually been found available and moved. Claims to desertion and other causes en route 1,750 arrived at their destination, of which 311 prove physically capable of duty in pack tpt coys. The balance of 842 was allotted to other duties in the Army.

These figures may be summarised as follows:

	Assigned	Trained	Arrived	Physically Suitable
(a) From LAC, Depot IMARVINO and Eastern Districts,	654	525	486	151
(b) From ASYCHI	500	504	494	375
(c) From ARAGOLA	834	793	773	365
	1988	1822	1753	911

2552

3. As at 1 Dec a further 170 personnel had been despatched ex-ARAGOLA and IMARVINO, who are all in transit. No report has yet been received on this draft. 500 available ex labour units in Disthree area are now scheduled to move (ATH, FA 60845 of 30 Nov refers.)
4. Should all the personnel referred to in para 3 arrive and prove suitable a deficiency of 1,110 remains against the requirement of 2,711 vide para 1.
5. As at 1 Dec 1,000 extra replacement were called for to cover wastage in companies during November.
6. It is proposed to meet the outstanding demand for 1,110 and 1,000 totalling 2,110 by trained and untrained personnel ex Balkans through St. Andrew's Camp T.R. Rail movement of this personnel is being arranged to take place during the period 11 - 17 Dec.
7. This personnel must be medically fit for volunteer duty. Clothing and personal equipment incl blankets sufficient for journey, will be issued at T.R. before departure.

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7. Cont'd. Battle equipment is awaiting personnel at Fifth Army. The draft will be moved direct to COLLE SALVETTE.

8. New companies. In addition to the two pack up companies mentioned above the requirement of companies is now increased by:

(a) Numbers.

BS-III	(1) personnel for 3 Coys	1,200
BS-III	(ii) " " 8 Coys 4,000 (Incl 90 Oftrs)	
	(iii) Barriers	100
	(iv) Saddlers	75
	(v) V & R Units.	500
		<u>4,675.</u>

TOT L - say - 6,000

9. It is planned that these personnel shall be trained by all in the fwd area and formed into self-contained coys before being used in the line.

10. Accommodation for a depot has been found and it is expected that personnel will be required at an early date for training. as soon as details are firm you will be notified.

Into copies:

L.M. T. G. L. L. L.
Major General.
A.S.I.

(iii)		75	
(iv)	Saddlers		
(v)	V & R Units.	500	4,675.

	TOTL - say -	6,000	-----

9. It is planned that these personnel shall be trained by A-1 in the find area and formed into self-contained coys before being used in the line.

10. Accommodation for a depot has been found and it is expected that personnel will be required at an early date for training. As soon as details are firm you will be notified.

A.M.T. G. Field
Major General,
A.A.I.

Into copies:

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FROM CG MTOUSA CITE NAGOT
TO 5th ARMT
INFO AAI (MMIA) PBS MAIN

062326A

SD/3

G. P. 7/12

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FX 64200

SECRET

Your 4538 dated 2 Dec 1944 (.) Shipment of 2400 Pack
Mule replacements between 10th Dec and 17 Dec is arranged (.)
PARA (.) Your para 2, regarding 2 units are ITI-ITI,
therefore not within ceiling

cgl

DIST
G (2)
Mov (2)
Float

Para 2 is not correct. This matter has long since
been decided by AAI. The two hospitals in 8 Army are
on the AFHQ per str list and the two in 5 Army must
be the same. We wired 5 Army the other day and told
them these were US-ITI. I called Major Barnes and
he said his section sent above signal. After 12551
him the story Barnes told me he would send
5 Army another signal and correct the
matter. The 2 Hosp to be US-ITI in 5 Army
ceiling.

Copied notes by Col Kerr

12041500 A

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FROM CG MTOUSA CITE NAGCT

062326A

TO 5th ARMY

INFO AAI MMIA PBS MAIN

FX 64200

SECRET

Your 4538 dated 2 Dec 1944 (.) Shipment of 2400 Pack
Mule replacements between 10th Dec and 17 Dec is arranged (.)
PARA (.) Your para 2, regarding 2 units are ITI-ITI,
therefore not within ceiling

See note

cgl

DIST
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PRIORITY **SECRET** **CONTROL COMMISSION**
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N102/06
Classification : S
Precedence : P
From : CG MTOUSA
To : ACTION 5th ARMY
INFO ADI MMIA, PBS

Date Time Rec'd : 062326A
Date Time Sent : 061907Z
Reference NR : FY 64200
Cite : NAGCT

SECRET PD YOUR FOUR FIVE THREE EIGHT DATED TWO DECEMBER ONE NINE
FOUR FOUR PD FOX XRAY SIX FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO SIGNED ~~CG~~ CG MTOUSA
ACTION TO FIFTH ARMY FOR INFO TO ABLE ABLE ITEM/MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE
CMA PENBASE MAIN CITE NAGCT RPT NAGCT PD SHIPMENT OF TWO FOUR ²⁰ ZERO
ZERO PACK MULE REPLACEMENTS BETWEEN TENTH DECEMBER AND ONE ^{VE} SEVEN
DECEMBER IS ARRANGED PD PARA PD YOUR PARA TWO CMA REGARDING TWO UNITS
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CEILING

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HEADQUARTERS
7-DEC 1944 2549
A. C.

SECRET

FROM WMLA
TO WAR MINISTRY
INFO 52 Area for WMLA LO
SD 1886

061200 ▲ SD/s

CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) Understand you have selected 280 men ex BALKANS now at ST ANDREWS' Camp TARANTO as suitable for PICENO (.) Provision of 2,119 personnel ex this Camp for pack tpt coys vide WMLA letter SD/3 of 6 is first priority (.) When the 2,119 have been found this rft draft of 280 should join PICENO under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion to WMLA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for direct to Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify WMLA/numbers chosen and destination required (.) WMLA will then/arrange for onward movement.

PRECEDENCE
AUTHENTICATED L.M. England H.C.L.

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Maj MONTGOMERY
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(S/SD/30)
(TS/0/1)

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under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion
to NMIA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for
direct to NMIA/numbers chosen and destination
Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify NMIA/numbers chosen and destination
required (.) NMIA will then arrange for onward movement.

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APRIL 1997

L.M. Fong (Lester) H-cl.

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SIGNAL

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FM MIA

TO AFHQ

INFO DISTHREE
DISTHREE EAST
PENSOUTH FOR MIA IO
SA AREA

SB 1889

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Restricted

Ref FX 62629 of 4 received today (.) Please confirm numbers actually
extracted from labour units in Disthree and requiring replacement.

PRECEDENCE

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FROM MHA

TO WAR MINISTRY

INFO 52 Area for MHA LO

SD 1886

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CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) Understand you have selected 280 men ex BALKANS now at ST ANDREWS' Camp TARANTO as suitable for PICENO (.) Provision of 2,119 personnel ex this Camp for pack tpt coys vide MHA letter SD/3 of 6 is first priority (.) When the 2,119 have been found this rft draft of 280 should join PICENO under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion to MHA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for direct to Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify MHA/numbers chosen and destination required (.) MHA will then/arrange for onward movement.

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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MAJ MURCELL

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(TS/C/21)

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When the 2,119 have been found this list must of 200 should join PICARD

under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion to MIA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for direct to Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify MIA/numbers chosen and destination required (.) MIA will then ^{authorize and} arrange for onward movement.

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MMIA

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5 ARMY

03 MYCUBA. HQ AMI. 00 PBS

SD 1001

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Ref your 4556 of 2 December para 2 (.)
525 and 635 Field Hospitals are repeat
are US-ITI and are under US-ITI calling

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Subject is 2119 soldiers ex St Andrews Camp Taranto to act as muleteers vide my SD 1863 of 30 Nov (.). Following action taken by MIA to correct Q 66 of 30 Nov from MIA TO TARANTO (.). FIRST (.). ~~Italian~~ Italian War Ministry instructed to despatch GR offer to select required no of personnel (.). If such personnel after selection do NOT obey orders they will be court martialled for disobedience or desertion (.). Minister for War personally informed that Allied Command does not propose to allow temperamental action on part of any serving Italian Army personnel (.). SECOND (.). ~~As~~ As large det CCPR as possible will accompany rail party to Fifth Army destination to prevent desertion en route (.). THIRD (.). ~~Blankets~~ Blankets and personal equipment necessary for travel will be issued TARANTO before departure (.). FOURTH (.). Wish to point out majority above men are due for 30 days repatriation leave (.). This not possible at present owing movement difficulties (.). Request FIFTH ARMY be instructed to approve 30 day leave as soon as operations permit

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

052207 Recd

TO MMIA

INFO MAIN AAI CITE FHGCT

FX 63481

SECRET

Subject is formation of Italian Mule Coys (.) Ref AAI/1605/79/G(SD1)
of 29 Nov 44 and conversation INGLEDEW - 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 fit "B" 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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MMIA Dist:- G(3)
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Reply SD1890 b100
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FROM MAIN AAI

051600A

TO NMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G 3 (Org)

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Ref your SD 1863 of 30 NOV (.). Your para 5 (a) (.) Split of Italian personnel between US ITI and BR ITI will be made by 5th Army when personnel arrive (.) Approx allotment 65% US and 35% BR.

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NMIA Dist: G (2)
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INFO V LAEE MR117

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 041530

TO MMIA ROME

INFO: 52 AREA Q - AFHQ -- KAI - 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO -

QBY GR 136 BT

Q66 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

YOUR SD1363 PARA 2 (.) ONLY APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER CENT ARRIVALS HAD ANY BLANKETS OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE FOR LONG JOURNEY (.) ARE THESE MEN TO BE SENT FORWARD WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROVISION (.) SERIOUS POSITION MULETEERS (.) PERSONNEL ALREADY CHOSEN WHEN ORDERED INTO SEPARATE PEN REFUSED AND SAID PREFERRED GO CONCENTRATION CAMP (.) REMAINDER WHEN QUESTIONED SHOW EXTREME UNWILLINGNESS TO BECOME MULETEERS (.) ITI COMMANDANT SAYS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECRUIT 2119 AND THINKS THAT IF DESPATCH LARGE NUMBERS WOULD DESERT EN ROUTE STOP COMMANDANT PREPARING REPORT STOP WILL SIGNAL LATER NUMBERS OF SUITABLE AND WILLING MULETEER STOP SENDING 1200 BRITISH TRANI 5 STOP SUGGEST SENDING ALL TO BRITI OR USITI DEPOTS AND RECRUIT MULETEERS FROM THERE STOP ALTERNATIVELY PUT ST ANDREWS ON PV BASE STOP REPORTS FROM BRITISH COMMANDANT AND LOAL PORT SECURITY SEC (FORWARDED TO YOU)

ENDORSE THIS

BT 041530

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MR 117 RECB

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FIFTH ARMY

041900A

MMIA, AAI

FX 62990

S E C R E T

Your 4539 dated 2 Dec 1944 (.) "Regular replacement depots and organization at present being set up by this HQ" (.) Procedure for obtaining specialized personnel at present is through channels to MMIA.

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REFER SD 1663 PARA 2 (.) MULETERS SENT
FWD WILL TAKE ONE RPT ONE ONLY BLANKET PER MAN AND MINIMUM
EATING EQUIPMENT (.) REPORT ADJUSTMENTS OF CAMP STOCKS NEEDED
IN VIEW ABOVE

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To :- G(Internal). /
Ufficio Trasporti.
Float File.

From :- Mov. L.O. (MMIA).

4 Dec 44

Move of Muleteers.

I give below copy of MOVEIT signal MOV1/1404 dated 3 Dec 44.

FROM MOVEIT.

TO DETRAMILES BARI. MMIA. MMIALO 54 AREA. MOV BRINDISI. MOV TARANTO.
MOV BARI. MOV BARLETTA. MOV FOGGIA. MOVWIT. MOV VAIRANO. MOV ROME
MOV WESTRAIL. MAIN AAL. DISTHREE. DISTHREE EAST. PBS. FENSOUTH.
701 BY GD DIV. RAAC. DMRI ROME. 52 AREA. 208 SUB AREA. 54 AREA.
210 SUB AREA. 5 AREA.

MOV1/1404 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Italian Muleteers move by rail to COLLE SALVETTI
on 5 Dec as follows (.) 40 all ranks dep BRINDISI 1144 in 2 box BARI arr 1857 (.)
85 all ranks dep TARANTO 1234 in 3 box BARI arr 2020 (.) Above parties joined
by 225 all ranks at BARI where dep 2100 in total BIVIO arr 060324 dep 0340 ETA
COLLE SALVETTI pm 8 Dec (.) Request MOVWIT arrange hot meal BENEVENTO MOV ROME
hot meal ROME Area (.) 6 days rations will be carried (.) Authy AFHQ signal
FX 60845 of 30 Nov not to all.

Dist SD/3 AC

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Capt RE
Mov. L.O.

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Subject: Military Exemption - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/30/2

H.Q. RAAC, C.M.V.

Ref para 4 of your 744/71 of 21 Nov/44

1. Application has been made for movement of 161 Muleteer rfts for 1 Pz Remount Depot (allotted by AFHQ).
2. The allotment of rfts to Italian Army units is controlled by AFHQ on priority lists.
3. It is therefore requested that you will forward your requirements to AFHQ (copy to this Hq) asking that priority be given to your demand.

SPA/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to "G" NMIA

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with Bari that they go on 2539
have done
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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 031750
TO MMIA ROME
INFO AFHQ FOR G5 52 AREA Q

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Mulsteers found so are class A 185 class B or C 792
total 977 (.) Those who await Tn are as yesterday
less 179 for PESCARA

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 031750A

TO MMIA ROME

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 52 AREA Q

QQX GR29 BT

Q 64 RESTRICTED SROP

MULETEERS FOUND SO AR ARE CLASS A 185 CLASS B OR C 792

TOTAL 977 STOP THOSE WHO AWAIT TN ARE AS YESTERDAY LESS 179

FOR P E S C A R A

BT 031750A

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED CITE FHTPH

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TO : PENEASE

021638

INFO: COM 8th Fleet - CTF 81 - DELTA BASE - SOLOO -
COMZONR EICUSA - FIFTH ARMY - AAI - WMA

FX 61726

SECRET

Estimated time of arrival 5 Dec are 2 Lsts at PORTO LONGONE,

ELBA to make the following moves:

- (1) 1 LST (.) Remainder of 29th RLA for MARSEILLEY (.)
- (2) 1 LST (.) Italian Mulsteers FIFTH Army, for PIOMBINO (.)

Request necessary arrangements be made.

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FROM: 5 ARMY
TO : CG MTCUSA
HQ AAI
INFO: HQ MMIA
OO PBS

022018A

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SECRET

One: Movements of Pack Mule Replacements as scheduled in AFHQ Cable
FX 60906 Time dated 011133A December 1944 are 1200 between 11 to 17
December and 1200 between 18 to 24 December (.) Request that highest
priority be given these shipments in order to accelerate delivery 1
week beginning 4 December 1944 (.) Two: New subject: MMIA Order of
Battle No. 2/4 dated 27 November 1944 shows 825 and 835 Field Hospital
under US-ITIS (.) MMIA IC here informed this HQ that all medical
installations are ITI-ITI and not within ceiling (.) Request confirmation

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N118/02
Classification : S
Precedence : P IMPORTANT
From : 5 ARMY
To : MTUSA, HQ AAI ACTION
MMIA, PBS FOR INFO

HEADQUARTERS
3-DEC1944
A. C.

Date Time Rec'd : 02-2250A
Time Sent : 022014A
Reference NR : 4538

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SECRET CLN ONE CLN MOVEMENTS OF PACK MULE REPLACEMENTS AS SCHEDULED
FX/60906 1 Dec
IN ABLE FOX HOW QUEEN CABLE FOX XRAY SIX ZERO NINE ZERO SIX TIME DATED
ZERO ONE ONE ONE THREE THREE ABLE DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FOUR ARE ONE
/O ZERO ZERO BETWEEN ONE ONE TO ONE SEVEN DECEMBER AND ONE TWO ZERO
ZERO BETWEEN ONE EIGHT TO TWO FOUR DECEMBER PAREN FIVE ARMY TO CHARLIE
GEORGE MTOUSA CMA HOW QUEEN ABLE ABLE ITEM FOR ACTION TO HOW QUEEN
MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE CMA CHARLIE OBOE PETER BAKER SUGAR FOR INFORMATION
PAREN X REQUEST THAT HIGHEST PRIORITY BE GIVEN THESE SHIPMENTS IN
ORDER TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY ONE WEEK BEGINNING FOUR DECEMBER ONE
FOUR FOUR X TWO CLN NEW SUBJECT CLN MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE ORDER OF BATTLE
NUMBER TWO SLANT FOUR DATED TWO SEVEN NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FOUR SHOWS

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INSTALLATIONS ARE ITI DASH ITI AND NOT WITHIN CEILING X REQUEST

CONFIRMATION

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LROF V LAEE NR36

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FROM 52 AREA 021100A

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA ROME MMIALO

QQX GR98 BT

QG.400/18 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF MMIA SIG SD 1563 REGARDING
ITALIAN MULETEERS (.) MMIALO CONFIRMS ALL MULETEERS CAN BE EQUIPPED 2
BLANKETS AND IS ARRANGING THROUGH ITALIAN CHANNELS FOR PERSONAL EATING
UTENSILS (.) BLANKETS AT SCALE 2 PER MAN WILL HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED AT
EXPENSE B COMPOUND HOLDINGS (.) MMIALO IS ATTEMPTING TO GET
REPLACEMENT FROM ITALIANS BUT DOUBTFUL IF POSSIBLE (.) TOTAL PRESENT
HOLDING AFTER ALLOWING ABOVE IS 12000 BLANKETS (.)
ARRIVAL PROGRAMME 8000 REPATRIATES BY 20 DEC IN ADDITION TO PRESENT
OCCUPANTS STILL REMAINING (.) SALVAGE CLOTHING AND ECOTS PROVIDED FOR
REPATRIATES NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR THE PROCEEDING ARMY AREA UNLESS
THEY ARE RECLOTHED THERE

BT 021100A

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RD NR 36 0220A HTN AR K

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No :

Classification :

Precedence :

From :

To :

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Info AAI 5th ARMY DISTHREE

Date Time Rec'd :

Date Time Sent :

Reference NR :

Cite :

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FX 60906

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SECRET. 5th Army cable of 29th (received unreferenced) subject munitions. At 10th November 5th Army requirement was for 2771 munitions. This figure included for two new companies. 911 munitions have been accepted by 5th Army. 170 are on rail (distance SD 389 dated 27th November NOT to all reports). 580 are available distance moving 5th December. This will leave deficit of 1110. 5th Army cable 6895 dated 27th November calls for 1000 extra replacements for wastage in companies during November. Total outstanding demand 2110 will be met from personnel ex BALKANS now at TARANTO. AAI bidding for 1200 to move period 11th-17th December and 1200 for period 18th-24th December. Ensure personnel medically fit for munition duty. Maximum clothing personal equipment and blankets will accompany. These move direct to COLLE SALVETTI for completion of equipment and clothing under 5th Army order. **2531** This action completes 5th Army requirement including two additional companies. Balance of three new companies will be considered on priority immediately following the above provisions.

Talked with 5th Army WFO 02/11/45

011735

Translation.

From: MM of W.
To: MM 1A.

Ref: 30524411/C.A. R 29
Date: 27th Nov. 44. R 11

Subject: Inconveniences verified in sending reinforcements to Pack Troops Units.

Difficulties in transportation compels me only this day to forward, for MM 1A's attention, some serious inconveniences checked during September last relative to the dispatch of reinforcement to Pack Troops Units.

I reproduce the facts -

a) By order of MM 1A, on 17/8/44, commanded by Capt. Avellone, 4 officers & 140 men, left Naples by rail to go as reinforcement to the 12, 13, 15 & 16 Pack Troops Units of the 210 Div. Once in Rome, they were entrained for Grosseto where, according to agreements taken between T. Col. Ricci, Commander of the 210 Div. Transit Camp in Rome and Capt. For MM 1A, they had to proceed by road to Ponte Ginori Pack Troops Training Centre. But transport was not provided and the group of reinforcement had to remain in Grosseto on the 19, 20 & 21 without ration or accommodation. The commander of the reinforcements sent, on the 19th, one of his officers, who had to hitch hike his way to Ponte Ginori, and inform the Training Centre of the actual position of the reinforcements and arrangements be made to get them to their destination.

Having had no news from Ponte Ginori nor the promised transport arrived from Rome, the reinforcement commander decided, on the 21st, to entrain for Livorno. But an American Police got them off the train.

Then Capt. Avellone reported to the local Mag. 2530 authority in order to get transport to convey his men to destination. The answer was negative.

The officer sent to Ponte Ginori returned and said that he got at the Training Centre on the 19th and was told by the Commandant of the Centre that nothing was known about the reinforcement.

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The officer sent to Ponte Civini returned and said that he got at the Training Centre on the 19th and was told by the Commandant of the Centre that nothing was known about the reinforcement and that no transport could be sent because none was available. The commandant reported the fact personally to the 210th Div.

In the meantime during the afternoon of the 19th, 210 Div. was informed vaguely that about 100 men were in transit at Grosseto. Although 210 Div. was not certain that these men were for them, they informed 1st SS Army and requested transport for Grosseto to collect the party and were assured by HQ 5th Army that this service will be done on the 20th. But it was not done.

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Having waited until the 22nd for transport and ration which never reached, the men began to leave when Capt. Avallone decided to return back to the unit on the 23rd. He entrained the party for Rome.

The party was detrained by the American Police at Civitavecchia on the 24th.

Having tried to get the party on the train in vain, Capt. Avallone ordered to his dependants to make their way separately back to the 35th Inf Depot, Salerno.

Once in Rome and having heard that some of his men were at the station, the rpm officer asked and obtained from the police a permit to entrain ~~some~~ for the south. They were once more detrained by the allied police at Roccasecca.

It was not until the 27th that Capt. Avallone could reach Salerno with a group of his men (23 in all) while the remainder was still scattered about in the streets of Toscana, Lazio & Campania.

b) Similar facts were verified during the same month of September with the 160 soldiers sent as reinforcement to the 8th Army which to be brief, I do not detail.

c) Italian HQs have punished several officers who were found guilty in some ways.

Therefore, these were checked because:-
1) the movements were not brought to the notice of the units concerned, in time.

2) Transport was not arranged.

3) Italian HQs ^{had} little rapid means of transport 2529

d) On the above, conclusion can be drawn which would be very useful to avoid in future the inconvenients mentioned which cause a bad effect on the moral of the troops:-

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 - 1) ~~that~~ that allied HQs that order the movement and have rapid means of transportation, inform in time all Italian units which are affected by the movement.
 - 2) That, owing to eventual difficulties that may be encountered during the journey, the party be accompanied by an allied officer or Sgt.

Sgt. CHOLE

(Sgd) Gen. ORLANDO.



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Ord. N° 30524/1/C. Affari

317-IV-12

Ripartita al Fido

Roma, 24 novembre 1944

Dir. 15

Oggetto: inconvenienti verificatisi nell'avviamento a destinazione di complementi per salmerie.

Al

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (L.M.I.A.)

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R O M A

Difficoltà di rapidi collegamenti, per accertare alcune questioni inerenti a responsabilità di comandi in sottordine, mi consentono soltanto oggi di portare a conoscenza di codesta Missione alcuni gravi inconvenienti verificatisi nel settembre scorso nei riguardi dell'avviamento a destinazione di complementi per salmerie.

Sintetizzo i fatti:

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Rientrato al drappello l'ufficiale inviato a Ponte Ginori, questi riferì giunto il 19 al centro addestramento, qui nulla sapevano in merito a questi complementi e che il comandante del centro non poteva mandarli a ritirare perchè non aveva gli automezzi. Avrebbe interessato la 210 divisione recandovisi di persona; cosa che fece.

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Intanto nel pomeriggio del 19 la 210^a divisione aveva avuto la prima incerta notizia che a Grosseto sostavano un centinaio di cecchi. Pur non avendo la sicurezza che essi fossero a lei destinati in teressava il comando della 5^a Armata per l'irvio dei mezzi di trasporto a Grosseto e riceveva assicurazione che il 20 mattina l'autotrasporto sarebbe stato effettuato. Ma non lo fu.

Il capitano Avallone, visto che anche il 22 era passato senza ricevere né viveri né mezzi di trasporto e che gli uomini cominciavano ad allontanarsi per proprio conto decise di rientrare in sede, ed il 23, caricati i complementi sul treno partì alla volta di Roma.

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- 3) i comandi italiani ebbero scarse possibilità di collegamenti rapidi.

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