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SD/3/1/A Mule Units - Provisions + Moves Vol. 1

Opened Jan. 29, 1945. Closed Feb. 17, 1945 2nd Cover

Jan. - Feb. 1945

Remarks. 17 FEB 1945

Situation regarding 8 new Br. Di. mule corp  
Hile Tpt Centro  
252 Gp. + four corps have been trained at Fosambone (-2000 men  
roughly (1900-2000) are now ready but ~~2~~ under  
strength in specialists. ~~2~~ Ordinary personnel  
deficiencies due to eq. see p. 286 are being  
made up from ORVETO B.R.D. under 1 Dist  
arrangements.

253 Sp + four corps completed move to Fosambone 16 Feb  
from Orveto fort. They include 500 ex Br. Di.  
to 79th Regt.

All are mostly young Sicily recalls (1914-17 classes)

Rpts ex Orveto are moving will move bids for  
Port. weeks 19-25 & 26-4 to 5 Army Br. Di.

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See p. 285 ref 800 from Tiroso of these  
Note 5 Army say they need more under

made up from ORVETO B.R.D. under 1 Diet  
arrangements

253 sp + 1 juv crows completed move to Fossumbore 16 Feb  
from Orveto 1st try. They include 500 ex 1st juv  
6 70th Rpt.

All are worthy young Sicily recalls (1924-17 classes)

Rpts ex Orveto are moving vide move birds for  
Port. weeks 19-25 & 26-4 to 5 strong Br juv.

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See 1 to 255 ref 800 from Tiaad  
Note 5 Army say they need more of these  
so we must go carefully in 1st try.

ATHEP  
It is intended that Fossumbore shall continue (after  
departure 253 sp when trained say mid Mar) as  
unleken aft centre - ceiling box.

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PAGES MISSING OR  
PAGINATION INCORRECT -  
FILMED AS FOUND

62  
1. 2000 mules were originally to be provided by PICENO

This was later amended to 1400 of PICENO  
 600 of CESANO  
2000

2. Actually supplied were

1137 of PICENO  
 220 of MANTOVA  
 572 of CESANO  
1929

3. Shes were received FORVISTO as follows:-

(a) From TARANTO area Arrived ORVISTO

|                     |     |   |        |
|---------------------|-----|---|--------|
| From 235 Inf Regt } | 377 | ✓ | 15 JAN |
| " 336 - }           |     |   |        |
| " 336 - -           | 160 | ✓ | 17 ..  |

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(b) From BENEVENTO area

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512 ex CESANO1929

3. "Shore were received" ORVILETO as follows:-

|                              |     |                         |
|------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| (a) <u>From TARANTO area</u> |     | <u>Arrived ORVILETO</u> |
| From 235 Inf Regt }          | 377 | ✓ 15 JAN                |
| " 336 - }                    |     |                         |
| " 336 - -                    | 160 | ✓ 17 "                  |

|                                |     |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|
| (b) <u>From BENEVENTO area</u> |     | 2753 |
| From MANTOVA                   | 220 | 23 " |
| " 332 Inf Regt }               | 600 | 27 " |
| " 120 Autonomous Bn }          |     |      |

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| (c) <u>From CESANO</u> |             |
| From 10th RTC          | 352         |
| " - "                  | 220         |
|                        | <u>1929</u> |

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB

021235A

TO : MMIA

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP  
DISTONEFX 36127RESTRICTED

189 263 179 172

YOUR SD 2321 OF 21 FEB (.) FIRST (.) DISPOSAL OF PICENO PERSONNEL  
NOT CLEAR (.) SECOND (.) YOUR SD 1939 OF 15 DEC STATED 2,000 WOULD  
BE PROVIDED FOR NEW PACK TPT COYS (.) REDUCTION THIS NUMBER TO  
1,400 PROPOSED IN YOUR SD 1975 OF 20 DEC AND AGREED TO IN MY  
FX 73171 OF 23 DEC PROVIDED FIT MULETEERS COULD BE SUPPLIED TO  
FULL NUMBER IN TIME (.) THIRD (.) 1 DISTRICT REPORTED ON 19 FEB  
THAT ONLY 503 PICENO PERSONNEL SO FAR REPORTED ORVIETO FOR NEW  
COYS WITH RESULT REMAINDER MULETEERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN MAJORITY  
FROM POOR TYPE SICILIANS (.) FOURTH (.) REPORT DETAILED DISPOSAL  
OF ORIGINAL 2,000 EX PICENO PERSONNEL (.) FIFTH (.) ENSURE NO MORE  
SICILIANS SENT TO NEW PACK COYS OR TO REINFORCE EXISTING COYS UNLESS  
SPECIALLY QUALIFIED

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 QVR 1  
 FROM: LAEE 021235A  
 TO: MMIA  
 INFO: 15 ARMY GP, DISTONE  
 GR 141 BT

RESTRICTED (.) YOUR SD 2321 OF 21 FEB (.) FX EVQ/// FX 36127  
 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB (.) FIRST (.) DISPOSAL OF PICENO PERSONNEL  
 NOT CLEAR (.) SECOND (.) YOUR SD 1939 OF QT// 15 DEC STATED 2,000  
 WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR NEW PACK TPT COYS (.) REDUCTION THIS UN//  
 NUMBER TO 1,400 PROPOSED IN YOUR SD 1945 OF 20 DEC AND AGREED  
 TO IN MY FX 73171 OF 23 DEC PROVIDED FIT MULETEERS COULD  
 BE SUPPLIED TO FULL NUMBER IN TIME (.) THIRD (.) ONE DISTRICT  
 REPORTED ON 19 FEB THAT ONLY 503 PICENO PERSONNEL SO FAR REPORTED  
 ORVIETO FOR NEW COYS WITH RESULT REMAINDER MULETEERS HAVE BEEN  
 PROVIDED IN MAJORITY FROM POOR TYPE SICILIANS (.)  
 FOURTH (.) REPORT DETAILED DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL 2,000 EX PICENO PERSONNEL  
 (.) FIFTH (.) ENSURE NO MORE IS// SICILIANS SENT TO NEW PACK COYS  
 OR TO REINFORCE EXISTING COYS UNLESS SPECIALY QUALIFIED

BT 021235A  
 CC:: LAST LINE E 3 GR REINFORCE  
 SENT NR 30 021342A WTB AR TNX K  
 RECD NR 30 021342QA OH

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| M.M.I.A.  | 1R 2/3 |
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| Date Recd | 2/3/45 |

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C O P Y

From : MMI LO I DISTRICT  
To : ITALIAN RFTS DEPOT ORVIETO  
Info : MMIA ROME  
Ref : G 23

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FOSSOMBRONE report for 25 Feb that 3 Medical Offrs urgently  
required

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C O P Y

FROM: DIST NE

TO : AFHQ CI TE FIGAB

INFO: MMIA: 15 ARMY GP • 61 AREA: ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO

SD 6

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR FX 34680 OF 27 FEB NOT TO ALL (.) OF 700 MULETEER RFTS UNDER REFERENCE  
509 MOVED TO FOSSOMBRONE 23 FEB (.) BALANCE WILL BE MOVED SHORTLY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS  
THIS HQ

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FROM : AFHQ

TO : DISTONE

INFO : MMIA : 15 ARMY GROUP

FX 34680

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE MMIA SD 2321 OF 21 FEB (\*) CONFIRM YOU CAN MOVE 700 MULETEER  
RFTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 UNDER YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

Precedence -

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Info SD/42/6

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ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY  
253 GROUP (270, 271, 272, 273, COYS. )

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GROUP H.Q.

|                     | W.E. | Date of Departure.              | Deficient. |
|---------------------|------|---------------------------------|------------|
|                     |      | 9 Feb 45. 14 Feb 45. 16 Feb 45. |            |
| Officer Commanding. |      |                                 |            |
| Lieut Colonel.      | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Adjutant (Capt.)    | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Captain.            | 1    |                                 | 1          |
| Subaltern (Interp.) | 1    | 1                               |            |
| TOTAL OFFICERS      | 4    | 3                               | 1 N        |
| O.R.                |      |                                 |            |
| Sgt. Clerk          | 2    | 2                               |            |
| Cpl. Clerk          | 2    | 2                               |            |
| Cpl. Cook           | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Cpl. Driver i/c     | 1    | 1                               |            |
| L/C Driver i/c      | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Pte. Batmen         | 3    | 3                               |            |
| Pte. Bat. Groom     | 4    | 4                               |            |
| Pte. Clerks         | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Pte. Cooks          | 1    | 1                               |            |
| Pte. Drivers i/c    | 7    | 7                               |            |
| Pte. Grooms         | 2    | 2                               |            |
| Pte Orderlies       | 5    | 5                               |            |
| Pte. Officers Mess  |      |                                 |            |
| Waiter              | 1    | 1                               |            |
| TOTAL O.R.          | 31   | 31                              |            |
| TOTAL GP. H.Q.      | 35   | 34                              | 1          |

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ATTACHED.

| OFFICERS        | W.E. | Date of Departure |            |            | Deficient |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                 |      | 9 Feb 45.         | 14 Feb 45. | 16 Feb 45. |           |
| Medical         | 4    | 1                 |            | 1          | 2         |
| Veterinary      | 4    | 2                 | 1          |            | 1         |
| TOTAL OFFICERS  | 8    | 3                 | 1          | 1          | 3         |
| O.R.            |      |                   |            |            |           |
| Sgt Vet         | 4    |                   | 4          |            |           |
| Pte Gen Duties  | 4    |                   |            | 4          |           |
| Pte Bat Groom   | 4    |                   | 4          |            |           |
| Pte Interpreter | 20   |                   |            |            |           |
| TOTAL O.R.      | 32   |                   | 8          | 4          | 20        |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS | 40   | 3                 | 9          | 5          | 23        |

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PACK TRANSPORT COY. H.Q. (4)

|                  | W.E. | Date of Departure |            |            | Deficient |
|------------------|------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                  |      | 9 Feb 45.         | 14 Feb 45. | 16 Feb 45. |           |
| OFFICERS         |      |                   |            |            |           |
| Major            | 4    |                   | 1          | 2          | 1         |
| Capt. 2i/c       | 4    |                   | 1          | 1          | 2         |
| Capt. Admin.     | 4    | 2                 |            | 2          |           |
| Sub L.O.         | 4    |                   | 2          | 2          |           |
| TOTAL OFFICERS   | 16   | 2                 | 4          | 7          | 3         |
| O.R.             |      |                   |            |            |           |
| S/Sgt Major      | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| C.Q.M.S.         | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Sgt Farrier      | 4    |                   |            |            | 4         |
| Sgt Wheelers     | 4    |                   |            |            | 4         |
| Sgt Admin.       | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Cpl Shoemaker    | 4    |                   |            |            | 4         |
| Cpl Clerks       | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Cpl Cooks        | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Cpl Gen Duties   | 16   | 16                |            |            |           |
| L/C Fitters M.T. | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| L/C Cooks        | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| L/C Gen Duties   | 16   | 16                |            |            |           |
| Pte Cooks        | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Pte Clerks       | 4    | 4                 |            |            |           |
| Pte Gen Duties   | 132  | 132               |            |            |           |
| TOTAL O.R.       | 212  | 200               |            |            | 12        |
| Total All Ranks  | 228  | 202               | 4          | 7          | 15        |

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TROOP H.Q. (16)

| OFFICERS          | W.E. | Date of Departure |            |            | Deficient |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                   |      | 9 Feb 45.         | 14 Feb 45. | 16 Feb 45. |           |
| Sub Platoon Comm. | 16   | 3                 | 5          | 9          |           |
| TOTAL OFFICERS    | 16   | 3                 | 5          | 9          |           |
| O.R.              |      |                   |            |            | 8         |
| Sgt Platoon       | 16   | 8                 |            |            | 16        |
| Sgt Saddlers      | 16   |                   |            |            | 16        |
| Sgt Farriers      | 16   |                   |            |            |           |
| Cpl Cooks         | 16   | 16                |            |            | 16        |
| Cpl Farriers      | 16   |                   |            |            |           |
| Cpl Gen Duties    | 32   | 9                 | 23         |            | 16        |
| Pte Farriers      | 16   |                   |            |            | 16        |
| Pte Saddlers      | 16   |                   |            |            |           |
| Pte Cooks         | 16   | 16                |            |            | 16        |
| Pte Shoemakers    | 16   |                   |            |            | 30        |
| Pte Gen Duties    | 176  | 13                | 133        |            | 134       |
| TOTAL O.R.        | 352  | 62                | 156        |            | 134       |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS   | 368  | 65                | 161        | 9          | 134       |

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*Consolidation*

SECTIONS (96)

|                  | W.E. | Date of Departure |            |            | Deficient |
|------------------|------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                  |      | 9 Feb 45.         | 14 Feb 45. | 16 Feb 45. |           |
| Cpl Commd        | 96   |                   | 40         | 20         | 36        |
| L/C Pack Drivers | 96   |                   |            | 58         | 38        |
| Pte Pack Drivers | 1152 |                   | 473        | 368        | 311       |
| TOTAL            | 1344 |                   | 513        | 446        | 385       |
|                  |      |                   |            |            |           |
| TOTAL GP H.Q.    | 35   | 34                | 1          |            |           |
| TOTAL COY H.Q.   | 228  | 202               | 4          | 7          | 15        |
| TOTAL TROOP H.Q. | 368  | 65                | 161        | 9          | 133       |
| TOTAL ATTACHED   | 40   | 3                 | 9          | 5          | 23        |
| TOTAL SECTIONS   | 1344 |                   | 513        | 446        | 385       |
| GRAND TOTAL      | 2015 | 304               | 688        | 467        | 556       |

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Subject:- Deficiency of 253 Group.

From:- Iti. Rein. Depot

ORVIETO

Ref B1/9/2/

21 Feb 45.

To:- GSO 111(Pers)

Land Forces Sub Comm.

( MMIA )

The total deficiencies of 253 Group is as shown 556. Of this deficiency 408 Ex Arty were forwarded to help out 252 and 253 Groups. This leaves a deficiency of 148 plus 300 Reinforcements demanded for 252 Gp. Total 448.

These are mainly tradesmen required ie:-

Saddlers 52  
Farriers 48  
Shoemakers 20  
Wheelers 4  
Pte Interpreters 20  
M.Os. 2  
Vet. Officers 1

Total 149 not available.

Under orders awaiting transport 500 made up as follows:-

|              |    |   |                      |
|--------------|----|---|----------------------|
| Ex Piceno    | 72 | } | 164 plus 2 Cpts plus |
| Ex Iti. Arty | 80 |   |                      |
| Farriers     | 12 |   |                      |
|              |    |   | 236 O.RS;            |

*18. Iti. Arty by 2nd*

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| MMIA.     | <i>22</i>    |
| FILE REF  | <i>50/37</i> |
| Date Recd | <i>22/2/</i> |

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*M. T. T. T.*

Major

Comm. British Cadre.

JWT/hb.

*2742*

SD/5.

264

Subject:- Italian Personnel - 252 Tpt Group.

Liaison Officer;  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.O. (MMIA)  
c/o HQ., 1 District.  
Ref LG/323.

19 Feb 45.

To:- Italian Rfts Depot - ORVIETO.

- 1; The attached letter from ADST., 6I Area, is forwarded to you for action.
- 2.11 Will you please supply the deficiencies.
3. If FIDRA has definitely been posted to the permanent staff at ORVIETO will you see if he can be released and posted to 252 Group where operationally he will be more valuable.
4. If he is not a posted member of the Camp Staff please forward him on to 252 Gp as speedily as possible.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
MMIA HQ., 1 District.

Copy to:- HQ., 209 Division  
ADST., 6I Area.  
HQ., MMIA.

(copy attached)

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|           |                    |
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| MMIA      | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| FILE REF  | 50/3/1             |
| Date Recd | 22/2/              |

REF

Subject:- Italian Personnel  
232 Italian Peak Tpt Group

4/51/408

15 Feb 45

DIST 1 DISTRICT

The deficiency of Italian officers is delaying training progress in 232 Italian Peak Tpt Group and the following are the current deficiencies :-

3 Admin Captains  
1 Capt 2 i/c  
1 Capt for Group  
4 Subalterns

May steps please be taken to procure these officers from GVIETO where it is understood they are held.

The Coy Comd of 263 Coy has been relieved of his command for inefficiency and is being held pending evacuation. Application was made some time ago for a replacement to be sent and Comd Fiara of the Artillery Alpina was requested by name as Comd of 263 Coy. He is an extremely efficient officer and in consequence is being held at GVIETO. Instead of Fiara, a Major from the Air Force whose knowledge of mountaineering in consequence is rather limited, was sent. May further application please be made for Fiara's posting.

(330) AG MACKINTOSH, Lt-Col.,  
ADST.

HQ 61 AREA

Field.

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| M.M.I.A.  | 9/22   |
| FILE REF  | 52/3/1 |
| Date Recd | 22/2   |

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

DISTONE

O.C. BR CADRE ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO

SD 2321

CONFIDENTIAL

FHGAB

FX 29906 OF 19 (\*) FIRST (\*) UNDERSTAND FROM ORVIETO THAT FOLLOWING MULETEER  
RFTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FOSSOMBRONE (\*) 500 WHOM ORVIETO DEPOT HAVE ALREADY ASKED  
DISTONE TO MOVE (\*) FURTHER 200 ALSO READY FOR WHOM MOVE NOW REQUIRED (\*)  
TOTAL 700 (\*) SECOND (\*) PICENO PERSONNEL LESS NORMAL ITALIAN WASTAGE ARRIVED ORVIETO  
IN JAN (\*) PERSONNEL ALREADY SENT TO FOSSOMBRONE FOR 253 GP WERE LARGELY EX PICENO (\*)  
FURTHER 72 ARE INCLUDED IN 500 MENTIONED PARA FIRST (\*) THIRD (\*) DEPOT FURTHER  
REPORTS THAT PERSONNEL EX 7 MTN REGT WERE DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS (\*)  
501 INCLUDING CPFRS WERE RECEIVED AT ORVIETO (\*) 408 WERE SENT TO FOSSOMBRONE  
IN DRAFTS OF APPROX 200 ON 14 AND 16 FEB (\*) APPROX 50 WILL BE INCLUDED IN DRAFT  
OF 500 MENTIONED PARA FIRST (\*) SICKNESS LEAVE AND ABSENCE ACCOUNTS FOR BALANCE ( \*)  
FOURTH (\*) FURTHER 140 MULETEERS ARE NOW UNDER YOUR ORDERS TO MOVE FROM TRANI  
DIRECT TO AREZZO FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR

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File: SD/42/6

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FIGAB

TO : MMIA

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INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP  
DISTONE

FX 29906

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN PACK TPT COYS FORMING FOSSOMERONE (.) FIRST (.) UNDERSTAND FROM  
15 ARMY GROUP: (A) 700 MULETEERS STILL REQUIRED (B) NO EX-PICENO PERSONNEL HAVE  
YET ARRIVED (C) ONLY 200 OUT OF 500 PERSONNEL EX 7 MTN REGT HAVE ARRIVED (.) SECOND (.)  
REQUEST YOU TAKE UP IMMEDIATELY WITH ORVIETO BASE DEPOT AND REPORT TO THIS HQ EARLIEST  
THE NUMBER OF BASICALLY TRAINED RFTS AT ORVIETO AVAILABLE TO BE MOVED TO FOSSOMERONE (.)  
DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE IN THIS NUMBER AS MANY PERSONNEL EX PICENO AND EX 7 MTN REGT AS  
POSSIBLE

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TO MMIA

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

DISTONE

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FX 29906 RESTRICTED

SUBJECT IS ITALIAN PACK TPT COYS FORMING FOSSOMBRONE (.)

SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB (.)

FIRST (.) UNDERSTAND FROM 15 ARMY GROUP :

(A) 700 MULETEERS STILL REQUIRED

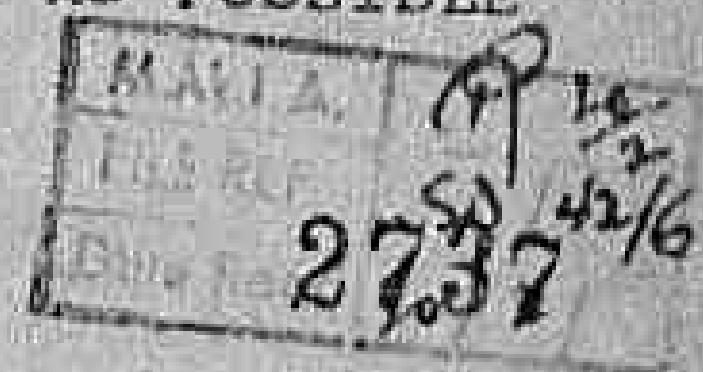
(B) NO EX-PICENO PERSONNEL HAVE YET ARRIVED

(C) ONLY 200 OUT OF 500 PERSONNEL EX 7 MTN REGT  
HAVE ARRIVED (.)

SECOND (.) REQUEST YOU TAKE UP IMMEDIATELY WITH ORVIETO BASE  
DEPOT AND REPORT TO THIS HQ EARLIEST THE NUMBER  
OF BASICALLY TRAINED RFTS AT ORVIETO AVAILABLE TO BE MOVED  
TO FOSSOMBRONE (.) DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE IN THIS  
NUMBER AS MANY PERSONNEL EX PICENO AND EX 7 MTN REGT AS POSSIBLE

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SENT NR 7 MIP BB  
R-7---0148A J O E K



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

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RESTRICTED.

REF YOUR FY 28931 OF 17 FEB (\*) ACTION ALREADY TAKEN TO DISPOSE  
OF MULETERS REJECTS FROM FOSSCHBROME (\*) FIT PERSONNEL  
BEING ASSIGNED IN PWR UNITS (\*) UNFIT PERSONNEL DISPOSED OF THROUGH  
ITALIAN MED CHANNELS

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FROM : MMIA LO I DIST:

TO : 252 PACK TPT GP URBINO

INFO : 253 PACK TPT GP FOSSOMBRONE : ST I DISTRICT WFO DW : MMIA (ROME)

G 23

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REFERENCE SIGNAL TO 209 DIVISION FROM PACLINI (\*) 7 MOUNTAIN REGT (\*)  
PERSONNEL ARE TO BE USED AS RETS FOR PACK TPT GROUPS (\*) THOSE ENTITLED  
TO LEAVE CAN BE SENT SUBJECT TO NORMAL REGULATIONS WHICH INCLUDE NOT MORE THAN  
FIVE PER CENT AT ONCE

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LRCT V HDEK NR 17361

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QON GR RR

TO 252 PACK TPT GP. URBINO

INFO 253 PACK TPT GP. FOSSOMERONE: ST 1 DISTRICT:

WFO DW: NMIA (HOME)

FROM NMIA LG 1 DIST

G23 17----

RESTRICTED(.) REFERENCE SIGNAL TO 239 DIVISION FROM P A O L I N I (.)  
7 MOUNTAIN REGT. PERSONNEL ARE TO BE USED AS REFS FOR PACK TPT  
GROUPS (.) THOSE ENTITLED TO LEAVE CAN BE SENT SUBJECT TO NORMAL  
REGULATIONS WHICH INCLUDE NOT MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT AT ONCE

BT THI 1152

SENT NR 671 -5 1835 JA B3 AIXM

RD 1835A FA B KKKKKK

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C O P Y

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FR : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FEGAB

TO : DISTONE

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP  
MMIA

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EX 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 AS LABOUR RFTS FOR YOUR OWN ITALIAN LABOUR COYS

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LAB

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FROM : OC SCHOOL OF FARRIERY

170800A.

TO : COMMANDANT, ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT CAMP, ORVIETO

INFO : MMIA : OC 252 ITALIAN PACK TPT

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RESTRICTED.

15 ITALIAN SOLDIERS BEING DESPATCHED TO YOU BY RAIL 17 FEB 45 (\*)  
13 TRAINED FARRIERS FOR 252 ITALIAN PACK TPT COY (\*) 2 UNSUITABLE

Precedence -

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ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 58/17

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

C.C. School of Paratrooper Action

Commandant, Italian Reinforcement Camp, Orvieto.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

H.M.I.A.

C.C. 252 Italian Paratrooper Coy.

Originator's No.

Message Instructions

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15 Italian soldiers being dispatched to you by rail 17 Feb 48.

15 trained Paratroopers for 252 Italian Paratrooper Coy. 12 available. 0

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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R. Walker

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FROM : AFHQ  
TO : MMIA

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PLEASE SUBMIT A REPORT ON STATUS MULETEERS PROVIDED FIFTH ARMY FOR MONTH  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

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FROM: MMIA LO DISTONE

TO : ~~SECRETARY~~ ST 61 AREA

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INFO: ST DISTONE  
19 PIONEER GP  
MMIA (ROME)  
DDL 1 DIST

STM 3201

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE DISPOSAL 200 UNFIT 252 ITALIAN PACK TPT GP (.) PLEASE DESPATCH IN  
PARTIES OF 50 AT FEW DAYS INTERVAL TO ANCONA ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR  
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND GRADING (.) THEY WILL DISPOSE OF THE UNFIT (.) PLEASE  
CONTACT 19 PIONEER GP HQ FOR USING THE FIT AS RFTS FOR 1 PL COYS IN ANCONA

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10 SI 61 AREA FOR INFO :- SI DISTONE 19 PIONEER GP :  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.  
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N5/14  
CLASSIFICATION : SECRET

DATE : 13 FEB

FROM : FREEDOM

REF NO FX 26241

TO : MIDEAST RPTD MMIA

CITE FHGAB

SECRET (\*) SIGNED ALEXANDER (\*) YOUR 78721/1/AG5 (C) DATED 9th FEB (\*)  
PLEASE DESPATCH SOONEST 812 PW VOLUNTEERS AS MULETEERS (\*) NOTIFY PORT  
AND ETA REPEATED MMIA

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*5 Army does not need any! 16F REP*

*London suggest*

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*200 to*  
*300 to*  
*100 to*

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*Antoni for US 1/1*  
*Fossumhouse - Batti*  
*Fossumhouse - Iti Iti*  
*for Ved House.*

*? Clothing etc..*

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Muleteers from Sicily

RCV/jad

| D. | FROM         | TO              | DATE           |
|----|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2. | Sr<br>MIA LO | LFSCAG<br>(MIA) | 12 Feb<br>1945 |

Reference my Buck Slip of 7 February 1945. Here is another copy of the same complaint and translation I sent you. It is my opinion that Gen. Cortese is right and that these Sicilians will not make good muleteers. This situation is not likely to occur again in the future but it is well to remember if it should.

*R. C. Van Kirk*  
R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,  
5th Army.

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
Office of the Adjutant General

DATE: 11 Feb

Routing Slip

|                                             |           |          |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| CG                                          | ASC       | PM       | Information                                          |
| Wides                                       | Br. Incr  | PRO      | Notation and Return                                  |
| C/S                                         | Chap      | COM      | Indication of Distribution Desired                   |
| D C/S                                       | Cml       | Sig      | Publication                                          |
| Sec G/S                                     | Engr      | Sp Sv    | Issuance of Orders                                   |
| G-1                                         | Fin       | Surg     | Signature on File Copy                               |
| G-2                                         | Hist      | Trans    | Signature & Dispatch                                 |
| G-3                                         | Hq. Coord | Ins&Bond | Remarks and Recommendations                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G-4 mmm | IG        | TRU      | Action Desired                                       |
| G-5                                         | JA        | APO      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action |
| AG                                          | Ord       | Hq. Co   | Approval                                             |
| AA                                          | PK        | D of P   | Correction & Return                                  |
| Arty                                        |           |          | File                                                 |

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

For AG:

SECRET

Wm J 2723  
WILLIAM M. JONAS  
Major A. C. D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
G-2 TRANSLATION DEPARTMENT

FILE NO: 1480

FROM: AG

RECEIVED: 5 February HOURS: 1000

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**SECRET**HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
Office of the Adjutant GeneralDATE: 4 Feb

## Routing Slip

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| G-3               | Hq Comdt | Incl Bond | Remarks and Recommendations        |
| G-4               | IG       | TRU       | Action Desired                     |
| G-5               | JA       | AFO       | Necessary Action                   |
| AG                | Ord      | Hq Co     | Approval                           |
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REMARKS: For translation & return to this office.

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For AG:

**SECRET**

*Wm*  
 WILLIAM M. JONAS  
 Major A. G. D.,  
 Asst. Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS  
FIFTH ARMY  
G-2 SECTION  
TRANSLATION DEPARTMENT

No. 1480  
10 Feb 1945

Translation of attached document follows:  
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S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 210TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Operations and Services

File No. 01-415 P.M. 179, 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Replacements for Pack Transport units.--

TO : HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

and for the information of:

HEADQUARTERS "T" DELEGATION OF THE S.M.R.E.  
ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY

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The replacement units composed of recalled elements who have already arrived here, and those whose arrival is imminent, are formed of Sicilians.

In view of the fact that the majority of the above-mentioned replacements are going to be assigned to the pack Transport units, namely, to the five new ones which are in the course of being formed, we would like to point out that the resulting performance of these newly constituted units will not be fully satisfactory.

Sicilians, compared to other soldiers, do not possess military qualities; it is known that as a rule, they are of small stature (whereas fairly tall men are suitable for Pack Transport units), and that generally speaking, they are not mountaineers and have no experience in pack transportation.

The main resulting difficulty would be that these new units would be totally composed of men from the same region, which in itself is not satisfactory; however, we do not consider it advisable, as a remedy to this difficulty, to alter the T.O.s of the other units which have already been activated, and in so doing cause exchanges of personnel.

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THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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SEGRETO - SECRET

COMANDO DELLA 210<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE PANZERIA  
Sezione Operazioni e Servizi

n° 01/485 di prot.

P.M. 179, li 3 febbraio 1945.-

OGGETTO: Complementi per i Reparti Salmerie.-

AL COMANDO QUINZA ARMATA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "I" DUELO S.M.R.E.

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON LA 5a ARMATA

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Gli sceglioni di complementi richiamati testé giunti e quelli di preannunciato imminente arrivo sono costituiti da siciliani.-

Poiché tali complementi sono nella quasi totalità destinati ai Reparti Salmerie, ed in particolare ai 5 nuovi Reparti Salmerie in corso di costituzione, si verifica che i Reparti stessi potrebbero risultare costituiti in modo non pienamente soddisfacente.

Il siciliano non è secondo ad altri per qualità militari; ma è noto che la sua statura è normalmente bassa (mentre per le salmerie occorrono uomini di adeguata statura), e che egli in genere non è né montanaro né pretico di salmerie.

L'inconveniente maggiore deriva poi dal fatto che i nuovi Reparti risulterebbero costituiti totalmente da elementi della stessa regione, il che non è opportuno; d'altra parte, per ovviare a tale inconveniente, non è consigliabile alterare l'organico degli altri Reparti già costituiti, effettuando scambi di personale.

Richiamo pertanto l'attenzione di codesto Comando sull'importante questione, con preghiera di voler far cessare - per un certo tempo - l'assegnazione dei siciliani, inviandosi invece a questa Divisione truppe alpine o quanto meno abituate alla montagna (quali potrebbero essere specialmente i siciliani) per provvedere al nuovo essere fatti

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
(Giuseppe Cortese)

*G. Cortese*

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To: - "L" from AQ-283

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SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3905/G1(Br).

8 Feb 45.

M.M.I.A.

1. Reference this Headquarters Signal FX 20468 of 3 Feb 45 to WIDEAST. (Copy to you)

2. This Headquarters has been informed by G.H.Q. MIDDLE EAST Signal:-  
"Will advise you soonest."

/s/ T.R. CONDRON, Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G.1 (Br).

TRC/JM

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA.

TO : AFHQ G-1 BR and MOV

Date 11/7/45 Time A

INFO: DISTONE  
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

SD 2275

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT M M I A SD 2260 OF 08 DELETE SERIAL 16 (.)

UNDERSTAND RAIL MOV HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 1000 ON 14 FEB  
AND 1000 ON 16 FROM ORVIETO TO FOSSOMBRONE FOR 253 PACK

TPT GP (.) T U N G A T E IS ARRANGING TO INCLUDE MULETEERS  
EX 7th MTN REGT IN THESE DRAFTS WHICH WILL INCREASE TOTAL  
SLIGHTLY

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED 151.6

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C O P Y

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHOOT

TO : FIFTH ARMY

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INFO: MMIA  
PENCOUTH

FX 23777

SECRET

REQUEST YOU CONFIRM RECENT SHIPMENT 1850 ITIS FOR MULETEERS TO  
5 ARMY (.) PARA (.) ADVISE SOONEST STATUS OF PERSONNEL RECEIVED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM  
TO

MMIA  
AFHQ CITE FHGAB

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AQ 2752

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REF YOUR F 21713 DATED 6 . WOULD BE PLEASED TO  
ACCEPT ONE THOUSAND MULETEERS INTO ITALIAN ARMY  
AS VOLUNTEERS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED MAJOR GREGSON

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## INTRA-OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Pack Mule Replacements

RCV/jad

| D. | FROM         | TO              | DATE          |                       |
|----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2. | Sr<br>MIA LO | LFSCAC<br>(MIA) | 7 Feb<br>1945 | For your information. |

*R.C. Van Kirk*  
R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

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HEADQUARTERS  
210 INF. DIVISION (IT)  
1st Section  
P.M. 179

S.N. 01/415

3 Feb 45

Subject : Replacements for Pack Mule Units  
To : Fifth Army Headquarters (action)  
HQ Delegation "T" S.M.R.E.  
Italian Liaison G-4 Fifth Army

The batches of replacements lately arrived and those on their way are made of Sicilians. Since they are mostly assigned to Pack Mule Units, and especially to the five new Pack Mule Coies now in formation, it happens that said Coies may result composed in a not quite satisfactory manner.

Sicilians are not second to anybody for military qualities but it is known that normally they are not tall (while muleteers require a proper stature) and that generally they are neither mountaineers nor trained muleteers. 714

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Therefore the attention of your HQ is drawn on this important matter and it is requested to stop for some time the assignment of Sicilians, sending instead of these, some Alpine Troops or at least troops fitter for mountain operations (as men enlisted in Abruzzo could be)

Sicilians could be shipped again after a while.

Giuseppe Cortese  
General, Commanding.

C O P Y

From: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : AFHQ CITE FHQCT

INFO: MMIA 5 ARMY (BRIT INCR "A")

NO DATE TIME

SECRET

A 205

REF YOUR FX 19207 OF 01 (.) YOUR AQ 091 711/029 OCT-9 OF JAN NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED  
THIS HQ (.) FIRST (.) UNDERSTAND PROGRAMME REFERRED TO IS SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED  
IN YOUR FX 03643 OF 12 JAN (.) UNDER THAT PROGRAMME UNDERSTAND JAN RPTS FOR 5 ARMY  
(BRIT INCR) NOW HELD ORVLETO AWAITING CALLING FWD BY 5 ARMY AND 100 RPTS FOR 6 ARMY  
EN ROUTE EX FOSSOMERONE (.) SECOND (.) REQUEST ALL FUTURE MULETEERS RPTS BE DESPATCHED  
5 ARMY (BRIT INCR) AS 3 UK TPT COY NO (NO) LONGER UNDER COMMAND 6 ARMY

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

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TO : AFHQ for G-1 HR C-3 ORG MOV

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

CG FIFTH ARMY

FIFTH ARMY FOR HR INCR

EIGHTH ARMY

DISTONE

DISTTHREE

PENSOUTH

PENBASE

FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO

FIFTH ARMY HR INCR FOR MMIA LO

REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO

DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

DISTTHREE FOR MMIA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

ITALIAN RPT DEP ORVETO

ALCON SICILY FOR MMIA LO

SD 2225SECRET

FIRST (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 12 FEB TO 18 FEB (.)

READING COLUMNS A NUMBERS B DESCRIPTION C ENTRAILING STATION D DESTINATION

E RECEIVING FORM (.)

- 1 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CES.NO D TO PES.RO E FOR FRIULI GP (.)
- 2 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CES.NO D TO PES.RO E FOR CREMONA GP (.)
- 3 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE REQUIRED 12 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE
- 4 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE REQUIRED 16 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE
- 5 A 400 B LOG CATEGORY PERSONNEL C FROM VIBO VALENTI. D TO TRANI E FOR RPT CAMP (.)

- 6 A 400 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM TRANI D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.)

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DISTHREE  
PENSOUTH  
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PENSOUTH  
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMLA LO  
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMLA LO  
REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMLA LO  
DISTONE FOR MMLA LO  
DISTHREE FOR MMLA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO  
52 AREA FOR MMLA LO  
54 AREA FOR MMLA LO  
ICF RFT TNG CENTRE CES.NO  
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL  
ITALIAN RFT DEP ORVETO  
ALCON SICILY FOR MMLA LO

SD 2225

SECRET

FIRST (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 12 FEB TO 18 FEB (.)

READING COLUMNS A. NUMBERS B DESCRIPTION C ENTRAINING STATION D DESTINATION

E RECEIVING FORM (.)

- 1 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CES.NO D TO PESARO E FOR EKULI GP (.)
- 2 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CES.NO D TO PESARO E FOR CREMONA GP (.)
- 3 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE  
REQUIRED 12 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT. ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE
- 4 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE  
REQUIRED 16 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT. ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE
- 5 A 400 B LOW CATEGORY PERSONNEL C FROM VIBO VALENTI D TO TRANI E FOR RFT

CAMP (.)

- 6 A 400 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM TRANI D TO CES.NO E FOR ICF RTC (.)
- 7 A 140 B MULETEERS C FROM TRANI D TO AREZZO E FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR (.) 2712
- 8 A 300 B L.B C FROM TRANI D TO PESARO E FOR EIGHTH ARMY (.)
- 9 A 700 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO TRANI E FOR RFT CAMP (.)
- 10 A 1000 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO STRONI E FOR US ITI (.)
- 11 A 200 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO <sup>E</sup>FRACCOLA E FOR RFT CAMP (.)
- 12 A 300 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM REGGIO D TO CES.NO FOR ICF RTC (.)

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- 13 A 82 B DISBANDED A PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)
- 14 A 31 B DISBANDED A PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO ROME E FOR ITI ITI (.)
- 15 A 1500 B APULLA CALL UP C FROM BARI AND FOGGIA D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)
- 16 A 1500 B APULLA CALL UP C FROM LECCE AND TARANTO D TO ORVIETO E FOR ER ITI
- RPT DEP (.)
- 17 A 500 B APULLA CALL UP C FROM BARILETTA D TO FROSINONE E FOR ITI ITI RPT DEP (.)
- 18 A 500 B APULLA CALL UP C FROM CARPOBASSO D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITI (.)
- 19 A 2000 B MILITERS C FROM ORVIETO D TO FOSSOMERONE E FOR MILE TRG CENTER (.)

REQUIRED 9 FEB IN ORDER ACCORDATE SERIAL 16 (.)

SECOND (.) REQUEST YOU CHECK MOV 66 LINE CONSTN PERSONNEL FROM TRAINI TO  
LINE SCHOOL FRANCA VILLA (.) ALL INFORMED

Internal: Ministry of War

4Q  
Spec Sec  
X  
Med  
ST  
Lab  
Mov (2)  
Circ  
B/B (2)

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED RAPINEAU, Mr. for

WB

2711

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COPY.

FROM : DISTHREE

011735

TO : 209 SUB AREA

INFO : AFHQ (G3 ORG FOR): MMIA

SD 339

RESTRICTED.

REF THIS HQ SD 212 OF 23 JAN NOT TO ALL (\*) REPORT TO THIS HQ RPTD  
AFHQ (G3 ORG FOR) NY IMMEDIATE SIG COMPLETED ARRIVAL OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL  
7 MTN REGT (\*) FOR AFHQ (\*) SPOKE WATSON - SHAUGHNESSY THIS DATE

Precedence -

SD Dist: Action copy: SD/3  
SD/3/1 ←  
FLOAT  
B/B.

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C O P Y

PINOL 5 ARMY

251928

10 MNTA, INFO CO BTUSA, CO 35 ARMY GROUP, CO FBS

2392

SECRET

Ref WFA Cable SD/2422, 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 WTA 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 PFC US-171 troops in army area. These 1000 persons are not in Army area. PARA 3. Schedule of ~~2709~~ <sup>2709</sup> rents requested in our 7285, 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 WTA cable.

EN SD DISTR: ~~Active copy~~ SD/3/1, SD/3, SD/3/3, SD/43/1, SD/43, SD/41/1, Float (2)

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C O P Y

244

FROM: MMIA LO 1 DIST

TO : HQ MMIA (ROME)

31 NPT

G23

RESTRICTED

REF CONVERSATION MAXWELL-BOURNE (.) THE 100 MULETEERS HAVE BEEN  
SENT FROM FOSSOMBRONE TO 8 ARMY

WS

*Strong churning*  
*31/1*

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

SD DIST.: SD/3/1 (Action Copy)  
SD/42/6  
Float  
B/B

*pk*

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SD/42/6 }  
Howe }  
B/8 }

LROF V MBZX NR 31171 **IMPORTANT**  
FROM MMIA LO 1 DIST 31 NFI  
TO HQ MMIA (ROME)  
QQX GR 17 BT  
G23 RESTRICTED (.)  
REF CONVERSATION MAXWELL-BOURNE (.)

XXXXXX  
THE HUNDRED MULETEERS HAVE BEEN SENT FROM FOSSOMBRONE TO 8 ARMY  
BT  
SENT 171 1910 JJB AR

2707

CCN WA HUNDRED MULETEERS  
KRECD 11/// 171 1910 REB AR TNX  
WANT MBVT NOW OM

## No 3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy R.A.S.C.

Strength State - Italian Personnel - as at Saturday 13 Jan '45

| Detail                   | W.E. | Present Strength | Surplus | Deficient |
|--------------------------|------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Major O.C.               | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Captain 2 i/c            | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Captain Admin            | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Subaltern Liaison        | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Subalterns Troop         | 4    | 7                | 3       | -         |
| Total Officers           | 8    | 10               | 3       | 1         |
| S.S.M.                   | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| C.Q.M.S.                 | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Farrier 3/Sgt            | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Farrier Sgt              | 4    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Troop Sgts               | 4    | 16               | 12      | 4         |
| Wheelbar Sgt             | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Admin Sgt                | 1    | 2                | 1       | -         |
| Total W.Os & Sgts        | 17   | 19               | 13      | 11        |
| <del>TRADESMEN</del>     |      |                  |         |           |
| Farrier Cpls             | 4    | -                | -       | 4         |
| Farrier Ptes             | 4    | 5                | 1       | -         |
| Shoemaker Cpl            | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Shoemaker Pte            | 4    | 3                | -       | 1         |
| Cook Cpl                 | 5    | 2                | -       | 3         |
| Cook L/Cpl               | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Cook Pte                 | 5    | 16               | 11      | -         |
| Saddler Pte              | 4    | 8                | 4       | -         |
| Clerk Cpl                | 1    | 2                | 1       | -         |
| Clerk Pte                | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Master M.T. L/Cpl        | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Total Tradesmen O.R.     | 31   | 37               | 17      | 11        |
| <del>NON-TRADESMEN</del> |      |                  |         |           |
| Cpl Admin                | 4    | -                | -       | 3         |
| L.M.G. Detachment        | 15   | -                | -       | 15        |
| Water Duty Men           | 5    | -                | -       | -         |
| Orderlies                | 5    | -                | -       | -         |
| Officers Mess Orderlies  | 1    | -                | -       | -         |
| L/Opl Medical            | 1    | -                | -       | -         |
| Medical Orderlies        | 4    | -                | -       | 3         |
| L/Opl Sanitary           | 1    | -                | -       | -         |

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|                          |     |     |    |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Troop Sgts               | 4   | 16  | 12 | 4  |
| Wheeler Sgt              | 1   | -   | -  | 1  |
| Admin Sgt                | 1   | 2   | 1  | -  |
| Total W.O.s & Sgts       | 17  | 19  | 13 | 11 |
| <b>TRADESMEN</b>         |     |     |    |    |
| Farrier Cpls             | 4   | -   | -  | 4  |
| Farrier Ptes             | 4   | 5   | 1  | -  |
| Shoemaker Cpl            | 1   | -   | -  | 1  |
| Shoemaker Pts            | 4   | 3   | -  | 1  |
| Cook Cpl                 | 5   | 2   | -  | 3  |
| Cook L/Cpl               | 1   | -   | -  | 1  |
| Cook Pts                 | 5   | 16  | 11 | -  |
| Saddler Pte              | 4   | 8   | 4  | -  |
| Clerk Cpl                | 1   | 2   | 1  | -  |
| Clerk Pts                | 1   | 1   | -  | -  |
| Fitter M.T. L/Cpl        | 1   | -   | -  | 1  |
| Total Tradesmen O.R.     | 31  | 57  | 17 | 11 |
| <b>NON-TRADESMEN</b>     |     |     |    |    |
| Cpl Admin                | 4   | 1   | -  | 3  |
| L.M.G. Detachment        | 15  | 5   | -  | 15 |
| Water Duty Men           | 5   | 6   | -  | -  |
| Orderlies                | 5   | 1   | 1  | -  |
| Officers Mess Orderlies  | 1   | 2   | 1  | -  |
| L/Cpl Medical            | 1   | 1   | -  | 3  |
| Medical Orderlies        | 4   | 1   | -  | -  |
| L/Cpl Sanitary           | 1   | 1   | -  | -  |
| Drivers Sanitary         | 4   | 4   | -  | 1  |
| L/Cpl Batman Groom       | 1   | -   | -  | 2  |
| Batman Groves            | 12  | 10  | -  | 1  |
| Cpl M.T.                 | 1   | -   | -  | 1  |
| L/Cpl M.T.               | 1   | 2   | 1  | -  |
| Driver M/G               | 1   | 1   | -  | -  |
| Drivers M.T.             | 8   | 7   | -  | 1  |
| Cpls                     | 7   | 2   | -  | 5  |
| L/Cpls                   | 24  | 1   | -  | 23 |
| Cpls i/o Sections        | 24  | 26  | 2  | -  |
| Mule & Pack Drivers      | 310 | 312 | 2  | -  |
| Total Non-Tradesmen O.R. | 429 | 382 | 7  | 54 |

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| Detail                      | W.E. | Present Strength | Surplus | Deficient |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| <u>ATTACHMENT PERSONNEL</u> |      |                  |         |           |
| Veterinary Officer          | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Veterinary Sgt              | 1    | -                | -       | 1         |
| Veterinary Pte              | 1    | 2                | 1       | -         |
| Medical Officer             | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Batman Groom                | 1    | 1                | -       | -         |
| Interpreter Pte             | 5    | -                | -       | 5         |
| Total Attached              | 10   | 5                | 1       | 6         |

W.E. (including attached) as laid down in HQ/800/1 dated 20 Nov '44 :-

10 Officers and 485 Other Ranks

Present Strength 12 Officers and 441 Other Ranks

But effective strength 9 Officers and 364 O.Rs only, there being 2 Officers and 24 O.Rs on leave and 1 Officer and 49 O.Rs in hospital (it is not the Italian practice to S.O.S. on admission to hospital)

May priority of reinforcements please be given to Warriors and private muleteers.

Saddler ptes are classed as such although undergoing instruction.

2705

Field  
19.1.45

(Sgd) Major.  
O.C. No 3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy RASC

*from production - 186*  
*by 13.1.45. O.C. No 3*

10 Officers and 485 Other Ranks

12 Officers and 441 Other Ranks

Present Strength

But effective strength 9 Officers and 364 O.Rs only, there being 2 Officers and 24 O.Rs on leave and 1 Officer and 49 O.Rs in hospital (it is not the Italian practice to S.O.S. on admission to hospital)

May priority of reinforcements please be given to Warriors and private muleteers.

Saddler ptes are classed as such although undergoing instruction.

2705

(Sgd) Major.  
O.C. No 3 Italian Pack Tpt Coy RASO

Field  
19.1.45

from production of 100  
only 13 out of 100 are for  
37 ready and 100 B  
38 ready and 100 C.

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Subject:- Returns

To:- M.M.I.A.

From:- Iti. Rein. Depot  
ORVIETO

Ref. B1/2/43 SD/42/6  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 45

- (1) Herewith Return showing Personnel of 252 Group who have been dispatched to Fossombrone.
- (2) You will notice that there are still 100 to complete the Group, of that 100 I can supply the Platoon Sgt. and, the two Gen. Duties Personnel. These were not dispatched as they were admitted to hospital on the morning that they were leaving. I informed you by phone that I could not supply 97 Specialists.

CRR/hb.

*J.C. Tugate* Major  
Comm. British Cadre  
Iti. Rein. Depot.

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252 GROUP

| DESIGNATION  | W. E. | COMP TO <sup>26</sup> / <sub>45</sub> | COMP TO <sup>27</sup> / <sub>45</sub> | BAL TO BOMplete |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL GP HQ  | 35    | 35                                    | NIL                                   | NIL             |
| TOTAL COY HQ | 228   | 209                                   | 3                                     | 16              |
| TOTAL ATT:   | 40    | 26                                    | NIL                                   | 13              |
| TOTAL TP HQ  | 368   | 285                                   | 13                                    | 70              |
| TOTAL SEC    | 1344  | 1254                                  | 90                                    | NIL             |
| TOTAL GROUP  | 2015  | 1809                                  | 106                                   | 100             |

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# 252 GROUP

266. 267. 268. 269. COYS

## GROUP H.Q.

14/1/45 27/1/45

| DESIGNATION        | W. E. | COM. TO | COM TO | BAL TO COM |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u>    |       |         |        |            |
| Lt: Colonel        | 1     | 1       | nil    | nil        |
| Capt Adj't         | 1     | 1       | nil    | nil        |
| Capt               | 1     | 1       | nil    | nil        |
| Sub: Int:          | 1     | 1       | nil    | nil        |
| Total Officers     | 4     | 4       | nil    | nil        |
| <u>OTHER RANKS</u> |       |         |        |            |
| Sgt Clerk          | 2     | 2       | nil    | nil        |
| Cpl "              | 2     | 2       | "      | "          |
| Cpl Cooks          | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| Cpl Drivers i/c    | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| L/Cpl "            | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| Pte Batmen         | 3     | 3       | "      | "          |
| " Bat: Grooms      | 4     | 4       | "      | "          |
| " Clerks           | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| " Cooks            | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| " Drivers i/c      | 7     | 7       | "      | "          |
| " Grooms           | 2     | 2       | "      | "          |
| " Orderlies        | 5     | 5       | "      | "          |
| " Off Mess Waiter  | 1     | 1       | "      | "          |
| Total O Rs         | 31    | 31      | nil    | nil        |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS    | 35    | 35      | nil    | nil        |

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| PACK 1PT COYS ( 4 ) |       |         |         |            |
|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|------------|
| DESIGNATION         | W. E. | COM TO  | COM TO  | BAL TO COM |
| 666                 |       | 27/1/45 | 27/1/45 |            |
| <u>OFFICERS</u>     |       |         |         |            |
| Majors              | 4     | 4       | nl      | nl         |
| Capt 2i/c           | 4     | 3       | nl      | 1          |
| Capt admin          | 4     | 3       | "       | 1          |
| Sub: L.O.           | 4     | 4       | "       | nl         |
| Total Officers      | 16    | 14      | nl      | 2          |
| <u>OTHER RANKS</u>  |       |         |         |            |
| S/Sgt Major         | 4     | nl      | nl      | 4          |
| C.Q.M.S.            | 4     | 2       | "       | 2          |
| Sgt farriers        | 4     | 4       | "       | nl         |
| " wheelers          | 4     | 2       | "       | 2          |
| " admin             | 4     | 4       | "       | nl         |
| Cpl shoemakers      | 4     | 2       | "       | 2          |
| " cooks             | 4     | 4       | "       | nl         |
| " clerks            | 4     | 2       | "       | 2          |
| " gen duties        | 16    | 15      | "       | 1          |
| L/C fitters         | 4     | 4       | "       | nl         |
| " cooks             | 4     | 4       | "       | "          |
| " gen duties        | 16    | 12      | 3       | 4          |
| Pte cooks           | 4     | 4       | nl      | nl         |
| " clerks            | 4     | 4       | "       | "          |
| " gen duties        | 132   | 132     | "       | "          |
| total O.Rs.         | 212   | 195     | 3       | 14         |
| TOTAL ALL RANKS     | 228   | 209     | 3       | 16         |

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| ATTACHED PERSONNEL |       |         |         |            |
|--------------------|-------|---------|---------|------------|
| DESIGNATION        | W. E. | 26/1/45 | 27/1/45 | BAL TO COM |
|                    |       | COM TO  | COM TO  |            |
| y                  |       |         |         |            |
| <u>OFFICERS</u>    |       |         |         |            |
| Medical            | 4     | 4       | nil     | nil        |
| Veterinary         | 4     | 3       | "       | 1          |
| Total Officers     | 8     | 7       | nil     | 1          |
| <u>OTHER RANKS</u> |       |         |         |            |
| Sgt Vet            | 4     | 4       | nil     | nil        |
| Pte gen duties     | 4     | 4       | "       | "          |
| " Bat Groom        | 4     | 4       | "       | "          |
| * Interpreter      | 20    | 7       | "       | 13         |
| Total O.Rs.        | 32    | 19      | nil     | 13         |
| TOTAL ALL RAN:     | 40    | 26      | nil     | 13         |

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TROOP H.A. (16)

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| DESIGNATION          | W. E. | COM TO | COM TO | BAL TO COM |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u>      |       |        |        |            |
| Sub Pl Off           | 16    | 16     | nil    | nil        |
| Total Officers       | 16    | 16     | nil    | nil        |
| <u>OTHER RANKS</u>   |       |        |        |            |
| Sgt Platoon          | 16    | 15     | nil    | 1          |
| " saddlers           | 16    | 14     | "      | 2          |
| " farriers           | 16    | 1      | "      | 15         |
| Cpl cooks            | 16    | 2      | "      | 14         |
| " farriers           | 16    | 6      | "      | 10         |
| " gen duties         | 32    | 32     | "      | nil        |
| Pte farriers         | 16    | 10     | "      | 6          |
| " saddlers           | 16    | 6      | "      | 10         |
| " cooks              | 16    | 16     | "      | nil        |
| " shoemakers         | 16    | 5      | "      | 11         |
| " gen duties         | 176   | 162    | 13     | 1          |
| Total and HRS        | 352   | 269    | 13     | 70         |
| TOTAL ADL HRS        | 368   | 285    | 13     | 70         |
| <u>SECTIONS (96)</u> |       |        |        |            |
| <u>OTHER RANKS</u>   |       |        |        |            |
| Cpl Comm             | 96    | 96     | nil    | nil        |
| L/C Pack dr          | 96    | 96     | "      | "          |
| Ptes "               | 1152  | 1062   | 90     | "          |
| Total ORS            | 1344  | 1254   | 90     | nil        |

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2699

SUBJECT: Formation of Pack Tpt Coy.

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30 Jan 45.

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP 29.1214A

TO : AFHQ

INFO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
DISTONE  
O2E  
MMIA

SD/3 Folio 110

A. 191 (\*) CONFIDENTIAL.

REF MY SD 1197 OF 27 AND MAIN EIGHTH ARMY A 1377 OF 26 BOTH NOT TO ALL  
 (\*) FIRST (\*) UNDERSTAND BASUTOS FOR 7 MTN REGT NOW ACCEPTABLE AT  
 AQUILA 8 RPT 8 FEB (\*) SECOND (\*) TO ENABLE FORMATION OF PACK TPT  
 COYS TO PROCEED AS PLANNED ESSENTIAL ITALIANS ARRIVE ORVIETO NOT LATER  
 THAN 12 FEB FOR RE-EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO MOVE TO FOSOMBERONE APPROX 15  
 FEB (\*) THIRD (\*) REF YOUR AG 901 711/029 GCT -9 OF 23 JAN NOT TO  
 ALL (\*) THIS HQ CAN NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE ROAD TPT (\*) PRESUME DISTONE  
 WILL NOTIFY YOU DIRECT WHETHER THEY CAN PROVIDE (\*) REQUEST YOU  
 ARRANGE MOVES IN ACCORDANCE FOREGOING IN CONJUNCTION AS NECESSARY WITH  
 DISTONE

SD/3 Folio 106

Original & Copy to: G  
 SMRE  
 FLOAT

s/d Capt. R.E.  
 S/Capt Q(M)  
 (The Lord Westbury)  
Movements Liaison Officer.

2698

SD Dist: Action copy: SD/3/1

SD/3

Float

B/B.

Max This is a little late. But warn ORVIETO.

W 31/1 2 31/1.

Subject: Formation Pack Tpt Coy.

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30 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP 29.1214A

TO : AMHQ

INFO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

DISTONE

O2E

IMJA.

A 191. CONFIDENTIAL.

REF MY SD 1197 OF 27 AND MAIN EIGHTH ARMY A 1377 OF 26 BOTH NOT TO ALL.

FIRST (.) UNDERSTAND PASUTOS FOR 7 MEN REST NOT ACCEPTABLE AT AQUILA 8 RPT 8 FEB (.)

SECOND (.) TO ENABLE FORMATION OF PACK TPT COYS TO PROCEED AS PLANNED ESSENTIAL  
ITALIANS ARRIVE ORVINO NOT LATER THAN 12 FEB FOR RE-EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO MOVE TO  
ROBBERONE APPROX 15 FEB (.)THIRD (.) REF YOUR AE 091-711/029 GOT-9 OF 23 JAN NOT TO ALL (.) THIS HQ CAN NOT  
RPT NOT PROVIDE ROAD TPT (.) PRESUME DISTONE WILL NOTIFYX YOU DIRECT WHETHER THEY  
CAN PROVIDE (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVES IN ACCORDANCE FOREGOING IN CONJUNCTION  
AS NECESSARY WITH DISTONE (.)Original & Copy to : G  
Copy to : SMRE  
FLOATCapt. RE.  
S/Capt Q(M)  
(The Lord Westbury)  
Movements Liaison Officer.

SD Distone  
 SD/3/1 ← 3  
 SD/3  
 Float  
 B/B. } copies

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*Subject - Formation Pack Tpt Coy.*

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PROT 7 LRAM NR 1452  
1 DEPT OVR5

FROM 15 ARMY GROUP 29.1214A  
TO AFHQ  
INFO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY  
DISTONE  
#2E  
MMIA.  
CCV CR---BT

A 191 . CONFIDENTIAL .  
REF BY SD 1197 OF 27 AND MAIN EIGHTH ARMY A 1377 OF 26 BOTH NOT TO ALL .  
FIRST (.) UNDERSTAND BASUTOS FOR 7 MIN REGT NOW ACCEPTABLE AT  
AQUILA & RPT 6 FEB (.)  
SECOND (.) TO ENABLE FORMATION OF PACK TPT COYS TO PROCEED AS PLANNED  
ESSENTIAL ITALIANS ARRIVE ORVIETO NOT LATER THAN 12 FEB FOR RE-EQUIPMENT  
PRIOR TO MOVE TO FOSSOMERONE APPROX 15 FEB (.)

THIRD (.) REF YOUR AG 901 711/329 GCT- 9 OF 23 JAN NOT TO ALL (.)  
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