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SD 13/2 Mule Units - Policy
opened Oct. 19, 1944 - Closed - Jan. 25, 1945
Oct. 1944 - Jan. 1945

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Moves of Muleteers.

820/8

21 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : DISTONE 201815A

TO : 61 AREA

INFO : 8TH ARMY - AFHQ - MWIA - COPY Q ST MWIA LO

A/44 CONFIDENTIAL (.) MWIA SIGNAL SD 2110 OF 18 (.)

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

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

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

(Sgd) Westbury

SD DISTR:

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ - INFO: SD 15 ARMY GROUP

SD 1975

Further to MMIA Signal SD 1938 of 15 Dec on subject 2000 Muleteers ex
PICENO for 15 Army Cp 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 2000 personnel be supplied
as follows (.) A (.) 1400 from PICENO as in present locn (.) B (.) 350 from
Combat Gp Reinft Centre to be replaced by similar No from PICENO (.) C (.)
250 from TRANI 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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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED S. M. INGLEDUE, Lt. Col.

Internal: 2 i/c
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Spec Sec
Mov (2)

C O P Y*See SD/3/2*

FROM: 5 ARMY

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TO : C.G. MTOUSA
MMIAINFO: C.G. 15 ARMY GROUP
C.C. PBSSECRET2798

(Begin part 1) (.) Paragraph 1 (.) Report on Italian Muleteer (US-ITI and British ITI) replacements received 9 December follows: A (.) Status: A (.) 365 scheduled to move from BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO (2) 336 arrived; 19 AWOL enroute (3) 59 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (4) 31 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 246 are from 1918 or younger classes (6) 239 fit for Muleteers (7) 8 (Begin part 2) 7 unfit for Muleteers but fit for other duty (8) 10 unfit for any duty, now in hospital (9) 280 men are trained Muleteers (.) B (.) Equipment and rations: (1) 336 nearly completely equipped (2) 19 without mess kits (3) 336 without undershirts and socks wool (4) Sufficient rations issued to every individual; warm meal provided at BENEVENTO, ROCCASECCA and ROME (.) C (.) Assignment: (1) 145 Muleteers to US-ITI (2) 56 men to other US-ITI units (3) 5 in hospital (US-ITI) (4) 94 Muleteers to British-ITI (5) 31 men to other British-ITI units (6) 5 in hospital (British-ITI) Paragraph 2 (.) Request adjustment be made in total amount of Muleteers to be furnished 5th ARMY by adding 116 Muleteers to future shipments

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SD/3/2

From : SAL signed SAC cite FHGCT
To : AAI, MMIA.
Info : RAAC
Ref : FX 68518

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SECRET

Dated 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 for combat rfts (*) THREE (*) For AAIM(*)
Your para 5 refers (*) Clothing and equipment muleteers now being
examined in detail (*) Will ~~you~~ notify you earliest

IMMEDIATE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AP 652

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: Auth: SAC :
: Initials: :
: 14 January 1945 :
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AG 091.711/029 GCT-0

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Provision of ER-ITI Muleteers

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

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

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

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

1 Incl
Appendix "A"

DISTRIBUTION:

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



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

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RR-11 Pack Tpt Coys

Statement showing demands and provisions JAN - FEB - MAR 1945

Demands		Provisions		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Reinforcements for six Existing Pack Tpt Coys up to the <u>end JAN</u>	700	From Sicily call-up in JAN	* 700	Of 400 in Sicily No dising a
New Pack Gp Hq and four coys by <u>end FEB</u>	2000	252 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at FOSSOMERONE At call DISTONE from ORVIETO now At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 13 Jan At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 20 Jan Total	35 ✓ 200 ✓ 900 ✓ <u>900</u> 2035	Person equip
Reinforcements for ten Pack Tpt Coys by <u>end FEB</u>	1200	From Sicily call-up in JAN from CAMPANIA call-up in JAN-FEB Total	* 400 <u>800</u> 1200	Of 25 up, 3 ITIs. liked
New Pack Gp Hq and four Coys by <u>Mid-MAR</u>	2000	253 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at ORVIETO PICENO personnel due ORVIETO 16 JAN ex Combat Rft Trg Center 25 JAN Total	① 35 1780 <u>220</u> 2035	All t PICENO at OR
Reinforcements for fourteen Pack Tpt Coys by <u>end MAR</u>	1700	From SARDINIA call-up in FEB From 7 Mountain Regt RA Total	1200 <u>500</u> ✓ 1700	Depen Two s 6000 durin
TOTAL	7600		7670	

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① Check Jan 19 with Orvieto Combat Centre must make good deficiencies.

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② * Note this is 1100. of which 500 are combat! We must think up some more untested. Janaro is producing how many? 115

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Statement showing demands and provisions JAN - FEB - MAR 1945

Appendix "A" to AFH letter
AG 091.711/029 GGT-0, dated
14 January 1945

Provisions (c)	(d)	Remarks (e)
From Sicily call-up in JAN	* 700	Of 4000 remaining to be called up in Sicily, 1400 are at REGGIO now. No difficulty is expected in raising a further 2600.
252 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at FOSSOMBRONE At call DISTONE from ORVIETO now At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 13 Jan At call DISTONE from ORVIETO 20 Jan Total	35 ✓ 200 ✓ 900 ✓ 900 2035	Personnel are now at ORVIETO for equipment and basic training.
From Sicily call-up in JAN From CAMPANIA call-up in JAN-FEB Total	* 400 <u>800</u> 1200	Of 2500 expected from CAMPANIA call-up, 85% are to be allocated to BR-ITIs. Of these approx. 40% are likely to be fit as muleteers. = 850
53 Pack Tpt Gp Hq at ORVIETO PICENO personnel due ORVIETO 16 JAN x Combat Rft Trg Center 25 JAN Total	35 ① 1780 <u>220</u> 2035	All these personnel are standing by, 500 so far. PICENO in APULLA and Combat Rfts at CESANO. we hope.
From SARDINIA call-up in FEB From 7 Mountain Regt R. Total	1200 <u>500</u> ✓ 1700	Dependent on shipping Two ships have been earmarked and 6000 men are expected to be available during FEB.
	<u>7670</u>	

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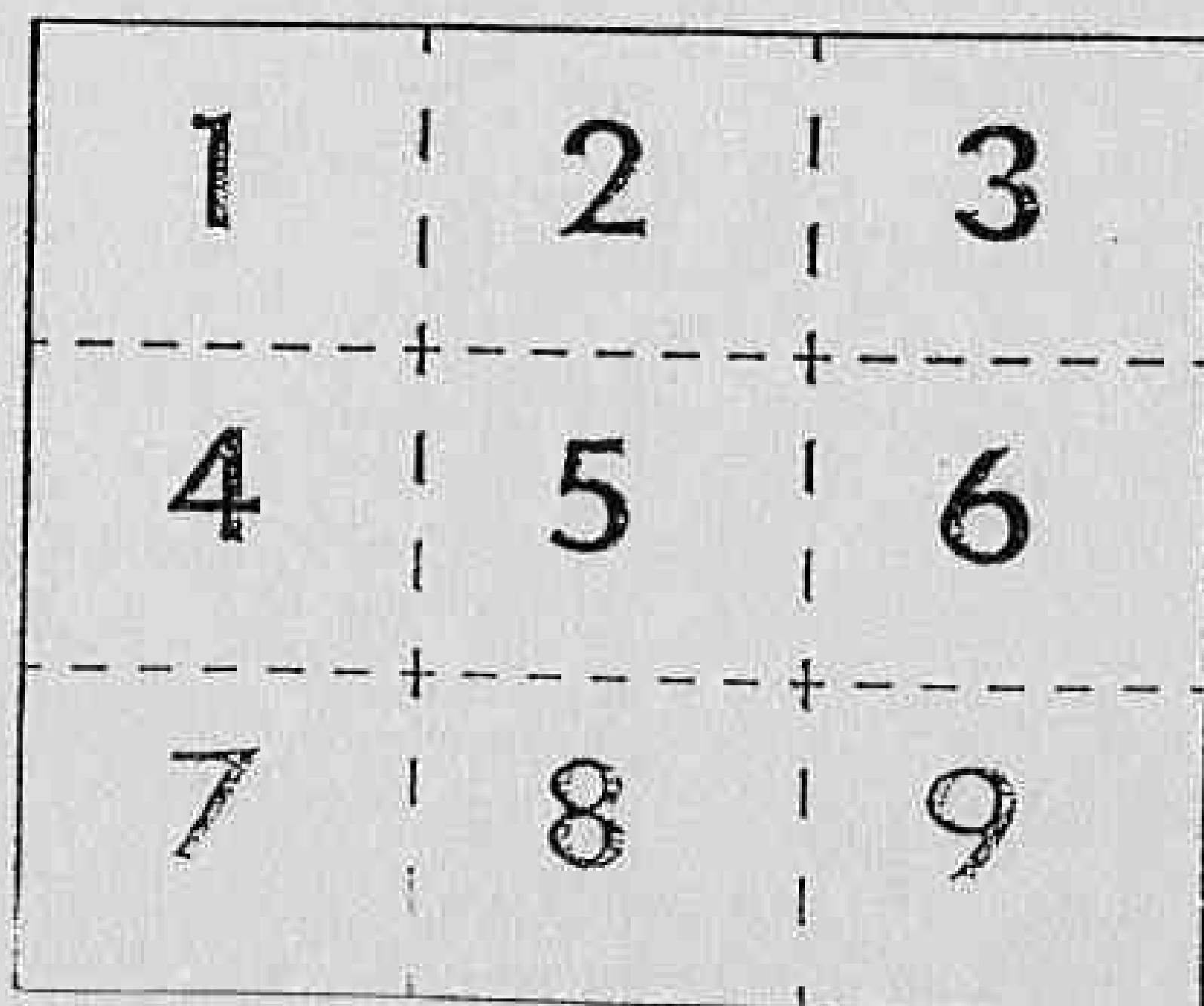
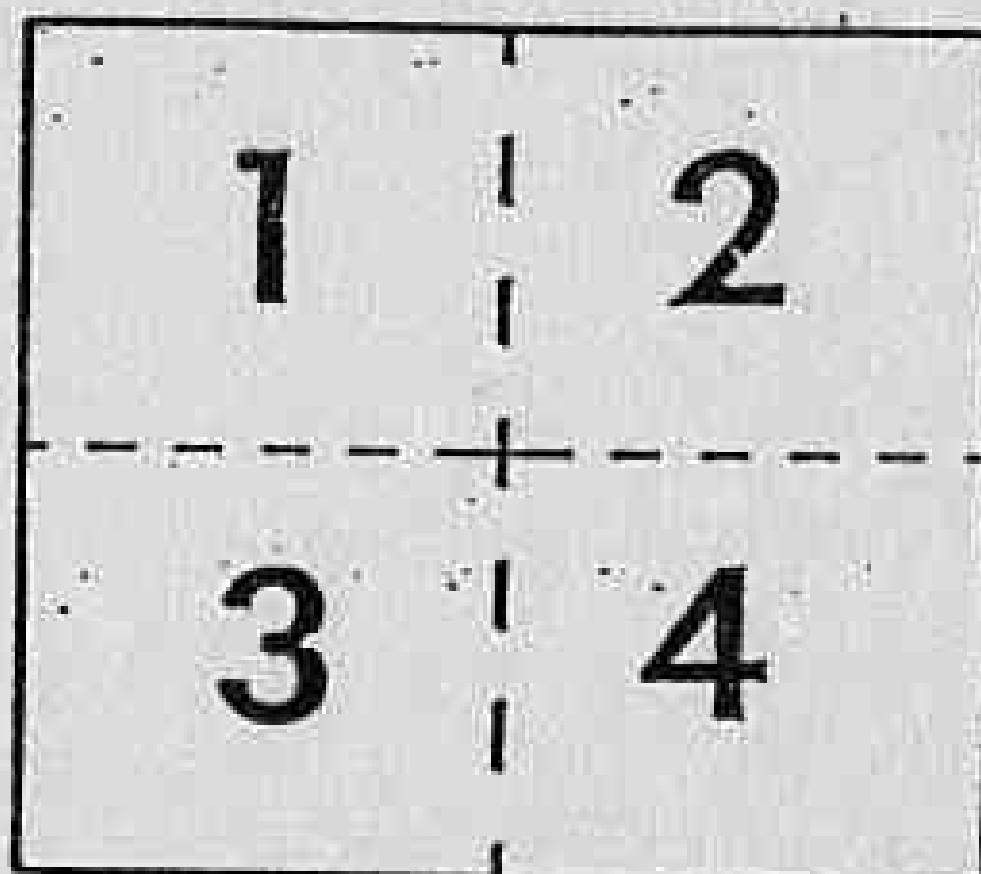
② * Note this is 1100. of which 500 are combat.
We must think up some more muleteers
Inante is producing how many? 175

possibly Campania
may produce a few
more. — 400.

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SUBJECT: Back Tvt Personnel.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(H.M.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 FRY	PLANNED	STARTED	ARRIVED	ACCEPTED	REMARKS
November						
	BARI	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	
	ELEA	750	750	307	144	Many were discharged as unfit
Totals as known 27 Dec 44	5701	5298	4244	2486		

PART II

December	TRANI	520	542	496		left 23 Dec for COLLE SILVETTI.
	ABRUZZI via TRANI	450	400	380		arrived CIVIETO and incl 120 NCO's.
	SICILY via AFRAGOLA	750	790	782		arrived CIVIETO 29/12

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left 23 Dec for COLLE SALVETTI. arrived CRVIETC and incl 120 MCC's.	496	542	520	TRANI
arrived CRVIETC 29/12	782	790	750	SICILY via AFRAGOLA
specialists sent 29/12 to PASSO CORRESE.	50	50	50	"
CRVIETC	500	500	500	SICILY via REGGIO
COLLE SALVETTI	386	375	400	SICILY via ASTRONI
CRVIETC	485	500	600	SICILY via REGGIO

This com- plotes first 2000 for new pack coys CRVIETC

Bal Dec TOTAL 3270 3157 3079

PART III

Serial	1. January	TRANI	200	230	700	Moved to CRVIETC 7 Jan. This is insurance
2.	TARANTO	400	450			Moving to COLLE SALVETTI 12 Jan
3.	SICILY via REGGIO	400*				Moving to ASTRONI 12 Jan from REGGIO
4.	SICILY via ASTRONI	400*				Next priority from REGGIO
5.	SICILY via ASTRONI	900*				To COLLE SALVETTI vido MIA SD 2081 dated 11 Jan
6. Total 2000	TRANI	175*				Moved to CRVIETC week ending 15 Jan
7.	PICENO	1780				Due to move to CRVIETC 25 Jan.
8.	PICENO	220				From to 300 COYSE requested MIA SD 2081
9.	BRITI Coys- Total	75				

Major General
M.M.I.A.

SIGNAL

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TO AFHQ G3 ONE GR BR BOV
15 ARMY GP SD A S.T.
1 DIST

INFO WAR MINISTRY DESTROY FOR MIA LO
ICF RTC CESANO FOR MIA LO
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORGIMO

SD 2071

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Secret

A (.) SUBJECT IS MULETEERS (.) PROVISION PERSONNEL FOR 252 & 253 PACK TPT GP
HQS AND 266 CMA 267 CMA 268 CMA 269 CMA 270 CMA 271 CMA 272 & 273 PACK TPT
COYS ALL BR ITI (.) ONE (.) 252 PACK TPT GP HQ STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 CR'S LEFT
O R V I E T O RFT DEPOT 8 JAN FOR F O S S O M B R O N E (.) TWO (.) 200
PERSONNEL AWAITING MOV TO F O S S O M B R O N E FROM O R V I E T O NOW (.)
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BEEN SENT TO P A S S O C O R S E FOR TNG (.) 75 FARRIERS ARE BEING MOVED
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PERSONNEL UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY (.) B (.) WHAT IS REQUIREMENT FOR
MULETEER REPLACEMENTS & RFTS ER ITI FOR 5 ARMY

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PRECEDENCE

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*Stanley*INTERNAL:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/029 OCT-0

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Muleteers.

TO : President, Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

SD/3/2

"for"

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Attached is original copy of MMIA letter, reference SD/3 SD/3/1, dated 31 December 1944, as requested.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:



R. H. Freese

R. H. FREESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Ltr AG, dtd 31 Dec 44, subj: Pack
Tpt Personnel.



13 JAN 1945

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FROM 5 ARMY
TO DIA, INFO CG STCUSA, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, CG PHS

SECRET

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Ref DIA Cable SD/2212, time dated 21 OCT. Para 1. Proposed reorganization letter, file AG328/2 of 24 Dec was not based on disbandment or reconversion in order to organize the 5 Pack Sule 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 DIA 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 PE US-171 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 4.4 Regarding February requirements, assuming all shortages of muleteer and other personnel 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 DIA cable.

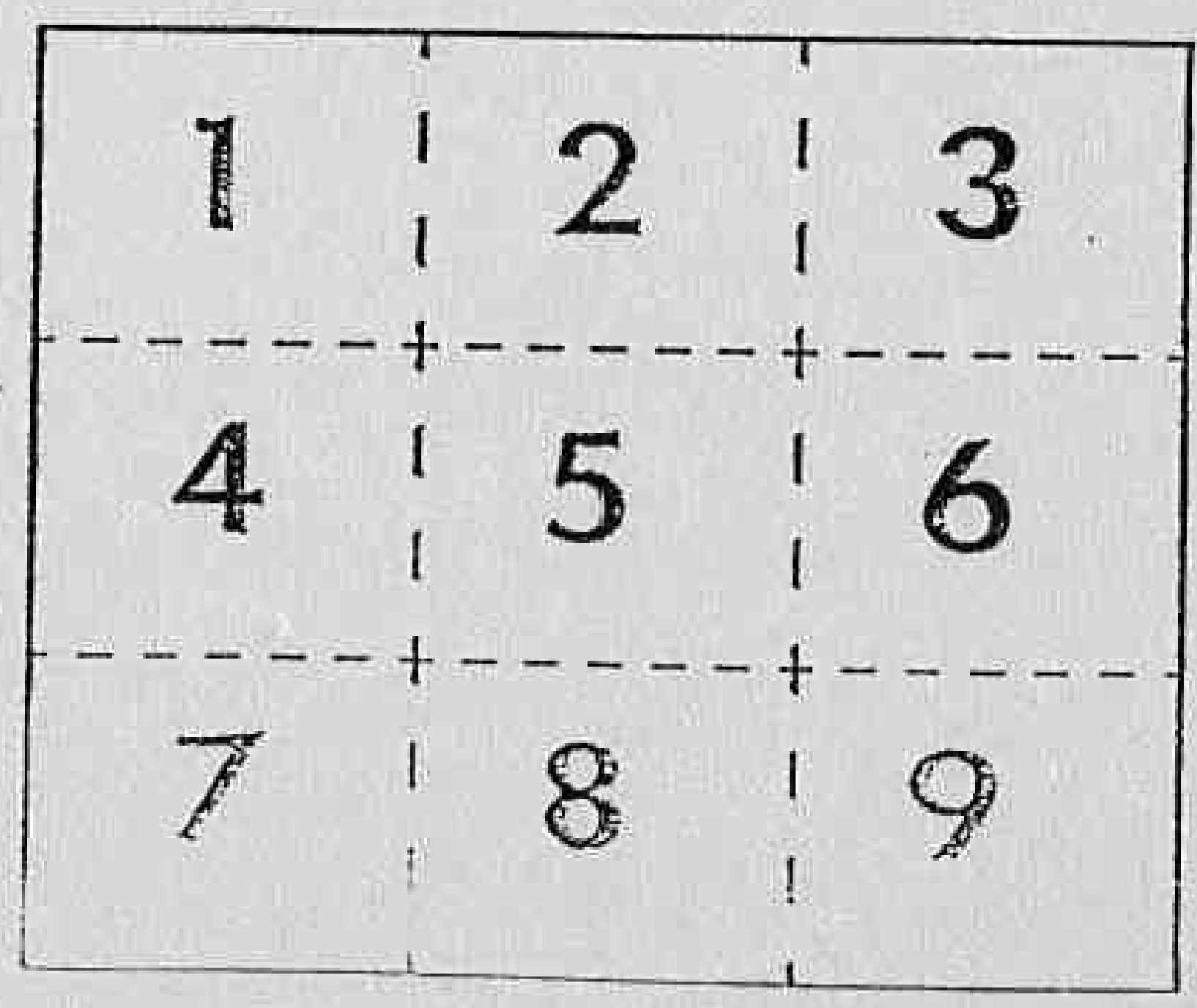
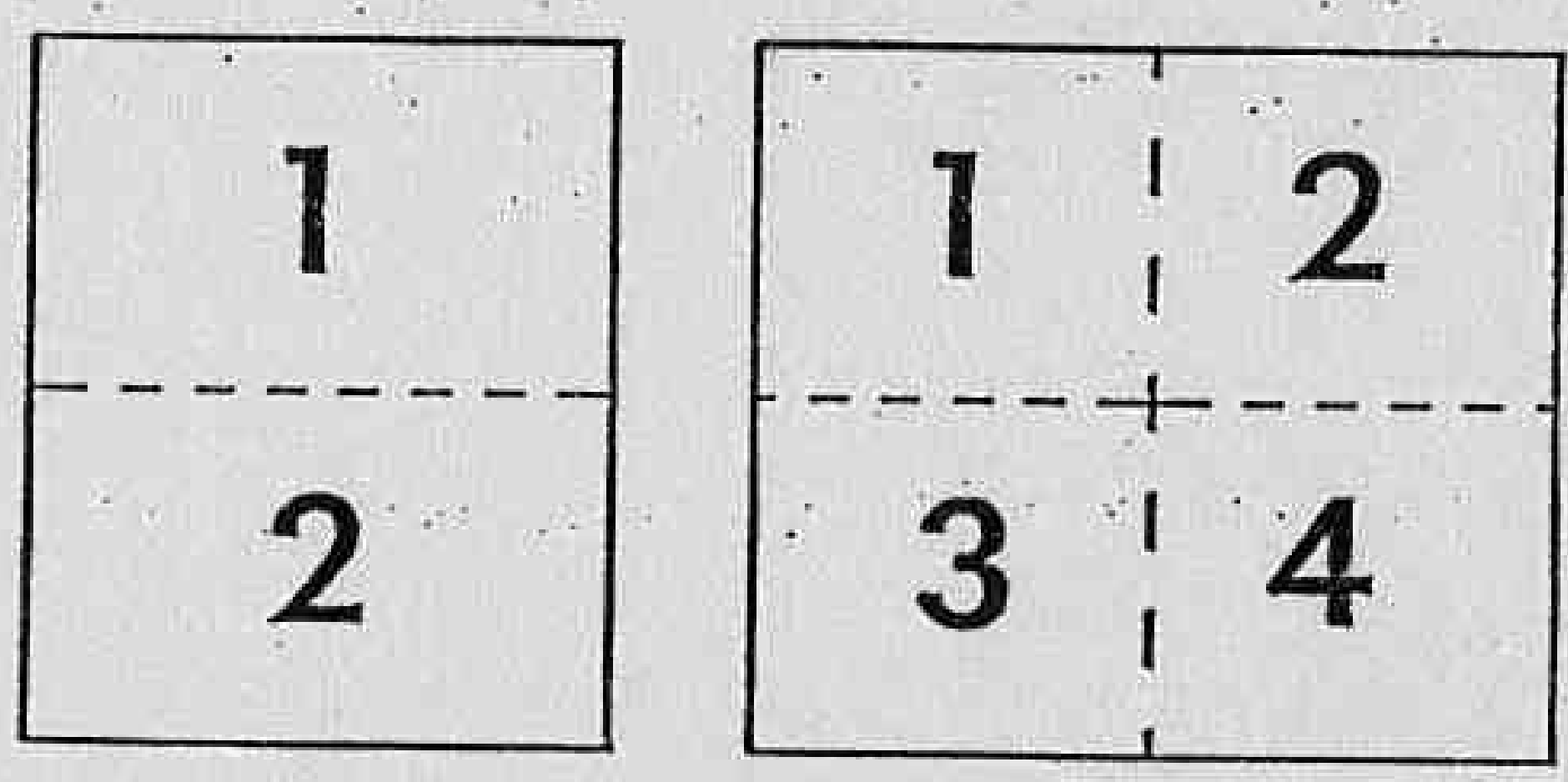
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SUBJECT: Back Tpt Personnel.

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

SD/3, SD/3/1
31 Dec 44

TO : G-1

The following is the situation as at 31 Dec 1944 :-

PART I

	Provisions FROM	PLANNED	STARTED	ARRIVED	FIT	REMARKS
November	BARI	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 addtl? 542 left 23 Dec
	TARANTO	# 2225	2029	1536	1049	
	ELBA	+ 750	(400)*	307	144	Many were discharged as unfit
Totals as known 27 Dec 44		5701	5298*	4244	2486	

PART II

December	TRANI	⊙ 520	542			left 23 Dec for COLLE SALVETTI.
	ABRUZZI via TRANI	⊙ 450	400	380		arrived ORVIETO and incl 120 NCC's.
	SICILY via AFRAGOLA	⊙ 750	790			arrived ORVIETO 29/12 No report in yet.
	"	50	50			specialists sent 29/12 to PASSOCORESE.
						moving to ORVIETO

TRANI	arrived ORVIETO and incl 120 NCO's.				
SICILY via AFRAGOLA	arrived ORVIETO 29/12 No report in yet.	790			
"	specialists sent 29/12 to PASSOCORESE.	50			
SICILY via REGGIO	moving to ORVIETO	346			
SICILY via ASTRONI	at ASTRONI awtg movement to COLLE SALVETTI.	375			
SICILY via REGGIO	at REGGIO awaiting movement to ORVIETO.				
This completes first 2000 for new pack coys ORVIETO					
Bal Dec TOTAL		3270			
PART III					
January					
TRANI and TARANTO	Stated to be available. I am awaiting confirmation. Movements are warned. For ORVIETO.	600			
SICILY via REGGIO	For COLLE SALVETTI. Next 600 ex SICILY will be earmarked.	600			
PICENO	earmarked for move to ORVIETO week 8 - 15 Jan.	2000			
January TOTAL		3200			
TOTALS					
PART I	- 44% of planned strength. accepted.	2486			
PART II	44% } - planned, only 44% may be accepted.	3270			
PART III		3200			
		8956			
Requirement	- AFHQ AG 091.711/137 GDS-0 of 21 Dec. MIA SD/3 of 14 Dec.	11600			

For COLLE SALVETTI.
Next 600 ex SICILY
will be earmarked.

earmarked for move
to ORVETTO week
8 - 15 Jan.

3 600

2000

January TOTAL 3200

TOTALS

PART I 2486 - 44% of planned strength, accepted.

PART II 3270 } ^{44%} planned. only ~~44%~~ may be accepted.

PART III 3200 }

8956

Requirement 11600

- AFHQ AG 091.711/137 GDS-0 of 21 Dec.
MIA SD/3 of 14 Dec.

DEFICIENCY

If December and January drafts move and
prove fit

- 3000 + 3000

Plus possible January wastage incl in
AFHQ letter of 21 Dec not incl in MIA letter
of 14 Dec

- 1000 2790

Major
G2
SD

File copy not incl in above

Incl #1

SUBJECT: Back-Tot Personnel.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(W.M.I.A.)31 SD/3, SD/3/12
Dec 14

TO :

AFHQ for G3 and (4)
1500, 910 (2)

11 Jan

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PART I

	Provisions FROM	PLANNED	STARTED	ARRIVED	FTT	REMARKS
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PART II

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	SICILY via AFRAGOLA	750	790	782		arrived CHIETI 29/12 No report in yet.
	"	50	50	50		specialists sent 29/12 to PASSOCARRE.

SICILY via AFRACOLA	750	700	782	arrived - NIVITO 29/12 No report in yet.
"	50	50	50	specialists sent 29/12 to PAROLIPES.
SICILY via REGGIO	500	500	500	moving to CRIVETO
SICILY via ASTRANI	400	375	386	at ASTRANI after move- ment to COLLE SALVETTI.
SICILY via REGGIO	600	500	485	at REGGIO awaiting movement to CRIVETO.
This completes first 2000 for new track coys CRIVETO				
PART III	Bel Dec TOTAL	3270	3079	
January	THAMI and TARANTO	600	700	Stated to be available. I am awaiting confir- mation. Movements are warned. For CRIVETO.
	SICILY via REGGIO	600	480	For COLLE SALVETTI. Next 600 ex SICILY will be earmarked.
Least four BR-IT Coys	PICENO	2000		earmarked for move to CRIVETO week 8 - 15 Jan.
January TOTAL 3200				
TOTALS				
PART I	2486			44% of planned strength. accepted.
PART II	3270			
PART III	3200			planned. only 44% may be accepted. i.e. 3000
Requirement	11600			
	8956			
	11600			
DEFICIENCY				
If December and January drafts move and prove fit				
- 3000 + 3000				

- AFHQ AG 091.711/137 GDS-0 of 21 Dec.
VIA SD/3 of 14 Dec.

Stated to be available.
I am sure time confir-
mation. Overseas are
warmed. For ONWILTO.

For COMIN SALVETTI.
Next 600 ex SICILY
will be embarked.

embarked for move
to ONWILTO week
8 - 15 Jan.

January
TRAIN and
TARANTO

600

STILLY via
REGGIO

600

Last four BR-ITV
Coys

PICCO

2000

January TOTAL 3200

TOTALS

PART I

2486

PART II

3270

PART III

3200

8956

Requirement

11600

DEFICIENCY

If December and January drafts move and
prove fit

Plus possible January wastage incl in
AFHQ letter of 21 Dec not incl in MIA letter
of 14 Dec

7142486 700
15 Jan not incl

44% of planned strength. accepted.

planned. only 44% may be accepted.

i.e. 3000

AFHQ AC 091.711/137 GDS-0 of 21 Dec.
MIA SD/3 of 14 Dec.

3000 + 3000

3000 = 7000

Major
G2
SD

8280

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From : AFHQ signed SACMED cite FHGAB

23 1625 A

To : 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN
MMIA

Ref : FX 73294

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Ref 15 Army Group Signal A28 of 20 Dec (*)

FIRST (*) Paras 1 and 2 noted (*)

SECOND (*) Para 3 (*) In view priority given to muleteers and
combat units only source rfts labour units must be new Call-ups (*)

Present position very unsatisfactory and no guarantee any rfts

labour units until completion muleteer programme (*) Any rfts supplied
now for labour only at expense of Mule Pack Transport Companies (*)

THIRD (*) For MMIA (*) Not satisfied with position and strong action
required by you to increase effective strength of Call-up.

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

SD Dist : SD/19

SD/50 (2)

SD/3/1

SD/53/1

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QVR -1

FROM LAEE 231319A

TO MMIA

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

MGR 129 BT

Immediate Land Force
N64/23
53/23
P/S 205
SD 1975 of 20
 RESTRICTED FX 73171 YOUR SUGAR DOG ONE NINE SEVEN FIVE OF TWO ZERO
 AND AAI SUGAR DOG ONE EIGHT ZERO SIX OF NINE X PROVIDED ONE ONE SIX
 ZERO ZERO FIT MULETEERS SUPPLIED IN PERIOD ONE ZERO NOVEMBER FOUR
 FOUR THROUGH THREE ONE JAN FOUR FIVE YOUR PROPOSAL TO USE SIX
 ZERO ZERP COMBAT RFTS IN LIEU PICENO PERSONNEL IS AGREED X SIGNED SAC
 CITE FNGCT X BEARING INMIND URGENCY OF PACK COY REQUIREMENT
 IMPERATIVE YOU STATE WHETHER YOU CAN SUPPLY FULL NUMBER FIT MUSE-
 TEERS IN TIME WITHOUT RECOURSE TO PERCENTAGE OF COMBAT RFTS X UNDER-
 STOOD ONLY FOUR ZERO ZERO BR DASH ITI AND FOUR ZERO ZERO US DASH ITI
 PERSONNEL SO FAR EARMARKED AS MUSETEERS OUT OF EXPECTED TWO ZERO
 ZERO ZERO IN FIRST PHASE OF SICILY CALLUP BT

SENT NR 9 AT 23/1507A

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/137 GDS-0

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers for Fifth Army.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA)

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

a. Demands

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
10 November	2770	Completion to TO/WEs of existing units (US-ITI and BR-ITI) plus two new US-ITI coys.
27 November	1000	Replacement of November wastage.
8 December	1200	Three new US-ITI coys.
	1600	Replacement of December wastage.
	4030	Two new Group Headquarters and eight new BR-ITI coys.
Total Demand at 16 December	10600	
Add 10%	1000	Provision of January wastage.
Commitment	11600	

b. Provisions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
27 November	170 (3 Dist)	158	149	53	Distthree SD389 27 Nov
5 December	580 (3 Dist)	184	163	90	
10 December	178 (TRANI)				MMIA SD1903 10 Dec
10 December	500 (TRANI)				MMIA SD1906 10 Dec
10 December	800 (TARANTO)	800			MOV TAR/C/398 10 Dec
11 December	800 (TARANTO)	800			MOV TAR/C/402 11 Dec
12 December	800 (TARANTO)	590			MOV TAR/C/413 12 Dec
13 December	500 (ABRUZZI)				MMIA SD1930 13 Dec
13 December	750 (ELIA)				
19 December	1000 (SICILY)				} MMIA SD1912 11 Dec
19 December	1000 (SICILY)				
22 December	500 (SICILY)				
	2000 (PIGENO)				
	9578	2532	312	143	

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

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

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

R.H. FRISSE
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

2785

RESTRICTED

FROM SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

TO MMIA

F72093

211351A

SECRET

Your SD 1947 of 16 (.) 15 Army Group informed every fit man of classes 1914-1924 should be used (.) My FX71184 of 19 refers (.) At present rate of rejection your call-up programme will require considerable increase in order to allow selection fit men within age Category (.) My ASD/922.2 of 14 Dec para 7 refers.

EK

SD/3/1
TS/G/4
SD/50
Float

2784

Subject:- Pack Transport Coy - Personnel

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

Tel:- FILPOT 226

3065/32/A(O)

18 Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ AC.

Copy to:- AFHQ G3 (Org)
AFHQ G1 (Br)
G(SD) (2)

Reference your SD/3 of 14 Dec 44.

1. The position as shown in Appendix 'A' to your letter is not agreed, for the following reasons:-

- (a) Only 53 muleteers were obtained from the 170 referred to in 3 District SD/389 of 27 Nov 44, the balance being found unsuitable.
- (b) Of the 580 referred to in AFHQ signal FX 60906 of 1 Dec 44, only 163 arrived; of these, only 90 were fit for muleteers.
- (c) Until the 2228 from TARANTO, 750 from ELBA and 678 from TRANI, along with those now "on order", have arrived and been "sorted", it is not possible to state how many muleteers have been provided.

2. The breakdown of the 842 personnel referred to in para 3 of your letter is 447 US and 395 BR ITI.

JSS/VRT

Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

LRKB V LAEE NR 23

QVR 2

FROM ^{AFNG} LAEE 191607A

TO 15 ARMY GROUP MMIA

INFO FIFTH ARMY

GR 118 BT

Ref 5 army 9702 of 15
 RESTRICTED: REFERENCE FIFTH ARMY NINE SEVEN ZERO TWO OF FIFTEEN X
for 15 Army GP
 FX71184 FOR ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP X SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT X ONE X
 NECESSARY EVERY FIT MAN OF CLASSES *1914 6 1924* ~~(ONE NINE ONE FOUR TO ONE NINE~~
~~TWO FOUR)~~ FROM DRAFTS SENT ~~FORWARD~~ FORWARD BE USED BY YOU AS ~~MULETEERS~~ *30,000*
 MULETEERS X PRESENT REJECTION RATE WILL INVOLVE MOVEMENT OF THREE
~~ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO~~ *11000 muleteers* MEN TO PRODUCE ~~(ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO~~ MULETEERS
~~X TWO X DESIRABLE ALSO MONTHLY WASTAGE RATE REDUCED BY ALL MEANS IN~~
 YOUR POWER X PRESENT RATE EQUIVALENT THREE NEW COMPANIES PER MONTH
~~X THREE X FOR MMIA X ENSURE FUTURE DRAFTS INCLUDE ONLY MEN OF ABOVE~~
 CLASSES WHO ARE FIT FOR DUTY ON LEAVING BASE

BT 191607A

SENT NR 23 19/1818A AY B K
 RECD NR 23 19/1818 A AAA AR K

SD Distr
SD/3/1
SD/3
SD/50
Nov (2)
Flot

2782

6 copies please
 192048

MMIA

AFHQ

SD 1947

SECRET

Ref FIFTH ARMY detailed signal 9702 of 15 Dec ending with request for adjustment of 190 muleteers (*) This HQ is making every endeavour to provide personnel suitable ^{for} training ^{for} muleteers vide MMIA SD/3 of 14 Dec (*) Request you inform FIFTH ARMY that everything has come on and will continue to be done to meet their requirements but suggest that their standard of personnel be lowered to meet present conditions (*) NO alteration to programme will, be made unless you instruct

SD/50(2)

A. J. England.
St. Col.

2781

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15 1500A

MIA

AFHQ

AAI

SD 1938

SECRET

In reply FX 68518 of 14 Dec (.) FIRST (.) 2000 personnel PICENO
Gp are available NOW for muleteers (.) Request you notify rail
move well in advance (.) SECOND (.) Bal incl those on temp loan
to CONR are all suitable as combat gp reinfsts (.) THIRD (.) Recommend
PICENO HQ staff and those specially trained in British weapons be
used as Combat Gp Reinfst Centre staff and moved to CASANO in priority
after FIRST above

Important.

2780

AQ
Spec Sec
MOV (2)
SD/50
SD/3/1
SD/28
S/SD/30

J. M. Angledon
St-Col.

SECRET

SUBJECT: Pack Tpt Coy Personnel.

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

SD/3

14 DEC 44

TO : A.F.H.Q. G 3 Org G 1 Br
A.A.I. SD A
War Ministry

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

INTERNAL:

2 1/C
G 2 L
AQ (2)
ST

M. J. M. J. M. J.
Major General
M.M.I.A.
2779

TO : A.F.H.Q. G 3 Org G 1 Br
A.A.I. SD A
War Ministry

SD/3
14 DEC 44

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2. Will you please say if this agrees with your records?
3. Will A.A.I. please signal breakdown between US and BR ITI of 842 personnel provided to 5 Army vide NHIA SD 1863 of 30 Nov.

INTERNAL:
2 1/C
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SD/50

M. M. I. A.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.
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SECRETSUBJECT: Pack Tpt Requirements A.A.I.

Summary showing :-

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

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

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

ts A.A.I.

raft and replacement personnel for present pack Tpt units operating with FIFTH Army.
personnel to form new coys.

r further personnel.

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

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

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		2100	MMIA SD 1890 of 6 and SD 1920 of 13 Dec.	1500 required by 15 Dec (a) From ELBA (b) " AFRAGOLA (c) " TRANI	750 678	200	1628	128
			MMIA SD 1890 of 6	From ABBUZZI via TRANI due 25 Dec at ORVIETO		500	500	
1000 1200	600	1600	MMIA SD 1912 of 11	From SICILY. Due 31 Dec (1) To ORVIETO via AFRAGOLA (2) To 5 ARMY via PES destination to be signalled by AAT.		1500 1000	2500	
25	4675 100	6000						
2825	5775	9700	MMIA SD 1890 of 6	Balance remaining to be found. Tps ex PICENO under discussion.			3100	
153	103	256						
2978	5878	9956			3656	3200	9956	256
		10						
1698	1073	1661						
4676	6951	11,627						

2000 (1400 from Piceno
250 from Ambient
250 from Tranzi)

1100

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		10						
98	1073	1661						
76	6951	11,627						

1400 from Picenna
 250 from Ancona
 250 from Taurini
 2000

1100

EMIA

AFHQ

ARI

SD 1900

SECRET

Ref MAIN ARI Signal SD 1806 of 09 Dec (.) Request this
matter be discussed and firm decision on ultimate future
of PICARO Op be made at Italian Conference on 11 Dec
at AFHQ

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SECRET

SUBJECT: BRITISH Depot, ORVIETO.

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

SD/51/1
9 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: AFHQ G 3 Ctr 3 DIST
AAI ED AQ, AAI TO 3 DIST
1 Dist, MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO 1 Dist, MMIA 54 AREA

1. It has been decided that a Depot for BRITISH in the AAI area shall be established at ORVIETO.
2. This Depot is required to be ready to receive the first draft on or shortly after 25 December, and AAI are arranging for the accommodation at ORVIETO to be prepared as soon as possible.
3. The first draft will, it is expected, be one of 500, ex the ARRUZZI cell. This draft is being earmarked for new Pack Trg Coys required by AAI. It will be followed by a draft of 1500 ex SICILY call-up at the end of December earmarked for the same purpose. The intention is that these personnel shall undergo approximately 3 weeks basic and part specialist trg at this depot, and that they shall move about the middle of January to a Specialist Trg Centre for the fnn and Trg of new male units which is to be established at FOSSOMBRONE where they will receive specialist instruction. This instruction at FOSSOMBRONE will be an Allied responsibility with the assistance of an Italian increment. The Depot at FOSSOMBRONE will be the subject of another letter.
4. Initially therefore the Depot at ORVIETO must be established and ready to accept 500 men by 25 December and a further 1500 by 31 December.
5. The Depot will have a small British Cadre totalling about 10 All Ranks. A Rep of this party will be ready to move in 2/3 days time. The proposed Italian Staff based on SMRE letter 8582 (Ord) of 20 Nov is set out at Appx "A". You are requested to suggest any modification.

1. It has been decided that a Depot for training in the AMI area shall be established at ORVETO.

2. This Depot is required to be ready to receive the first draft on or shortly after 25 December, and AAI are arranging for the accommodation at ORVETO to be prepared as soon as possible.

3. The first draft will, it is expected, be one of 500, ex the ARMY call-up. This draft is being earmarked for new Pack Troops required by AAI. It will be followed by a draft of 1500 ex SICILY call-up at the end of December earmarked for the same purpose. The intention is that these personnel shall undergo approximately 3 weeks basic and part specialist trg at this depot, and that they shall move about the middle of January to a Specialist Trg Centre for the fm and Trg of new units which is to be established at FOSSOMBRONE where they will receive specialist instruction. This instruction at FOSSOMBRONE will be an Allied responsibility with the assistance of an Italian increment. The Depot at FOSSOMBRONE will be the subject of another letter.

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8. All instructions will be issued separately.

INTERNAL: A/Q G 2 SD
ST G 3 SD
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War Diary (2) 4 spare copies for CI
Spare (2)
SD/52
SD/31
Major General R.A.C.

A.M. G. Gaden.
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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APPX "A" TO NMIA LETTER
SD/5/1 OF DEC 44

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Officers 1/c (Maj or Capt)
 Senior NCO
 C.M. or Cpls
 Clerks and Typists
 Office Runner
 Telephone Operators
 D R (Motorcyclist)
 D R (on bicycle)

Total

Adm Office

Officer i/c (sub)
 Pay Officer (sub of the corps)
 Adm N.C.Os

Clerks and Typists

Total

M.I. Room

M.Os (1 Capt or Lieut)
 C.M. or Cpl. Mod. Assistant
 Mod. Orderlies

Total

Ration Section

O i/c Rations (Sub)

Ration NCOs

C.M. or Cpl i/c Cookhouse

Cooks (Offrs Mess)

Officers' Mess Waiters

Cooks

Storemen (of whom 1 Cpl)
 Total

M.T. Section

M.T. Sgt

Drivers

Mechanics

Drivers

Total

Grand Total

It is anticipated that

eventually the Depot will cater for some 5000 - 6000 reinforcements for RAFTI Service Units, and that it will be responsible for their reception from all sources. They will be tested and allocated as appropriate within the Depot according to their physical or technical qualifications. Documentation and adm will be carried out in accordance with instructions to be issued by you. The reinforcements will be equipped and clothed, trained in basic and technical duties by you as necessary and allotted to units in accordance with instructions to be issued from time to time by Allied Authority.

You are requested to consider whether in these circumstances some additional QM staff would not be required.

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Four BattalionsBn HQ in Charge of 6 Coys
of 250 men each

Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
Clerk NCO
C.M. or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Office Runner
Batmen

Total

Cov HQ

Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adm Officers
Adm NCOs
Storemen (Cpl)
G.D. Men (of whom 5 C.M. or Cpl)

Total

(b) Stores

Bicycles

Motor Cycles

Cars

Light Lorries

Heavy Lorries

Typewriters

Camp Telephone

Telephones Cable (Inf.)

Med. Boxes

Med. Packs

Stretchers

Note C.M. = Corporal Major (Cpl)
Cpl = Lance Corporal

PERSONNELREMARKSOFFERS NCOs MEN

1	-	-	
1	-	-	
-	1	-	
-	1	-	
-	-	2	
-	-	4	
-	-	2	
-	-	4	
2	2	12	

Provided or reinforcements
in Camp.Provided or reinforcements
in Camp

Total

3 for HQ Office

2 for HQ Office

1 for Transport

2 for Transport

5 for Transport

3 (2 for HQ 1 for adm Office)

10 for HQ Office

2000 metres for HQ Office

1 for M I Room

1 for M I Room

2 for M I Room

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SECRET

Subject :- Italian Personnel for
Pack Tpt Coys

HQ ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/79/G(3D1)

4 Dec 44

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Lab

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

Reference para 10 of this HQ 1605/79/G(3D1) dated 29
Nov 44.

1. The First Meeting of the Committee to deal with the formation of additional pack tpt coys will take place at the EXCELSIOR HOTEL in Conference Room B on Thursday 7 Dec 44 at 1145 hrs, to discuss the attached Agenda.
2. AMIA have arranged for a rep to be present.

[Signature]
Director,
G(SD - F).

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SECRET

1605/79/G(SD.1)

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

OBJECT

1. (a) to examine the provision, accommodation, equipping and training of Italian personnel required to form eleven pack tpt coys (eight BR-ITI and three US-ITI).
- (b) to decide on the priority of provision of personnel as between rfts for existing coys and personnel for new coys.

REQUIREMENTS

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

11 New coys :-

US-ITI	1200	
BR-ITI	4675	say
		6000

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

2100

1600

9700

Total required by 31 Dec

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

ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

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

US-ITI 1200
BR-ITI 4675

say

6000

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

2100

1600

9700

Total required by 31 Dec

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

ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPPING AND TRAINING

3. (a) The BR-ITI portion will be received, equipped and trained basically at a Base Rpt Trg Depot to be set up in 1 District at CRVLETC. The specialist trg required is to be given at FOSSOMERCHES.
- (b) As the Depot at CRVLETC is not yet established it may be necessary to accept the first arrivals at FOSSOMERCHES and equip and train them basically there, although this is undesirable.
- (c) Points for decision are :-
- (i) Will the depot at CRVLETC be set up in time to receive the first arrivals?
- (ii) What period of time will be required for equipping and basic training at CRVLETC?
- (iii) If the answer to (i) above is NO, what additional personnel, British and Italian, are required at FOSSOMERCHES to carry out the equipping and basic training?

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PRIORITIES

4. (a) The priority for the provision of personnel for new coys is laid down in para 3 of Appx 'C' to 1605/79/3(SDI) dated 28 Nov 44 as :-
- (i) Two new coys forming in Fifth Army
- (ii) Specialists i.e. farriers and saddlors.
- (iii) Four British and three US coys parl passu
- (iv) Four British coys.
- (b) The Committee will be asked to phase the requirements for rfts to existing coys in to the above list.

required by
15 Dec

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4 December 1944 (38)

FIFTH ARMY

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MMIA. AAI

HX 52990

YOUR FOUR FIVE THREE NINE DATED TWO DECEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR X
STATED SAC CITE PHOTO X PARA X REGULAR REPLACEMENT DEPOTS AND ORGANIZATION
AT PRESENT BEING SET UP BY THIS HEADQUARTERS X PARA X PROCEDURE FOR
OBTAINING SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL AT PRESENT IS THROUGH CHANNELS TO MMIA

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SD
6/12.

MMIA. Dist: G (2) ~~_____~~
Hout.

PRIORITY

G-1, G-3, G-4, G-4 (MOV
& TD), AG Records

G-3 Crg-A TTB/mlm

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SECRET

DEC 4 1944 19 2771

Subject: - Italian Muleteers

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext. 226

3065/32/A(O)

OG Fifth Army
OG Fifth Army (Att Br Inor)
Main HQ Eighth Army
HQ No 1 District

9 Nov 44

Copy to: - IMIA (reference your SD/3 dated 6 Nov 44)
G(SD)
G(SD)(US)
Q
ST
Lab

1. Further to this HQ letter 3065/32/A(O) dated 8 Nov 44.
2. The last sentence of para 4 of IMIA letter SD/3 dated 1 Nov 44 will now be amended to read:

"With exception of the 100 muleteers in BR-ITI labour units in Fifth Army, muleteers will NOT be withdrawn from service units until their replacements (on a one for one basis) have arrived."

AGD/VRT

Brigadier,
DAG.

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TO: ITALIAN Muleteers

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HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 226

3065/32/A(0)

8 NOV 44

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CG FIFTH Army.

CG FIFTH Army (Attn Br Inscr)

Brig: HQ EIGHTH Army

HQ No 1 District - with copy of 3065/32/A(0) dated 29 Oct.

Copies to: - MMIA

G(3D) without enclosure

G(3D)(US) with copy of 3065/32/A(0) dated 29 Oct.

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1. MMIA letter SD/3 dated 1 Nov addressed to the Italian Ministry of War is forwarded for information.

2. In view of this Hq letter 3065/32/A(0) dated 29 Oct 44 MMIA are amending the attached letter so as to provide that personnel for withdrawal from labour units must in future be replaced on a one for one basis prior to withdrawal.

ACB/XX.

Gr. Sec.
B. H.

Shelton
Brigadier,
D.A.C.

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FROM (A) SIGNED SACMED

TO (FOR ACTION) LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)

TO (FOR INFORMATION) 5 ARMY, PBS FOR MMIA LO, AAI

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(REF. No.) FX 50916 CITE FHGOT

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REFERENCE FILE NUMBER SD/3 DATED 6 NOVEMBER (INFORMATION PBS
FOR MMIA LO) UNITS UNDER COMMAND PBS WILL COMPLY WITH MMIA
LETTER SD/3 OF 1 NOVEMBER.

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FROM MAIN AAI

051600A

TO MMIA

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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FROM MAIN AAI 05.1630A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR 53 (EXERCISE CORE)

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A937 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

REFERENCE YOUR SD 1863 OF 30 NOV (.) YOUR PARA FIVE (A) (.)

SPRAY OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL BETWEEN U.S. ITI AND BR ITI WILL BE MD/ MADE
BY FIFTH ARMY WHEN PERSONNEL ARRIVE (.) APPROX ALLOTMENT 65 PERCENT
U.S. AND 35 PERCENT BR

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MMIA Dist. G (2)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

10/1/44
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AG 691.711/137 36T-0

6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers.

TO : General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District.
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

1. Attached is a copy of Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMFA) SD/3 dated 1 November, to Italian War Ministry for the provision of muleteers for Fifth Army.

2. Muleteers are urgently needed by Fifth Army, and the screening of all units, as shown in attached letter, is the quickest means for providing such personnel.

3. This letter answers PMS 30950 dated 3 November 1944.

By command of General WILSON:

JACK CARTER,
Captain, ASD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMFA)
SD/3 dated 1 November 1944.

cc to:
Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMFA)
G-3 (Org) Foreign

Lend Forces Sub-Commission (LMFA)

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SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. SD/3
6 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: AFHQ
MAI (2) (ref MAI Signal A699 of 27 Oct 44)
MAIA LG 3 DISTRICT
" " 54 AREA
" " 8 ARMY
" " 8 ARMY
" " 1 DISTRICT
PBS for MAIA LG

1. Please amend last sentence of para 4 of this HQ letter SD/3 of 1 Nov 44 to read:-

"With exception of the 100 Muleteers in Labour Units in 5 ARMY, Muleteers will NOT be withdrawn from service units until their replacements (on a one for one basis) have arrived."

2. Will AFHQ please state whether units under Cond PBS are required to comply with MAIA letter SD/3 of 1 Nov as amended by para 1. above.

J. M. T. [Signature]
Major General
M. E. I. A.

Internal copy: A/C
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SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MFA)
SD/3/1
2 Nov 44

TO : A.P.H.Q.

Copy to: A.A.I.

Ref this H.Q. letter SD/3 of 1 Nov 44, copy herewith.

May FIFTH and NINTH Armies, 1 and 3 Divs and 143
please be informed of the contents of paras 2 to 6 of above
quoted letter.

J.M.F. Jr. Col
Major General
M.F.A.

Enclosures:

For AFHQ (Additional copies of this
HQ letter SD/3 of 1 NOV
for 3 Div and 143)

For AAI (Additional copies of this
HQ letter SD/3 of 1 NOV
for FIFTH and NINTH Armies
and 1 Div)

SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers.Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M M I A)SD/3
1 November 1944WAR MINISTRY.

Copy to: AAI(2) ref AAI signal A699 of 27 Oct 44

MMIA LO 3 Dist
MMIA LO 54 AREA
MMIA LO 8 ARMY
MMIA LO 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 1 Dist
PBS FOR MMIA

Confirming conversations BUTENORTH - DI BITONTO.

1. It is requested that you supply immediately Italian muleteers as under:-

(a) For 5 Army 938

(b) For British Increment to 5 Army 1073

2. As agreed verbally, all sources, incl service units under comd 1 and 3 Dists, 8 and 5 Armies, PBS, but excl Combat Groups will be ordered immediately for provision of the 2011 muleteers.

3. It is estimated that Italian Pioneer Labour Regts in APULIA under comd 3 Dist will produce the greater part of the 2011 muleteers required.

4. Replacements will be posted by you for muleteers extracted as soon as possible. Extraction of the muleteers from service units will not be delayed pending arrivals of replacements.

5. Muleteers extracted from Service units will be despatched as follows:-

Muleteers extracted
from service units in

(a)

APULIA 500 given 12 ex Camp

PBS

227 Division

209, 228 divs

Will be
despatched to

(b)

MINERVINO

ASTRONE

AFRAGOLA - 17

AREZZO

War Ministry will report to MMIA as and when men are despatched to the above 4 Camps. The arrangements from locations in coln (b) above will be made by this H.Q. in conjunction with AAI.

6. MMIA LOs of BARI, MINERVINO and ASTRONE.

Completed
Report
19/11/44
11/10/44
Dis word explaining

Signal

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6. MIA LOs of BARI, MINERVINO, and AFRAGOLA are reporting nos of trained and semi-trained muleteers at present available in respectively 27 Inf Depot LECCE, MINERVINO and AFRAGOLA Camps. It is considered that up to 300 muleteers will be produced from this source.

7. You will please treat the provision of these muleteers vide paras 1 to 6 above as a matter of operational priority.

Copy Internal:- A/Q
Lab,
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L. M. Longobardi
Major General
P.M.I.A.

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*From
replacements
of 11/12/44
to 1/1/45
11/12/44
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M.M.I.A.	SD/3
FILE REF	1
	21/11

Subject:- Italian Muleteer Rfts.

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext. 226

3065/32/A(0)

29 Oct. 44.

M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- CG FIFTH Army (att Br Inor 'A' Branch)
Main HQ EIGHTH Army
Rear HQ EIGHTH Army
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Reference your SD/3 of 19 Oct 44 and further to this HQ signal A 699 of 27 Oct 44.

1. In order to assist in the provision of Italian muleteer rfts, you are requested to arrange for the screening of BR - ITI labour units under comd AAI, with a view to obtaining personnel suitable for duty as muleteers.
2. You are requested to notify this HQ of the number of personnel found suitable and the date of their availability (i.e. the date by which they can be replaced by labour personnel). This HQ will then inform you of the Pack Tpt Coys to which they are to be transferred.
3. It is emphasised that all personnel for withdrawal from labour units must be replaced on a one for one basis prior to withdrawal.

ACD/VRT

Stewart
Brigadier,
DAG.

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*para 4
of our
letter
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FROM (A) AI-100
SIGNED SAC.

TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA.

TO (FOR INFORMATION) AAI, 5TH ARMY.

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CITE FHGCT:

REFERENCE 5TH ARMY CABLE 68M5 ~~XXXX~~ DATD 27 NOVEMBER.

REQUEST YOU URGENTLY CONSIDER USE OF ITALIAN ARMY

PERSONNEL EX GREECE AND BALKANS TO MEET OPERATIONAL

NEEDS OF MULETEERS FOR 5TH ARMY "YOUR TS/G/31 DATED

27 NOT TO AAI REFERS" REPORT EARLIEST NUMBER AVAILABLE

ASK MULETEERS FROM THIS SOURCE AND STATE PROPOSALS FOR

EQUIPPING THEM.

Distin SD/3
Info 10/6/31/2.
Yloak
SD/50

I spoke to Graham
1800 30 Nov and said
we were **PRIORITY**
doing it.

See para 5
on SD1843

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN : MAIN AAI

DATE TIME ORIGIN : 101715

AUTHENTICATED BY : Deciphered 102300

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TO : MMIA

ACTION : AFHQ CITE FHGCT FIFTH ARMY

INFO :

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FURTHER YOUR SD/3 OF 1 AND MY 3065/32/A (O) OF 8. ITALIAN MULETEER DEFICIENCIES IN PACK TPT OF BRITISH FORMATIONS FIFTH ARMY IS SUCH THAT MAINTENANCE OF THOSE PENS IS NOW SERIOUSLY JEOPARDISED. ESSENTIAL THAT IMMEDIATE AND DRASTIC ACTION IS TAKEN TO PRODUCE REPLACEMENTS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE TO HASTEN PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY BALANCE TO MAKE UP TOTAL IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS 2011. IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY WILL ACCEPT UNTRAINED YOUNG SOLDIERS OF PEASANT CLASS. IN VIEW OF (ABOVE?) SITUATION AM NOW PREPARED TO AGREE TO IMMEDIATE COMB OUT OF MULETEERS FROM LABOUR UNITS PROVIDED REPLACEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN FOURTEEN DAYS. IMPERATIVE THESE RFTS ARRIVE FULLY EQUIPPED TO SCALE LAID DOWN IN ANNEXURE B TO FREEDOM LETTER AG400/105D-C OF 22 SEP. IN ADDITION BIVOUACS TO BE INCL IF POSSIBLE ONE PER MAN AND SCALE OF BLANKETS INCREASED FROM TWO TO FOUR. IF YOU HAVE SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE ASK FREEDOM FOR ASSISTANCE IN VIEW OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : MAIN AAI
 REFERENCE No. : SD1147
 DATE TIME RECEIVED : Deciphered 141650A
 DATE TIME GROUP : 141325A
 TO :
 ACTION : MMIA
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FIRST. REQUEST APPRECIATION BE MADE EARLIEST OF NUMBERS MULETEERS WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED. SUGGEST FOLLOWING LINES.

SECOND. AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY ALLIES. NUMBERS WHICH CAN BE RAISED BY PRESENT METHODS OF RECRUITING IN ITALY SICILY AND SARDINIA ESTIMATED BY MONTHS. ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WHICH COULD BE PRODUCED BY EXTRAORDINARY RECRUITING MEASURES. DETAILS OF EXTRAORDINARY PROCESSES TO BE GIVEN. NUMBERS OF MULETEERS ESTIMATED IN EACH COMBAT GROUP. NUMBERS ESTIMATED COMBAT BRITISH AND US SERVICE UNITS WOULD PRODUCE.

THIRD. FORECAST OF NUMBERS MULETEERS WHICH CAN BE RECRUITED IN NORTH AND NORTHWEST ITALY.

FOURTH. NUMBERS ALL ABOVE TO BE SPLIT INTO CATEGORIES (A) RECALL TO COLOURS (B) RECRUITS REQUIRING BASIC MILITARY TRAINING.

Copy handed to G-2 (4)
 to be followed by 16 Oct
 + get answer from them
 point of view by reviewing
 of 16th.

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IMMEDIATE.

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SUBJECT: Italian Militares.

TO : ALC (2)

Ref ad signal 10 1147 of 14 Oct 44. Herewith the information asked for regarding Italian militares.

Militares Available in Italian Italy

1. From call-up in VARESE - VERBA - VERONA - VERONA regions -

A total of 700 trained and semi-trained militares.
One region per month concerning location.

2. From call-up in SASSUOLO and SASSUOLO (respectively) trained and semi-trained militares could be called up in November. Up to would be required from the Italian to the called up.

3. From existing units of the Italian Army -

(a) Current size -

Verona	- 400	figures being checked.
Verona	- 700	
Verona	- 300	all handed over in the areas prior to being.
Verona	- 300	

Verona and Verona - believed very few but details being obtained.

(b) Internal security list type -

Verona	- 400
Verona	- 300
Verona	- 200

(c) Units under Allied control -

Verona - 400 (already captured for use post war).
Verona and Verona units in rear areas - 1,000 trained militares
Verona and Verona units - 2,000 untrained militares

Militares who can be recruited in the Italian Army -

Trained militares who can be recruited to the Italian Army - 2,000
Semi-trained militares who can be recruited to the Italian Army - 2,757

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/1/00 BY 1043

19 OCT 1944

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collected information upon and within the
University campus and beyond. We do hope a

2. From call-up in 1942 and 1943 (respectively) examined and re-drafted citizens could be called up in 1944. The would be required from the 182nd to the island.

From meetings and the other following meetings.

(e) **Content type :-**

[illegible]

Legend - 101 - all handled over in Feb except portion for 10000.
 Belgium - 104 -
 British and Foreign - 105 - handled over in Feb except the being
 absorbed.

(iv) Internal security of the :-

Uninjured	630
Willy	300
Deadlines	250

(c) <http://www.irs.gov>!

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It used to get other people in their homes - 7500 & 8000 - and they would be in the hospital.

Integers also can be represented in 16-bit and 32-bit formats.

44. In fact, negotiators who can be recalled by the column = 1, 100
most-trained negotiators who can be recalled by the column = 2, 277

5. The reason is above has order to me to be recalled to the centre, is it this concern with the centre.

There is no possibility of entering any remaining remains. A new one (L-57) would be submitted, which is estimated would produce approximately 6,000 can be fabricated. This estimate for the use of 6,000 can be fairly certain. There are no other requirements for the use of 6,000 can in addition to meeting the use of 6,000 can.

S. I. S.

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FROM MEMIA

TO MEMIA LO 54 AREA
MEMIA LO DISTONE
MEMIA LO DISTHREE
MEMIA LO HEAR 3 ARMY
MEMIA LO 5 ARMY
PBS FOR MEMIA

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SD/3

Ref 1/1

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RPTD WAR MINISTRY

SD 1700

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Ref MEMIA letter SD/3 of 1 NOV (.) Request you do everything possible to explain to Allied units the necessity for corbing out ruleteers from Italian service units under their cord (.) Also assist Italians whenever possible by facilitating their use of Allied Communications Systems

PRECEDENCE High

AUTHENTICATED OK
May

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