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SD/6/2 Driving School of Polignano
Opened Feb. 23, 1944 - Closed Oct. 27, 1944
Feb. - Oct. 1944

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COPY. (ORIGINAL IN ST/1009)

SD/6/273
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FROM :MMIA LO 54 AREA

TO :MMIA

ST/264

REF YOUR ST/82/T DATED 28 OCT.

OBSERVED NO RPT NO ALLOCATION POL MADE TO POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

IN THIS INCLUDED IN COLUMN D

OR HAS PARA 6 OF YOUR T/89 DATED 20 OCT BEEN AUTHORISED QUERY.

SECOND. POLIGNANO SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE RPT ONE WEEK DUE TO LACK OF STUDENTS.

RE OPENING MONDAY 6 NOV.

9 AUTIERI REGT HAVE GUARANTEED STUDENTS.

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EXHIBIT 2001

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TO CHIEF OF POLICE

5/10/68

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RE: JUNE 22/68, BUREAU (22 MAY 68) (S) NEW YORK AND PHOENIX OFFICES.
BUREAU HAS ADVISED AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED IN NEW YORK THAT 15176 GENE
STARK DURING 19 OCT 68 THAT NEW YORK OFFICE WILL FROM NEW YORK OFFICE FOR
FROM HATTEN N.Y. OFFICE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

12. 03.

EXHIBIT - 8(10)

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SUBJECT:- Italian Driv s School

DET AFHQ

Copy to:-

54 Area

MMIA

MMIA LO att 54 Area

ST

MMIA LO 3 District

RESTRICTED

3 District

Ext 8

113/G

27 Oct 44

MMIA	16/12
DET AFHQ	
54 Area	
MMIA	
MMIA LO att 54 Area	
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MMIA LO 3 District	

Ref 10

Ref recent conversation STOKES - SPRAY.

1. For some months past under arrangements ST 2 District, 562 (Arty) Coy RASC has been running at POLIGNANO P 7171 an Italian Drivers School known as POLIGNANO ITALIAN DRIVING AND TRAINING CENTRE.

2. Functions. The school normally has been handling an intake of approx 160 Italian personnel per month. Students mainly have been sent by SHRM, but the school has always been able to allot vacancies to 2 District units requiring them. Out of normal monthly intake of 160 about 100 drivers are produced.

3. Organisation. Instructional Staff consists of small British cadre of NCOs and Italian NCOs and ORs.

Following eqpt is held:-

3 tonners	-	48
15 cwt	-	2
NCOs	-	12

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Instructional personnel and eqpt are organised into 8 secs, each consisting of:-

1 Br NCO (to supervise training)

1 Italian Sergeant

6 Italian Drivers each with 3 tonner on charge.

4. Adm. Messing and accn. for Italian personnel is responsibility of Italian Army. Pet supply for training is responsibility of MMIA.

5. Extension. MMIA LO att 54 Area states that sufficient accn. is available to permit expansion of this school to take 300 students per month, and that a further 30 Italian instructors are available if required.

To enable this to be done it would be necessary to supply an additional 10 British NCO instructors and 50 Cl 11 vans.

6. Recommendations.

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6. Recommendations.

- (a) That a school for Italian personnel providing instruction in driving and maintenance of WD vehs is essential and must be provided.
- (b) That the POLIGNANO school ceases to be a unit responsibility and is either:-
 - (i) made an official school with an appropriate VR or
 - (ii) after alternative arrangements have been established, is closed.
- (c) That firm ruling be given as to whether the school is a British Army or MMIA responsibility.
- (d) That AFHQ lay down a firm policy defining in what proportion trained drivers are finally allocated between British and Italian Army Units.

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(RB SPRAY) Major
for Maj Gen
Comd

FROM LMAIA

TO DISTRESS rptd LMAIAO DISTRESS WAR MINISTRY

SD 1574 (e) Restricted (e) Request you say when next driving course
POLLIGNANO starts and give LMAIA early warning if you require War Ministry
to provide any trainees (e) PAREN BOME AREA SPAREN

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

SECRET

2 October 1944

FILE NO : MSD/140

SUBJECT : Road Transport- L of C Area

MEMO TO : Q (Maint)

Reference your AFHQ/1194/Q (Maint) dated 22 Sep 44.

1. So far only two pls of a G.T. Coy have been offered by HQ N.A. Dist, and these are being moved forthwith, the remainder coming later i.e. after 25 Oct 44.

2. Minimum commitments which I foresee are:-

- (a) One G.T. Coy for Jewish Bde.
- (b) Two G.T. Coys for A.C.C.
- (c) One G.T. Coy immediately for No.2 Dist A.M.L. GREECE.
- (d) One G.T. Coy later for each of No.3 and 6 Dists A.M.L. GREECE.

- (e) Up to six additional coys for relief in GREECE at a later date.

- (f) You will notice from two cables MC in 18785 of 28 Sep and MC in 20419 of 30 Sep, that there may be a 'hiatus' period of 2-3 weeks for 2 Coys.

3. The only assets which I can offer are:-

- (a) The conversion from AA of three G.T. Coys in Oct (one of these will be equipped from vehicles allotted to A.C.C.)
- (b) The conversion from AA of a further three G.T. Coys by 30 November. These last three are dependent on availability of transport.
- (c) The temporary availability of Inf Bde Supp Coys from 18 and 168 Inf Bdes which have been reduced to cadre but are likely to be reformed in 6 weeks to 2 months time.
- (d) The formation of additional Italian Coys, which is to some extent dependent on the rate of training at driving school. If this training can be stepped up, and I am prepared to authorize provision of the necessary training vehicles, I see no difficulty in obtaining four further Italian G.T. Coys, providing always that the vehicle situation permits. Will you therefore in consultation with MIA examine the question of increasing the rate of training of the drivers.

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4. As regards dates by which G.T. Coys ex AA will be ready, I am now proceeding without War Office approval, and unless I am prevented, I estimate that the following will be the programme:-

- (a) One G.T. Coy by 15 Oct.
- (b) Two additional G.T. Coys by 30 Oct.

(SGP) J. L. C. MAPLER,
Brigadier G.S.
G-3 (ORG) Sub-Section.

JLCH/her

COPIES TO :- G-1(B), G(AE), AA & CD
AAI. (Two, please pass one to MATIA)

Seen by ST

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SUBJECT: Italian Gen Tot Coys.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
31/6/2
12 Oct 54

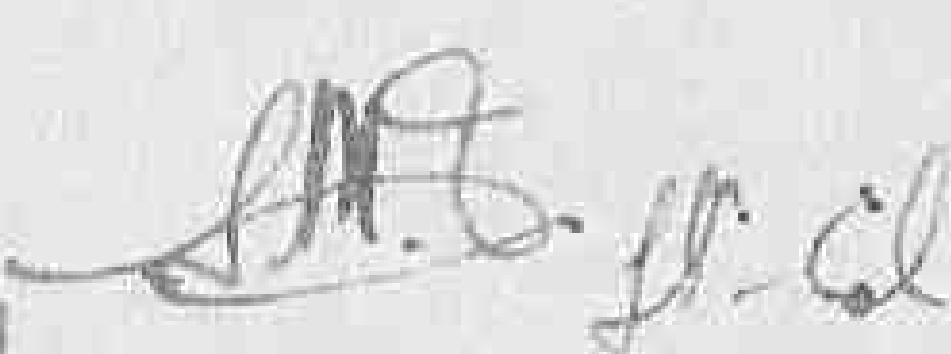
TO : AM (2).

Copy to: AM

In reply to your 1605/50/14/6(AM) of 6 Oct

1. This HQ is NOT in favour of utilizing any tot unit in one of the Italian Combat Groups, even as a temp measure, except as a last resort. These Groups, even Nos 5 and 6, are reorganizing so as to be fit for combat by the respective target dates given.
2. Drivers in Combat Groups all require additional trg and with that end in view local schools have been formed within the Groups for the purpose of trg sufficient dvrs to complete the Gruppi programme.
3. Arrangements for trg dvrs for service units exist at POLIGNANO Driving School under 3 Dist and the Naples Driving School under 23a as well as several small schools and beginners classes run by the Italian Army.
4. As you say in your letter under reply, provided the necessary Allied and Italian instructor personnel and a scale of trg vchs are made available, there should be no difficulty in increasing the output of the schools mentioned in para 3. For example, Polignano Driving School is at present producing 160 dvrs per month and there is no reason why, in a short time, an extra 75% should not be added to this figure.

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Major General
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ARMY FORM 378 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** 5/9 Register No. _____

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FROM (A) <u>MMIA LO DISTWO</u>	Originator _____	Date-Time of Origin <u>081857A</u>
TO <u>MMIA</u>	For Action _____	Office Date Stamp <u>5/6/2</u>
<u>DISTWO DISTTHREE</u>	(W) For Information (INFO) _____	Message Instructions <u>GR</u>

Originator's No. 86-1070 **CONFIDENTIAL** (.) REF YOUR SD1524 (.) EXTRA ACCH CAN BE FOUND POLIGHANO TO INCREASE TOTAL PUPILS TO 300 (.) EXTRA 30 INSTRUCTORS CAN ALSO BE FOUND (.) BRITISH INCREMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASED BY 10 TFS AND 50 VELS

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SUBJECT: Italian Gen Tpt Coys

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel : FILFOT 73.

1605/50/14/G(SD1).

6 Oct 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC

Reference AFHQ letter MSD/140 dated Oct 44 attached.

1. Regarding para 2(a), no decision can be given pending the production of a revised programme for the organisation and equipment of the Combat Groups, but it is presumed that, provided vehicles were made available, the necessary training machinery could easily be set up. In the case of 2 (b) provided that the necessary British and Italian instructor personnel and a scale of training vehs are made available, there should be no difficulty in increasing the output of the FOLIGNANO Driving School.

2. Your comments are requested.

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I think only
2 Dist can
cover the
FOLIGNANO Driving
School.

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Lieutenant General,
Chief of General Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

4 - 3 SECTION

3 Oct 44

FILE NO : MSD/140

SUBJECT : Road Transport I of C Area

TO : HQ A.A.L. (Two Copies, please pass one to MHA) —

1. The road transport situation is becoming critical and ever increasing demands are being made in connection with civil relief both inside and outside ITALY. These demands have to be met.
2. In order, therefore, that there should be no restriction in the provision of G.F. Coys, called forward by you, it is requested that you examine the possibility of :-

- (a) Using the transport units of Nos 4, 5 and 6 Groups as a temporary measure as G.F. Coys until the dates of equipment of these formations can be determined.
- (b) Creating additional Italian G.F. Coys by stepping up the training of drivers and imposing a higher priority for these units in accordance with the possible rate of training.

By Command of General WILSON :

J. A. H. GAMBELL,
Lieutenant General.
Chief of Staff.

JLON/hcr

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SUBJECT: Training of Italian Military Drivers

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

File No. 32/6/2

7 Oct 44

A.F.M.Q. (3)

Reference A.F.M.Q. letter DMT/116/MT of 2 Oct 44 addressed A.F.M.Q. (for DMT) dealing with the provision of Italian Military Drivers to handle Allied Vehicles. You may like to have the comments of this B., which are as under.

1. Generally speaking the only Italian Army personnel who handle Allied Vehicles are in

(a) The Italian Combat Groups now forming.

(b) Italian G.T. and Q.M. Truck Coys.

2. Arrangements for training drivers exist for para 1 (a) in the Combat Group program and for para 1 (b) at POLIGNANO Driving School, PES Driving School and several small schools and beginner's classes run by the Italian Army.

3. Further handling of Allied Vehicles by Italian Army personnel on a large scale is not foreseen.

4. It is considered that POLIGNANO Driving School under 3 Dist, the Driving School under PES and the Italian Army preliminary drivers' courses referred to in para 2 above could provide adequate training facilities for Italian Military personnel. AAI letter 1605/30/14/G(SD1) of 24 September 44 refers.

Copy to: 4
BT

Maj Gen
M. R. I. A.

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SUBJECT : Trg of Italian Drivers.DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMT

Tel : 10610

DMS/116/10.2

Copy to :- DMS/147/10.2

DMS/116/10.2

2 Oct 44.

AFHQ (For D.S.T.).

1. It has been represented that there is a need to train Italian drivers to handle British and American vehicles, and that unnecessary damage is being caused as a result of the lack of such training and experience. This representation seems to be based on actual experience.

2. The inexperienced Italian persons are said to be both civilian employees and service men.

3. If this is so, it might be well to set up some training facilities either under the auspices of M.M.I.A. or of R.A.S.C.F.D. or of both. Such a project might develop into a very large undertaking, and is bound up with matters of policy with which this Directorate is not concerned.

4. Before proceeding further, I should be glad to know :-

- (a) Whether you feel the need expressed is widespread, and, if so,
- (b) Whether you foresee such a continuation of the need as would justify the setting up of a training centre or centres mentioned.

HRC/rn

Copy to :- M.M.I.A.
HQ 3 District.

Raepe Kinkness
w
Brig.,
D.S.T.

SUBJECT: Italian Driver Personnel

Hq 2 District

Copy to: War Ministry

MMIA LO 2 District

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

H.Q. A.S.C.

R O M 2.

3/C/6

12-Sep 44

Ref your 4410/10/ST of 8 Sep 44, not to all.

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1. In all, 400 Italian dvr personnel for Hq 2 District are due to arrive from SARUNIA, 100 approximately 17 and 300 approx 30 Sep 44. It is not known what percentage will be capable dvr.
2. The 105 Italian military personnel undergoing instruction on the present course at POLIGNANO will be posted to 1007 G.T. Coy.
3. It is noted that the next Driving Course at POLIGNANO starts on 18 Sep 44 and that you do not require War Ministry to make any personnel available for it, since you already have 160 personnel of 1006 G.T. Coy who need further training.

4. For War Ministry.

(a) Request you post to 1007 G.T. Coy the 105 driver personnel referred to in para 2 above.

(b) Please note that you are not required to post any dvr trainees to POLIGNANO School for the next course starting 18 Sep 44.

A. Philbrick
Major General

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A. P. H. H. H. H. H.
for
Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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Internal Copy to: SE/6/2

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LRMD V LKAR RR7856 IMPORTANT

T JRD

FROM ST DISTWO 121800Z

TO MMIA

INFO MMIA LO

COX GR-- BT

286 RESTRICTED

FOR ST . 125 DRIVERS AVAILABLE FOR POSTING FROM POLIGNANO DRIVING
SCHOOL 15 SEP . REQUEST YOU POST TO 1257 (1) COY . URGENTLY REQUIRED
BT

SENT 7856 1326 CESR B

ROD 7856 1326B MRA BBS

Army SC

MMIA	50/6/2
PREP	
Date Recd	12/9/1



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MESSAGE FORM

TO 04 1520 B
 TH 04 B

From SMLA
 To DIRECTOR OF BAR
 rptd ST DISTWO
 RETALD DISTWO

SNL382 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Request you post to 1007 ST
 Coy can now forming at PALO del COME can 18 drivers reported
 by DISTWO to be ready now at PULLHAM Driving School (*)
 For ST DISTWO (*) Your ST 225 of 1 Sep refers

May be sent as written To be sent in cipher if
 exempt () wireless liable to interception

John Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

TOO 03 1740 B
THI 03 B

FROM MEMIA

TO DISTRO for ST

spda MEMIALO DISTRO
WAR MINISTRY

SD1379 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Request you say when next
Driving course POLIGNANO starts and give us early warning of
numbers of trainees to be provided by WAR MINISTRY

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except () wireless liable to interception

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(DRLS)

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ARMY FORM 12136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 2612

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FROM (A)

ST DISTWO

Date/Time of Origin

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For Action

M.M.I.A.

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Date Recd

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M.M.I.A.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

O.C. 562 COY RASC (ARTY)

M.M.I.A. LO

Message Instructions



Originator's No.

225 RESTRICTED (.)

18 drivers available for posting ex Polignano School
2 Sep (.) Request you post these to 1007 (I) Coy now
forming at Palo del Colle

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Translation

From: STAMAGGIORE MOBILIZATION
 To: COMILIT CAMPANIA

ref. 5862/mob.
 100844

Following telephone conversation with Lt. Col
 MASTROPAOLO @ We beg you to send urgently
 to 9th Drivers Group - Bari, 170 military,
 capable to attend drivers ^{driving} course, to be drawn
 from ^{known reserve} ~~replacement~~ battalion @ This STAMAGGIORE
 RE has given instructions to Mov. & Tra/SUPRA
 TRASPORTI) for transportation @ Inform us of
^{date} ~~time~~ of departure & number of military ~~unit~~
 being sent @ For COMILIT PUGLIA-LUCANIA we
 add that of the a/m military, 130 ^{are} to ~~be sent~~
 attend 4th drivers training course & 40
 to bring up & strength the detachment at
 training course at POLIGNANO @ Inform us
 of date of arrival, number of military arrived,
 & date ~~when~~ ~~courses~~ of beginning of courses

REP 16
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STAMAGGIORE MOBILIZATION

PTV

From: STATO MAGGIORE R.E.
To: Military Commands of Campania.

... confirming above teletype.

Mov. & Tr. to arrange urgently for
transport from Naples to Bari of
a/m. military. -

General Santì



PHILIPSCORPITO

COMILIT CAMPANIA
COMILIT PUGLIA=LUCAPIA

NAME	A
FULL NAME	
Date Recd	15 9 JUL

Stemaggiore Mobilitazione Nr 5862/Mob. punto Presente est diretto comilit
Campania et per conoscenza comilit Puglia-Lucania punto

Riferimento conversazione telefonica ten.col. Mastropaolo punto Fregasi
disporre urgente avviamento at 3° raggruppamento autieri Bari numero
170 militari (,) idonei frequentare corso autieri (,) da trarsi disponi-
bilità noto battaglione complementi punto Questo Stamaggiore habet inte-
ressato supertrasporti per effettuazione trasporto punto Comunicare data
partenza et numero militari avviati punto Per comilit Puglia-Lucania sog-
giungesi che suddetti militari sono destinati 130 at quarto corso autie-
ri et 40 at completamento contingente corso Polignano punto Comunicare
data arrivo (,) numero militari giunti et data inizio corsi punto Stamag-
giore Mobilitazione = 100844 =

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

Sezione Mobilitazione -

No 5931 / Mob. di prot.

P.M. 151, 13 agosto 1944

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

e, per conoscenza:

IL ROMANTICO MITTITAGE DELLA PUGLIA=LUCANIA

ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO TRASPORTI

P.M. 67

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o consumo telegrafico sopra riportato. -

..... a conferma telegrafata sopra riportato.
L'ufficio trasporti è pregato di voler urgentemente disporre
il trasporto da Napoli a Bari dei militari di cui si tratta.--

P. C. C.

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AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA=LUCANIA
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO TRASPORTI

.....a conferma telescritta sopra riportato.--
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 P. C. C.
 IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
 (G. Chiavarino)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
 (Alessandro Santi)

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MESSAGE FORM

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TOO 08 1610 B 58
THI 08 B

FROM MIAA

TO SMT

ST DETRO
rptd MIALO DISTRO PRR for MIAA AAI for G(ED)

SD1281 (*) RESTRICTED (*) IN SECOND part of our SD1278 of
7 AUG for HIRSHVING read CONVERSANO

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H. K. [signature]

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~~LCAR V MEAV NR 795~~ IMPORTANT

~~I MEYT~~

~~FROM~~ FROM MMIA LO DISTWO 071740 B
TO MMIA

QOX GR-- BT

PG 22 ^RESTRICTED (.) YOUR SD 1278

071210 B (.) 270 DRIVERS EX SARDINIA

N O T R P T N O T W A N T E D M I N E R V I N O (.)

~~ORDER~~ ORDER MOVEMENT TO C O N V E R S A N O

THI 071815

RPTN NR 795 PIP MEYT 071740 PG 22

~~SD 1278 071210 B 270~~

~~MINERVINO CONVERSANO 071815~~

SENT GJ B

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IMPORTANT

MMIA
FILE REF
Data Recd

SD/42, 57
8/8/88

R1926 *Chen*

Done.
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MESSAGE FORM

TOO 05 B
THI 05 B

FROM AMIA

TO SING

ST DISTWO
AMIALO DISTWO

SD1274 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Request you post to 1006 O.T. Coy
the 105 Drivers which DISTWO report will be available 9 August from
POLIGNANO Driving School (*) For ST DISTWO (*) Your ST 220 of
4 refers

May be sent as written To be sent in cipher if
except () unless liable to interception

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No. 785020

Monika Eho Dim

PLANNED V. MEAN. TR 509 CTS LAOF

FROM ST DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

TO ST DISTRICT

INFO: KUALA

Q.

ST 220 RESTRICTED. 100 DRIVERS AVAILABLE 9 AUGUST

FOR POSTING FROM POLISHING DRIVING SCHOOL.

REQUEST 100 POST THESE TO 1005 CTD ST DIST

NOW FORWARDING.

TAM 2095

REF: ~~1005 CTD 1005 CTD~~

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ASB+

IMM. I.A.	SD/10/2
FILE REF.	11
Date Recd	5/10/10

RRS R2148 Hora

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MISSION FORM

TOO 28 B
THI 28 B

FROM MMIA

TO SMRE

rptd DISTWO for ST
RE MMIALO HQ DISTWO

SD1252 (*) RESTRICTED (*) POLIGNAN School report 14 (14)
Bvrs available for posting 29 July (*) In view of shortage of
trained drivers in 1005 S.T. Coy request you post the above 14
Bvrs to 1005 Coy and post 14 non drivers away from the Coy

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except () wireless liable to interception

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 16/27

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ST DISTWO

Originator

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For Action

MMIA

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF.
Date Recd

SA/4/2

TO

MMIA LO

(W) For Information (INFO)

562 COY RASC (ARTY)

Message Instructions

CR

Originator's No.

ST 279

RESTRICTED (.)

Polignano Driving School report 14 drivers available for posting 29th (.) Request that in view of shortage of trained drivers in 1005 Coy these be posted to 1005 Coy and 14 non-drivers posted away from the Coy

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SUBJECT: Polignano Driving School.

H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
4410/5/ST.

552 Coy RASC (Arty).

1.

Personnel having completed present course of driving instruction will be disposed of as follows:-

- a. Italian personnel from 15 L of C Signals will be returned to Units.
- b. 60 Class 'A' or 'B' drivers will be posted to Conversano for 1005 Coy (Italian G.T.).
- c. Remainder will be posted to 9th Italian M.T. Regt. to be held as reinforcements.

Above has been agreed between this office and M.M.I.A. and S.M.R.E. have been instructed to issue the necessary posting orders.

2.

In view of there being insufficient personnel available to post into Polignano Driving School on Monday next, it has been decided that the School will close for one week and that the next course will commence on Monday 10 July. Italian driver personnel for the next course will be provided as follows:-

- a. 20 from 15 L of C Signals.
- b. 50 from Italian Pioneer Coys.
- c. 100 will be provided by S.M.R.E.

All the above will report to the School a.m. 10 July 44.

3.

In view of the School being closed for one week, please make the necessary arrangements to give all personnel leave during that period.

a. Italian personnel from 15 L of C Signals will be returned to Units.

b. 60 Class 'A' or 'B' drivers will be posted to Conversano for 1005 Coy (Italian G.T.).

c. Remainder will be posted to 9th Italian M.T. Regt. to be held as reinforcements.

Above has been agreed between this office and M.M.I.A. and S.M.R.E. have been instructed to issue the necessary posting orders.

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b. 50 from Italian Pioneer Coys.

c. 100 will be provided by S.M.R.E.

All the above will report to the School a.m. 10 July 44.

In view of the School being closed for one week, please make the necessary arrangements to give all personnel leave during that period.

Colonel.
S.D.S.T.

TAB/MLL. Phone conversation of this afternoon refers.
copy to: M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.O. For information.

C.S.O.

For information, Para 4.
Please arrange for personnel referred to in para 2 of 15 L of C Signals, to report to Italian Driver Training School, Polignano at 08.00 hrs on Monday 10 July 44.

Please arrange for Italian driver personnel to report to Italian Driver Training School, Polignano, 08.00. hrs Monday 10 July 44.

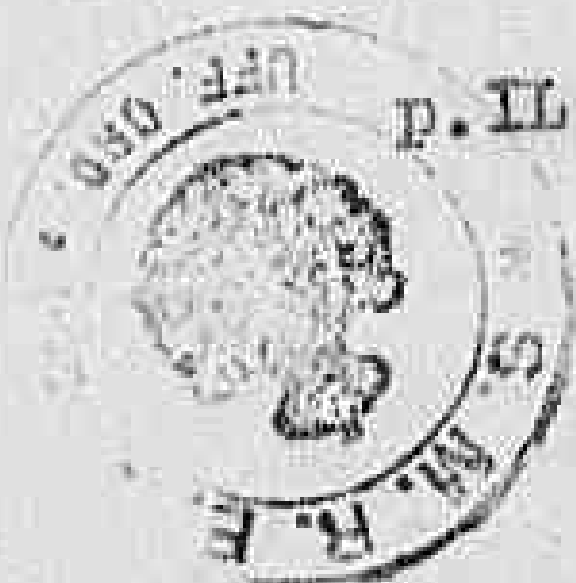
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TELESCRITTO

COMANDO IX CORPAMILI

Superesercito Ordinarmento N° 4503/Ord. alt Riferimento foglio 4280/Ord.
 del 16 corrente questo Superesercito alt XXXI Compamiles habet comuni-
 cato che scopo evitare addestramento incompleto allievi III corso con-
 duttori partiranno da Catanzaro giorno 3 luglio alt Personale giungerà
 at costituendo 1005° reparto autieri disarmato alt Predisponete armi
 et vestiario in modo da assicurare immediato completamento at arrivo
 personale alt Superesercito Ordinarmento = 1230250644 =



P. C. C.
 P. IL TEN. COL. S. S. M. CAPO SEZ. a. p. s.
 (G. Guida)
 (MAGG. G. D'Antona)

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ARMY FORM (2136) (SQUAD)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

INTA

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

For Action

ST DISTNO

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Rptd: SURE

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

SD 1020 (*) Ref your 230 of 23 June not to SURE (*) 20 Drivers of
501/2/3/4 Italian Line construction coys attached 15 L of C Sigs are authorized
to proceed to FOLIGNANO driving school (*) drivers will be returned direct to
unit on completion of course

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FROM ACC MAIN 231903

TO ROVEIT

INFO ST DISTWO EPT NITA

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BT

REF N50032 RESTRICTED

REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVEMENT EARLIEST ONE

EIGHT ITALIAN DRIVERS POLIGNANO TO

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~~CVR 2~~

MEY/10/00/01/00/02 00X/00

FROM ST DISTWO 23 NPT

TO 562 COY RASC (ARTY)

INFO MMIA : MMIA L O : SIGS 2 DIST

~~CR~~ --- BT

230 RESTRICTED (.) 20 DRIVERS OF 501/2/3/4 ITALIAN
LINE CONSTRUCTION COYS ATTACHED ~~15~~ 15 L OF G SIGS
REPORTING TO POLIGNANE DIVING

SCHOOL FOR LONG COURSE OF INSTRUCTION (.)

DIVERS WILL BE RETURNED DIRECT TO UNIT

ON COMPLETION OF COURSE (.)

FOR M M I A (.) PLEASE AUTHORISE

ABOVE ATTACHMENT

BT

THI 232040B

REPTR ~~273~~ T CVR 2

~~25NPT 562/2/23/40 501/2/3/4/45~~

POLIGNANE 292040

SD.

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SUBJECT: Polignano Driving School.

H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.E.
1410/5/ST.

2 June, 1944.

562 Coy DASO (Arty).

1. It is understood that 105 Italian military driver personnel will be available for posting on termination of the present driving instructional course tomorrow, Saturday 3 June, 1944.

2. This office has been in touch with M.M.I.A. and the following postings have been agreed and will be implemented forthwith.

R.T.U.	5	Untrainable.	Class B.
School Staff	2	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1002 (I) CT Coy	8	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1000 (I) CT Coy	25	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1005 (I) CT Coy	4	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
Bel.	65		

SPMA instructions for disposal will be given through S.M.R.E.

TOTAL: 105

3. It is further understood that of the total of 27 drivers received from 1002 Coy for a short course, 21 are Class 'B' and 6 are Class 'C', and of the total of 33 drivers from 1003 Coy, 4 are Class 'A', 26 are Class 'B' and 3 are Class 'C'.

4. All above personnel will be collected by their receiving units' own transport on Sunday, 4 June 44.

5. It is understood that S.M.R.E. under instructions of M.M.I.A. are arranging to post drivers to Polignano for the next long course to commence on Monday 5th June 44.

6. M.M.I.A. have authorised the implementation of above postings and are instructing S.M.R.E. to issue necessary cover authority.

R.T.U.	3	Untrainable.	Class D.
School Staff	2	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1002 (I) GT Coy	8	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1000 (I) GT Coy	25	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
1003 (I) GT Coy	4	to complete to W.E.	Class B.
Bel.	63		

1002A instructions for disposal will be given through S.M.R.B.

TOTAL: 105

It is further understood that of the total of 27 drivers received from 1002 Coy for a short course, 21 are Class 'B' and 6 are Class 'C', and of the total of 53 drivers from 1003 Coy, 4 are Class 'A', 26 are Class 'B' and 3 are Class 'C'.

All above personnel will be collected by their receiving units on transport on Sunday, 4 June 44.

It is understood that S.M.R.B. under instructions of M.M.I.A. are arranging to post drivers to Polignano for the next long course to commence on Monday 5th June 44.

M.M.I.A. have authorised the implementation of above postings forthwith, and are instructing S.M.R.B. to issue necessary cover authority.

Colonel.
P.D.S.T.

Copy to: ST 6 Base Sub Area.
52 Area.
71 Sub Area.
M.M.I.A. (conversation Major Bowles - Lt/Cpl. Hampden refers).
M.M.I.A. I.C.

SUBJECT:- 3rd Course POLIGNANO

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (SMIA)
LEQUILLÉ (LECOM)
SD/6/2

27 May 44

S M R E

Ref my SD/6 of 29 May.

Please arrange that the 160 drivers for the next course at POLIGNANO Drivers School arrive during the week-end 3/5 June, to commence training on 5th June.

ABC

[Signature]
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Postings - Italian Driver Training School.

44

M.M.I.A.

SD/6/2
25/5

H.Q., No. 2 District, C.M.F.
ST/4410/5
24 May, 1944.

1. It is understood that 9th M.T. Rgt. have posted 11 drivers for training to POLIGIANO and that an additional 5 drivers have reported from 1009 (Italian) Company.
2. The next course is not due to start until Monday June 5th, thus these drivers cannot be fitted in but will be retained on general duties until that date.
3. Will you please arrange that drivers for the next course should be posted into POLIGIANO to arrive during the weekend 3 - 5 June to commence training on the 5th, thus obviating any overlapping.

/MT

Copy to :- 562 Arty Coy.

Colonel,
D.D.S.T.

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SUBJECT:- Postings - Italian Driver Training School.

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ST 71 Sub Area.

ST
25/5

H. No. 2 District, C.M.F.
SI/44/10/5
May, 1944.

1. It is reported that C.C., 1002 (Italian) C.T. Company has requested C.C., (Italian) Driving School POLIGNO to post him 39 drivers.

2. This is not understood as :-

(a) Progress Report on above Company of the 20th May stated that this Company was only deficient of 4 drivers.

and

(b) All postings from POLIGNO Driving School are carried out by arrangement between this office and MHA and not direct between Italian Company Commanders.

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P.T.O.

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MESSAGE FORM

From NMIA
To AAI
rptd ACC MAIN for OFFENHAUER

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SD/42
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SD 715 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your SD 1851 of 14 May (.) FIRST (.) SMRE state there are now 450 drivers ex call-ups in CAMPANIA so have ordered all four platoons (.) Request you delete Serial 1062 with one and insert new serial for other three (.) SECOND (.) In addition to balance of 250 above there are 90 in BARI and 130 in CALABRIA trained (.) and 75 on present course at POLIGNANO which ends 1 June (.) Require your answer to third para our SD 671 of 9 May before we can arrange disposal

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[Signature]
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IMPORTANT

Sgd _____ Sgd _____

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SUBJECT:- Postings - Italian Driver Training School.

ST 71 Sub area.

H. No. 2 District, C.M.F.
ST/44.1015
May, 1944.

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1. It is reported that C.C., 1002 (Italian) G.T. Company has requested C.C., (Italian) Driving School POLICIANO to post 39 drivers.
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Will you please look into this matter and forward your observations.

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Copy to :- S. L. A. (For information)

Colonel,
R.D.S.C.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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P.S.S. & A. (2000 pads of 100) 11-52

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ACC MAIN L.O. 037 11/17/57B

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For Action.

21c 12/11/4 for KERR

21c 12/11/4

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

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Originator's No

Ref no four covers the other material for first part of the station
drivers attached by allied control commission two five are satisfactory
and are required to be replaced from to 11/11/4 for KERR from
ACC main for liaison officers signed MACFARLANE from can two
five more to taken from one zero callups or will you supply
from POL-18/11/4 also on the two five rejects to be returned
PERLIERANO for please expedite for second for drop LUSH wants
to know when ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION will receive more
they have requested and approved by able able item
so they have urgent need for their own for gun TROWING

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ACC main for liaison officer signed MACFARLANE from two
five more to return from the zero volume or with you supply
from POLIGNANO to also as the two five reports to be returned
POLIGNANO to please expedite for second for group LUSH wants
to know when ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION will receive news that
they have requested and approved by able all other
as they have urgent news for them were for gen BROWNING
has lost that I gave him

from 4728 Restricted 0 Limit 0 of the Italian drivers attached
4728 25 are unsatisfactory and are required to be
replaced 0 from 25 men be taken from 10 call up or will
you supply from POLIGNANO 0 who are the 25 reports to be
returned 1 POLIGNANO 0 leave expedite 0 Second 0 Brig LUSH
needs but not when ACC will receive news that they have
requested and approved by able as they have urgent
need for these men 0 Gen BROWNING has had that I gave him

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Signed.

Signed.

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM				Serial No. 4811
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TO AAI. FATIMA. DUT 3. MMIA. 562 ARTY COY		Originator's Number		Date
FROM ST DISTWO				In Reply to Number
228 0 Ref MMIA 52607 addressed 'FATIMA DIST 3 dated 30.6.0 45 Drivers from POLIGNANO Driving School will report to HQ ACC at NAPLES at approximately 1800 hrs 2 May 0 Arrange reception and accommodation		Sgt S. S.		
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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		IN OUT		No. of Groups		Office Date Stamp	
				GR.		37	
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TO FATIMA DISTHREE info AM PATINA for OFFENHAUER ST DISTWO				Originator's Number		Date	
FROM MMIA				50607		301250B	
RESTRICTED Cancel my SO 599 of 29 APR @ Following is new position @ 25 drawings for HAKE and 20 npt 20 for 65 by telegraphists (DISTHREE SO 813 refers) being dispatched by road 1 MAY to report HQ HLG @ ETA will be signalled @ PATINA please notify DISTHREE when to collect @ This completes SO for PATINA and 20 for DISTHREE							
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FROM

(A)

M H I A

Originator

Date-Line of Origin.

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For Action.

S M R E

Office Date Stamp

TO

ST DISTNO (W) For Information (INFO)
562 ARTY Coy

Message Instructions.

GR

Originator's N.Y. CONFIDENTIAL (*) on conclusion of current drivee courses at PULIGNANO

on 1 and 5 MAY the following postings will be effected (*) 17 to 1001 Gen Tpt

Coy (*) 25 to HQ ACC (*) 20 to 65 Coy Telegrafista (*) remainder approx 47 to

9 Regt Antient for Special 1070 Independent Ambulance Platoon which can NOT rpt.

NOT to mobilised at PULIGNANO (*) Please inform Italian Commander at PULIGNANO

urgently by signal and arrange to collect or move this 45 for Ambulance Platoon on

5 MAY (*) remainder will be despatched by road

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ON 1 MAY 8 MAY THE FOLLOWING POSTINGS WILL BE EFFECTED (*) 17 TO 1001 Gen Rpt
 Cay (*) 25 TO 24 ACC (*) 20 TO 65 Voy Telegrafisti (*) remainder approx 45 to
 9 Rpt subject for serial 1070 Independent Ambulance Platoon which can NOT rpt
 NOT TO BE UTILIZED AT POLIGNANO (*) Please inform Italian Commander at POLIGNANO
 urgently by signal and arrange to collect or move the 45 for Ambulance Platoon on
 5 MAY (*) TRANSMISSION WILL BE DESPATCHED BY ROAD

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Signed.			Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

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DEIT VT18GB QUR1 (P) NR 152/30

No. of Groups
GR.

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Serial No. 8/30

Office Date Stamp

8/16/2
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TO INDIA INFO DISTREE FATIMA FOR OPENHAVER

FROM FILPOT

Originator's Number

A/179

Date

In Reply to Number

Agree you provide 20 drivers from driving school for 15 and
822 telegraphists

Call to see 30/14

M 20/14

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(.....) WirelessThis message must be sent in Cipher
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ARMY FORM 02100 (Small)

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HMIA

Originator

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TO

HMIA

For Action

DISPATCH

(W) For Information (INFO)

AI

HMIA for DISPATCH

ST 6 STWO

Message Instructions

GR -

Originator's No.

HMIA 00599 (.) 25 Drivers for HMIA ref our 50451 of 28 March and 14

for 6/100 telegraph first ref HMIA 00000 of 26 April will be dispatched 1 May

by road to 10,000 to HMIA (.) HMIA will be signalled (.) HMIA please notify

DISPATCH when to collect (.) This completes duty for HMIA (.) remaining 6

for DISPATCH one week time

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MESSAGE FORM

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NETT-NEGB (P) M QUR3 QRY NR272/30

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TO

562 ARTY COY
COY.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

Date

In Reply to Number

Originator's Number

FROM

ST DISTWO

225 Ref this office 220 dated 29 th Amend letter
39 to be delivered by road to Naples " READ " latter
45 to be delivered by road to Naples " ADD " inform
HQ ACC by teleprint of ETA NAPLES repeated to 3DIST.

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by any means
"(except)
(.....) Wireless

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if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

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Degree of Priority

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Time of Origin

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T.H.I.

301240

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SUBJECT: Polignano Driving School.

HQ. No. 2. Dist. CMT.
4410/5.

29 April, 1944.

562 Arty. Coy.

1. This office has spoken to Lt/Col. Hampton G(SD) M.M.I.A. reference the posting of personnel now completing training, and sent you disposal instructions by tpm. message, reference no. 220 of even date.
2. It is understood from your 66/45/2 dated 28 Apr. that you will have 100 personnel to commence a long course at the beginning of next week, and that during the week, the balance of your present trainees will be completed and disposed of.
3. This office will arrange an intake of 60 personnel to come to you from 1002 and 1003 (I) C.T. Coys. at the end of next week, to commence a short 14 days intensive course w.e.f. 8th May 44.
4. You will have noted that M.M.I.A. agree that the personnel posted to the M.A.C. are not to remain at Polignano after the 5th May 44. Please inform Italian O.C. accordingly and ensure that he receives the necessary disposal instructions.

Colonel.
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ST DISTNO (W) For Information (INFO)
1st Army Coy

Message Instructions, GR

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REPORT ON VISIT TO LIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL BY CAPT. J.M. CRAIG, S/C. S & T. 29
IN COMPANY WITH MAJOR LANTNER ON 12 APRIL 1944.

1. Contacted CAPT. IZAT, O.I/c. British Training Cadre, and obtained the following information:-
 - (a) British Cadre consisted of the above Officer and 2 C.S.Ms. 9 Corporals (1 Adm and 8 instructors), and 1 fitter on loan from 562 Arty Coy.
 - (b) Italian Training Cadre consisted of:-
 - O.C. Capt. Ficara
 - 3 Lieut.
 - 8 Sfts.
 - 55 Driver Instructors.
 - 45 General Duty men (Guards, fatigues etc).
 - (c) Capt. IZAT stated that with the present training personnel it was possible to train 160 men at a time.
 - (d) At the present moment 148 students were in process of being trained and these would be ready for posting as trained drivers by the 30th of April.
 - (e) 12 Trained Drivers had been posted to 1001 C.F. Coy. on the 14th April.
 - (f) A Driver training syllabus was in operation giving adequate time to all subjects.
 - (g) The present strength of vehicles for training purposes are:-
 - 26 x 3 ton
 - 14 x 15 cwt
 - 5 M/C on loan from 562 Arty Coy.

Of the above only one vehicle requires Workshop attention.

5 more vehicles were being drawn from IVS that afternoon and 9 M/C. were to be drawn in the near future.

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Officers	6
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Drivers	183
	<u>259</u>
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13th April 44.

I'm bray left

Captain. R.A.S.C.

John Henry Mayhew
Capt. Marcell
to arrange with
SURGE. 10/4/44

Italian Note : 10 bags cement to be sent to school.

2. Tables & Formers for 200 men for mess.

3. White Drums to be used as snare. 50 more used

4. Old clothing for cleaning rags.

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ST271 Reference phone conversation of 90 Present position
Italian personnel at POLIGNANO 0 137 students 50 driving
also instructors 9 significant 0 It is confirmed that
no instructions have been RTU by British cadre
but 30 have been so dealt with by Italian authorities

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Report on Visits to NIPLES & CAMP between 4
by Lieut. Col H. B. FINCH, ADST.
17 April, 1944

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1. Saw Col:Offenhauer, M.I.A. IN NAPLES. Also Major LENTENER and Capt. HEILER and BENNETT.

(a) PBS do not intend to run a Driver Training School for Italians. They intend to train them with A Groups in PBS.

(b) An agreement had been reached with regard to Italian Drivers of American Truck Coys that extra Lire 20 a day will be paid to all personnel and not only those driving.

(c) Capt. BENJAMIN had been unable to obtain extra tents and equipment personnel and not only those arriving.

(d) Major LEMMON had experienced difficulty in getting 3 District to draw ambulances for Medical Units. They disliked taking respon- sibility for vehicles over which they would have no control.

(e) Col. OFFERTHAUER stated that he was unable to let Capt. BENDARI return to HQ 4th LBNL because of shortage of Transport and because Capt. THOMPSON had been posted away by 2675 Regt.

(f) Col. OFFENHAUER stated that in order to be able to send an SF Officer back to H. MAIA to report progress every week to ten days, he needs three SF Officers attached to his Headquarters.

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(g) Capt. HELLER's ship will leave Naples on 2 April (Sunday).
(h) Major LOMLINER reported that (LIE) in 3233/3234 dated 2 April had authorised the reissue to Italian Army of ALL Italian Vehicles held by the Army and Solvayre. Issue to be made through LIE.

(i) Issues of Boots & Clothing to 288 units is held up because the issue to be made through BARI.

(4) CBS are delivering 30 cars of Clothing including a little of everything to 500 Depot and 501 Depot. This is part worn repaired clothing, and it will be delivered at the rate of 5 cars a day.

2. With Col. OFFENHAUSER & Capt. HELLER visited Col George BAIR, U.S. Army, 044 PRS. Also Major SMITH, Asst. Chief, 044 PRS.

(c) Containees returned delivery of party worn clothing.
Exec Off BB, Iso Major SMTH, West, H-30.

(a) Capt. HALLER arranged delivery of shirt worn clothing.
(b) Arranged that all Italian indents, some of which had been out-
standing some time and had been duplicated, would be sorted by and
issue to fulfil all demands made.

(c) Col. BAIR ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ agreed that it was not necessary for RINCH to visit J. PBS unless especially asked to do so. All matters affecting PBS would be taken up by Col. OFFENHAUER.

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(e) It would appear that when discharging a recent ship, half the American Depot and then a quota, in agreement with the Ministry, handed over to the Italians, would be better than present system.

Italian Supplies had been discharged before it was received. It was also a fact that tho' certain quantities were marked 'III'. It was also a fact that tho' a whole consignment had been destined for the Italians, only about 10 per cent of the cases had actually been marked 'III'.

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 (b) Was shown a report from DI TWO on 1001 Ital GT Coy. This report
 was most informative, and in my opinion a copy of it should be done.
 been submitted to MILA. I asked Brig. HINDE if this could be done.
 (c) Discussed with Brig. HINDE working of ST personnel with MILA:
 in particular, Lieut TOMKS at BRINDISI. Explained that when no
 ships were off loading Italian Sups, Port Det LOS were employed at
 general liaison duties, visiting Italian GT Coys etc.
 (d) Discussed position of ADST, MILA with regard to Italian GT Coys in relation
 to ST DISTWO. Explained that OSC Cadres had asked for conferences with MILA,
 but that this had not been agreed to by ST DISTWO. In consequence all OSC
 Cadres had been invited to a dance to be held at LAQUILIS on 15th when
 incidentally a conference of all MILA ST Supervising LOS was being held that
 afternoon. Brig HINDE said he would discuss matter of conferences with Col.
 WARREN.
 (e) Brig HINDE stated that he intended moving 1001 Italian GT Coy from
 PARAFIO up forward. He said he was very satisfied with it.
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4. Interviewed, with Col OFFENHAUER, & Col CLARKSON, representing Port Comdt 6th Port HQ, 2BS.
 - (a) He complained regarding feeding and clothing of Italian Units attached for labour. A copy of his report is being circulated with this letter. Action with regard to I.A. (1) of this letter dated April 1st 1944 has been taken; SA/2 dated 8 April refers.
 - (b) Explained to Col CLARKSON that the matter of the insufficiency of the Italian Ration Scale had already been represented and it was actually sub judical at the present time. There was every hope of a universal "A" scale being authorised.
5. Visited 1001 Italian GI Coy, P.LO DEL GOLLE.
 - (a) There was a general appearance of activity and industry. The Village Square had been enclosed and mixed part wired in. W/shops had been opened up and the whole was in full swing.
 - (b) Major BROWN, Cadre Comdr, was away. The Italian Comdr was also away.
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Copy of Signal.

From: ST DISTWO

To : MMIA

Info: ST FLAMBO; GSD & Q DISTWO; 6 Base Sub Area; OC 1001(I) GT.Coy;
MMIA LO

261. 6 Apr.

Ref your SD 482 dated 1 April 44(.) No reinforcements yet received by 1001 (I) GT. Coy (.) Present deficiencies are: 2 officers, 3 L/Sgts, 7 Cooks, 39 Drivers IC, 10 Motor Cyclists, 11 Clerks, 20 Drivers (general duties), 1 Trimmer, 7 Vehicle Mechanics (.) Am now informed that ACC will shortly be taking Coy over (.) Personnel urgently required to complete mob (.)

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8. (continued)

(d) I saw Capt IZAT the OC Cadre Driving School. He appeared uncertain as to whether Petrol, oil, etc., was British or Italian and whether he would be responsible for its accounting. I explained that it was Italian as authorised through MMIA, but that he should see that it is accounted for by the Italians. He had L.220 instead of RD.30. He had also been unable to obtain overalls. There were only 17 for the whole of the 245 Men. He had found also that ill feeling existed because the pupils who were driving the Vehicles were being paid 25.70 Lire while the Instructors from a Tank Regiment, who were not driving, were only receiving 5.70 Lire.

(e) I went round the accommodation? The passages were still very dirty and the latrines filthy. I pointed this out to Capt FICARA. I also saw the Cookhouse which had been greatly improved since the visit made by Brig. DUCHESNE. I noticed however that in trimming the Vegetables considerable quantities of eatable food was being thrown away. Also the Cauliflowers were being delivered with unnecessary amount of uneatable stalk and withered leaves.

(f) I asked Capt IZAT, the Cadre Comdr, to look at these points, whereupon he stated he had received orders from DISTWO that he was not to enter the Cookhouse, and that he was to confine himself to actual instruction in Driving and Vehicle maintenance.

9. Visited 1002 Italian Gr Coy, BRINDISI.

(a) Saw Major CHRISTMAS who had no particular difficulties.

(b) It would appear that Unit requires:

20 Engines immediately.

20 Engines in about one month.

20 Engines shortly after that.

(c) He had produced a very interesting system of graphs which showed No of accidents per day, Vehicle Availability, etc. He had 72 Vehicles on the road; this figure is fairly constant. He had, on an average, 2 accidents a day. The most was 5 accidents in one day; the least was 2 days without an accident.

(d) He had been experiencing trouble with regard to Drivers taking lorry loads of Flour from the Docks, and disposing of it to the Black Market.

(e) Capt SERRATORE has at last been replaced, and is in the process of handing over.

In the Field.
8 April 1944.

Paul Gail
Lieut. Colonel,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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Enclosure to report, dated 8 Aprl 44.

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Headquarters, 389th Port Battalion, Transportation Corps

No. 1

From: Hq. 389th Port Bn.

To : The Port Comdt 6th Port Hq.

April 1, 1944

1 In compliance with verbal instructions of the Port Commandant, the following report pertaining to the feeding and clothing of Italian units attached to this battalion for operational control is submitted.

A. The Italian ration which went into effect 25 Mar 44, has been found to be approximately half that of the ration formerly issued by the U.S. Army Quartermaster.

(1) This reduction has been felt mostly in the amount of bread and flour now being issued. The bread ration formerly issued to Italian Troops from U.S. Army Depots allowed 650 grams of bread each day. The ration as issued by the Italian depot has been reduced to 300 grams per man per day. Flour issue has been cut from 225 grams per man per day to approximately 110 grams per day.

(2) Investigation has shown that the Italian depots do not handle fresh fruits and vegetables. Wine is not available for issue. Due to fact that the above items are not available for issue, the depots allow each unit to go into the country and buy up these missing ration components. Each Italian Unit is reimbursed for such expenditures by the depots at the rate of five (5) lira per man per day. Due to the limited transportation facilities at disposal of these Italian units, the procurement of sufficient ration rations to feed men engaged in hard labour is extremely difficult.

(3) Recent occurrences among Italian soldiers working at Pier H indicate reluctance to work because of insufficient food.

(4) It has been established that the officers of the Italian Command have been exerting every effort to see that their men are well fed, but present ration reduction over which they have no control has placed added hardship on their efforts.

(5) It is felt that an increase in the bread and flour ration would help immeasurably in work output and general morale of these Italian units.

B. The clothing situation in the Italian units assigned is extremely acute. 332

(1) During the 5 month period that the 503rd Inf Regt (formerly 113th Inf Regt. Montova Div.) has been assigned to this Head quarters for duty, it has been impossible to procure any appreciable amount of clothing for the men, certainly not enough to meet minimum requirements for stevedore labour.

(2) Procurement of clothing and an increase in the bread and

found to be approximately half that of the U.S. Army Quartermaster. The bread ration formerly issued to (1) this reduction has been felt mostly in the amount of bread and flour now being issued. The bread ration of 650 grams of bread each Italian Troops from U.S. Army Depots allowed 650 grams of bread reduced to day. The ration as issued by the Italian depot has been reduced from 225 grams per man per day. Flour issue has been cut from 225 grams per day. 300 grams per man per day. Flour issue has been cut from 225 grams per man per day to approximately 110 grams per day. The Italian depots do not handle fresh fruits and vegetables. Wine is not available for issue. Due to fact that the above items are not available for such issue. Each Italian Unit is reimbursed for such the depots allow each unit to go into the country and buy up these missing ration components. Each Italian Unit is reimbursed for such expenditures by the depots at the rate of five (5) lira per man per day. Due to the limited transportation facilities at disposal of these Italian units, the procurement of sufficient ration rations to feed men engaged in hard labour is extremely difficult. at Pier H

(3) Recent occurrences among Italian soldiers working at Pier H indicate reluctance to work because of insufficient food. (4) It has been established that the officers of the Italian Command have been exerting every effort to see that they have no well fed, but present ration reduction over which they have no control has placed added hardship on their efforts. (5) It is felt that an increase in the bread and flour ration would help immeasurably in work output and general morale of these Italian units.

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B. The clothing situation in the Italian units assigned is extremely acute. (1) During the 5 month period that the 523rd Inf Regt (formerly 115th Inf Regt. Montova Div.) has been assigned to this Headquarters for duty, it has been impossible to procure any appreciable amount of clothing for the men, certainly not enough to meet minimum requirements for stevedore labour. (2) Procurement of clothing and an increase in the bread and flour ration would be a prime factor in increasing work efficiency and output. (3) In addition to the above, it is recommended that at least two trucks be assigned to each of the Italian units to take care of their transportation needs such as sending food to the docks, going out into the country to purchase food, and for other normal operational needs.

For: Col. Clarkson

For the Commanding Officer.

/s/ L. W. B.
L. W. H.
Adj.

01/02/76
Mr Bowles DIST 2 District
reports by telephone 1730 9 April
following strengths at POLIGNANO

9 sqts
50 instructors
137 students

12 drivers ready to be posted 10 April

Jim

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M.W.I.A.
- - -

2 Dec 43

1. 7 Mtn Regt in NORTH AFRICA will be reorganised on W.E. NA/159/1 (copy attached) which contains an Italian element. Will you please arrange with the Italian General Staff for the provision of this personnel who should be available at the end of December.
2. As soon as a suitable site has been found in ITALY, the regt will be moved from NORTH AFRICA for mobilisation and training.
3. A second regiment on the same W.E. will be formed in February by the conversion of an existing fd. regt. Similar provision of personnel will be required.

Kw McQueen Col Jn

Maj-Gen.,
C.C.S.

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech (2 copies) NA/159/1 not attached

COPIA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE

- Sezione Mobilitazione -

N° 3288/Mob. di prot.

P.M.151, 6 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Personale per la scuola per autieri di Polignano.-

AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.67
AL COMANDO CAMPI DI RIORDINAMENTO LECCE.

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ISPETTORATO DELLA MANOVALLANZA

SEDE

Il personale nominativamente indicato negli uniti elen-
chi - 100 truppa - appartenenti ai raggruppamenti U.L. di Bari
- Taranto e Brindisi deve essere avviato d'urgenza alla scuola
per autieri di Polignano.

All'avviamento vi provvederà il comando IX corpo d'arma
ta, allorchè il personale predetto sarà stato sostituito nei ri-
spettivi reparti.

Il comando campi di ~~ri~~ordinamento è pregato disporre la
predetta sostituzione avviando:

- n. 40 truppa al comando regt. U/L. di Bari
- " 10 " " " " Taranto
- " 50 " " " " Brindisi

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Assicurare a movimenti effettuati.-

*Personal nominal with of vehicles attached to 100 CR 3 -
belonging to 1st div. of Bari, Taranto, and Brindisi must
be sent urgently to the Polignano
Sec (Gen. di div. G.B. Oxilia)*

chi - 100 truppa - appartenenti al raggruppamento U.L. di Bari.
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- " 10 " " " " Taranto	
- " 50 " " " " Brindisi	

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100

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Assicurare a movimenti effettuati.-

Personnel movement vol. of vehicles attached units - 100 OR's -
 belonging to below unit ffs of Bari, Taranto, and Brindisi units
 in rear assembly to the Policarano ffs (Gen. di div. G.B. Oxilia)
 driving school.

H.Q. 9th Army Corps, will arrange transport as soon as road
 personnel has been substituted in their respective units.
 H.Q. Motor Center will provide for said substitution by
 drafting! -

40 OR's to H.Q. Police Unit ffs	Bari
10 OR's " " " "	Taranto
50 " " " "	Brindisi
<u>100</u>	

Please report action

D/S/9/11

TRANSLATION

6 Apr 44

FROM COMPAGNIA SPECIALE AUTIERI PER AA HQ

To S M R E Automobilismo Branch

Replying to your etc etc of 6 inst.

- 1) 128 avrs are taking part in the course out of the 160 requested by M M I A
- 2) Instructing staff supplied by the 147 Hy MT Sec has been returned to the unit as the writer has already with him
 - 3 Subaltern instructors
 - 12 N C O
 - 55 dvr

who are sufficient for the course, so that the personnel from the Hy MT Sec would have been without a job.

- 3) The following personnel has arrived from XXXI Corps 294 Hy MT Sec

Capt Marchesi
2/Lt Santelli

2 N C O's
5 O R's

This personnel has NOT hitherto been given any duties as Capt Izot of the British Cadre considers that the instructors already appointed by this coy and forming part of the British Cadre of the Italian Mil Dvr Trg Centre are sufficient. I therefore await instrs on the subject, i.e. whether to return them to their former unit, as they are in excess of est.

- 4) The course, which is an only one, duly commenced on 1 Apr. Up to the present we have been visited by two English cols who expressed their satisfaction with the org and working of the course. There is nothing of particular to report at the moment, and if there should be I will at once report it to you, in accordance with your verbal instrs.

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C O P I A della COMPAGNIA SPECIALE AUTIERI PER A.A. e S.M.R.
C O M A N D O
Polignano 6 aprile 1944. n. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Promemoria di servizio per il Capitano Ficareo.

(ALLO S.M.R.E. - Uff. Serv. Sez. Automobilismo - P.M. 151)

Si fa riferimento al foglio n. 6/145332/45/O di prot.

Serv. del 6 corrente.

1) - Partecipano al corso n. 128 autieri contro i 160

richiesti dalla M.M.I. A. e S.M.R. E. e S.M.R. E. : C. F. E. L. E. S. D.

2) - Il personale istruttore proveniente dal 147° A.R.P.

è rientrato al reparto di provenienza perchè lo scrivente ha già preso di sé n. 3 ufficiali subalterni istruttori

n. 12 sottufficiali istruttori

n. 55 autieri conduttori istruttori

sufficienti per lo svolgimento del corso, per cui il personale venuto dal predetto A.R.P. non avrebbe trovato impiego.

3) - E' pervenuto dal XXV Corpo Armato 294° A.R.P. il

seguente personale :
Capitano MARCHESI Egidio 3318

Tenente SANTELLI Mario

n. 2 sottufficiali

n. 5 uomini di truppa.

Detto personale non ha trovato finora impiego perchè il

Si fa riscontro al foglio n. 6/145332/45/0 di prot.

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richiesti dalla M.M.I. - A. per proveniente dal 147° A.R.P.

2) - Il personale istruttore perché lo scrivente ha già pres-
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n. 12 sottufficiali istruttori

n. 55 autieri conduttori istruttori

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dal predetto A.R.P. non avrebbe trovato impiego.

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seguente personale:

Capitano	MARCHESI	Egidio
3° Tenente	SANTELLI	Mario

n. 2 sottufficiali

n. 5 uomini di truppe.

Detto personale non ha trovato finora impiego perché il
Capitano Isat del British Cadre ritiene che siano sufficienti gli
istruttori già designati da questa compagnia e già inquadrati nel
British Cadre dall'Italian Military Driver Training Centre. Attendo
pertanto disposizioni al riguardo, e cioè se rimanderlo al reparto
di provenienza, essendo esuberanti all'organico.

4) - Il corso, dato che trattasi di unico corso, ha
avuto inizio regolarmente il 1° aprile. Si è avuto finora la visita di
2 colonnelli inglesi che hanno espresso il loro compiacimento sull'or-

./.

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gamizzazione e lo svolgimento del corso. Non sono disposizioni particolari per ora, e nell'eventualità che ce ne fosse, mi premurerò di comunicarle immediatamente, secondo la verbalizzazione impartita.

... "Growth" curve of the **Obsequio** distillante

II. COMANDANTE
E/tó. (Cáp. G. Ficara)

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Automobiliamo

n. 6/2307/Servizi prot.

P.M. 159, 11 April 1944.

O G G E T T O : Promemoria di servizio per il Sig. Cavatone

ITALIA SOTTACOMMISSIONE A.C.G. 150911E

..... per convocazione. Potrebbe il Capitano Inset
ritenere sufficiente gli istruttori designati dal Comando Compagnia
Speciale Autieré, si propone il rientro al Reparto di prevenzione del
personale giunte del IX^o corpo d'Armata.

La "Commissione Generale della Notorizzazione" è dello stesso vertice.

IL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE.
(Magg. LITRO Vite).



STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi = Sezione Automobiliamo

P.M. 151, 11 April 1944.

CONFERRE: Promemoria di servizio per il Sig. Capitano

ITALIA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE A.C.C.

..... per concessione. Poiché il Capitano Isat

razione sufficiente gli istruttori designati dal Comando Compagnia Speciale Antierà, si propone il rientro al Reparto di prevenzione del personale giunto dal XXII Corpo d'Armata.

La Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione è dello stesso parere.

CAPO DELLA SEZIONE
(Magg. LIRO Vito).



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Yes
 ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

Am clearing

To: *GI*

GI *Range* *Dean* *more*
has now as per 33
3344
incurred.
Am clearing
ST *within* *GI*

ST *disino* informed me by telephone
 this evening that approx 50/60 were ^{still} available
 at *POLIGNANO* — this in spite of the
 fact that 1001 deficiency has been reduced
 from 147
 to 70 odd (see 1001 File) so presumably
 some of the "missing" at *POLIGNANO*
 have rolled up at 1001. *ST* *disino*
 said that they only took the 55 drivers
 from *POLIGNANO* and the odd 20
 reducing the deficiency at 1001 had
 just "rolled up".

GI

GI

The situation at *P* is most
 unsatisfactory. I'm telling *B* to
 tell the *State* so but I'd *3317*
 a little quoting figs to show
 up. The whole question of discipline
 and absolute wants' *airies* &

From SMRE. MT Section.Rel. 6/21/24/ Serv.To: M.M.I.A.File 1Date 31 MAR. HHSubject Personnel of the Div. School at POLIGNANORef. y. SD/6/2 of 28 MAR. HH

1. - order for the transfer of personnel in excess at the 1002 AT Coy to the Div. School - POLIGNANO was received on the 22/3 by the Coy.

Real strength at the date was 484 men, The 99 in excess on the W.E. (385) have been transferred to POLIGNANO on the foll. days:

22 MAR	37 men
24 "	26 "
28 "	17 men
30 "	19 "
	<u>99 men</u>

MILITARY HQS

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Delay in transfer is due to the amount of work which is to be carried out by the Coy.

2. - Div. Coy at POLIGNANO on a real strength of 250 men has transferred:

to the 1001 AT Coy
to 9 Regt. brass

56 men
43 "
99 men

(absent without leave or
sick at the Hosp.)

while the follow. are:

on leave
at Hospitue

11 men
14 "
25 men

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Deducting from the real strength of 250 the 25 men and adding the 63 men transf. from the 1002 Coy we obtain the strength present at POLIGNANO on the 25/MAR: i.e. 189 men. Gen. Officer

MA/81

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Automobilismo

N° 6/ 2124 /serv. di prot. P.M. 151, li 31 marzo 1944.

OGGETTO : Personale della Scuola Autieri di Polignano.-

Polignano diverse school Personelle

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.O. DI LEQUILLE

Riferimento foglio n° SD/b/2 del 28/3/1944.-

1)- L'ordine con il quale il personale esuberante alla 1002 compagnia doveva essere trasferito alla scuola autieri di Polignano e pervenuto alla compagnia stessa il 22 marzo.
La forza effettiva della compagnia a quella data era di 404 militari;
i 99 uomini eccedenti all'organico di 305 sono stati trasferiti a Polignano nei giorni di cui appresso :

22 marzo	militari.....	N° 37
24 "	"	" 26
28 "	"	" 17
30 "	"	" 19

Totale..... N° 99

Il ritardo nell'esecuzione dell'ordine è da attribuirsi all'intenso lavoro al quale è sottoposta la compagnia.

2)- La compagnia autieri di Polignano costituita con una forza effettiva di 250 uomini

ha trasferito :

- alla 1001 compagnia, militari.....N° 26
- al 9° reggimento autieri, (assenti arbitrari o ricoverati all'ospedale),militari... 43

N° 99 **3315**

- ha :
- in licenza " 11
- ricoverati in ospedale..... " 14
- Totale.....N° 124

Costante alla forza effettiva (250) : suddetti 124 militari

1) 99 uomini eccedenti all'organico di 305 sono stati trasferiti a Polignano nei giorni di cui appresso :

22 marzo	militari.....	N° 31	
24 "	"	" 26	63
28 "	"	" 11	
30 "	"	" 19	
Totale.....		N° 99	

Il ritardo nell'esecuzione dell'ordine è da attribuirsi all'intenso lavoro al quale è sottoposta la compagnia.

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3315

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-in licenza	" 11
-ricoverati in ospedale.....	" 14
Totale.....	N° 124

Sottraendo alla forza effettiva (250) i suddetti 124 militari ed aggiungendovi i 63 avuti dalla 1002 compagnia, si ha la forza effettivamente presente a Polignano il 25 marzo cioè 189 militari.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Gen. di Div. G.B. Uxilla)



Y. Uxilla

Subject: Driver Trg. - Italian Mil. Personnel.

H.Q. NO. District.

C.M.F.

1416/5/ST.

2 APR. 44.

G (40)

ADMT AAT (Admin Ech)

STIA.

1.

ST 6 Base Sub Area.

S.C. 562 Arty. Coy.

MT/AD.

Staff Capt. (Personnel).

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Further to this office letter of even number dated 15 Mar. 44.

Appendix below please find copy of Army Sub Commission A.C.C. letter 80/6/2 dated 31 Mar. 44 for information.

/PA.

DAY.

[Signature]
Colonel.
P.D.S.T.

Subject: Driver Trg. - Italian Mil. Personnel.

ST. 11. No. 2. District.

Copy to. ST. 13/1A.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

ST. 11. (201A)

1416/5/ST.

31 Mar. 44.

1. Ref your letter of 15 Mar. fwdg memo of meeting held on 2/4 subject. Number of persons has been withheld pending inquiries as to Italian contacts. For Min No. 10.

2. It is now being found that the requisite Italian instructional personnel as detailed in that Min will be forthcoming. They are being instructed to report to FULFORD as they become available.

3. Availability of extra 50 over instructors asked for verbally through ADMT STIA is uncertain.

Sgt. ... Brigadier.

Army Sub Com. A.C.C. 3314

SUBJECT: Driver Trg - Italian Mil Personnel

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/6/2
31 Mar 44

ST HQ N° 2 District

Copy to: ST MMIA

1. Ref your letter of 15 Mar fwdg mins of meeting held on a/m subject. Answer to para 4 has been withheld pending enquiries as to Italian potential for Min N° 10.
2. It is now ascertained that the requisite Italian instructional personnel as detailed in that Min will be forthcoming. They are being instructed to report to POLIGNANO as they become available.
3. Availability of extra 30 dvr instructors asked for verbally through ADST MMIA is uncertain.

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Personnel - Driving School POLIGNANO

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main H.Q. (MVA)

LEQUILE (LECCE)

SD/6/2

18 Mar 44

S M R E

Copy to: ST N° 2 District

1. On 18 March 44, on instructions from this HQ you ordered all personnel of 1000 and 1002 G.T. Companies in excess of 385 O.Rs in each company to be sent to the Driving School, POLIGNANO.

At that time there were 102 personnel in 1002 G.T. Coy surplus to 385. Yet up to Saturday 25 March only 63 men of 1002 G.T. Coy had reported to POLIGNANO.

2. Will you please investigate the matter; rectify it and render an explanation to this HQ.

3. Further: On 17 March there were 250 O.R. personnel at POLIGNANO. Of these 50 were sent to 1001 G.T. Coy at PALO DEL COLLE on 19 March. This should have left 200. With the addition of 63 from 1002 Coy (see para 1 above) there should be 263 O.R. personnel at POLIGNANO. But parade strength on 25 March at POLIGNANO was only 189, this including the 63 from 1002 Coy.

4. Will you please investigate the circumstances by which 74 men have gone missing from the school at POLIGNANO and render a full report to this HQ.

ABC

Brigadier
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

18

ACTION SHEETTHIS SHEET WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To:

GI

I have done nothing about this yet
but BAWMAN has got the M of W
to order the instructors *

We have never had any official order
yet.

Do we act on these inter-dept minutes?

GI

* but not on the increased scale
in the draft brought back by ADST

GII

Before we approve or otherwise the
minutes we want to know what hope
there is of these instructions in para 10.
Will they be forthcoming?

No, we don't act further than
that

25 Mar.

3311

174/22439 dated 11 March.

Subject: Driver Training - Italian Military Personnel.

15 March, 1944.

G (AL).

Reference your 174/131 letter 10 March, 44., and 174/131, 10 March 44.

1. It has been agreed in telephonic conversation between 174/131, 10 March 44, and 174/131, 10 March 44, that the training of Italian drivers for 1003 Italian G.I. Coy shall be carried out under the supervision of this office, and that the method to be adopted shall be left to the discretion of this office.

2. To implement this agreement, a meeting has today been held between representatives of this office and 174/131; the minutes of which are attached.

3. At the meeting it was pointed out by Captain Thurn, 174/131, that 1003 Italian G.I. Coy has already been completely formed in Germany and is awaiting a move order. It is therefore presumed that the drivers referred to are to be trained for 1003 Coy.

4. Will you please inform if the subject as set forth in the minutes, has staff approval.

5. Will you please authorize the holding by 1003 Coy of the training vehicles required.

6. Copies of these minutes and this letter are also being sent for necessary approval of 174/131, 10 March 44.

H. H. H.
Colonel,
D.D.S.M.

Copies to : 174/131, 10 March 44.) For cover approval
174/131, 10 March 44.) please 3310

ST. 6 Base Sub Area.

CC. 1003 Coy.

174/131.

Staff Capt. Personnel.

2. To implement this agreement, a meeting was held with representatives of this office and HMA; the minutes of which are attached.

3. At the meeting it was pointed out by Captain Thrupp, HMA LO that No. 1003 Italian A.F. Coy has already been completely formed in Sarvinia and is awaiting a move order. It is therefore presumed that the drivers referred to are to be trained for No. 1004 Coy.

4. Will you please inform if the scheme as set forth in the Minutes, has Staff approval.

5. Will you please authorize the holding by 562 arty Coy of the training vehicles required.

6. Copies of these Minutes and this letter are also being sent for necessary approval of ADST, HMA Adm Sch and HMA.

H. Wain
Colonel,
D.D.S.F.

Copies to : ADST, AGIF Adm Sch.) For cover approval
HMA.) please

3310

ST. 6 Base Sub Area.
CC. 562 arty Coy.
HMA LO.
Staff Capt. Personnel.

67. I think we should original approval of the to 2-2-26

11/3

MEMORANDUM OF DECISIONS MADE AT S.T. OUTINGS
HQ NO 2 DISTRICT ON MONDAY 13 JULY 44.

Present: ADST (T) No. 2 District.

ADST

ADST (representing HQ)

CO. 562 Arty Coy in attendance.

1. OBJECT. To form an Italian Driver Training Centre at POLIGNANO under the supervision and direction of a British Cadre to be formed by 562 Arty Coy. Training Centre to be for Italian military personnel destined for Italian 280 B.T. Coy. Course to be capable of training 160 drivers within a period of four weeks.

2. Personnel for training referred to in HQ No. 2. 127/15443 to HQ and subsequently forwarded to HQ 139/21543 under 9 B.T. Coy., now to proceed for training to Italian Military Training Centre, POLIGNANO.

Action HQ to arrange.

3. HQ to ensure that HQ assume responsibility for all administration and internal economy of Italian personnel.

Action HQ

4. CO British Cadre to be furnished with a nominal roll of Italian driver personnel requiring to be trained.

Action Italian CO. 100/15443.

5. All operational training instructions issued by CO British Cadre to be implemented by Italian CO, POLIGNANO.

Action HQ.

6. One platoon (35) of mixed class II vehicles - 3 ton, 50 cwt, 15 cwt, to be held on charge by 562 Arty Coy for the purpose of training, these to include 15 training vehicles already issued to Italian Training Centre.

Action HQ (B) Army required.

7. HQ will be provided from British sources.

Action HQ 100/15443.

8. Training to comprise :-

Action HQ 562 Arty Coy.

- (a) Driving instructions,
- (b) Vehicle maintenance and 16 daily tasks,
- (c) Vehicle recovery and breakdown procedure,
- (d) Reporting of accidents and general elementary first aid procedure.

9. CO 562 Arty Coy will be responsible for British training Centre which will comprise :-

3. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
4. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
5. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
6. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
7. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
8. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
9. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.
10. **Action Italia**
 Action Italian
 CC. 101/10/10.
 Action Italia.

11. Hours of work. 3 hour working day, 6 day week, no work
Sundays and most days on holidays.
12. Weekly program reports as at 1800 hours each day
to reach this office by 11. Sunday in triplicate.
One copy for 1211, one copy for 1212, one copy
for attention this office.
13. Course to minimum immediately personnel become
available. Also to advise ETAN.

3308

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

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A/1a

~~COPIA PER~~ ~~TELEORDINAMENTO~~
~~FONOGRAFIA~~

MH14

DA SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI

AT GUERRAMOTORI

(a mano)

et conoscenza

AT NONO CORPAMILLES

P.M. 67

(per filo)

MT instructional personnel for school being constituted out of personnel 3 officers 2 NCOs 30 drivers 8 mechanics
N° 6/1887/SERV PROT ALT DATA 18 MARZO 1944 ALT PREGASI APPRENTARE SEGUENTE
PERSONALE ISTRUTTORE AUTOMOBILISTA PER COSTITUENDA SCUOLA AUTIERI DI POLI-
GNANO SEMIALT 3 UFFICIALI VIRGOLA 1 MILITARE INTERPRETE POSSIBILMENTE UFFI-
CIALE VIRGOLA 2 SOTTUFFICIALI VIRGOLA 20 AUTIERI VIRGOLA 8 MECCANICI CHE
ABBIANO POSSIBILMENTE CONOSCENZA LINGUA INGLESE ALT

SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI

3307

S.M.E. ORD. 1000
TO 4 Corps

copy for MMIA
TRANSLATION

Ref. 2398/ORD
18 MAR. 44
184

In order to meet an urgent request of the allies,
arrange withdrawal within 22 inst of exceeding personnel
of 1000 AT Coy BARRONDI and 1000 AT Coy TARRANTO. 1000
Personnel including NCOs & men is about 385 per Coy. 1000
Personnel will be formed into a new Coy which will be trained
by the British unit for the purpose of forming drivers.
Inform us of the exact number of men withdrawn from
each Coy and date of dispatch to POLIGNANO.

Col. G. G. 3306

File 1000

COPIA PER A.C.C.

TELESCRITTO

DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO
AT IX CORPARRATA

et, per conoscenza:

AT M. G. = ISPETTORATO MOTORIZZAZIONE (fonogramma)
AT SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI (a mano)

N° 2308 /ORD. ALT. PER ADERIRE ANALOGA URGENTE RICHIESTA ALLEATI PROV-
VEDETE D'INTESA CON ENTI CUI REPARTI SONO A DISPOSIZIONE A RETIRARE
NON OLTRE 22 UOMINI DA 1000° COMPAGNIA AUTIERI PER ANGLO-AMERICANI
A TARANTO ET DA 1002° ANALOGA COMPAGNIA A BRINDISI GRADUATI ET UOMI-
NI DI TRUPPA ECCEPENTI CIFRA DI 385 PER CIASCUNA COMPAGNIA ALT. PER-
SONALE RECUPERATO SIA PASSATO IN FORZA AT COMPAGNIA FORMAZIONE OVE
QUANTO PRIMA A CURA ESERCITO INGLESE VERRA' ISTITUITA SCUOLA AUTIERI
ALT. COMUNICATE NUMERO ESATTO MILITARI SOTTRATTI A CIASCUNA COMPAGNIA
ET DATA LORO AVVIAMENTO A POLIGNANO SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO =
1730180344 =



P. c. c.
W. COL. in s. S.M. CAPO SEZIONE
(Giovanni Guida)

Guida

DETECT:- 1. Lion G.T. Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 12
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEWIS (LEWIS)
SD/6/15
18 Mar 44

DETECT HQ 2 District

Copy to: DETECT A.A.I. Adm Reh
ST 71 Sub Area
ST 52 Area
C.C. 562 Arty Coy

Your letter ST 4410 of 15 March.

1. Para 2; necessary instructions issued in this HQ letter to SMR SD/6/14 copy to you.

2. ^{Para 3} Number at POLICRANO are 250 of whom 50 are sufficiently trained to be posted forthwith.

ADC

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

3304

SUBJECT:= It. 1000 G.T. CoysArmy Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILLE (LECCE)
SR/6/14
18 Mar 44

S M R E

Copy to: DDST A.A.I. Adm Ech) Ref
" HQ 2 District) 2 Dist
ST 71 Sub Area) ST4410
" 52 Area) of
O.C. 562 Arty Coy) 15 Mar

1. Will you please arrange to withdraw from 1000 G.T. Company at TARANTO and 1002 G.T. Company at BRINDISI other rank personnel in excess of 385 in each company.
2. Please send the personnel withdrawn as soon as possible to POLIGNANO where a school for Drivers will be formed under British Army arrangements in the near future.
3. Please inform this HQ the exact numbers of personnel withdrawn from these two units.

ABC

3303
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

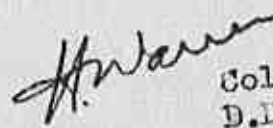
SUBJECT :- Italian G.T. Coys.HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
ST. 4410.
5 March, 1944.

MEMO.

1. It is now understood from ST. AAI Adm Ech that 1002 Italian G.T. Coy is to be constituted on a four platoon basis and not a five platoon basis. It is further believed that 1000 Italian G.T. Coy is somewhat overstrength.
2. Will you please therefore issue the necessary instructions for all surplus personnel over and above normal 4 platoon G.T. Coy establishment to be sent immediately to the Driver Training School at POLIGNANO.
3. Will you further please inform the number of Italian Military personnel at POLIGNANO awaiting absorption into G.T. Coys, stating separately the number of these personnel who are considered to be sufficiently efficient drivers to merit their being posted forthwith to a G.T. Coy.

MILITARY MISSION.

16 Mar. 1944

TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

Colonel,
D.D.S.T.

3392

Copy to : DDST. AAI Adm Ech ((Phone conversation Brig. Hinde-
ST. 71 Sub Area. Col. Warren refers).
(Please arrange to return all
surplus vehs in excess of 4 pl
W.E. to 562 Arty Coy, forthwith).
(For info)
ST. 52 Area. " "
OC. 562 Arty Coy " "

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TO SD 2 DIST INFO SD HOME SD HHA

Originator's Number
SD 174/22439

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM FLAMEO

Ref 2 dist ST/151 of 100 understood training Italian does now agreed service channels 0 does will be trained under arrangements ST 2 dist for 1003 GEN TR COY when formed

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FROM (A) G SD DISTWO

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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(1) G SD FLAMBO

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

(2) G SD ACMF (3) G SD MMIA (4) Q (5) ST

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Originator's No.

SDI/151

Ref your SD439/21846 of 9 mar (?) Consider those arrangements impracticable and must request that all untrained italian drivers be trained at the italian driving school at POLIGNANO for following reasons (1) First (1) Operational life of both 1000 and 1002 italian gm lt coys will be seriously affected if they are called upon to perform your suggested dual task of

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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operational stores left and training of unskilled drivers
1) Second (?) Considerable likelihood of damage to tank
vehs of both above says if they are used to train
unskilled drivers (?) Request you issue fresh instructions

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FROM
(A)

FLAMBO

Originator

For Action

MMMA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

SD ACME DISTWO

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Message Instructions

GP

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Originator's No.

SD439/21846

In reply your SD292 @ FIRSTO change instruction
in my SD427/19143 as follows @ FIRSTO organize one LT four
NEOS and 46 ORS to move to BARI REPHARD to 1001 MT COY
and assign ACC on arrival @ SECONDO BAL of one capt four
lieuts six neos 194 ORS assigned TWO DIST and complete
serial 1011 @ Two dist will arrange to divide unit temporarily
for TAG between 1000 MT COY at TARAMTO and 1002 MT COY at

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SignedORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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BRINDISI when trained unit will be allotted task. Progress report on TRG will be submitted this HQ at end of four weeks. THIRD 300 allotted for serial 1012 have been organized into the 21st and 22nd RM TRUCK COY (Italian) and transferred to AMG REGION III

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FROM (A)		Date-Time of Origin.		
2 DISTRICT FLAMBO		0119004		
TO		Message Instructions.		
GSD ALMT MMTA		93.		
Originator's No.		GR		
SD 968/20156		93.		

Ref your SD 2862 dated 27 Feb 04 Agree

15 trg Vels 562 arty can be made available

Italian trg centre 030 Demband for POL will be

additional to demands already forwarded by MMTA

and will be sanctioned by this HQ 0562 Arty.

can will perform adequate veh inspection subject to

approval must recommend attachment of trained Italian durs

to existing gen trg cays as previously arranged. This

considered best method for forming Italian gen trg cays

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ST Please initial

Ref your 502862 dated 27 Feb 60 A D Agree

15' tvg Vets 562 arty coy be made available
Italian tvg centre 0300 Demand for POL will be
additional to demands already forwarded by MMIA
and will be sanctioned by this HQ 0562 Arty
coy will perform adequate veh inspection 0562 Arty
approval must recommend attachment of trained Italian durs
to existing gen rpt coys as previously arranged. This
considered best method for forming Italian gen rpt coys

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ST Please contact

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MESSAGE FORM

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T H I

From MHA

To FLAMBO rptd ACFT DISTO
MHA LO FLAMBO

SD292 (°) Your SD427/19143 undated and DISTO SD2862
 of 27 (°) FIRST (°) Now have 1 Capt 5 Lieuts
 10 NCOs 240 are untrained at POLIGNANO for serial 1011
 (°) Do you wish to amend instructions (°) SECOND
 (°) Request that units formed from 300 allotted serial
 1012 be numbered 1004 and 1005

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(M. P. R. G. S.)

Passed to
 ST for info 3295
 and return
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ARMY FORM C.3138.
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TO (1) GSD FLAMBO. INFO (2) GSD ACMF (3) GSD MMIA (4) Q
(5) ST (6) LO MMIA

FROM G DISTWO

Originator's Number

SD 2862

Date

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In Reply to Number

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MMIA Request (A) 15 training vehs at present on charge
562 arty coy be made available to Italian drivers
training centre POLIGNANO A MARE (B) POL as demanded
by MMIA be issued to this training centre (C) Vehs be
inspected periodically (1) Request your instrs and plan
generally with regard to training Italian drivers and
formation Italian gen tpt coys

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<u>MEGB</u>			<u>QQY</u>

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FROM (A) <u>FLAMB6</u>	Originator.	Date-Time of Origin. <u>1230</u>	Office Date Stamp
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For Action.

MHIA INFO

TO <u>SD ACME</u>	(W) For Information (INFO) <u>DISTWO</u>	Message Instructions. <u>GR</u>	<u>106</u>
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Originator's No.

SD 427/19143

In reply SD 272 of 23 Feb 60
First CO will accept 106 untrained personnel against
serial 1011 as follows (A) 50 personnel including
if possible 1 off 4 auto motive mechanics 5 VCOs
for more till BARI rep ahead to 1001 MT Coy and
assigned to ACC with their other 23 plus subject
Italian unit for drivers no copy to MHIA (B)
50 personnel incl 1 off 5 VCOs to Taranto rep ahead
to 1000 MT Coy and assigned to 2 districts
300 drivers allotted serial 1012 have not yet
been organized into units

1. We have the whole 200 personnel to MHIA
to go back. This makes my thinking to 200
personnel 2. Should be added to 1001 MT Coy
3. All the same time we must ask them to send
the units home by PLS 1001 and 1002

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SD 427/19143

127

In reply SD 272 of 23 Feb 0
First 0 still accept 100 untrained personnel against
serial 1011 as follows (A) 50 personnel including
if possible 1 off 4 auto motive mechanics 5 NCOS
for more to BARI ref ahead to 1001 MT COS and
assigned to ACC vide their letter 23 Feb subject
Italian unit for drivers no copy to MMHA (B) of
50 personnel incl 1 off 5 NCOS to 1 Taranto ref ahead
to 1000 MT COS and assigned to 2 districts
300 driver allotted serial 1012 have not yet
been organized into units

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1. We have the whole 250 now according to instructions
do you think this makes any difference to above
instructions? 2. Should we speak from a copy to 3293
3. At the same time we might ask them to call
the units forward by PLS 1000 and 1005

1. Yes, we would send in to 1000
 2. Yes, we would do that what time we shall do
from a truck copy.
 3. Yes.
- Car. 1 Cap
5 Liars
10 NCOS
240 OS.

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Signed.

Signed.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM WHIA

TOO

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To FLAMEO rptd ACMP DISTWO

THI

SD 272. (°) FIRST (°) at present ~~only~~ ^{have} only 100 untrained personnel for Serial 1011 (°) propose organising into a unit (°) state if any special organisation required also whether Allied cadre will be attached (°) the fifteen training vehicles are being used by 1002 Gen Tot Coy which has barely sufficient drivers trained to operate (°) If DISTWO is to receive serial 1011 could they assist with training (°) SECOND (°) how have 300 drivers allotted serial 1012 been organised (°) if formed into units state designations (°) there should have been sufficient drivers for three or four ^{coys} truck ~~units~~

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liable to interception

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R. B. Khan
H. W. L.

TELESCRITTO

SMRE / ORD & MOB. office ORD. Branch
 DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO
 AT COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA
 TO: HQ 9 Corps.

GOT
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 1308

M.T.

 N° 2014 / ORD. ALT CON AUTIERI DISPONIBILI IN CONSEGUENZA RIDUZIONE ORGA-
 NICO 1001* COMPAGNIA AUTIERI ET IMMISSIONE PERSONALE PROVENIENTE SARDEGNA
 NELLA 1002* COMPAGNIA (,) COSTITUITE D'URGENZA COMPAGNIA DI FORMAZIONE DA
 METTERE AT DISPOSIZIONE ANGLO-AMERICANI ALT DETTA COMPAGNIA DOVRA' AVERE
 FORZA 250 UOMINI ALT RISERVA PRECISARE NOMINATIVO (,) ORGANICO ET DATA IN
 CUI COMPAGNIA DOVRA' PASSARE AT DISPOSIZIONE A.A. ALT ASSICURARE ALT
 SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO = 1230240244 =

With drivers available further to reduction of the
 1001 tw. Coy. W.E. and after received from

p. c. c.
 II. TEN. COL. in s.s.m. CAPO SEZIONE
 (G.Guida)

SARDEGNA A in the 1002 Coy @ urgently form a new
 Coy which will be put at the disposal of the allies @
 bigger Coy will have a strength of 250 men @ designation
 will be given later as well as W.E. and date of attachment to the
 allies @ Confirm @

Guida

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