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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH ARMY
OFFICE G-4 FILE NO. SUSPEND DATE
Subject: Pack Mule Personnel Request RCV/jad

Ind. No.	From	To	Date
XXXXXX XXXXXX Sr MIA LO	HQ MIA	2 Nov 1944	

For necessary action. I have already forwarded the request for Pack Mule officers to you.

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

*No M.T. pos
at present
available. 2/4
for use in connection
20 Nov 44.*

30 Nov -

4. 3465

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY

Serial number 2662

A.P.O. 464: November, 2, 1944.

Subject: drivers and mechanics.

TO : G-4, (^{info}~~action~~)
: QM. (info)
: AREA 10. (action)

22 drivers
9 mechanics

are urgently required from 210 Division Hq for 1022nd Drivers
Company.



A. Cicogna
Alessandro Cicogna
Capt. Artillery
Italian Liaison Officer
with Fifth Army
G-4 Section.

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LRKB V LAEE NR 9

QVR 2

FROM DISTHREE 061050

TO AEHQ (G3 ORG FOREIGN)

INFO NMIA

QQX GR 63

SD31 . RESTRICTED . REF YOUR FX 47598 OF 3 NOV .

FIGURES AGREED BUT POINTED OUT (A) 34 DVRS

EX 1007 CAN NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL RETURN OF 46

TRAINEES NOW TRG AT SCHOOL (D) 60 DVRS FROM 1003 ARE NOT AVAILABLE
UNTIL ARRIVAL OF BALANCE OF 487 COY

(C) 1007 COS SHEWN AS 34 SURPLUS (IE OVER BASOLUTE
MINIMUM 250) IS ACTURXX ACTUALLY 12 DEFICIENT ON WE
BT 061050

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HEADQUARTERS
6 NOV 1944
A. C.

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SD/6/3

File
Date Recd

MDP 4/4

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061415

SUBJECT: Drivers for Combat Groups from POWs

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(MMIA)

SD/6/3
4 Nov 44

TO : Royal Artillery Training Team (Italian Forces), CMF

Your ref : 3/100 of 29 October.

1. Your proposal to utilize prisoners of war as drivers for the Combat Groups cannot be approved.
2. There are several reasons for this:
 - (a) The scales of pay, clothing, and rations are not the same as for the combat groups.
 - (b) The present Italian Army has absolutely no jurisdiction over POW personnel.
 - (c) It is the policy of the CCS and AFHQ that the two (POW and Italian Army) shall NOT mix.
 - (d) Former POW personnel may NOT join the Italian Army.

Copy to: S/Sec

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT:- Italian Drivers with PBS

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MMIA)
SD/6/3

2 Nov 44

Reg 3

War Ministry

Ref SMRE letter 8380/Mob of 27 Oct 44.

1. PBS employ their Truck Coys on double shifts, so that approx twice as many drivers as vehicles are needed. This accounts for apparent surpluses of drivers over vehicles.
2. In view of the above it is ^{regretted that it is} not possible to make the exchanges you request in your letter.

ABO
c.3

SMG J.R. Cl
Major General
MMIA

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Translation

Secret

From - S. H. H. E.
To - M. H. H. A.

Ref. 8580 / Mob.
Date - 27 Oct. 64

CD/63

Subject: Availability of Drivers in units of
212 Italian Hq.

From periodical returns sent from
212 Italian Hq. it results that transport units
depending from that Hq. have a great proportion
between the vehicles issued and the number of
drivers.

From returns dated 15th inst. as
an example, the number of vehicles is 1309
given on establishments to units as under:-

II Driver Bn. Group.
III " " "
X " " "

against a total number of 5480 drivers (of
whom 367 NCOs and 3113 men)

It is pointed out that the
following units have a great proportion
drivers and vehicles:-

13 th Driver Coy. II Driver Bn. Group	- Vehicles - 1	- Drivers - 25 (incl. 10 NCOs)
14 th Driver Coy. II Driver Bn. Group	- Vehicles - 1	- Drivers - 32 (incl. 2 NCOs)
15 th Driver Coy. II Driver Bn. Group	- Vehicles - 1	- Drivers - 77 (3460 NCOs)
16 th Driver Coy. II Driver Bn. Group	- Vehicles - 7	- Drivers - 95 (incl. 7 NCOs)
22 nd Driver Coy. II Driver Bn. Group	- Vehicles - 3	- Drivers - 112 (incl. 3 NCOs)

P.T.O.

Considering the existing deficiencies in most of the combat groups, please may authority be given for the exchange of the drivers in excess in units of the 212 Italian MG for the same number of non-specialized soldiers.

The number of drivers that could be made available is nearly 2,200 noting however that all do not belong to young classes.

Gen. A. SANTI

Lt FAVRE

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

no 8380 /Mob. di prot.

P.M. 151, 22 ottobre 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)
e, per conoscenza:

R.O.M.A.

AL M.G. - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.-

P.M. 151

OGGETTO: Disponibilità autisti presso i reparti del comando Italiano 212.-

Availability of drivers with 512 Italian Automech. 16/10/44 28¹⁰

Dalle situazioni periodiche inviate dal comando Italiano 212 risulta che presso le unità automobilistiche dipendenti da quel comando vi è notevole sproporzione fra numero degli automezzi in dotazione e numero dei militari autieri.-

Dalla situazione in data 15 corrente, ad esempio, risulta che per un totale di 1209 automezzi in dotazione alle sottoindicate unità del comando Italiano 212

- II gruppo battaglioni autieri
- III " "
- X " "

esiste un totale di 3480 autieri (di cui 337 sottufficiali e 3143 militari di truppa).-

In particolare, vi sono i seguenti reparti nei quali la sproporzione fra autisti e automezzi in dotazione è particolarmente notevole:

- 13^a cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri 1659 automezzi:n.n. autisti: 85 (di cui 1659 sottuff.)
- 14^a cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri automezzi: 1 autisti: 32 (di cui 2 sottuff.)
- 15^a cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri

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- 15^o cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri automezzi: 1 autisti: 77 (di cui 8 sottuff.)
- 16^o cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri automezzi: 7 autisti: 93 (di cui 7 sottuff.)
- 22^o cp. autieri del II gruppo btg. autieri automezzi: 3 autisti: 112 (di cui 9 sottuff.)

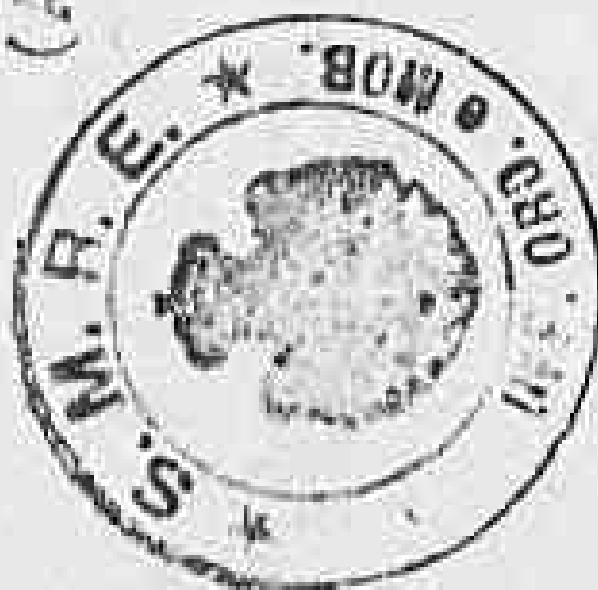
In considerazione della nota deficienza di autisti tuttora esistente presso la maggior parte dei gruppi di combattimento, si prega voler autorizzare lo scambio

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- 2 -
degli autisti esuberanti presso i reparti autieri del comando
italiano 242 con altrettanti militari non specializzati.-

Il numero degli autieri che si potrebbero in tal
modo recuperare è di circa 2.200, nei riguardi dei quali
è però da notare che non sono tutti di classi giovani.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



SUBJECT: BRI-IAI Rfts.

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MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
SD/6/3

25 Oct 44

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o 3 District (2)

Recd 25/10.

Your 3 DLO/15 of 22 Oct 44.

1. IAI confirm that 3 Dist must place their requests for Italian rfts with IAI. Since 3 Dist are under cond AFHQ, their requests should be made through AFHQ, but it will take longer.

2. Copy of MMIA List 2 and amends 1 to 3 sent under separate cover.

APLS
Lieut. C. I. G. S.

3458

Subject: BR-IFI Rfts,

SD/6/3 3010/15
22Oct 44.

HQ MMIA Rome.

Ref your SD1591 of 13Oct.

1. I have suggested to A Branch the following drill for obtaining rfts:

- (a) Get periodic requirements from service branches employing Italian units,
- (b) Forward these AAI copy to MMIA showing trades and any particular urgency, when they will be allotted a priority on List 8.

2. A Branch, while agreeing to the drill, state that they will apply to MMIA and NOT to AAI, since they are under cond of AFHQ.

3. Will you please clarify the position as it may lead to difficulties.

Talked to J AAI
who confirmed = Dist
must apply AAI, if
necessary through
AFHQ.

[Signature]
MMIA IO District.

A copy of Priority List 8
would be appreciated. *[Signature]*

List 2 sent
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FROM: NMIA

TO : FBS for NMIA

Rpts: DISSEM

SD 1591

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

PAREN (.)

For THRUPT Senior (.) PAREN HOME AREA
Ref your 3D10/20 of 11 Oct (.) NMIA can only assign rfts on
orders AAI and in the priority decided by AAI (.) Request
therefore that DISSEMS apply to AAI

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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Subject:- F is for 1003 (It) GT Coy, F IC.

3DLO/20
11 Oct 44

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E .

Ref the att letter from OC Cadre, 1003 GT Coy and in view of the small number of dvr rfts "for existing units" catered for in MMIA Priority List No. 2, could some special consideration be given to this case.

The coy is barely managing to meet its op commitments at present and can afford NO further desertions which are the main cause of its weakness in strength.

I have on frequent occasions spoken to both OC coy and OC cadre and can confirm that their manpower situation is serious especially as the coy has dets working over an extremely wide area.

B. Shaff
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

Copies to:

OC Cadre 1003 (It) GT Coy RASC - Ref yr A/20/550 dated 3 Oct 44.

HQ 3 District - yr 1079 ST 5 dated 7 Oct refers

HQ 64 Grn.

Subject: Personnel - Italian.

M.M.I.A., L.O.,
3 District,
C.M.P.

(2 copies)

S.T., 64 Garrison,
C.M.P.

(2 copies - 1 for onward transmission)

The question of lack of Italian personnel in this unit is causing considerable difficulty.

Deficiencies have been shown on A.P.W. 3009 F (R.A.S.C.), and from the return dated 30 SEP 44 it is shown that the following personnel are deficient:-

Dtrs.	45
Dvr. Opls.	4
Dvr. Sgts.	1
T.M.T. Clerks.	1
Cochpainters.	1
Coppersmiths.	1
Electricians.	1
Turners.	1
Veh. Mechs.	7

As it is proving extremely difficult to operate without these personnel, may reinforcements be supplied URGENTLY.

It is pointed out that of the last 30 reinforcements received one only could drive, and the general condition of the clothing and boots in which they reported was deplorable.

Unless these reinforcements are received at an early date, the vehicle availability must suffer.

W. L. L. 44

Major, RASC.
Gnd British Cadre, RASC.
1003 (I) G.T. Coy.

Field.

3 OCT 44.

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The question of lack

SUBJECT:- Man of Italian Line Sess.

3222/10

4 Oct 61

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

ROME

Ref att: 3 District letter 4051 INGP dated 22 Sep 44.

1. Ref para 2(b). Can these dvrs be loaned to the Sig school for this purpose? They would be required for about 12 weeks.

2. Ref para 2(d). Though these personnel would be loaned from the drafts due to implement the WG of the line sess. in order to train the dvrs properly it would be necessary for them to arrive at the Sig school in adv. Is this possible?

H.B.F.F. THURFF.
Major ,
MEDICAL ,
3 District .

RAAC MESSAGE FORM

MMIA

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SUBJECT

RESTRICTED

In reply SUBJ of 21 Sep (*) PARM HRE AREA COMMAND PARM (*)

ONE (*) General SHORRER regrets misunderstanding over remarks vide your FIRST and states he was not in a position on 8 Sep to make statement on position of specialists as PARM Op was concentrating after harvesting in PUGLIA and this information was not then available (*)

TWO (*) Accusations hereby given vide (a) and (b) your SECOND (*) Request you send serials 70 and 72 on List 7 accordingly (*)

THREE (*) MS of ops in PARM Op is approx 1300 (1300) (*) of 105 class V and VI vms originally issued for try and maint 40 were men numbers and balance required for maint (*) A little try was possible in evenings after maint (*)

FOUR (*) MMIA appreciates attention vide your PARM and every effort is being made now to train sufficient ops within CHERNA and subsequent GURRY (*)

FIVE (*) DO letter MCGRATH IMMEDIATE follows

PROCESSING

3449

Subject:- Italian Military Drivers.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission to
Italian Army
HQ. No 2 District, C.M.F.
MF/102

21 SEP 44

Mil. HQ. PUGLIA and LUCANIA.

1. Ref the attached copy of letter received from HQ No.2 District, it is requested that an Italian Driver Mechanic be assigned to Capt MARLETTA from 147 Regt Autieri, BARI.

2. Military Mission to Italian Army, ROME, approves this request.

C.F. Murcell Maj. G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

CFM/jmr

Copy to:- MMIA.

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Subject:- Supply of Driver Personnel.

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Army Sub Commission (MIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
SEP/6/3
18 Aug 44

S.M.R.S.

Copy to Col SIDONE, SARDINIA.

1. Our Liaison Officer in SARDINIA was informed by Comandante Militare Sardinia that it would be possible to train 500 motor drivers in approx 24 months, and he has ordered training to commence forthwith.
2. As it is anticipated that large numbers of drivers will be wanted during the coming months you are requested to confirm this order to your HQ in SARDINIA.
3. Our Liaison Officer was further informed that it would be possible to obtain immediately from the 13 Driver Gp. about 100 drivers which are available there.
4. Would you please confirm that these are available and alert them for shipment. We will then arrange for them, and those mentioned in para 1, to be allotted a Serial No. on priority list 7.

RCB fu
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

SUBJECT:- Italian M.T. Dvrs

HQ 242 Group, R.A.F.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
SD/6/3
21 Jul 44

1. Since the possibility of supplying additional dvrs for Balloon Barrage Sqns was discussed the general situation has radically changed.

2. Among other things, the Italian Air Force personnel that it was proposed should be made available to Army Sub Commission to off-set Army personnel supplied for Balloon Barrage Sqns have not been forthcoming.

3. Would it not be possible to overcome the difficulty by training the required dvrs from personnel already with the sqns ?

ABC

Chapman 3441
Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA)

From :- Headquarters, No. 242 Group, R.A.F.

To :- Allied Control Commission,
Army Sub Commission, Lecci,
(Attention Major Baumann)

Date:- 12th July, 1944.

Ref :- 242G/432/3/Org.

ITALIAN M.T. DRIVERS.

Sometime ago the question of the provision of Italian Drivers M.T. for Balloon Barrage Squadrons, was discussed with Major Baumann who intimated that these could be made available.

2. In view of the fact that there are only 3 Drivers M.T. among the personnel of the 4 Squadrons Italianised, it would be appreciated if S.M.R.E. could be authorised to procure 14 Drivers as soon as possible.

H. S. H. H. H.
h Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding,
Headquarters, No. 242 Group.

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