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SUBJECT: Unauthorized Personnel

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/15
8 March 45

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

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Your ref LO/77SD dated 4 Mar 45.

1. You are correct in informing Allied Units that any unauthorized Italian personnel they may have are at the disposal of the Italian Army. If the unauthorized personnel cannot be absorbed into the ceiling of ITI-ITI units, the personnel will be sent to TRANI as r'ts for BR-ITI units.

Lt. Col. G.S.

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COPY

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

TO : AFHQ

INFO: MMIA

071810A

SD 1322

SECRET

FOR G-3 ORG (.) HAVE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1 ITALIAN GUARD BN FOR BRITISH INCR 5 ARMY TO (REPLACE?) 2 COMPANIES OF 511 ITALIAN GUARD BN PREVIOUSLY ON LOAN FROM 5 ARMY AND TO GUARD BRITISH ADMINISTRATIVE INSTALLATIONS IN ARMY AREA (.) REQUEST (NOMINATION) AND DATES OF RELEASE AS GUARD BNS IN 8TH ARMY FULLY EMPLOYED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

WS

SD DIST.: SD/15 (Action Copy)

10 W 5240

(Message very corrupt. Waiting corrections)

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

1£ A

FROM : MMIA

TO : DISTRESS

INFO : C-3 CEO AFHQ

REF NO : SD 2444

Security Classification _____

REF MY SD/2443 OF 11 (*) IN SECOND SENTENCE FOR SD 2525 OF 5 MAR

READ SD 2565 OF 5 MAR

Precedence _____

Authenticated _____

INTERNAL:

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FROM MEXA

TO DISTRIBS

RPTD C S Cpt AFB

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SD 2445

CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR SD 720 OF 7 MAR (.) REGRET CAN NOT AGREE TO YOUR RETAINING THE OVERPRINTING OF 577 ITI-ITI REPEAT ITI-ITI MENTIONED IN MY SD 2383 OF 3 MAR AGAINST THE POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF A BR-ITI REPEAT BR-ITI UNIT (.) REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION IN HAVING GUARD HNS AIR AT ONCE REDUCED TO AUTHORIZED HE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Copy to: CLI(L) FSO Informa of S/F five days

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Translation. SD (154) X

FROM: S.M.R.E.
TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: 11456/ORD.
DATE: 10 march. 1945.

Subject: Telegram (Extension of ration period for Animal escorts).

(133)

Ref. para (2). MMIA letter SD/13 of 13 Feb 45 © As verbally notified yesterday to Capt. Selly the transport from Vibo Valentia to Littoria and Frosinone of 200 animals formerly of "MANTOVA" Combat Group has been included in programme for week 12-18 March © In the event of dispatch occuring after 15 march, maximum time-limit laid down by M.M.I.A. for rationing of personnel employed on custody and grooming of animals, we beg that such time limit be extended until ~~after~~ movement has been effected ©

Sgd: Luzzi
Gen.

Channon

M.M.A. FILE REF SD/13. 12/3

Arnold 13 Mar REP

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Inviata a Q.R. (2) SEGRETO

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

N° 11456/Ord.di prot. I.M.3600, 10 marzo 1945

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC.(M.I.A.)

ROMA

SD
10/3

Riferimento capo 2°) foglio SD/13 del 13 febbraio c.a. di codesta M.M.I.A. (.) Come comunicato ieri verbalmente al capitano Selby trasporto da Vibo Valentia al Littoria et Frosinone 200 quadrupedi già del "Mantova" est ato compreso nel programma per settimana 12 - 18 marzo (.) Nel caso partenza avvenga dopo giorno 15 marzo, termine massimo stabilito da codesta M.M.I.A. per vettovagliamento personale adibito custodia et governo quadrupedi, pregasi protrarre detto termine fino al movimento avvenuto (.)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Ghiuzzi

5237

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S2/13

Subject: No. 1 Regt - Provision of Transport etc.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.
R O M E
G/8

10 Mar 45.

GII(SI) to see.

To : HQ 59 Area

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Ref 59 Area G 25/7 dated 6 Mar 45, various points raised by Lt Col Ingledew after his visit to 59 Area and telephone conversation GREGSON - NEWTON of 9/3/45.

1. Transport. Six load carrying vehicles are still due to the three Bns. These are available, three from Rome and three from Naples. MMIA LO Br Incr 5 Army is arranging for 2 offrs and 12 ORs to report to DADT HQ MMIA in the near future, ETA will be communicated to DADT by Capt Newton.

2. (a) One officer and six ORs will collect the 3 vehicles available in Rome, together with the balance of M/Cs and pedal cycles and return to their units.

(b) One officer and six ORs will be despatched to Naples under orders of DADT and will collect the remaining 3 vehicles. This officer will take with him to Naples release orders for the following stores:-

Puttees wool	900 prs
Sole leather	200 kilos
Leather for uppers	30 sq ft
Shoe nails, assorted for unit repair	15 kilos
Shoe thread, hand sewing	3 kilos
Picks	30
Shovels	70

In addition he is authorized to collect 3 typewriters held by Senior LO Naples.

3. On arrival in Naples the officer detailed in 2(b) above, will contact MMIA LO who will arrange for the handing over of vehicles and stores.

4. Soap. Is now available in reasonable quantity and should be drawn in the normal manner. It is contrary to policy to permit local purchase of small quantities of soap and other materials.

5. Arms and Ammunition. The delay in units not receiving their ammunition has been caused by Bns not submitting indents. The case regarding [illegible] 5936

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6. Br Training Teams. The personnel should be attached to HQ 59 Area for administration.

7. Reinforcements. Approx 400 will arrive during week 12th - 18th March.

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8. A further communication follows on subject of Interpreters and Welfare.

R. A. CURTIES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DSLG/wk

Copy to: MMIA LO NAPLES (action para 3)
Q(AE) (action)
S.T. (action)
G MMIA
A MMIA
SOSE
CG Fifth Army for Br Incr
CG Fifth Army for MMIA LO

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FROM DISTHREE C71910A

TO MMIA

SD 780 RESTRICTED

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SD/13/1

REF AFHQ AG 370.892/001 GCT - O OF 4 MAR AND MMIA SD 2383 OF 3 MAR NEITHER TO ALL (;) IN VIEW OF DET POR TRAIN GD DUTIES OF CCYS OF ITALIAN GRN BNS AND PRESENT GOOD STR OF BR-ITI RGTS IT IS INTENDED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS NOR PRN OF ONE ADDITIONAL TRAIN GD BN (BR-ITI) AND COMPLETION OF 501 AND 504 BNS TO STANDARD WE THIS WOULD ADJUST STR OF ALL BNS (;) PROPOSED THEREFORE TO DEFER ACTION ON MMIA SIG PENDING AGREEMENT ABOVE (;) POR MMIA (;) SPOKE THRUFP - STAINTON 5 MAR (;) FOR AFHQ (;) SPOKE WATSON) GRAHM T IS DATE (;) REQUEST YOU INFORM G4 (;) TRAIN RLY GDS ITALY LETTER R/6/35 OF 2 MAR NOT TO ALL REGERS (;) ALL INFORMED

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See folio 154

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

TO CG TENTH ARMY FOR BRIT INCR
MAIN EIGHT ARMY

INFO MMTA

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SD 1921

CONFIDENTIAL

REF BRIT INCREMENT FIFTH ARMY 7911 SD 720/OP 6 MAR NOT TO MMTA (;) FIRST (;) EIGHTH ARMY WILL ORDER IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF 2 COY 511 ITALIAN GD BN AT 127 FMC (;) ON RELIEF COY WILL MOVE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS OF AND TN TPT TO BE PROVIDED BY EIGHTH ARMY TO DESTINATION TO BE SIGNALED BY FIFTH ARMY (;) ON ARRIVAL NEW LOCATION COY IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY (;)

SECOND (;) EIGHTH ARMY WILL NOMINATE ONE ITALIAN GD COY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION 11 MAR IN FIFTH ARMY TPT TO RELIEVE 3 COY 511 ITALIAN GD BN (;) ON RELIEF COY NOMINATED COMES UNDER COMD FIFTH ARMY FOR BRIT INCREMENT AND 3 COY 511 ITALIAN GD BN IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

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RESTRICTED

Subject:- Personnel attached to 510 Gd Bn.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/7/SD
4 Mar 45.

SD/13.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.). RCME.

Ref your SD/13 dated 2 Mar 45.

1. I fear I did not make myself clear. No personnel are now attached to 510 Gd Bn following previous instructions from you.

2. The question is what to do with all the unauthorised individuals that have become "disattached" as a result.

3. I have been pursuing a constant policy here of chasing away from Authorised Units their unauthorised personnel. In a vast number of cases these consist of individuals employed, generally on menial tasks, by American or British Units. I am continually having visitors or phone messages from these Allied Units, and my invariable reply is that as they are **not** authorised to hold such personnel, they must either get them authorised or dispense with them. I am natrually becoming very unpopular. Territorial HQ also has a natural reluctance against sending CCRR to Allied Units to arrest personnel and getting rebuffed, and is therefore inclined to leave it to me to write to some score or more Allied units to tell them to relinquish their personnel.

4. In all cases I instruct that all unauthorised personnel are at the disposal of the Italian Army, and that if they cannot be absorbed into the existing ceiling of ITI-ITI Units, they will be sent to TRANI.

5. May I please be informed whether on all such occasions this is the correct procedure.

J.G.Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO. 5233
C/o HQ 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

MMIA FILE REF SD/13.

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Translation. Ref. Urgent. X

From :- SMRE.
To :- MMIA.

Ref :- 11426/Ord. 1457
Date :- 7th March 45.

Subject :- Recovery of personnel attached to II/5th 22nd Regt.

Phonogram by hand. (140)

Further to phonogram 11025/Ord. dated 21st Feb. 45.

1/ Hereunder are the number of soldiers who left VIGO VALENTIA for ASTORNI up to 5th inst :-

10th Feb. — 20 (~~not included~~ not included in the previous report)

21st Feb — 13
22nd Feb — 9
42
plus 338 already reported
grand total 380

2/ Moreover, 50 senior NCOs have been received and General Directorate Personnel has been notified for their assignment.

3/ You will be informed in respect of the personnel which is at present being received.

(Sgd) G. LIVIZZI.

Gl. FABRE.

8 Mar REP

M.M.I.A. R 7/3
FILE REF SD/13
Date Recd 7/2/45

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SEGRETO
URGENTE

STATO MAGGIORE DELLA DIFESA
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

IN

N. 11424 /Ord. di prot. Prot. 2830, 7 marzo 45

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MTO) R O M A

OGGETTO: Recupero personale già aggregato al II/8° rgt. "Lecce".-

PROMEMORIA A LAND

Seguito fonogramma 11025/Ord. del 21 febbraio c.a.-

1°)- Si comunica il numero dei militari partiti da Vako Valentia per gli Abruzzi a tutto il 5 corrente :

- giorno 16 febbraio	n° 20	(non compresi nella segnalazione precedente)
- " 21 "	" 13	
- " 22 "	" 9	
Totale	42	
che aggiunti ai	338	già segnalati
danno un totale complessivo di	380	

2°)- Inoltre sono stati recuperati 50 sottufficiali, per l'assegnazione dei quali è stata interessata la Direz.Gen.leva Sottuff. e Truppa.-

3°)- Riserva di ulteriori segnalazioni per il personale tuttora in via di recupero.-

Il Generale addetto
(Giorgio Izzard)

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...ppo personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta".-

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FONOGRAMMA A MANO

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)
Gliuzzi

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SUBJECT: Instructors For Guard Bns

Hq 2 District CAP
2015/5 C(O)
6 Mar 45

MMA

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Ref your SD/13 dated 27 Feb, 45.

The Italian Sgt Instructors have been returned to Italian Territorial HQ ICAF on Sunday 4 Mar 45.

for Archibald Thay CS
Major General,
Comd 2 District CAP.

MMcLD/HER

M.M.I.A.
F.R.E.REF
Date Recd

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Guard Bns

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
4 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

145

SHARE ref. 632/TA of 27 Feb 45.

1. It is agreed that it is desireable to replace untrustworthy soldiers of the Guard Bns with efficient trustworthy soldiers.

2. Provided the number to be replaced in each Bn does not exceed forty men you may go ahead and make the desired transfers.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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M.M.I.A. R
FILE REF SD/13
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SUBJECT: Personnel attached to 510 Cd Bn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
2 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO, BARI

134 143

1. In reply to your LO/7/SD of 26 Feb 45, I refer you to our SD/13 of 13 Feb to the Ministry of War (copy to you) which says that NO personnel is to be attached to the 510 Cd Bn.

REP
for Lt. Col.
G. S.

WS

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Translation

From. SHAPE
To MMIA

Ref n° 652/TH
Date 27 Feb 45.

MAIN R 3/3
PLERF SH/13
Dup Rec 3/3

3 Mod Armd
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Guard units

VB.

The 22 guard battalions which are all placed at the disposal of the allies, are being employed for delicate and most important duties amongst which escort of convoy, Guards on store installations, highway, POW camps etc.

It is in the common interest that such personel should have a thorough sense of duty and be well disciplined and that they carry out strictly with their orders and are absolutly incorruptible, this also, in view that they may well be called upon to maintain public ordr

This SHAPE, intends therefore to carry out a strict selection of the units to eliminate the elements which do not possess the above qualities replacing such with troops from the auxiliary units located in or near the area.

The scheme would entail a small amount of movements inside the Guard units which will carry out the selection, These movements will take place over a certain period of time so as not to create obstacles to the normal functionning of the various services We presume that the n° of troops to be

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replaced in each bn do not exceed 20

Before giving consc to these arrangements this S.M.R.E earnestly beg AFHQ to inform them of their own point of view, this also would be communicated to the various allied Command having at their disposal some of the reserved to Guard units

R Mansfield

LIVE21

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

ISPETTORATO TRUPPE AUSILIARIE

IN

N. 532 /T.A. prot.

P. M. 3800, li 27 Febbraio 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: Unità Guardie

Guard Units

50.
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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

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I 22 battaglioni Guardie, tutti - come è noto - alle dipendenze dei comandi alleati, sono impiegati per compiti importanti e delicati quali scorta convogli, guardia a depositi, impianti, vie di comunicazioni, campi di prigionieri, oleodotti, ecc.

E' interesse comune che il personale di questi reparti dia in ogni caso il più assoluto affidamento per disciplina, sentimento del dovere, coscienzioso attaccamento alla consegna e assoluta incorruttibilità, anche in considerazione della eventualità che queste unità possano essere chiamate a concorrere al mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico.

Sarebbe perciò intendimento di questo S.M. procedere ad una accurata selezione dei reparti, allo scopo di eliminare qualche elemento che non abbia i requisiti suddetti, provvedendo alla sua sostituzione mediante scambi con altri militari appartenenti a reparti ausiliari dislocati nella stessa sede o in sedi vicine.

Il procedimento darebbe luogo a piccoli movimenti nell'interno delle stesse G.U. incaricate della selezione, movimenti che verrebbero anche diluiti nel tempo per non creare intralci al normale funzionamento dei vari servizi. Si presume che in ogni btg. il numero dei militari da cambiare non supererà la ventina.

Prima di procedere all'emanazione delle disposizioni esecutive questo S.M. prega codesta Sottocommissione compiacersi far conoscere il proprio punto di vista, anche perchè la cosa possa essere portata a conoscenza dei comandi alleati periferici che hanno alle loro dipendenze le unità in argomento.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Giorgio Liuzzi -

Ghiuzzi

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Subject:- Personnel attached to 510 Bn. R/4/185

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C., [redacted]
M.M.I.A. 1 Mar 45

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Further to my R/4/174 of 25 Feb 45.

Herewith subjoined letter from 510 It.Gd.Bn.

CMT
WR/VG

M.M.I.A. R 1/3
FILE REF 50/13.
Date Recd 2/3/45

W.H.T. Rowe Lt.Col.
Commanding Train & Railway Gds, Italy.

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510 It.Gds.Bn. 1485/Op.
25 Feb 45.

Subject: Personnel attached to 510 Bn.

To: H. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

This morning I have been informed by HQ 4 Coy Brindisi that a great amount of attached personnel has been transferred.

At the moment only 3 NCOs and 12 Ptes are attached.

Also Bn. HQ. has lost a part of attached strength; only 11 Ptes., who are carrying out driving duty for Palese Aeroport, and 2 Ptes., who are carrying out duty as cooks for the Allies in Bari, are attached.

5 Ptes carrying out duty for Manfredonia Aeroport are still attached to No.2 Coy Foggia.

(Signed) Giuseppe Morelli. Major.
C.C.510 It.Gds.Bn.

3 Mar
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M.M.I.A. R 1/3
FILE REF 50/13.
Date Recd 2/3/45

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Subject. Personnel Attached 510 Gd Bn.

Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MMIA) c/o Hq 54 Area.
LO/7/SD
26 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA).

50/13

1. The following Italian soldiers were found to be attached to 510 Gd Bn, for whom alternative attachments cannot legally be made :-

No. of Personnel.	For whom Working.
2.	Italian Liaison Office 54 Area.
3.	Airport, CIOIA del COLLE.
1.	Officers Mess.C.M.P.
1.	American Office, S.B.S.K.
1.	American Naval Officers Mess
1.	A.C.
11.	Airport, PALESE.

2. It is not known by this office if any of the above have been authorised individually by H.Q. MMIA.

3. A large number of similar cases are occurring in the BRINDISI and TARANTO Areas, when attachments are ordered to be removed.

4. Am I in order please on all such occasions in ordering such personnel back to the Italian Army?

Agreed, Mar RCB

M.M.I.A.	R 1/3.
FILE REF	50/13.
Date Recd	1/3/45

Signed
A.G.BIRD Major 5224
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area

Subject:- SIG Bn.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
M.M.I.A.

R/A/ITA 142

15 Feb 45

Ref your Sig/LD dated 15 Feb 45 and subjoined copy of MMIA.LO, 5d area letter No. LO/S/3D dated 15 Feb 45.

The strength of this Bn. on 22 Feb 45 shows that the following were still attached :

Offrs	18
WOOs	20
Men	87

Any further action be taken please to have such personnel withdrawn.

Lt Col.
Commanding Troops & Maj Gds, Italy.

Subject:- Irregular attachments.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub.Com.
A.C. (L.F.S.C.).
C/o 54 Area. BMF.
LO/S/3D
15 Feb 45.

Headquarters, SIG Militia.

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1. It is understood that SIG personnel have been attached for administration to SIG Hqrs Bn.

2. This attachment is NOT authorised.

3. With effect from 15 Feb these personnel will cease to be attached to SIG Hqrs Bn. Please arrange accordingly.

(Signed) T.G.Byrd Major.

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May further action be taken please to have such personnel withdrawn.

CMF
WR/VG

Lt.Col.
Commanding Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

Subject:- Irregular Attachments.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub.Com.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/4/3D
15 Feb 45.

Headquarters, 230 Division.

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1. It is understood that 204 personnel have been attached for administration to 510 Guard Bn.

2. This attachment is NOT authorised.

3. With effect from 19 Feb these personnel will cease to be attached to 510 Guard Bn. Please arrange accordingly.

(Signed) J.G. Bird Major.
Sembor MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

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JGB/jmr

Copy to :- Territorial HQ, Bari.
HQ MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Instructors for Gd Bns

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/15
27 Feb 45

TO : 2 DISTRICT

Copy to: 5 ARMY FOR RE ITCH AND MMIA LO
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1. Three Italian Sgt Instructors in weapon trg (small arms) were dispatched under your arrangements to SIENA for 502, 503 and 519 Gd Bns.

2. It is understood that Instructors were required in street fighting and guerilla warfare.

3. If weapon trg instructors are no longer required, please arrange for them to report back to Italian Territorial Hq ROME.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Phonogram. Translation. URGENT.

From:- S/H R6.
To:- MMIA.

Ref:- 11025/Ord.
Date:- 21st Feb. 45.

Subject:- Recovery of personnel attached to H/S "Rosso" Right. at the time

Further to letter 10914/Ord dated 18th inst.

~~Hereunder~~ The number of soldiers who left Vibo Valentia for "GL ASTORI" during the period 12th - 19th inst, is detailed hereunder:-

15th inst	———	15 men
17th "	———	20 "
18th "	———	19 "
19th "	———	20 "
Total		74 "

~~Hereunder~~ Taking into account the 264 men who left on 13th inst, the total number of men sent as at 19th inst, is :-

338 men.

Further information will be forwarded.

(Sgd) A. SANTI.

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

N° 11025/Ord. di prot. F.M.3800, 21 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Recupero personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta".-

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Seguito foglio 10814/Ord. del 18 corrente.-

Si comunica il numero dei militari partiti da Vibo Valentia per gli Astroni nel periodo 14 - 19 corrente:

- giorno 15	N°	15
- giorno 17	"	20
- giorno 18	"	19
- giorno 19	"	20
in totale	"	74

Tenuto conto dei 264 partiti il 13 corrente, complessivamente sono stati avviati a tutto il giorno 19 N° 338 militari.-

Riserva di ulteriori segnalazioni.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

M.M.I.A.
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FROM: 59 AREA 221620A

TO : MMIA RCMR: MMIA LO 5 ARMY REAR (BRIT INCR): DISTNO: DISTONE: X
DISTHREE: 351 ITALIAN DIV

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HQ 1 ITALIAN GUARD REGIMENT LOCATED CENTINALE MR Q 7417 (.)

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: SMRE

TO : MAIA

Ref.: 10914/Ord

Date: 18 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Recovery of personnel attached to II/5 - "AOSTA" Regt.

Ref letters SD/15 and SD/46 dated 25 Jan 45.

1. On the night of 13th inst., 264 military of the 347 men who were recovered (up to 12th inst) from the personnel attached to II/5 "AOSTA" Regt, left VIBO VALENTIA for ASTRONI.

2. The difference in number of men who did not leave is due to:-

25 men sick
26 men admitted to hospital
32 men absented themselves prior to the departure.
83

These men, as soon as they become fit to travel or those who will be recaptured, will be sent in small groups to "GLI ASTRONI" Camp as it has been laid down.

3. It has been impossible to prepare a larger number of men for the date mentioned above, because:-

- the effective strength of NCOs and men of the two internal security Bn of the CALABRIA was, as at 24 Jan 45 1520
- authorized strength of NCOs and men for the two Bns 852
- number of men absent (leave, hospital or other purposes).... 70

Since the effective strength in question included 195 men absent, it has been rendered necessary to consider part of these absentees in the number in excess to the strength. These men could be recovered at a later date.

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- Non-Italian speaking Italian soldiers who absented themselves on 27 Jan 27
- man guarding and taking care of 345 animals which belonged to "MANTOVA" Div and which remained in CALABRIA 150
- staff of Sicilian Call-ups Transit Camp, R. CALABRIA 50
- absentees .....

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26 men admitted to hospital
32 men absented themselves prior to the departure.

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These men, as soon as they become fit to travel or those who will be recaptured, will be sent in small groups to "GLI ASTRONI" Camp as it has been laid down.

3. It has been impossible to prepare a larger number of men for the date mentioned above, because:-

- the effective strength of NCOs and men of the two internal security Bn of the CALABRIA was, as at 24 Jan 45 1520
- authorized strength of NCOs and men for the two Bns 852
- number of men absent (leave, hospital or other purposes).... 70

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- Non-Italian speaking Italian soldiers who absented themselves on 27 Jan 27
- man guarding and taking care of 345 animals which belonged to "MANTOVA" Div and which remained in CALABRIA 150
- staff of Sicilian Call-ups Transit Camp, R. CALABRIA 50
- absentees 24

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Number of men remaining and which have been recovered as at 12 Jan 45 is ...../

Inspectorate of Vet and remount Services is taking action in respect of accomodation for animals which belonged to "MANTOVA" Div. The number of animals were 345 on 11th inst and not 112 as shown in your SD/13 dated 13th inst.

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However, the personnel guarding these animals together with the men which will be recaptured or those that return from hospitals, etc., will be sent to "GLI ASTRONI" Camp as soon as these become available.

You will be informed when soldiers are sent to "GLI ASTRONI" Camp.

4. We take the opportunity to mention data requested by you in letter SD/15 dated 25 Jan 45 at para 6 letters B and C:-

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(B) Personnel in excess, i.e. 347 men as shown in para 3 above, have been employed from 3 Dec to 20 Jan in lieu of the same number of men supplied prior to 3 Dec by "MANTOVA" Div.

(C) The total number of rations issued to men who are to be considered in excess, should be calculated for 347 men as shown above for the period from 3 Dec 44 (date on which "MANTOVA" Div left CALABRIA) to 20 Jan 45 (date on which the collection of the personnel started).

(Sgd) A. SANTI

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Translation. Secret.

From :- SMRE.
To :- MMIB.

Ref.- 1041/2 Ord.
Date.- 18th Feb. 45.

Subject.- Recovery of personnel attached to II/5th "Hosta" Regt.

Ref. letters SD/15 and SD/46 dated 25th Jan. 45.

1/ On the night of 13th inst. 266 military of the 347 men who were recovered (up to 12th inst) from the personnel attached to II/5th "Hosta" Regt., left Pelo Valentia for Retrom.

2/ The difference in number of men who did not leave is due to :-

25 men sick
26 " admitted to hospital
32 " absented themselves prior to the departure.

83

These men, as soon as they become fit to travel a those who will be recaptured, will be sent in small groups to "Gli Retrom" Camp as it has been laid down.

3/ It has been impossible to prepare a larger number of men for the date mentioned above, because :-

— the effective strength of NCOs & Men of the Two battal Cavalry Bn. of the Calabria was, as at 24th Jan. 45 ——— 1520
— authorised strength of NCOs & men for the two Bn. — 852
— number of men absent/leave, hospital or other purposes/ — 70

Since the effective strength in question included 195 men absent, it has been rendered necessary to consider part of these absentees in the number in excess to the strength. These men could be ~~cannot~~ recovered at a later date.

— ~~Soldiers accommodated etc~~
— Non-Italian speaking Italian soldiers who absented themselves on 27th Jan. ——— 27
— men guarding and taking care of 345 animals which belonged to "Mantova" Div. and which remained in Calabria ——— 150
— Staff of Sicilian Coll. o/s Transit Camp, R. Calabria - 50
— absentees ——— 24

Number of men remaining and which have been recovered as at 12th Jan. 45 is :- 347.

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Cont'd/ Sheet 2.

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Inspectorate of Typical & Vet. Services is taking action in respect of accommodation for animals which belonged to "Mantova" Div. The number of animals were 345 on 11th inst and not 112 as shown in your SD/13 dated 15th inst.

However, the personnel guarding these animals together with the men which will be recaptured or those that return from hospital, etc, will be sent to "Gli Histoni" Camp as soon as these become available.

You will be informed when soldiers are sent to "Gli Histoni" Camp.

4) We take the opportunity to mention data requested by you in letter SD/5 dated 25th Jan. 45 at para. 6 letters b & c:—

b) Personnel in these, i.e. 347 men as shown in para. 3 above, have been employed from 3rd Dec. to 20th Jan. in lieu of the same number of men supplied prior to 3rd Dec. by "Mantova" Div.

c) The total number of rations issued to men who are to be considered in these, should be calculated for 347 men as shown above for the period from 3rd Dec. 44 (date on which "Mantova" Div. left Calabria) to 20th Jan. 45 (date on which the collection of the personnel started).

(Sgd) A. SANTI

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

nº 10914 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 3800, 18 febbr. 1945

OGGETTO: Recupero personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA
e, per conoscenza:
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO C.A. SEDE

Riferimento fogli SD/15 e SD/46 del 25/1/45 di codesta M.M.I.A.-

1°)- La sera del 13 corrente sono partiti da Vibo Valentia per gli Astroni nº 264 militari sui 347 recuperati entro il giorno 12 fra il personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta".-

2°)- La differenza dei partiti in meno è data da :

- 25 ammalati,
- 26 ricoverati in ospedale,
- 32 allontanatisi arbitrariamente prima della partenza,

83 in totale.-

Detti uomini, di mano in mano che saranno in condizioni di poter viaggiare o che saranno ripresi, saranno avviati a piccoli scaglioni al campo de "Gli Astroni" come previsto.-

3°)- Non è stato possibile per la data suddetta approntare un maggior numero di uomini, perchè :

- forza effettiva sottuff. e truppa dei due btg. S.I. della Calabria alla data del 24/1/45:.....nº 1520
- forza autorizzata sottuff. e truppa per i due btg.:....nº 852
- quota parte degli assenti (licenze, ospedali, cause varie):....." 70 591

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO S.M.R.L. = UFFICIO C.A. SEDE

SD/81/2

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83 in totale.-

Detti uomini, di mano in mano che saranno in condizioni di poter viaggiare o che saranno ripresi, saranno avviati a piccoli scaglioni al campo de "Gli Astroni" come previsto.-

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- forza autorizzata sottuff. e truppa per i due btg.:....n° 852
- quota parte degli assenti (licenze, ospedali, cause varie):....." 70 5214

Poichè la forza effettiva suddetta comprendeva n° 195 assenti, si è reso necessario attribuire una quota parte degli assenti alla esuberanza di forza.- Questi uomini potranno essere ricuperati in prosieguo di tempo.-

riporto n° 922 n° 1520

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riporto	n° 922		n° 1520
- Militari alloglotti assentatisi arbitrariamente il 27 gennaio:.....	" 27		
- militari adibiti alla custodia e governo dei 345 quadrupedi della div. "Mantova" rimasti in Calabria:.	" 150		
- militari adibiti al campo sosta richiamati siciliani di Reggio C.:.....	" 50		
-militari resisi assenti arbitrari:.....	" 24		
	n°		n° 1173
restano:			
- militari ricuperati a tutto il giorno 12/1			n° 347

L'Ispettorato del Servizio Ippico e Veterinario si stà interessando per la sistemazione dei quadrupedi già della div. "Mantova".- Detti quadrupedi, alla data dell'11 corrente risultano essere 345 e non 112 come indicato nella lettera di codesta M.M.I.A. SD/13 del 13 corrente.-

In ogni modo il personale di custodia, di mano in mano che sarà reso libero verrà avviato al campo de "Gli Astroni", insieme all'altro personale comunque ricuperato dagli assenti, ammalati, ecc.-

Saranno fatte successive comunicazioni del numero dei militari così avviati a "Gli Astroni".-

4°)- Con l'occasione si segnalano i dati richiesti da codesta M.M.I.A. con il foglio SD/15 del 25/1 c.a. - capo 6° - lettere b) e c):

- b) il personale esuberante, nel numero di 347 unità, come indicato al precedente capo 3°) è stato impiegato dal 3 dicembre 1944 al 20 gennaio 1945 in luogo di altrettanto personale fornito prima del 3 dicembre dalla div. "Mantova";
- c) il numero totale delle razioni distribuite ai militari da considerare esuberanti deve essere ragguagliato alle 347 unità di cui sopra per il periodo dal 3 dicembre 1944 (data di partenza dalla Calabria della div. "Mantova") al 20 gennaio 1945 (data di inizio della raccolta del personale).-

S.M.R.E. 1945

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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-militari resisi assenti arbitrari:..... " 24

n° n° 1173

restano:

- militari ricuperati a tutto il giorno 12/1 n° 347

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- c) il numero totale delle razioni distribuite ai militari da considerare esuberanti deve essere ragguagliato alle 347 unità di cui sopra per il periodo dal 3 dicembre 1944 (data di partenza dalla "Calabria" della div. "Mantova") al 20 gennaio 1945 (data di inizio della raccolta del personale).-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Translation.

From SMRE
to MMIA.

Ref Nº 10898/ORD.
Date - 17 feb 45

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510 Guard Bn.

Ref letter SD/18 Date 13/2/45.

M.M.I.A | 19/2
FILE REF | SD/13
Date Recd | 19/2/45

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I This SMRE has zoned in due time instructions received from MMIA with letter SD/18 dated 23/12/44, to BARI territorial command

Said Command are finding it difficult to execute orders received owing to lack of other units of the Italian Army in BRINDISI, on whose strength the personel of 4th coy of the 510 Guard Bn can be attached.

102 II Consequently we have requested, with letter 9796 ORD. dated 6/1/45, (Authorisation from MMIA to form in BRINDISI a Service platoon to include said personel

According to verbal precisions given by Major BAUMANN, we have confirmed to BARI territorial Command the orders to strike off strenght of the 510 Bn the attached personnel and form, where necessary, a detachment at BRINDISI, including the personel in service, authorised, within the strength limits fixed by MMIA. The territorial Command of BARI dated 4th inst. have assured us that they have predisposed the constitution of such detachment.

III Further to communication received from MMIA with reference to said letter, we have contacted BARI territorial Command so that investigations are made as regards the matter, and that further orders issued by SMRE are complied with immediatly without any further delay.

Further information follows.

R Mansfield Lt

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SANITA REP

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 10898 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 3800, 17 febbr. 1945

OGGETTO: 510° battaglione guardie.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

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SD
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Riferimento foglio SD/18 del 13/2/45.-

I)- Questo S.M. impartì tempestivamente al comando territoriale di Bari le disposizioni contenute nel foglio SD/18, data 23/12/44, di codesta M.M.I.A.-
Detto comando rappresentò alcune difficoltà per l'esecuzione dell'ordine, data la mancanza in Brindisi di altri reparti od enti dell'Esercito, cui appoggiare il personale aggregato alla 4^ compagnia del 510° battaglione guardie.-

II)- In conseguenza, con foglio 9796/Ord. del 6/1/45, venne chiesta autorizzazione a codesta M.M.I.A. di costituire in Brindisi un plotone servizi, nel quale riunire detto personale.-
Sulla base di chiarimenti verbali forniti in proposito dal maggiore Baumann di codesta M.M.I.A., venne confermato al comando territoriale di Bari l'ordine di alleggerire il 510° battaglione del personale aggregato e costituire, ove necessario, un distaccamento in Brindisi comprendente il personale impiegato in servizi autorizzati e nei limiti di forza consentiti da codesta M.M.I.A..-
Il comando territoriale, in data 4 corrente, ha assicurato di aver predisposto la costituzione di tale distaccamento.-

III)- In seguito a quanto segnalato da codesta M.M.I.A. col foglio a riferimento, è stato interessato di urgenza il comando territoriale di Bari perchè venga svolta al riguardo una accurata inchiesta e vengano posti in atto, senza indugio, i provvedimenti già ordinati da questo S.M..-

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni.- 5211.

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P.M. 3800, 17 febbr. 1945

OGGETTO: 510° battaglione guardie.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

ROMA

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Riferimento foglio SD/18 del 13/2/45.-

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Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

U.S.M.A.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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Subject:- regular Attachments.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/4/SD
15 Feb 45.

Headquarters, 230 Division.

1. It is understood that 204 personnel have been attached for administration to 510 Guard Bn.

2. This attachment is NOT authorised.

3. With effect from 19 Feb these personnel will cease to be attached to 510 Guard Bn. Please arrange accordingly.

RTn

J.G.Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o Hq 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- Territorial Hq, BARI
Hq MMIA

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SUBJECT: 510 Gd Bn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
13 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Our SD/16 of 23 Dec 44 directed that no personnel were to be attached to the 510 Gd Bn and our SD/16 of 14 Jan repeated these instructions.

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2. MMIA is now in receipt of a letter from O.C. Commanding Train and Rly Gds listing Italian personnel which is still attached to the 510 Gd Bn. List is attached to this letter. This shows that you have not complied with instructions.

3. Your attention is called to the fact that the 510 Gd Bn is placed on special duty as train guards and therefore is under the command of the O.C. Commanding Train and Rly Gds, Italy. You will direct Mil Hq MARI that no attachments are to be made to the 510 Gd Bn and also that no personnel of the 510 Gd Bn are to be used other than as directed by the O.C. Commanding Train and Rly Gds thru the Bn Comdr of the 510 Gd Bn.

4. Furthermore, an explanation is desired from you as to why the previous instructions of this Hq were not carried out.

RCP

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: O.C., Commanding Train and Rly Gds, Italy
(your R/4/127 of 8 Feb refers)
Hq 3 DIST
MMIA LO 84 AREA

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SUBJECT: Unauthorised personnel of the so called "AOSTA" Bn in CALABRIA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
13 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Further to our SD/15 of 25 Jan 45 and your 10705/ORD of 9 Feb 45 it is pointed out that it is of no importance if Mil HQ CALABRIA is able to comply with your para 3 or not because other methods can be found other than holding a reserve of Italian soldiers as possible "rfts to Districts for call-up operations". The Public Safety Officials, if need be, may call upon the CC RR which is of ample strength.

2. Referring to your para 1(b), our information is that the number of horses is approximately 112. Those horses may be disposed of by turning them over to the Agriculture Ministry, selling them to farmers, or by other means. In any event, those horses must be disposed of not later than 15 March 45 and any Italian soldier tending the "MANTOVA" horses after that date may not be counted as being effective.

REP
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM : MMIA LO 54 AREA. 1216Q0A

TO : TERRITORIAL HQ BARI.

INFO : 230 DIV. MMIA.

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HQ MMIA HAVE ADVISED THAT NO RPT NO PERSONNEL WILL BE ATTACHED RPT ATTACHED TO 510 GUARD BN FOR ANY PURPOSE (*) MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO REASSIGN ALL PERSONNEL THUS AFFECTED

Precedence -

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Translation. Secret.

From :- SIXTH ARMY.
To :- XXXIII A.C.

Ref :- 10705/Ord. 131
Date :- 9th Feb. 45. SD/15

Subject :- Recovery of personnel attached to II/5th Regt. "HOSTA".

Ref. SD/15 dated 25th Jan. 45.

Further to information received from Min of W. (Cabinet) dealing with the ref. subject.

1/ The following personnel can only be moved when the duty for which they are actually employed, ends :-

a/ Approximately 50 soldiers on duty at Reggio Calabria Transit Camps for Civilian call ups.

b/ Approximately 150 soldiers for guard and maintenance duties of approximately 400 animals of "Mantova" Div. which is actually in Calabria.

Exact data are awaited in respect of the above. These will be forwarded as soon as received in this office.

2/ The material execution of the orders issued in respect of the recovery of the personnel in question is delayed for the following reasons :-

— The personnel is distributed in accordance with the requirement of the service in various localities of Calabria.

— Difficulties of communications and transport which are had in Calabria, are worst in these last days owing to road interruptions caused by bad weather conditions.

3/ Further to the reduction in personnel being carried out, HQ Calabria will not be in a position to :-

— adhere to possible requests for reinforcement forwarded by P.S. Authorities for the maintenance of public order.

— supply reinforcements to Districts for call up operation.

13 1= Answered 5206

Also see 125

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(Sgd) R. SANTI.

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

SEGRETO

N° 10705 /Ord. di prot. P.M.3800, 9 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Recupero personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE AC.(MMIA) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff. C.A. P.M.3800

Riferimento foglio SD/15 del 25.1.45 di codesta M.M.I.A.-

A seguito di quanto comunicato sull'argomento dal Ministero Guerra - Gabinetto.-

1) - Il seguente personale potrà essere recuperato solo quando sarà esaurito il compito in cui è attualmente impiegato:

   a) - 50 militari circa adibiti al funzionamento del campo sosta di Reggio Calabria per i richiamati siciliani;

   b) - 150 militari circa adibiti alla custodia e governo di circa 400 quadrupedi già della divisione "Mantova" e tuttora in Calabria.-

   Si è in attesa di dati precisi al riguardo, che saranno segnalati appena perverranno a questo S.M.-

2) - La materiale esecuzione degli ordini impartiti per il recupero del personale è intralciata e ritardata per i seguenti motivi:

   - il personale è frazionato e sparso per necessità di servizio in parecchie località della Calabria;
   - le difficoltà delle comunicazioni e dei trasporti già notevoli in Calabria sono aggravate in questi giorni dalle interruzioni stradali causate dal persistente maltempo.-

3) - In conseguenza delle riduzioni di personale in corso di attuazione, il comando militare della Calabria non sarà più in gra-

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3) - In conseguenza delle riduzioni di personale in corso di attuazione, il comando militare della Calabria non sarà più in grado di:

   - aderire ad eventuali richieste di rinforzi da parte delle autorità di pubblica sicurezza per il mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico;
   - fornire il personale in rinforzo ai distretti per le operazioni di chiamata alle armi di una o più classi di leva.-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

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TO : DISTWO
DISTONE

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
59 AREA
MMIA
DISTHREE

FX 23545

SECRET

502 503 519 ITALIAN GUARD BNS PASS FROM UNDER COMMAND 61 D. OF DISTWO W.E.F. 1200 HRS 10 FEB 45 (.) DISTWO WILL PROVIDE TWO COMPANIES FOR GUARD DUTIES UNDER COMMAND OF DISTONE INITIALLY FROM 502 GUARD BN AND SUBSEQUENTLY FROM A BN TO BE NOMINATED BY DISTWO (.) EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES TO BE ARRANGED DIRECT BETWEEN DISTONE AND DISTWO (.) DISTWO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIAL TRAINING FOR DUTIES IN NORTH WEST ITALY (.) DMT IS ASSISTING IN ENDEAVOURING TO PROVIDE TRAINING TEAMS AND EQUIPMENT

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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TO: SD

Capt Fox - Report No. 6
dated 20 January 1945

1. Paragraph 4 of report follows:

"4. 101 (Coy) Forestry

O.C. Capt GERLONI NINO

Strength

Effective	7 Offs	210 ORs
Present	7 Offs	171 ORs
Attached		14 ORs
Detached		21 ORs
On leave		8 ORs
In hospital		4 ORs
A.W.O.L.		1 ORs

SHAEF State again.

I have been further into the clothing situation of this unit following the remarks made in my last report No. 5.

The items which the unit has received were drawn from Naples. The duplication arose as follows:

a) The first request for clothing was made by the unit to HQ Calabria. This was returned informing the unit to apply through the unit under whose command they were employed.

b) The unit then applied through 274 Works Section RE, a British unit at Crotour.

c) Since no clothing arrived, a further application was made by the unit through 227 Division.

Finally an authorization notice was received by the unit from MMIA for the clothing to be drawn from Naples. This was done with the exception of shirts and trousers, not available. Then an authorization was received by HQ Calabria from M of W, Rome, to issue the items from Calabria and Apulia - as stated in my last report.

I do not think there would have been a double issue since the units collect their items, and having already done so from Naples, they were satisfied. However it was a possibility.

I do not still understand how 2 authorities were made

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I have only gone into this at some length with a view to avoiding further and larger similar occurrences."

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2. Attached are pages 11 & 12 and Appendix E.

CPK

27 January 1945.

Clear by Col Kern

6. Infantry Bns guarding Silau Power Stations

On Tuesday 16 Jan I visited the Bn H.Q. of 2 Bn: 46 Inf Regt Salaudia Div: This Bn is in process of handing over to the 3 Bn: 60 Inf Regt Calabria Div: The strength of the 2 Bn 46 Inf Regt is at Appendix "E" to this report.

I also visited 1 detachment. All was well as could be expected. The men were well clothed reasonably housed. There is not never any trouble & it appears on a quick inspection rather a waste of manpower. Some detachments are well out in the wilds & almost never seen, however each has a reserve of food & is self contained.

1 Bn 60 Inf Regt Calabria Div:

This Bn: has been split to form the 1st & 3rd Bns 60 Inf Regt. The 3rd Bn is replacing the present Silau Bn & the 1st Bn: is employed on Guard duties in and around Chotus & the rest of Calabria.

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I was under the impression [illegible] the guarding of Bridges etc in Calabria had been done away with but apparently in fact it has not.

H.Q Calabria when I spoke about this, is aware that there are too many men in Catania & is taking steps to reduce them.

The strength of the 3rd Bn: having to Sicily is:-

H.Quarters 16 offs 379 ors.

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6 (Contd)

The 1st Bn 60 Inf Regt replaces 5 Bn:

Costa Div:

The Bn is located

HQ	Catanzaro
1 Det	Reggio Calabria
1 Coy	Catanzaro
1 Coy	Cosenza
1 Coy	Castrovillari
1 Det	Crotone

Infermeria Quadrupedi. Scarcia

The Detachment at Crotone has a strength of:

Effective	7 offrs	180 ors
Present	6 "	138 "
attached		112 "

The attached are made up of:

Infermary (Sick)	14
" Staff	10
Train Guard Coy	24
Vet Hosp.	55
Military HQ	9
	112

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7. I visited the infermary which is a good building & reasonably [illegible]

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1 Coy Caserta
1 Coy Castrovillari
1 Det Crotone
Infirmaria Quartabella. Paunteiro

The detachment at Crotone has a strength of:

Effective	7 offrs	120 ors
Present	6 "	138 "
attached		112 "

The attached are made up of:

Infirmary (Sick)	14
" Staff	10
Train Guard Coy	24
Vet Hosp.	55
Military HQ	9
	112

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7. I visited the infirmary which is a good building reasonably equipped. It only takes outpatients & in patients not very seriously ill.

8. I am sending this with General de Simone as he is going to Rome early tomorrow. A further bulletin will follow on the next courier.

G. Cox Capt

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COMANDO 2.STACC.II°/46° FANTERIA S._.

"" Savauda ""

Appendice E
Reparto 6.

SPECCHIO DELLA FORZA DEL BTG. ALLA DATA ODIERNA :

FORZA EFFETTIVA			FORZA PRESENTE			NOTE
Uff.li	Sottuff.	Truppa	Uff/li	Sottuff.	Truppa	
18	37	374	17	34	335	

Inoltre convivono col battaglione addetti a servizi vari n° 2 Uff/li Medici e n° 14 uomini di truppa addetti all'Infermeria Presidiaria di Cassa Pasquale e alcuni sottuff.

Cotrone, lì 1o gennaio 1945

IL TEN. COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Arturo Calascibetta)

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Subject:- Troops att. 510 It. Gd. Bn.

R/4/127

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.

8 Feb 45.

Ref your S.D/18 of 27 Jan 45.

Sub-joined copy of letter No.821/Op dated 4 Feb 45 together with original lists Nos. 1 and 2 are forwarded for favour of necessary action.

CMF
WR/VG

for Lt.Col.
Commanding Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

Copy to:- 510 It. Gd. Bn. (ref 821/Op dated 4 Feb).

Subject:- Troops attached to 510 Bn.

821/Op

To : HQ Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

4 Feb 45

Ref your R/1/387 of 1 Feb 45, I inform you as follows:-

1. The Territoriale HQ Bari ordered that personnel belonging to this Bn., but who do not carry out duty within the Bn., must be shown in the effective strength of the 510 Bn. (See att.No.1).

2. Attachment No.2 shows attached personnel who work for other Units.

3. May orders be issued by the Ministry stating that all soldiers of 510 Bn. (either posted or attached) must be employed only for Allied Rly duties.

4. The personnel shown in attachments Nos. 1 and 2 are still administrated by this Bn.

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(signed) Morelli Giuseppe Major
O.C.510 It.Gds.Bn.



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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO : MAIA 081700

INFO: 2 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT

FX 23163 SECRET

PARA 1 (.) COMPLETE I T A L I A N R E G I M E N T A L

H Q , 502 AND 503 G U A R D B N S IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AGREED SCALES OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT (.) PARA 2 (.)

YOUR SD 2247 OF 7 FEB REFERS (.) ADVISE SOONEST WHEN

UNITS AVAILABLE FOR MOVE

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

WS

SD DIST.: SD/103

10 F

Spoke to PAPINEAU who will have vehicles (less staff cars) ready.

Spoke to Wenham - he will have things packed when ready. and inform when ready.

REP

12 F. Spoke Clark Naples - not yet quite ready.

To draw more equip today REP

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMLA

TO AFHQ

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP
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FENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO

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SD 2247

REGIMENTAL GUARD HQ FOR 502 CM[illegible] AND 513 ITALIAN GUARD BNS HAS NOW BEEN FORMED AT NAPLES (*) UNIT DESIGNATION IS HQ FIRST GUARD REGIMENT STRENGTH IS FORTY ALL RANKS (*) YOUR FX 86693 AND FX 57624 REFER (*) PRESUME YOU WILL ORDER UNIT FED WHEN NEEDED

Important to Pickt

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED Capt Pickett
Major

INTERNAL

SD/16

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Translation

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FROM: War Ministry
TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 5 FEB. 1945.
REF: 201606/C.A.

SD13

Subject: Unauthorised Battalions in Calabria.

SD15 1141/1

In reply to letter SD15 of 20 January 1945.

(1). No new battalions have been formed constituted in Calabria for assignment to police and factory protection duties.

The quotation appearing on Page 29 of the Order of Battle (Positions) of 9th January this year does not show any war established unit, but only a certain number of personnel already attached to the 11/6 AOSTA Regt., for such time as that Btn. was in Calabria.

In effect, these personnel have never comprised a war established unit or had their own administration; in other words have never assumed the proportions of a unit for the constitution of which — as is obvious — the previous authorisation of M.M.I.A. was not necessary. 5195.

(2). In respect of the ~~enlargement~~ of already existing war-established units with additional

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troops (attached) we would inform you as follows: -

(a). With the constitution of the I.S. Bns. II/46 "SABAUDA" and II/5 "AOSTA" (October 1944) the units of the "MANTOVA" division ~~should have~~ been freed from police and factory protection duties in Calabria for employment on other tasks

(b). ~~After~~ About 2100 men were normally employed on the above mentioned police and factory protection duties; requirements already in excess of the capabilities of the two battalions (II/46 and II/5), with a total strength of 800 men.

The difference between the requirements of the service and the possibilities of their ~~can~~ being carried out ~~being accomplished~~ has been notified in the past to H.Q. 3 District. In spite of the requests of this H.Q. the duties have afterwards remained in excess of the capabilities of the battalions. Enclosed, in this respect, is letter 06/1917 of Calabria H.Q. in which it appears that, up to the 20 November, 1079 men were supplied for the duties in question, alone the II/46 being totally employed policing and guarding the Silano plant.

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(3). S.M.R.E., with the object of making clear

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the contrast between the orders of M.M.I.A. and the actual services ~~requested~~ carried out, effected a meeting, last December, with the assistance of a proper official representative of Calabria Military H.Q. and Captain Selly of M.M.I.A.

Later, S.M.R.E. put forward in writing a solution, a very simple one, of the question, which necessitated:-

- either the formation of a third battalion being authorised (letter 9787 of 3rd. January).
- or the duties being limited to the capabilities of the two battalions.

(4). In letter SD/25 of 8th January, M.M.I.A. laid down (in respect of the above proposals) that two battalions would have to be sufficient to supply the necessary duties, H.Q. 3 District also being in agreement with this.

In this respect — letter 10016/ORD of 15th Jan. — S.M.R.E. issued the necessary orders to Calabria H.Q., fixing the 30th January as the time limit for the completion of the reduction. 5193

At the moment, we are informed that the reductions are in the process of being

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speedily carried out, in respect of which ~~it~~ should be borne in mind the size of the area over which the men to be called in, are located, and the contingent difficulties in communications.

There is reason to hope, however, that within a few weeks the w.e. position of the two battalions planned, will ~~be~~ be quite normal.

(5). Definite ruling, on that which was particularly requested in para. 6. of the letter to which this reply is made, is held back, as the necessary confirmations are at present in progress.

Sgd. CASATI.

Minister.

Clarin.

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Translation.

FROM: ~~Hdq.~~ Calabria Military H.Q. REF: 00/1811
TO: S.M.R.E. DATE:

Subject: Police and protection duties in Calabria.

With reference to cable 8558/ORD. of 17 inst.

A. Internal Security Battalions employed in Calabria.

The two battalions present in Calabria, II/46 Salaunda Regt., infantry and II/5 Aosta Regt., infantry, are employed:-

- the first, in Sila, policing and protecting the hydro-electric installations there (according to the defence-plan, sent to the operations office of S.M. with letter 01/1329 of 19.10.44)

- the second, throughout the area of Calabria, for policing and protecting works of art, depots, stores, and for fatigues and guards under Allied Authority orders.

B. Present strength of the battalions and duties which they discharge.

(1). The II/46 Salaunda Regt. infantry, has assumed the w.e. (3 Companies) and strength laid down for Internal Security Battalions (Present strength: Officers 17. N.C.O's and O.R's 382). The a/m strength is fully employed in the ~~policing~~ policing and guarding of the

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difiani installations according to the a/m. defence plan.

(2). T.Le II/6 Aosta Regt., inf., (of 4 Companies), virt. a strength of 25 Officers and 1009 n.c.o's and O.Rs, carries out the duties appearing on the enclosed lists.

The difference between the strength of the battalion and that employed on the a/m duties is comprised of elements of the "MANTOVA" group, still to be taken away, and for which it has not yet been possible to replace.

C. Arrangement of II/5 Aosta Regt., Inf.,

From the above it appears obvious that the II/5 Aosta can not, with the declared duties, contain itself within the w.e. and strength of Internal Security Battalions.

Therefore:

- Either the II/5 must remain at its present strength, considering as excess to w/e all those over the figure of 31 Officers and 426 N.C.Os and O.Rs. laid down, as ~~w/e~~, by the September publication.

- Or the II/5 must split itself into two I.S. battalions between which must be divided the strength and tasks up till now ~~compiti~~ belonging to the single battalion in question.

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Sgd. CORONATI

Comm.

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Translation. Encl. (1).

List of duties and services entrusted to the IIIrd Aosta Regt. Inf. in Calabria

CATANZARO.	Officers	N.C.O's	O.R's	Animals
Bn. HQ. and Pn. H.Q. CATANZARO (w.e. laid down for Sec. Bn.)	6	3	34	4
Coy HQ. and Pn. H.Q. CATANZARO	2	2	30	13
Guard on River Amato Bridge	—	1	7	—
" " " Corace "	—	1	7	—
" " " Soverato "	—	1	7	—
" " " Ancinale "	1	—	7	—
" " Staletti tunnel (Barrier north & south)	—	1	16	—
" " Soverato tunnel (Barrier N. T.S.)	—	1	13	—
Personnel on River Amato staging area	1	2	25	—
" " Soveria Mann. " "	—	1	10	—
" " River Angitola " "	—	2	18	—
" " River Amato Hut Guard	—	—	8	—
" " M. Soverato " "	—	1	6	—
" " Ponte Grande " "	—	1	6	—
" " Tirolo Wrecked vehicle park	1	1	6	—
" " Chiaffini Fuel Depot	—	2	22	—
" " Gagliano " "	—	—	4	—
Guard on Serroatiella chemical material store.	—	1	8	—
GARRISON DUTIES IN CATANZARO.				
(a). "Pope" Barracks Guard.	—	1	8	—
(b). Rations, forage, and various Stores, Guard	—	2	24	—
(c). Garrison Duties	—	—	17	7
	10	25	283	51 89

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REGGIO CALABRIA	Officers	N-C-O.	O-R's	Animals
Coy HQ. and Pl. H.Q. Reggio Calabria	2	2	30	13
OUTSIDE GUARDS:-				
Bruzzano Zeffirio Tunnel (Barrier N.T.S.)	—	1	14	—
Modena Powder Factory	—	—	4	—
Metramo River Bridge	—	—	4	—
Petrace " "	—	—	4	—
Under Orders of Allied Authorities				
ARCHI Fuel Depot Guard	—	—	8	—
PALMI " " "	—	1	10	—
Personal on Gioia Tauro staging area	—	2	10	—
R. Calabria Fuel Depot Guards.	—	2	4	—
M.T. Drivers.	—	1	28	—
Food-stuff production	—	—	9	—
Dock-labouring	—	—	120	—
Dock Guard	1	2	24	—
Vehicle Park Guard	—	1	14	—
Garrison Duties				
Various Guards & Duties (Patrols etc.)	—	4	36	—
Under command of Eng. Det. Office	—	—	10	—
" " " Salvage Office	—	1	10	—
Guards & Duties "SBARRE" Barracks	—	2	20	—
Garrison escorts & duties	—	—	5	5
	3	19	370	18

CROTONE				
Detachment H.Q.	1	1	12	9
Guard on River Tacino Railway Bridge	—	1	7	—
" " " Neto " "	—	—	7	—
" " Cutro tunnel (Barrier N.T.S.)	—	1	14	—
Dock installation Guard (A.A.)	1	1	34	—
CROTONE Garrison Duties (Guards etc.)	—	2	20	—
Labouring & guard duties Isola Capo Rizzuto Aviation Camp.	1	—	49	—
	3	7	148	9

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COSENZA.

	Offs.	N.C.O.	O.Rs.	Animals.
Coy. H.Q. and Pl. H.Q.	2	2	30	13
Bridge Guard on River Corace	—	1	7	—
A.A. Fuel Depot Guard VILLA BOMBINI	—	1	14	—
COSENZA. A.A. Depot Guard	—	1	4	—
Labour for loading and unloading munitions at Paolo Amendola - Scalea	—	—	10	—
Cosenza Straw Store Guard	—	—	4	—
" Forage " "	—	—	4	—
" Flour " "	—	—	4	—
" Telephone line "	—	—	8	—
Garrison Ration - Store "	1	—	10	—
Spezzano Albanese Telephone line Guard	—	—	3	—
General Duties, Cosenza Garrison	—	1	10	1
	3	3 ?	108	14

CASTROVILLARI

Coy. H.Q. and Pl. H.Q.	2	2	30	13
Guard on Grati River Bridge	—	1	7	—
" " Trenta " "	—	—	7	—
Personnel for Trebisacce Staging Area	—	1	10	—
" " Spezzano Albanese " "	—	1	10	—
Rossano Fuel Depot Guard	1	1	14	—
Castrovillari Ration Store "	—	—	4	—
" Engineers " "	—	—	7	—
" Garrison Ration Store Guard	—	—	4	—
Personnel for Castrovillari Main Telephone line	—	—	3	—
General Duties " Garrison	—	1	10	—
	3	7	106	13

SUMMARY

CATANZARO	AREA	10	25	283	24
REGGIO CALABRIA	"	3	19	370	18
CROTONE	"	3	7	148	9
COSENZA	"	3	6	108	14
CASTROVILLARI	"	3	7	106	13
	TOTAL	22	64	1015	78

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(2) Translate Priority (I) for Colkerr

mlg MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Trat. N° 20/606 /C. *Mobil.*

Risposta al f. N°

Roma, 5 febbraio 1945

Cl. *Sez.* *Fasc.*

OGGETTO. Battaglione in Calabria non autorizzato -

SD

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) SD

ROMA

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Risposta al foglio SD/13 del 25 gennaio u.s.

1.) Nessun nuovo battaglione è stato costituito in Calabria per gli elementi addetti ai servizi di vigilanza e protezione impianti.

La dizione risultante a pag. 28 dell'ordine di battaglia (situazione) del 9 gennaio c.a. non segnala una unità organica, ma solo un certo quantitativo di personale già aggregato al II/5° rgt. "Aosta" finchè questo btg. è stato in Calabria.

In sostanza, questo personale non ha mai avuto entità organica ed amministrazione propria; non ha avuto, in altri termini, figura di reparto per la cui costituzione sarebbe occorsa - come ovvio - la preventiva autorizzazione di codesta M.M.I.A.

2.) In quanto all'accrescimento con truppe addizionali (aggregati) di reparti organici già esistenti si segnala quanto appresso:

a) con la costituzione dei btg. S.I. II/46 "Sabauda" e II/5° "Aosta" (ottobre 1944) si sarebbero dovuti svincolare - dai servizi di vigilanza e protezione impianti in Calabria - i reparti della Divisione "Mantova" di previsto impiego in altri compiti.

b) Nei sopraindicati servizi di vigilanza e protezione impianti, erano- in effetti - normalmente impiegati circa 2100 uomini; esigenze evi- dentemente, eccessive rispetto alle possibilità dei due btg. (II/46 e II/5°), della forza complessiva di 800 uomini.

A suo tempo il divario fra esigenze dei servizi e possibilità effet- tive di adempierli è

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Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

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3.) Lo S.M.R.E., nell'intento di chiarire il contrasto fra le disposizioni di codesta M.M.I.A. e la reale attuazione dei servizi, provocò nel dicembre s.a. una riunione con l'intervento di un proprio ufficiale di un

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rappresentante del Comando Militare Calabria, e del Cap. Selby della M.M.I.A.

In secondo tempo lo stesso S.M.R.E. prospettò anche per iscritto i termini - assai semplici, del resto - della questione, per la quale:
- o si sarebbe dovuto autorizzare la formazione di un terzo btg. (foglio n° 9787 del 3 gennaio,
- o si sarebbero dovuti limitare i servizi alle possibilità degli effettivi dei due btg.-

4.) Col foglio SD/25 - 8 gennaio c.a., codesta M.M.I.A. determinò, (in relazione alle suesposte proposte) che due btg. dovevano bastare a fornire i servizi necessari, convenendo in ciò anche lo stesso Comando del III district.

In relazione - 15 gennaio: foglio n° 10016/ord. - lo S.M.R.E. ha impartito i conseguenti ordini al Comando Calabria , fissando come termine di tempo per l'attuazione delle riduzioni la data del 30 gennaio u.s.

Attualmente, si ha notizia che le riduzioni sono in via di sollecita realizzazione, in relazione alla vastità del territorio sul quale sono dislocati gli uomini da recuperare e delle contingenti difficoltà nelle comunicazioni.

Si ha ragione, tuttavia, di ritenere che entro qualche settimana la situazione organica dei due btg. previsti sarà del tutto normalizzata.

5.) Riserva di precisare quanto in particolare è richiesto dal comma n°6 del foglio cui si risponde, essendo tuttora in corso i necessari accertamenti.

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Alleg.n. 1 al foglio n. 20/606/Eq
del

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
S.M.Uff.Ordinamento e Personale Sez.Ord.

Prot.N.06/1817/

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E.
-Uff.Ord.e Mob.- Sez.Ordinamento-
P.M.151
e,per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E.-Uff.Operaz.-
P.M.151

OGGETTO: Servizi di vigilanza e protezione in Calabria

Mi riferisco al telescritto n. 6554/Ord.del 17 corrente.

A - Battaglioni di sicurezza interna impiegati in Calabria.

I due battaglioni presenti in Calabria, II/46° rgt.ftr.Ssbauda e II/5° rgt.ftr."Aosta" sono impiegati:
- il primo in Sila, a protezione e vigilanza di quegli impianti idroelettrici (come da progetto di difesa, inviato all'ufficio operazioni di codesto S.M., con foglio n.01/1329 del 19.10.44)
- il secondo in tutto il territorio della Calabria, per protezione e vigilanza ad opere d'arte, depositi, magazzini e per manovalanza e guardie a disposizione degli A.A.

B - Forza presente dei battaglioni e servizi che essi disimpegnano.

1°) Il II/46° rgt.ftr."Sabauda" ha assunto la formazione organica (3 compagnie) e la forza prevista per i battaglioni di sicurezza interna. (Forza presente: Uff.17 - sottufficiali e truppa 382).
La predetta forza è totalmente impiegata a protezione e vigilanza degli impianti Siliani come dal predetto progetto di difesa.

2°) Il II/5° rgt.ftr.'Aosta" (su 4 compagnie) con una forza di 25 ufficiali e 1009 sottufficiali e truppa, disimpegna i servizi risultanti nello specchio allegato.
La differenza fra la forza del btg.e quella impiegata nei servizi suddetti è costituita da elementi del gruppo "Mantova" ancora da sganciare, e per i quali non è stata possibile, fino ad ora, la sostituzione.

C - Sistemazione II/5° rgt.ftr."Aosta"

Da quanto sopra risulta evidente che il II/5° "Aosta" non può, con gli incarichi affidatigli, mantenersi nei limiti organici e di forza dei battaglioni di sicurezza

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E pertanto:
- o il II/5° deve mantenersi nell'attuale forza, considerando extraorganico quella che supera i 21 ufficiali e 426 sottufficiali e truppa stabiliti, come organico, dalla pubblicazione settembre c.a.;
- o il II/5° deve scindersi in due battaglioni di sicurezza interna fra i quali ripartire forza e compiti finora del solo battaglione in oggetto.

IL COMANDANTE MILITARE
F/to Emilio Coronati

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Allegato n. 1 al foglio n. 30/1535/02
del 5-2-40

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ELENCO DEGLI INCARICHI E DEI SERVIZI AFFIDATI IN CALABRIA AL 11/3° RGT.FTR. "AOSTA"

CATANZARO	Uff.	Sott.	Truppa	Quadr.
- Comando di btg. e plotone comando (organico previsto per il btg.sicurezza)-Catanzaro	2	3	34	4
- Comando cp. e plotone comando-Catanzaro	2	2	30	13
- guardia al ponte sul Fiume-Amato		1	7	
- " " " " " - Corace		1	7	
- " " " " " - Soverato		1	7	
- " " " " " - Ancinale	1		7	
- " alla galleria Staletti(sblocchi Nord e Sud)		1	16	
- " " " Soverato (sblocchi Nord e Sud)		1	13	
- personale per parco sosta Fiume Amato(AA)	1	2	25	
- " " " " Soveria Mann.(AA)		1	10	
- " " " " Fiume Angitola(AA)		2	16	
- " guardia baraccamenti Fiume Amato			8	
- " " " " M.Soverato		1	6	
- " " " Ponte Grande		1	6	
- " parco autoguasti di Tirolo	1	1	6	
- " Deposito Carburanti Chiattini		2	22	
- " " " Cagliano			4	
- guardia magazzino materiale chimico Serrastretta		1	8	
SERVIZI DI PRESIDIO IN CATANZARO				
a) guardia caserma "Pepe"		1	8	
b) guardia magazzini viveri,foraggi e comb.vari		2	24	
c) servizi di presidio			17	
	10	25	283	24

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REGGIO CALABRIA

	U.	S.	T.	Q.
- Comando cp. e Plotone Comando)ReggioCalabria	2	2	30	13
-guardie esterne:galleria Bruzzano Zeffiro (sblocchi Nord Sud)		1	14	
- polveriera piani Modena			7	
- Ponte Fiume Metrano			4	
- Ponte Fiume Metrace			4	
-A disposizione A.A.:guardia Dep.carburanti Archi			8	
- guardia dep.carburanti in Palmi		1	10	
- personale parco sosta Gioia Tauro		2	10	
- guardia deposito Carb.R.Calabria		2	7	
- autieri		1	28	
- confezioni derrate			9	
- manovalanza al porto			120	
- guardia al porto	1	2	24	
- guardia autoparco	1	1	14	
-Servizi di presidio:guardia e servizi vari (ronde ecc.)		4	36	
a disposiz.Uff.staccato Genio			10	
" " Uff. Recuperi		1	10	
guardie e serv. Caserma"Sbarre		2	20	
conducenti e servizio presidio			5	5
	3	19	370	18

CROTONE

-Comando distaccamento	1	1	12	
- guardia al ponte ferroviario sul Fiume Tacino		1	7	
-guardia al ponte forroviario sul Fiume Neto			7	
-guardia alla galleria Cutro(sbocchi nord sud)		1	14	
-guardie impianti portuali (A.A.)	1	1	34	
-servizi presidio Crotone (guardia ecc.)		2	20	
-servizio manovalanza e guardia campo aviazione Isola Capo Rizzuto =	1		49	

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Ponte Fiume Metrace			4		
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	3	19	370	18	

CROTONE

-Comando distaccamento	1	1	12	9	5183
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-guardie impianti portuali (A.A.)	1	1	34		
-servizi presidio Crotone (guardia ecc.)		2	20		
-servizio manovalanza e guardia campo aviazione					
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	3	7	148	9	

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	U.	S.	T.	O.
- Comando cp. e Plotone Comando	2	2	30	13
- guardia al ponte sul fiume Corace		1	7	
- guardia al Deposito carburanti A.A.Villa Bombini		1	14	
- guardia al Depesito A.A. -Cosenza		1	4	
- manovalanza per carico e scarico munizioni a Paolo Amantea - Scalea			10	
- guardia magazzini paglia Cosenza			4	
- guardia magazzini foraggi "			4	
- " " farina "			4	
- " linee telefoniche "			8	
- " magazzino viveri presidio	1		10	
- " linee telefoniche -Spezzano Albanese			3	
- servizi vari,presidio Cosenza		1	10	1
	3	3	108	14

CASTROVILLARI

- Comando cp. e Plotone Comando	2	2	30	13
- guardia al ponte sul fiume Crati		1	7	
- " " " " " Tronto			7	
- personale per parco sosta Trebisacce		1	10	
- " " " " Spezzano Albanese		1	10	
- guardia deposito carburanti Rossano	1	1	14	
- " magazzino viveri Castrovillari			4	
- " " Genio "			7	
- " " viveri di presidio			4	
-personale per centralino telefonico Castrovillari			3	
- servizi vari per presidio Castrovillari		1	10	
	3	7	106	13

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R I E P I L O G O

	Uff.	Sottuf.	Truppa	Quadr.
Zona di Catanzaro	10	25	283	24
" " Reggio Calabria	3	19	370	18
" " Crotone	3	7	148	9

- Linee telefoniche			8	
- " magazzino viveri presidio	1		10	
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- " " viveri di presidio			4	
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" " Cosenza	3	6	108	14
" " Castrovillari	3	7	106	13
TOTALI	22	64	1015	78

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G.O.C.
GD BNS for NW ITALY

Please see F. 123.

I believe Gen Nares is due to visit you Tues. 6 Feb.

C.P.M.

C.M.S.
5 Feb.

6 Feb

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

SEGRETERIA
DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

File SD/13

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Col Marchesi:

1. Capt BORNE, LO Dist called and wants my mind, that the 502, 503, and 519 Gd Bn is under adm. control of 231 Div.

2. Agreed by you?

REP
30 Jan

Yes I ck the Memo on Replacement already

30 Jan

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MMIA LO MEAR EIGHTH ARMY

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FOLLOWING FOR SOAKES (*) FIRST ( ) GD BNS IN QUESTION SHOULD HAVE ITELIAS EQUIPMENT (*) SECOND (*) AS THEY ARE ITI ITI COMMITMENT THEY SHOULD HAVE ITI TPT UP TO NS (.) AT CAN REDUCE THIS (.) IF EXTRA REQUIRED 2 DIST SHOULD APPLY TO AFHQ FOR AUTHY TO ISSUE MINIMUM BRIT TPT SUFFICIENT FOR OP REQUIREMENT (.) THIRD (.) BRIT TNG CADRE NOW WITH 619 MH EMPHASETA FLORENCE AREA AND AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO DISTONS SHOULD BE MOVED TO 605 AM AFHQ22 UNDER MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS DISTONS DISTNO (.) NO OTHER TNG CADRE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE (.) FOURTH (.) EQ 1 GD BN MAPLES AND 502 GD BN BARI ARE BOTH AVAILABLE AND DISTNO SHOULD BID FOR MOVEMENT

Reg Important

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File: SD/15

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Translation

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From SMRL

To MMIA

Ref. 10443/ORD

Date Jan 31, 1945

Subject Hq 1st Guard Regt.

SD/13

Ref. SD/1& dated 19th inst.

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With ltr 3/1282 mob. dated Jan. 29, the NAPLES TERRITORIAL Hq. has reported that the Hq. 1st Guard Regiment is up to strength.

Therefore, it awaits MMIA's arrangement for consignment of the materials.

AFHQ informed

(Sgd) GEN. SANTI

FBS REP

Copl. 2 ?

2 Dec and for 2 Dist. and will move to 2 Dist about 10 Feb

Q(AE).

This is an ITI-ITI unit. Please go ahead with issue of stores & equipment

3 Feb.

J. M. Engleden Lt-Col GS

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
= Sezione Ordinamento =

N. 10443 Ord.di prot. P.M.3800, li 31/1/45

OGGETTO: Comando 1° rgt. guardie.=

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= ALLA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

31/Jan
ROMA

rif.SD/18 del 19 corrente

Il Comando Territoriale di Napoli con telescritto 3/1282 mob. data 29 gennaio ha comunicato che il Comando 1° rgt. Guardie è completo di personale.

Pertanto attende autorizzazione di codesta M.M.I.A. per la consegna dei materiali.

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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SUBJECT: ITI-ITI Rfts from TRANI Base Rft Center

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
31 Jan 45

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

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Your ref.: LO/2/SD of 22 Jan 45.

1. It is not clear from the letter of Territorial HQ, BARI just what they propose to do, but if their idea is to transfer 5 NCOs and 214 men from Gd Bns to other ITI-ITI units and then get replacements from TRANI for the depleted Gd Bns, the answer is no.

2. Please so inform Territorial HQ, BARI.

for REP
Major General
L. M. I. A.

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION P I N K L E Y - B O U R N E OF 30 JAN (.) THE 502, 503, AND 519 ITALIAN GUARD BNS ARE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF 231 ITALIAN DIV

2 copies please

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File ROUTINE

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B/B (E)
Circ

Rex E Pinkley, Major

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SUBJECT: Name of 502 Cd Bn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
31 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Your ref.: 10155/CRD dated 25 Jan 45.

1. It is regretted that the designation of the 502 Cd Bn can NOT be changed to the "27th GENOVA Cavalry Group".

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: Circ
B/B

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FM : DISTHREE

TO : 52 AREA 54 AREA

INFO : AFHQ (G3-ORG-BRIT) : MMIA : MMIA LO : DISTHREE EAST
ALBAID : 230 IT DIV

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FIRST (*) X AND Y INDEP GD COYS NOW CONC AT BARI WILL REVERT TO 10 DAYS NOTICE FOR MOVE OVERSEAS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE SOONEST TO 52 AREA (*) REPS TO REPORT TO 52 AREA IMMEDIATELY (*) SECOND (*) ON ARRIVAL 52 AREA X AND Y INDEP GD COYS WILL RELIEVE TWO COYS 501 GD BN WHO ARE REQUIRED FOR TRAIN GDS (*) THIRD (*) ON COMPLETION THIS RELIEF TWO COYS 501 GD BN WILL CONC IN 52 AREA AND AWAIT DISPOSAL INSTRS (*) FOURTH (*) 52 AREA WILL NOMINATE COYS OF 502 BN TOTAL STR APPROX 250 AND STATE EARLIEST DATE AVAILABLE (*) FOR AFHQ YOUR FX 7434 OF 29 JAN REFERS

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SD DIST.: SD/13 (Action Copy)
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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO = UFFICIO C.A.

Divisione Sez. Prot. N° 301235/13 Allegati

Roma, 29-1-1945

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

Risposta al foglio Div. Sez. N° SD.

OGGETTO Ricevuta - Receipt.

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SD/15 29/1.

Si segna ricevuta del foglio SD/15, data 25 corrente, di codesta M.M.I.A. -

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Stulpf. 5173

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SUBJECT: Troops attached to 510 Gd Bn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13
27 Jan 45

TO : Comd. Train & Rly Guards, ITALY

109 R30/1

Your ref.: R/1/342 of 23 Jan 45.

1. The Ministry of War was instructed 23 Dec 44 that no Italian Troops were to be attached to the 510 Gd Bn.

2. The Ministry of War ordered attached personnel posted away to other units 30 Dec 44. The Ministry of War then discovered there was no near by Italian unit and asked permission to let attached personnel remain with 510 Gd Bn 6 Jan 45. This was refused by MMIA by letter 14 Jan 45.

3. If there are any Italian personnel attached to 510 Gd Bn at the 1st of February, please inform this HQ and it will be immediately taken up with the Ministry of War because there should be none by that time.

US.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: SD/50 (2)

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Translation

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from: SMRE (mob.)
to: MMIA

ref. 10155/ORD
25th Jan. 44

Subject: Change of denomination 502nd Guards Bn.

We are informed that the military belonging to 502nd Guards Bn. at BITONTO (BARI) would like a/m Bn to be given again the denomination of "27th GENOVA Cavalry Group". This denomination had been given to a/m Group when originally formed.

We beg MMIA kindly to take in consideration this request which points out the "esprit de corps" of the unit to let this MOW know what decisions will be taken concerning the matter.

Gen. SANTI

31 Jan
Answered no
RCS

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SEGRETO

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

N°10155 Ord. di prot. ——— P.M.3800, 25 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Cambio nominativo "502° btg. guardia".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

ROMA

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Viene segnalato che i militari appartenenti al 502° btg. guardia dislocato a Bitonto (Bari) desidererebbero che il btg. predetto riprendesse il nominativo di "27° gruppo Genova Cavalleria" assunto all'atto della costituzione del reparto.-

Si prega voler prendere in benevola considerazione questa aspirazione che denota nell'unità spirito di corpo e coesione morale, e di far conoscere le eventuali decisioni che saranno adottate al riguardo.-

S. M. R. E. UFF. ORD.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Zerti)

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FROM DISTHREE

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TO 56 AREA 94 SUB AREA

INFO MMIA AFHQ (G3 ORG BRIT) MM IA LO

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FIRST (.) 30 BEDFS HERTS (LESS ONE COY) ALLOTTED 56 AREA AND WILL RELIEVE 513 IT GD BN SOONEST (.) SECOND (.) COY 513 BN CMP IN 94 SUB AREA WILL BE RELIEVED BY ONE FL 504 IT GD BN (.) DETAILS WILL BE ARRANGED MUTUALLY BY 56 AREA AND 94 SUB AREA (.) NO DETS 30 BEDFS HERTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS RELIEF (.) THIRD (.) RELIEFS TO BE COMPLETED BY 7 FEB (.) FOURTH (.) ON COMPLETION RELIEFS 513 BN WILL COME IN 56 AREA READY FOR CALL FWD AFTER 15 FEB (.) FOR AFHQ YOUR F 16043 OF 27 JAN REFERS

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Subject: TI-ITI Rlys.

SS/13

Rear HQ 8 Army.
26 Jan 45.
MM/101/2.

MMIA - Rome.

SS
28/1

1.) HQ 228 Bde have reported as follows to the War Ministry on the manpower position of the four Quad Bns. (505, 516, 517, 522.) w/c 8 Army.

a) Officers. Seven short.

b) N.C.O's. 56 over establishment, for whom disposal instructions have been requested.

c) O.R's. 805 short.

2.) Towards this deficiency a draft consisting of HHD has been assigned in your SD/2115 dated 18 Jan, movement to PESARO applied for.

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3.) All four Bde. Bns are now in employment, and as their commitments will soon cease it is

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b) N.C.O's. 56 over establishment, for whom disposal instructions have been requested.

c) O.R's. 805 short.

2.) Towards this deficiency a draft of 1 HHQ has been assigned in your SD/2115 dated 18 Jan, movement to PESARO applied for.

3.) All four Qd. Bns are now at full employment, and as their commitments will grow, it is requested that the Ministry be pressed to bring them up to full strength as soon as possible.

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Yours

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HHQA. L.O.

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. [illegible]/45
25 JAN 45

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: FEC
FARCOUTE
FARCOUTE FOR MEIA LO
MEIA LO 84 ARE.

3 DISTRICT
MEIA LO 3 DISTRICT

1. There are at present in GARNISON 16 Offrs and 400 ORs formerly attached to the 11/6 Inf Regt "MOSTA" Division, now surplus to authorised strengths.

2. Please arrange immediate transfer of this unit to ARROW Camp for allocation as reinforcements for 36-ITI Cotegory assigned to FEC.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/G
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SD/56/2
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SUBJECT: Unauthorized battalion in Calabria.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
SD/15
25 January 1945

TO : H. E. Count Casati
Minister for War.

1. Some months ago it was directed that 800 personnel of the Sabauda Division be transferred from Sicily to Calabria. Subsequently this personnel was divided into two battalions, one in the Aosta Division and one in the Sabauda Division. Both of these battalions have been returned to Sicily.

2. When these battalions were ordered to return to Sicily, it was found that a new battalion consisting of 16 officers and 400 men had been organized in Calabria, and had been attached to the Aosta Battalion. This battalion is shown for the first time on your Orbat of 9 January 1945 under the title "gia aggregati al II/5 reg 'Aosta'," on page 29.

3. The organization of this new battalion has been in direct violation of par 5 of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 18 of 1 Dec. 1944, and numerous other orders which have previously been issued.

4. The employment of this battalion as an addition to the Aosta battalion has not been authorized, and the personnel of the battalion cannot be considered as effective during the period of such employment.

5. When specific numbers of troops are authorized for a particular unit or mission no additional troops can be employed by the unit or on the mission.

6. This case is considered in the most serious light as a flagrant violation of instructions. Therefore, it is directed that, without delay, a complete and thorough investigation be made, and the results of the investigation be forwarded to this Hq. for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander. The investigation must answer categorically the following questions:

a. Who directed the use of this personnel on this duty? By what authority?

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b. When was such personnel employed, and in what numbers?

c. The total number of rations issued to this personnel while on this duty.

7. Acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise when the report of investigation will be received.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

CPK/rl
Copies to: AQ
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Subject. ITI-[illegible] rfts from TRANI Base Rft Centrs. 113

Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area
LO/2/SD
22Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA).

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1. The att letter 82/Op dated 19 Jan 45 from Territorial HQ, BARI is forwarded herewith.

2. Please say whether the substance of the letter, and the method of rfts ex TRANI BRITI rft Centre are approved.

Approved
30 Jan
ZOP

J.G.BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54Area.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Territorial HQ, BARI — Ref: 82/Op

TO : MMIA c/o 54 AREA — Date: 19 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Guard & Security Bn

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In combing out the personnel in question it was found that 5 NCOs and 214 men have not all the required qualifications although physically fit.

In order to adher to the suggestion made by SMRE, the same member of suitable replacements would be required. These men could be transferred from TRANI Camp.

The above proposal is forwarded to you for onward transmission to/MMIA
HQ

(Sgd) C. PIAZZO
Chief or S.M.

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Ref the personnel mentioned above.
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Ref Col Bn HQ generally.

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(Sgd) G. PIAZZO
Chief or S.M.

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Ref the personnel mentioned above.
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SD DIST.: SD/~~52~~ (Action Copy)
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Ref Gd Bn HQ generally.

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Translation

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From :- Territorial Hqs, Bari. Ref.- 82/Of.
To :- MMIB C/O 54 Area. Date :- 19th Jan 45.

Subject - Guard & Security Bn.

In consideration to the delicate duties carried out by the Guard & Security Bns, SMRE suggests that these units have a staff of picked up men only.

In combing out the personnel in question it was found that 5 NCOs and 216 men have not all the qualities requested although physically fit.

In order to address to the suggestion made by SMRE, the same number of suitable replacements would be required. These men could be transfered from Trani Camp.

The above proposal is forwarded to you for inward transmission to HQ. MMIB.

(Sgd) G. PINZO.
Col.
Chief of S.M.

Sgt. FAUKE

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Note | This to be the file for the original of covering letter.

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TRANSLATE FULLY

COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI BARI

UFFICIO Operazioni.-

N. 82/Op. di prot. Bari li 19 Gennaio 194 5

Risposta al foglio del N. Alleg. N.

OGGETTO: Battaglioni Sicurezza e Guardie.-

Guards Staff Sect

Al L'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE SBARCO A.C.
M.M.I.A. presso 54ª Area

B A R I

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Si è proceduto ad una revisione del personale di cui trattasi e sono risultati non in possesso di tutti i voluti requisiti (anche se fisicamente idonei) n. 5 sottufficiali e 214 militari di truppa.-

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S'interessa pertanto cotesto Ufficio, perchè voglia compiacersi inoltrare analoga proposta agli organi Centrali della M.M.I.A.-

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Risposta al foglio del N. Alleg. N.

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Stralcio Racc. G. Rett.

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d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
(Giuseppe Piazzo)

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From : FREEDOM signed SAC 22 2105 A

To : 1 DISTRICT. 15 ARMY GROUP.

Info : MMIA.

Ref : FX 89693 SECRET

1 District G27 of 18 Jan NOT to 15 Army Group (*) For 1 District (*) Subject to 15 Army Group agreement in view of AA paratroop responsibilities relief of 507 and 509 Italian Smoke (Guard) companies by 503 or 519 Italian Guard Battalions in 1 District is authorized provided there is NO interference with special training of latter (*) For 15 Army Group (*) Confirm to No 1 District and this HQ that substitution will NOT prejudice your anti paratroop arrangements (*) For 1 District (*) on confirmation as above forward date of release for Smoke companies

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GP 241830A

TO AFHQ

INFO DISTONE, MAIN EIGHTH ARMY, MAIA

SD 1187

CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR FX 89693 Cite FHGCT undated . First. Do N O T agree 1 District recommendations contained in their SD 6069 of 23 Jan. Consider both coys should be provided by same Bn. Second. Eighth Army require further Italian Gd Bn. Request 502 Italian Gd Bn be despatched fwd earliest after 27 Jan to 1 District and that 503 or 519 Italian Gd Bn be then released to EIGHTH Army.

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GP 241830

TO AFHQ

INFO DISTONE, MAIN EIGHTH ARMY, MMIA

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Subject:- 51C It.Gd.Bn. R/1/342

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
M.M.I.A., Rome. 23 Jan 45.

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Ref your SD/18 dated 6 Dec 44.

May I please be informed what action is being taken in this matter as the situation was the same on 17 Jan 45 as previously reported in my 24/2/A/272 of 4 Dec 44.

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CMF
WR/VG

Lt.Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

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FROM : DISTONE

To : ADHQ cite FHGCT

Ifo : DISTHREE. DISTHREE EAST. 15 ARMY GROUP. DISTWO. MMIA. 54 AREA. 55 AREA. 59 AREA. MOVCENT. MOVEIT. MOVWIT. MOV BARI.

Ref : SD 7

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Ref 3 District SL 163 of 18 Jan not to all (*) Request postpone arrival 502 Italian Gd Bn until after 27 Jan owing accomodation difficulties

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SD Dist: (Action Copy) SL/18/1.
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SUBJECT: No. 1 Regt Gd HQ

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
12 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. MMIA SD/18 dated 14 Dec 44 directed you to form No. 1 Regt Gd HQ. SD/18 dated 24 Dec 44 inquired as to progress being made. Your SMRE ref 9656/Ord dated 31 Dec 44 says MMIA will be informed when unit is complete.

2. No. 1 Regt Gd HQ must be formed with all possible haste because it is expected it will be moved northward in the very near future. Please treat this as urgent.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: SD/50

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FROM FREEDOM SIGNED SAC CITE FWDCT 171830

TO 15 Army Group INFO MEDIA DIST 1 DIST 2 DIST 3

FX 66693

SECRET

Your para 2 SD 1003 dated 23 Dec refers (.) Para (.) 502 Cd Bn and Regtl HQ will be entrained at BARI for move AREZZO on or after 21 Jan current.

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EK SD/18/1, SD/18, SD/50, Mov (2), Fleet

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED S(CITE FHCCT [illegible] 'we shewn.!

TO DISTRICT ONE INFO MMIA

FX 86695

S E C R E T

507, 509 and 510 Italian Pioneer Smoke Coys under your command were moved to District One owing to ? non arrival Guard Bns and to supplement labour (.) 510 Coy engaged on labour duties will be released earliest for other duties (.) The two companies on guard duties are surplus to the ceiling allotment of TTALIAN Army for this purpose (.) Report earliest date of release and location of all three companies now urgently required elsewhere.

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EK A/C SD/21, SD/18, SD/61, SD/50, Fleet, LAB

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SUBJECT: Italian Guard Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
16 Jan 45

TO : HQ 210 SUB AREA

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Your ref.: 10/G dated 10 Jan 46.

1. Italian Guard Bns are III-III Units placed under control of Allied Formations. The Guard Bns assigned 3 Dist are therefore at the disposal of 3 Dist for assignment of such guard duties and at such places as decided by HQ 3 Dist.

REP 5155

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: HQ 54 Area
SD/60

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SUBJECT: 4 Coy of 510 Gd Bn

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/18
14/3 Jan 45

TO : Ministry of War

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1. In reply to SMRE ref 9796/Ord dated 6 Jan 45, your attention is directed to our SD/18 of 23 Dec 44 which states that no personnel is to be attached to the 510 Gd Bn. The instructions stand.

REP
Major General
for M.M.I.A.

Copy to: SD/50

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SUBJECT:- Italian Guard Units

K.M.I.A

1 Sqn XXVII Gruppo Foggia
534 Special Guard Coy, San Severo.
535 Special Guard Coy, Termoli.

1. This HQ details guards from the above units for duty within the Sub Area.

2. In the past certain guards have been detailed from 534 Coy by Col. Bozza Comd Sottozona F.I. e D.A.P. San Severo, for duty with American units.

3. In view of additional guard committments within the Sub Area could the following points please be settled.

(a) Do the guard units mentioned above come directly under this HQ for detailing of guards and operations generally.

(b) Have the U.S. forces or RAF any claim on these units for guard duties or operations.

4. Please advise this HQ of Col. Bozza's official appointment, area of command, and whether the guard units come within his control.

16 Jan Answered REP

Harvey-Jones 5153
Colonel.
Comd. 210 Sub Area.

Camp.
10 Jan 45

JT/FT.

Copy to :- 54 Area

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Translation. Secret.

Ref:- 1796/Ord.
Date:- 6th Jan 45.

From:- SHAEF.
To:- MMIB.

Subject:- C.Rs attached to 2nd Cy. 510th Guard Bn.

Ref. SD/18 dated 23rd Dec. 44.

As there are no other 171-171 units in Brindisi to which the soldiers in question could be attached, it is necessary that:-

- these soldiers continue to be attached to the 2nd Cy. 510th Guard Bn.
- or on the other hand, form an indepandant platoon for services, with these men.

It is requested that you may please inform us which one of the two solutions above is to be acted upon.

(Sgd) A. SARAT

Cpl. FAURI

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

Trasmetti

n° 9796 /Ord. di prot. SD P.M. 3800, 6 genn. 1945

OGGETTO: Militari aggregati alla 4^ compagnia del 510° battaglione guardia.-

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA) ROMA

Riferimento foglio SD/18 del 23 dicembre.-

Poichè non vi sono in Brindisi altri reparti ITI-ITI a cui appoggiare i militari in oggetto, è necessario che :

- o i militari in questione continuino ad essere aggregati alla 4^ compagnia del 510° btg.guardia,
- oppure venga costituito con i militari stessi un plotone autonomo servizi.-

Si prega far conoscere quale delle due soluzioni debba essere attuata.-

S. M. R. E. UFF. ORD. 3ª Sez.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Subject: Move of 503 Italian Guard Bn. 828/4

10 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV FOGGIA
TO : 503 ITALIAN GUARD BN
RTO ORTONA
MOVCEP
MOV ROME
MOV WESTRAIL
MOVCEN
209 SUB AREA
210 SUB AREA
DISTRICT
DISTRICT (EAST)
5A AREA
MILITA ROME
RTO BARI
RTO CERVARO

MOV/O/615 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 503 ITALIAN GD BN 8 OFFRS 290 ORS 3 TONS WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM ORTONA SAN VITO LANCIANO AND VASTO TO AREZZO 10 JAN (.) DEP ORTONA 1716 TRAIN 3961 ARR SV LANCI 1750 DEP 1742 ARR VASTO 2145 DEP 2218 ARR TERMOLI 0040 DEP 0312 TRAIN 7523 ARR FOGGIA 0830 DEP 1030 TRAIN 8222 AND CONNECT WITH 21 BOX CARS UNIT EX BARI AT CERVARO (.) ETA AREZZO PM 15 JAN (.) STOCK 3 BOX ORTONA 5 BOX SAN VITO LANCIANO 5 BOX VASTO (.) AUTH DISTRICT

Copies to : G (3)
SCRE (1)
FLOAT (1)

Capt. WE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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FROM DISTHREE

TO INFO ACTION LANDFORCES

INFO AFHQ PRESIDENT CHIEF COMMISSIONER PSAFETY FILE

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CONFIDENTIAL

REF THIS HQ SD 841 of 27 DEC NOTTO ALL (.) FOR 52 AREA (.) REF CONVERSATIONS WATSON- GRATWICK (.)

1 (.) SEND REP IMMEDIATELY TO CALABRIA TO EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF RIEIFS AND MOVE OF ACSTA AND SABUADA BNS TO SICILY (.)

2 (.) SUPPLY ADDITIONAL TPT IF REQUIRED (.)

3 (.) REPORT BY IMMEDIATE SIG STEPS TAKEN BY REP AND SPEED UP TO BE ACHIEVED (.)

4 (.) TREAT MATTER AS MOST URGENT (.) FOR AFHQ (.) SPOKE WATSON - GRAHAM THIS DATE (.) ALL INFORMED

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REP

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Subject: Move of Coy 2 Bn 336 Picano Rgt. 710/38
5 Jan. 45.

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : DISTREE

TO : 52 AREA, MOV TARANTO INFO 54 AREA, 230 ITALIAN DIV, AFHQ (G5 ORG BR), MMIA, MMIA LO BARI, MOVEIT, ALCOM.

RESTRICTED. NT

REF AFHQ FX 78256 OF 5 JANUARY NOT TO ALL AND CONVERSATION SPRAY-DANIELI THIS DATE.

1st. COY 2 BN. 336 PICENO REGT WILL BE RELIEVED SOONEST FROM GD DUTIES ON DISPLACED ~~RES~~ PERSONS CAMP.

2nd. COY WILL MOVE SOONEST AFTER RELIEF FROM TARANTO TO BARI TO JOIN PICENO DIV RETS.

3rd. FOR MMIA LO BARI, REQUEST YOU ARRANGE(SOON) ? ACCOMODATION ON ARRIVAL.

4th. PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE USE FOR PACK TFT.

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Original & 2 Copy to : G
~~4~~ Copy to : ~~MMIA~~
FLOAT

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

Sd Dist
Sub/18
Sd/3/1
Sd/50

6 Jan
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ROUTINE

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52 AREA, MOV TARANTO INFO 54 AREA, 230 ITALIAN DIV, AFHQ (G3 OPS BR), MMIA, MMIA IC BARI, MOVEIT, AICOM

RESTRICTED.

Ref AFHQ FX 78286 of 3 January not tc all and conversation SPRAY-DANIELI this date.

1st. Coy 2 Bn 336 PICENO Regt will be relieved soonest from Gd duties on Displaced Persons Camp.

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2nd. Coy will move soonest after relief from TARANTO to BARI to join PICENO Div Hqts.

3rd. For MMIA IC BARI. Request you arrange when on arrival.

4th. Personnel are required for immediate use for pack Tpt

HEADQUARTERS
5 JAN 945
C.

DIST

INFO-ACTION LAND FORCES SC (2)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
DISPER & REP (2)
C A SEC
P SAFETY
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Subject: 2 Bns Calabria Div ex Sardinia.-

816/3
4 Jan. 45.

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following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHQCT
TO : MEDIA INFO DISTIREE, ALCOM

SECRET. (FX. 78993. of 4/Jan). NT

OUR FX73116 DATED 2nd. JANUARY REFERS.

1. 2 BNS CALABRIA DIV. ARRIVED MESSINA 2nd. JANUARY.

2. THEY ARE TO RELIEVE 2 BNS AT BILAN LAKES FOR MOVE SICILY, OUR FX71471 OF 19th. DECEMBER REFERS.

Originals & 2 Copies to : G
Copies to : SMRE
FLOAT

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

SD Distn

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SD/50
A/O. SD/18

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JAN 0440T

C/6551
JAN 050900A
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Important

AFHQ SCHED BAC CITE FHQCT

MMIA INFO DISTRIBN. ALCOM

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SECRET.

Our FX73116 dated 2nd January refers.

1. 2 bns CALABRIA Div arrived MESSINA 2nd January.

2. They are to relieve 2 bns at BILAN LAKES for move SICILY. Our FX71471 of 19th December refers.

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SA/25
SA/50

HEADQUARTERS
5 JAN 1945
A. C.

LIST

ACTION: Pub Safety 2
" : Land Forces 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
C.o.S.
C.A. Sec
File

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SECRET.

Our FX73116 dated 2nd January refers.

1. 2 bns CALABRIA Div arrived MESSINA 2nd January.

2. They are to relieve 2 bns at BILAN LAKES for move SICILY. Our FX71471 of 19th December refers.

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SA/23
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ACTION: Pub Safety 2
" : Land Forces 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
C.O.S.
C.A. Sec
File

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5 JAN 1945
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Subject - Move of Coy 2 Bn 336 Piceno Regt

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~~LROF V MEDY NR 682/3 QVR 6/9~~
FROM DISTHREE 041750 A
TO 52 AREA MOV TARANTO
INFO 54 AREA 230 ITALIAN DIV AFHQ (G3 ORG BR)
MMIA MMIA LO BARI MOVEIT ALCOM
~~QQX GR~~ ---
SD 951 . RESTRICTED . REF AFHQ FX 78286 OF 3 JAN
N O T TO ALL AND CONVERSATION SPRAY - DANIELL THIS DATE .
FIRST . COY 2 BN 336 PICENO REGT WILL BE RELIEVED SOONEST FROM
GD DUTIES ON DISLACED PERSONS CAMP .
SECOND.COY WILL
MOVE SOONEST AFTER RELIEF FROM TARANTO TO
BARI TO JOIN PICENO DIV RFTS .
THIRD . FOR MMIA LO BARI . REQUEST YOU ARRANGE
ACCN ON ARRIVAL .
FOURTH . PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE USE FOR PACK TPT
THI 1755 -
SENT . ~~682/3 JHW BB K~~,

~~RD NR 682/3 2122A HTH BFQ VA KK~~

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Subject: Move of Coy 2 Bn 336 Piceno Regt. 710/38
5 Jan. 45.

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : DISTHREE

TO : 52 AREA, MOV TARANTO INFO 54 AREA, 230 ITALIAN DIV, AFHQ (G3 ORG BR), MMIA, MMIA LO BARI, MOVETT, ALCOM.

[SD. 951 of 4 Jan] NFT "A"

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REF AFHQ FX 78286 OF 3 JANUARY NOT TO ALL AND CONVERSATION SPRAY-DANIELI THIS DATE.

1st. COY 2 BN. 336 PICENO REGT WILL BE RELIEVED SOONEST FROM GD DUTIES ON DISPLACED ~~RER~~ PERSONS CAMP.

2nd. COY WILL MOVE SOONEST AFTER RELIEF FROM TARANTO TO BARI TO JOIN PICENO DIV RFTS.

3rd. FOR MMIA LO BARI, REQUEST YOU ARRANGE ~~[illegible]~~ ? ACCOMODATION ON ARRIVAL.

4th. PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE USE FOR PACK TPT.

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~~4~~ Copy to : ~~3~~RE
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Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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PARTITO FASCISTA REPUBBLICANO

FEDERAZIONE DI ROMA

GIURAMENTO

prestato dal fascista repubblicano .....

.....

« Nel nome di Dio e dell' Italia giuro di eseguire gli ordini del Duce e di servire con tutte le mie forze e, se necessario, col mio sangue, la causa della Rivoluzione Fascista ».

Roma, 23 marzo 1944 - XXII

Firma

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Worrell says replacement is
essential - he is contacting 208 ref
Area who were asked by 3 Dept to find
replacement

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5 Jan 11 ACK REP

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N-78/03

Classification : Secret ⊙

Precedence : PRIORITY

From : AFHQ Signed SAC

To : DISTHREE info MMIA 15 ARMY GROUP, MMIA L.O. 52 AREA ALCOM MOVEIT

Date | Time Rec'd :

Date | Time Sent : 031965

Reference NR : FX78286

Cite : FHGCT

Secret ⊙

1⊙ It has become necessary to release 5

bty 336 Regiment PICENO DIV now performing

guard duties TARANTO

2⊙ Understand present duties urgently required

for security but regret that personnel are in demand

immediate use for park transport ⊙

3⊙ Present location of PICENO reinforcement

at BARI ⊙ DISTHREE will provide transport

for move

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Dist SD/18

SD/50

Hook

Rly

23.45

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Translation

80/18 9 95

From. SMRE. Telescript. Ref^o 9632/ORD
To. MMIB (copy). Date 30 Dec.

Confirm. telephone communication. ⊙
following request by MMIB we order that
no further personnel be attached to 51 Cdo
guard bn, from other units or services. ⊙
attached personnel of 4th coy of said bn will
be immediately posted to other units ⊙
SMRE. ORD. — 1800 HRS. 30th. —

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R Mansfield — Lt Col

GVIDH.

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COPIA PER M. I.A.
(Rif. SD/18 del 23/12)

TELESCRITTO

SD

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COMILIT PUGLIA ET LUCANIA BARI

Stamaggiore Ordinamento nº 9632/Ord. punto At conferma comunicazione telefonica punto In seguito richiesta M.M.I.A. si dispone che at 510° battaglione guardia non sia aggregato personale di altri reparti o servizi punto Personale aggregato attualmente at 4^ compagnia predetto battaglione sia subito appoggiato at altro ente punto Stamaggiore Ordinamento - 180030 -

p. c. c.
IL TEN.COL. CAPO SEZIONE
(Giovanni Guida)

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SUBJECT:- Ital Gd Bns.

3 District
Ext 9
762/G

Dec 44

From SMRO Translation
MMM
Subject - Foungram

R 96-8/ORD 4
Date Dec 31, 1944

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Ref. 9D/18 dated Dec. 24, 1944

9D/18
D

The 191st Guard Regiment Xdg is up to its War Establishment strength in regard to O.R's. The Commanding Colonel has already been assigned. Junior officers are being assigned. You will be informed when everything has been completed.

Cpl. ZC.

2 Sec
RER

Sgd GEN. SANTI

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Lt col
Maj Gen
Comd.

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Translation

From 9 MRL R 965-8/ORD 4
To MMIA Date Dec 31, 1944
Subject - Fonogram

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Ref. 9D/18 dated Dec. 24, 1944

The 19th Guard Regiment Hq is up to its War Establishment strength in regard to O.R's. The Commanding Colonel has already been assigned. Junior officers are being assigned. You will be informed when everything has been completed.

Cpl. VC. 2 Lieut RER Sgd GEN. SANTI

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Gran Premesso SEGRETO

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

N° 9658 /Ord. di prot. F.M. 3600, 31 dicembre 1944

MOTOGRAMMA A MANO

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA) ROMA

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Risposta SD/18 data 24 dicembre u.s.-

Comando 1° reggimento guardia est completo sottufficiali et truppa.- Colonnello comandante est ora stato assegnato.- Ufficiali inferiori sono in corso assegnazione. Appena possibile sarà comunicato avvenuto completamento.-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL CAPOCARO ADDETTO
(Alessandro Conti)

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SUBJECT:- Ital Gd Bns.

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3 District
Ext 9
762/G

Dec 44

MMIA

MMIA LO

Ref your SD 2013 of 29 Dec and AFHQ FX 68087 of 13 Dec 44.

1. The disparity in strs between Italian Gd Bns on the West and East sides of Italy is accounted for by the arrangements set out in this HQ 340/G of 18 Dec 44. It bears a direct relation to the present and future Allied Gd requirements in these Areas (AFHQ AG 091.711/119 GCT-O of 24 Dec also refers).

2. It is not, therefore, practicable to effect any immediate re-adjustment of these strengths. It is appreciated that they will, as stated in para 4 of this HQ letter quoted above, disappear by normal wastage and that the units at present over strength are not to be reinforced over WE.

3. Your signal under reference suggested action by this HQ and might be regarded as raising a question of guard policy. It is, therefore, felt that it would have been more appropriate for it to have been addressed direct to this HQ rather than to your LO repeated this HQ for information only.

(CF PARKS) Lt col
for Maj Gen
Comd

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MSGA LO 3 DIVISION

3 DISTRICT, MILITARY OF WAR

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Subject to distribution of personnel in OS Bns w/o 3 District (.) Latest returns show following OS Bns are over ceiling strength of 800 all ranks (.) 501 OS Bn 25 offrs 786 ORs Total 812 (.) 503 OS Bn 21 offrs 803 ORs Total 824 (.) 504 OS Bn 29 offrs 980 ORs Total 1009 (.) 510 OS Bn 39 offrs 937 ORs Total 976 (.) 514 OS Bn 25 offrs 800 ORs Total 825 (.) Total personnel overstrength 437 all ranks (.) If this is correct this surplus should be distributed to make up shortages in 502 and 503 Bns and 534 and 535 Special OS Bns 516 OS Bn all of which are understrength (.) Inform this HQ of latest position and proposed distribution.

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THE CHIEF

AG/15
MD/50 (2)

Colonel and Comft.

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SUBJECT: No. 1 Regt Gd HQ

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
24 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. Further to our SD/18 of 14 Dec, please inform this HQ what progress you have made towards the formation of No. 1 Regt Gd HQ.

2. Also state date unit will be formed and ready to move.

See 94

RLP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: 114 MG Bn and 520 Gd Coy.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/18
23 DEC 44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Your ref.: 9491/Ord of 20 Dec 44.

1. M.M.I.A. has now received a copy of an order issued by HQ 3 Dist to 227 Div which states that :-

(a) The 520 Gd Coy will be absorbed into the 504 Gd Bn.
(b) The 114 MG Bn will be absorbed into the 513 Gd Bn.

2. The above for your information.

REP

Major General
for M.M.I.A.

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED [illegible]C CITE FHGGT

TO HQ 15 Army Group

INFO MMIA

FA 72354

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Request your comment on MMIA proposal in letter SD/18/4 of 14 this month.

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DIST: SD/18, SD/50, Float

23 Dec

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FROM AFHQ SI[illegible]D SAC CITE FHGCT 221907A 86

TO MMIA

F 72938 RESTRICTED

Your SD/18 of 18 (.) No further action required pending result alternative proposition.

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SD DISTR: SD/18, SD/50, Float

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Rec'd 12. (K) 24/12 24 Dec REB

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Translation. 20/18 85

From:- SIMRE.
To:- MMIH.

Ref:- 13178/Op.
Date:- 20th Dec. 44.

R 23/12.

Subject:- 5th Coy of the II Bn., 336 Inf. Regt

The 5th Coy of the II Bn 336 Inf Regt "Piceno" is at present doing guard duties at S. ANDREA Camp, Taranto, and for which No 3 District had ordered to be replaced by 534 Special Coy. of the 518 Guard Bn. located at S. Severo. On 16th Nov., No 3 District cancelled the afsn. replacement.

However, considering the necessity of changing the personnel for a deserved rest and that the Puglia & Lucania cannot replace same by personnel of the "Piceno" which is under strength, may please the matter be taken up with a view to have the afsn Coy. replaced by another Coy. under No 3 District.

(Sgd) Gen. B. SANTI.

Lt. TROLL

24 Dec
ZEP

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/Cb.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 13178 prot. Op. P.M. 3800, li 20 dicembre 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: 5ª compagnia del II battaglione 336° reggimento fanteria.-

5. Cy d/2 Batt. 336 Rgt Fanteria

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C. (MEDIA) ROMA

e, per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto P.M. 3800
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI

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Presso il campo di S.Andrea (Taranto) presta servizio di guardia la 5ª compagnia del II battaglione del 336° reggimento fanteria (Piceno) per la quale il 3° Distretto aveva disposta la sostituzione con la 534ª compagnia speciale del 518° battaglione guardie dislocata a S.Severo. In data 16 novembre il 3° Distretto ha annullato il provvedimento suddetto.

Poichè sussiste la necessità del cambio del personale per un meritato turno di riposo, e poichè il Comando Militare Puglie e Lucania non può provvedere con elementi del Gruppo di Combattimento "Piceno", la cui ridotta consistenza è nota, si prega volersi interessare affinchè sia provveduto al cambio della compagnia in oggetto con

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N. 13178 prot. Op. P.M. 3800, li 20 dicembre 1944

Allegati .....

Risposta al foglio N. .....

del .....

OGGETTO: 5ª compagnia del II battaglione 336° reggimento fanteria.-

5. Coy del 2 Batt. 336 Rgt Infantry

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

e, per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto P.M. 3800
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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SUBJECT: Attachment of Italian troops to 510 CA Bn

TO : Ministry of War

1. The employing allied unit, HQ [illegible], is objecting to the attachment of various Italian [illegible] to the 510 CA Bn.

2. For example, a total of 55 have been attached to Co., 510 CA Bn. A list of these people is attached to this letter.

3. The 510 CA Bn is employed as [illegible] of personnel to this Bn seriously interferes with [illegible]

4. It is not known by what authority these [illegible] made, but you will please have the necessary [illegible] is to be attached to the 510 CA Bn. Please send [illegible] to this Hq.

Copy to:
Hq Movements, Eastern Italy (Your Ltr 3/[illegible])
C.O. Hly Guards, 1 of 5 Area (Your Ltr 3/2/[illegible])
C.O., 30 SOM LI
MGIA LO, E4 Area

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SUBJECT: Attachment of Italian troops to 510 Gd Bn

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Land Forces Sub Com. A.G.
(M.L.I.A.)
SM/18
23 Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

1. The employing Allied unit, 30 Sqn II, of the 510 Gd Bn is objecting to the attachment of various Italian Military personnel to the 510 Gd Bn.

2. For example, a total of 92 have been attached to the 4th Co., 510 Gd Bn. A list of these people is attached as Appx 'A' to this letter.

3. The 510 Gd Bn is employed as train guards and the attachment of personnel to this Bn seriously interferes with its necessary work.

4. It is not known by what authority these attachments have been made, but you will please issue the necessary order that no personnel is to be attached to the 510 GD Bn. Please send a copy of your order to this Hq.

for Major General
M.L.I.A.

Copy to:
Hq Movements, Eastern Italy (Your Mov 5/350A of 19 Dec refers)
C.O. Rly Guards, L of C Area (Your 24/2/A/272 of 4 Dec refers)
C.O., 30 Sqn LI
M.I.A. LO, 54 Area

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APPENDIX "A" TO MMIA LETTER SD/18 OF DEC 44

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4 Cav. Sq. Fldn. 810 Btg. 4 Cpg. "TRAIN GUARDS"

DISTRICAMENTO	UFFICIALI	SOTTO UFFICIALI	TRUPPA	TOTALE
C.R.E.M.	2		1	3
200 Sub Area	2	1	2	5
Magazino Viveri	1			1
Centro Slow Ital	1			1
Infermeria quadrupedi	1	1	2	4
Infermeria presidiaria	3	3	32	82 **
Ufficio Censura	4	1	2	7
Ufficio stralcio 141 Cpg Presidiaria	2	2		4
I.A.S.F.	1		2	3
Sezione Autoreparto Pescato	1	2	3	11
Deposito Carburanti Via Rosagna		1	4	5
Town Major		1		1
Mensa Ufficiali Inglese R.Marina			1	1
Mensa Polizia Inglese			1	1
N.F.I. Canteen			1	1
Forte Vistore Sezione		1	4	5
Ufficio Trasporti Inglese			1	1
Baracche Macelleria Manzoi			1	1
Totali	18	13	62	93
4 Cay 810 Bn Train Guards	5	7	113	125
Totali Gen.	23	20	175	218

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Note: ** di cui 22 ammalati

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA

SD 1982

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Your FX 72354 of 21 Dec and MMIA SD/18/1 of 14 Dec (.) FIRST (.) Doubt necessity for G8 officers subalterns 4 (.) SECOND (.) Consider carts 2 horses 2 should be replaced by lorries 3 ton GS 1 (.) THIRD (.) Recommend addition cars 2 Str or equivalent 2 for Regt Comd and MC (.) FOURTH (.) Presume cooks incl in CD15.

EK

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SD/18
Rec'd 23/12.

Translation.

From. SMRE. Ref^no 9491/ORO.
To MMHQ. Date 20 Dec 44.

Disbanding of 114th HQ Bn. and of SEO guards coy.

(1) The disbanding of a/m units has not yet taken place as they are being employed by 0^00 3 District

(2) Further to what has been stated by MAJOR BAUMAN we beg AMIB to confirm if we must consider as cancelled the disposition taken with letter SD/18 dated 8-10-44 Para 1

23 Dec Approved RER Rekkensplicht

SAVT/

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SEGRETO

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

N° 9491 /Ord. di prot. P.M.3800, 20 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Scioglimento 114° btg.mitraglieri e 520° cp. guardia.-

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA) ROMA
- rif. f° SD/18 dell'8.10.1944 -

1. - Lo scioglimento dei reparti in oggetto non ha potuto ancora aver luogo in quanto i reparti stessi sono tuttora impiegati dal 3° district.-

2. - A seguito di quanto verbalmente comunicato a suo tempo al maggiore BAUMANN, pregasi confermare se debbasi ritenere revocata la disposizione di cui al capo 1°) del foglio SD/18 dell'8.10.44.-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject :- Train Guard Administration.

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To :- Land Forces Sub-Com.
A.C. (MMIA)

H.Q., Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref :- Mov 3/330A
19 Dec 44

Copy to :- C.O. Rly Guards,
I of C Area.

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SD/18

21/12

1. Ref. your SD/18 of 6 Dec 44.

2. Herewith list of personnel attached to No 4 Coy, 510 Train Guard Bn at Brindisi. The original number of attachments was 160 but this has since fallen to 93 as shown.

3. It is suggested that further enquiries as to authority etc. be made through Italian channels.

Ltr 64

B.A. Coulson
Major, R.E.,
(B.A.COULSON)
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).
H.Q., Movements, Eastern Italy.
for Col. Q(M).

BAC/NGH

Letter 22 Dec 84

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SITUAZIONE FORZA 510 Btg. 4 Cpg. "TRAIN GUARDS". 21/1

DISTRICAMENTO &&	UFFICIALI	SOTTO UFFICIALI	TRUPPA	TOTALE
C.R.E.M.	2		1	3
208 Sub Area	2	1	2	5
Magazino Viveri	1			1
Centro Giov Ital	1			1
Infermeria quadrupedi	1	1	2	4
Infermeria presidiaria	3	3	32	38 ++
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I.A.M.T.	1		2	3
Sezione Autoreparto Pesante	1	2	8	11
Deposito Carburanti Via Mesague		1	4	5
Town Major		1		1
Mensa Ufficiali Inglese R.Marina			1	1
Mensa Polizia Inglese			1	1
E.F.I. Canteen			1	1
Porto vistoro Stazione		1	4	5
Ufficia Trasporti Inglese			1	1
Barracche Masseria Mazzei			1	1
Totali	18	13	62	93
4 Coy 510 Bn Train Guards	5	7	113	125
Totali Gen.	23	20	175	218

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Note : ++ di cui 22 ammalati.

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Subject:- Italian Guard Bns.

Liaison Officer
Land Force Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
C/o 54 Area.CMF. 86
LO/4/SD
17 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.(MMIA)

The attached letter I77/4/I GS dated 15 Dec 44 from Comd.Hq 54 Area, is forwarded for your consideration.

J.G.BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o H.Q. 54 Area

Copy to: Hq n.3 District (G) } less att.
H?q. 54 Area

JGB/t

Personal note: I spoke to G2 54 Area and explained:- a/ none of the addressees can take any action. b) The request for a additional Coy should go from 3 District to AFHQ. c) Rfts are NOT allocated by Italian Forms.

He agreed, but said 3 District had told him to do this. I m agreement with G.2. 54 Area, I have therefore included 3 District on the distribution, so that they may see that the circle is complete.

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INSTRUCTION

177/5/198

Subject:- Italian Guard Duty

To Comando Puglia
HQ 230 Italian Division
HQIA 10 Sk Area

1. Additional Italian troops for guard duties are urgently required in the FOGGIA area to mount guard on the vehicle park at FOGGIA.

2. Material has been released and work has been started on a perimeter fence, but even when complete, about 75 guards are required to safeguard the vehicles.

The cutting of upholstery, pilfering of spare parts, tools and even wheels, cannot be stopped with the existing small detachment of guards on the park.

3. Arrangements have been made with Provost for the use of police dogs when these can be spared.

4. Further Italian guards are required in the FOGGIA area to replace 100 men of 502 Italian Guard Bn, members of the old 27 Gruppo (Cavalry) when it is hoped to transfer to 11 B.A.D. at BRINDISI to rejoin their old Regiment. This transfer cannot be effected before reliefs are provided.

5. 2 Gp, 37 Vehicle Coy, have established an 'A' Vehicle park at BARLETTA and have requested a guard of 35 Italian troops.

The Vehicle Group have no British personnel other than drivers who are continually employed on moving vehicles.

Pilfering has now started in this park and efforts are being made to borrow Italian Air Force personnel for guard duties, but even if this is successful it will only be a temporary arrangement.

6. Any additional Italian troops please be made available as soon as possible in order to meet the above commitments.

H.S. Clarke
Brig.,
Comd., 5A Area.

GCF
15 Dec 44.

copy to:- 3 District (G)
210 Sub Area
2 Gp 37 Veh Coy

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COPY

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FROM: DISTONE

TO : 61 AREA

INFO: MMIA

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REF SD/10 171610 A ARRANGE TAKE OVER GUARD DUTIES WITH ITALIAN MIS VACATED BY 533 CCY MONTEGRANERO BN IMMEDIATELY

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SD DIST.: SD/18
SD/18/1
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SUBJECT: Italian Guard Battalions

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
18 Dec 44

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TO : AFHQ

In reply to your AG 091.711/135 GCT-O of 11 Dec.

1. The implications of forming two ad hoc Guard Bns with personnel ex BALKANS are as follows:

(a) Two cadres of approx 30 all ranks each from two Bn HQs in PISENO Sp will be necessary. No difficulty is envisaged.

(b) Total strength i.e. 1600 would have to be carried in ITI-ITI Reinforcement Category (3,700) as all other serials in ITI-ITI Category are full. This would hardly be right if required for any length of time but could probably be arranged up to approx 7 Feb 45.

(c) Suitable accomodations would have to be provided for assembly purposes. Assembly would take three weeks from receipt of firm instructions. This HQ is not in a position to recommend suitable quarters.

(d) Accomodation stores, clothing and personal equipment would have to be provided for 1600 personnel at the expense of others. Such items can be provided from the maintenance stock now supporting the remaining GD Bns.

2. Your firm instructions are awaited.

L.M.B. Br-Gl

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject :- Guards. 10/G. 76

M.M.I.A.

534. Special Guard Coy.

SD/18 181 Rly 12.

With reference to the attached letter from Commando Sottozona P.I. & D.A.P, the above Coy is allocated to this Sub Area for guard duties. In order that guard commitments may be met, could the Coy be bought up to strength as soon as possible.

CMF.
15 Dec. 44.

Colonel.
Comd 210 Sub Area.

JS/TWL.

Copy to :- HQ. 54. Area.

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COMANDO SOTTAZONA P.I.& D.A.P.
San Severo

n. 39/16-3 di prot. San Severo 12Dec 44.

Subject :- Additional soldiers.

TO. 210 HQ Sub Area.

Exemption, by superior orders, has been given to old Italian soldiers - therefore the strength of 534 Special Guard Coy has been reduced.-

In order to carry out the usual duties and others requested this HQ sent a letter to the Comando Militare della Puglie e Lucania to get personnel. The above command in their letter dated 13 - 11 - 44 n. 5865 (copy herewith) replied that the request must be sent to MMIA.-

It is requested that the application for at least another 50 soldiers for 534 It, Coy be forwarded to MMIA through your HQ. -

Commanding Officer
Ten Col / Ottorino Bozza.

COPY

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
UFFICIO S.M. Ordinamento

5865/Ord di prot FM 67 13 - Nov 44

Subject :- Addition soldiers

TO :- SOTTOZONA San Severo

Ref. your letter 37/15 and 39/16 of the 5th and 7th Nov 44.
The request for additional soldiers must be submitted to MMIA

Commanding Officer
Col/ Giuseppe Piazzo

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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:Auth: SACMT :
:Initials :
:11 December 1944 :
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AG 091.711/135 GCT-O

11 December 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Guard Battalions.

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

1. The plan for the reallocation of guard battalions, as approved by this headquarters, allowed for the withdrawal from Number 3 District of three (3) Italian battalions during November 1944 for duty in the PO valley.

2. Present commitments in Number 3 District permit the immediate withdrawal of the 519 Guard Battalion, but the release of two (2) more battalions would prejudice the security of the large number of installations remaining in Number 3 District as a result of the temporary slowing down of operations.

3. It is recommended that you should arrange to supply the equivalent of two (2) additional guard battalions from the Italian Army personnel now collecting at TARANTO. These will be formed into battalions under Number 3 District, who will then release two (2) existing trained battalions.

4. Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy have requested earliest provision of three (3) guard battalions, to be trained in internal security duties for northwest Italy. Report by 15 December on the suitability of personnel at TARANTO. Number 3 District will release these two (2) new battalions early in 1945, when they will be available as reinforcements for combat or service units.

By command of General WILSON:

HEADQUARTERS
14 DEC 1944
A. C.

Albert W. Karr
ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

10 - Addressee
2 - No. 3 District
1 - G-1 (B) A1
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1 - G-3 (Org-A)
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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
15 Dec 44

SUBJECT: 120 Infantry Bn

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Your ref.: 12869 Op. of 14 Dec.

1. The question of the release of the 120 Infantry Bn from its present duties to enable it to join the MANTOVA Group has been taken up with 3 Dist. It is expected this unit will be released in the immediate future.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: HQ 3 Dist.

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SUBJECT: No 1 Regt Guard Hq

RESTRICTED

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/18/
Dec 44

TO : Ministry of War

R 15/12.

1. You will please reform No 1 Regt Guard Hq as soon as possible.

2. Please inform this Hq when the formation of this unit is complete and also state its location.

3. The personnel need not be the same as in the old unit, but the same WE will be followed.

4. For your information, it is expected that the unit will eventually operate in N.W ITALY.

REP

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: W.E. Regtl Guard HQ.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18/4
14 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ

R 15/12

Your ref.: Signal FX 66169 cite FHCCT of 10 Dec 44.

1. Below is given the proposed W.E. for a Regimental Guard Headquarters:

DUTY	PERSONNEL			Bicycles	Carts	Horses
	Offrs	Senior N.C.O.	Jr NCO & Ptes			
Regtl HQs						
Regimental Commander (Col)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Adjutant (Major or Capt)	1	-	-	-	-	-
G.D. Officers (Subalterns)	4	-	-	-	-	-
Administration Officer	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	-	-	-	-
Platoon HQ						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Office Squad						
Chief Clerk		1	-	-	-	-
W.C.O. D.R.		1	-	-	-	-
Cpl Clerks		-	2	-	-	-
Clerks and Typists		-	2	-	-	-
Office Orderly		-	1	-	-	-
Cyclists		-	2	2	-	-
TOTAL OFFICE SQUAD		2	7	2	-	-

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Your ref.: Signal FX 66169 cite FEUCT of 10 Dec 44.

1. Below is given the proposed W.E. for a Regimental Guard Headquarters:

UNIT	PERSONNEL			Bicycles	Carts	Horses
	Offrs	Senior N.C.O.	Jr NCO & Ptes			
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Adjutant (Major or Capt)	1	-	-	-	-	1
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Administration Officer	1	-	-	-	-	1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	-	-	-	-
Platoon HQ						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Office Squad						
Chief Clerk		1	-	-	-	-
N.C.O. D.R.		1	-	-	-	-
Cpl Clerks		-	2	-	-	-
Clerks and Typists		-	2	-	-	-
Office Orderly		-	1	-	-	-
Cyclists		-	2	2	-	-
TOTAL OFFICE SQUAD		2	7	2	-	-
Service Squad						
Q Clerk, N.C.O.		1	-	-	-	-
Pay Clerk, N.C.O.		-	1	-	-	-
Medical Orderly		-	1	-	-	-
Drivers		-	4	-	2	2
G.D.		-	15	-	-	-
TOTAL SERVICE SQUAD		1	21	-	2	2
TOTAL FOR REGIMENT:	9	3	28	2	2	2

Total personnel, All Ranks, 40.

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2. The Ministry of War has been informed to form a group based upon this W.E. and hold it in readiness awaiting your further orders.

3. The Group will be known as First Regimental Guard Headquarters.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AAI (your SD 1838 of 11 Dec 44 refers)

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Translation. URGENT.

From: SIM RE.
To: MM 19.

Ref:- 12064/Op.
Date:- 14th Dec. 44

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Subject:- 120 Independant Bn. 271 old file

Ref. 120/18 dated 21st Sept. 44 in which orders were given that the 120th Bn of the "Mantova" Div. move to S. Giorgio Del Sannio on 14th Oct. 44. Up to the present the a/a Bn has not been replaced in its duties which are carried out for M. III District and therefore has not moved to S. Giorgio.

As the Bn. in question should be disbanded to be incorporated in "Mantova" Combat Group which is still deficient in strength, we beg MM 19 to take the matter up with a view to have the Bn. transferred as soon as possible.

14 Dec
Arrived.
REP

(Signed) Gen. A. SANTI

S/L. FAUCE.

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R.H./2.

URGENTE

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

R/S.e. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 12869 prot. Op. P.M. 3800, li 14 dicembre 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: 120° battaglione autonomo.-
120th Independent Bn

14/12

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO P.M.3800
AL COMANDO MILITARE CAMPANIA P.M.3400
AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA" P.M. 104

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Codesta Commissione, con foglio SD 18 del 21 settembre c.a., disponeva che il 120° battaglione della divisione "Mantova" si trasferisse nella zona di S.Giorgio del Sannio per il 14 ottobre c.a.- A tutt'oggi il battaglione suddetto, non ancora sostituito nei servizi che esplica per conto del III distretto, non ha raggiunto la zona di S.Giorgio.

Poichè il predetto reparto è destinato ad essere sciolto per essere incorporato nel gruppo combattimento "Mantova", la cui deficienza di personale è ancora sensibile, si prega codesto Commissio

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120th Independant Bn

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT 1316000A

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA AAI

FX 68087 SECRET

Provided 519 Guard Bn, reinforced to full strength through 227 Div under arrangements DISTHREE following provision will apply (.) FIRST (.)520 Guard Coy and 114 MG Bn will be considered as integral Coys of Bns to be nominated by DISTHREE (.) SECOND (.) 520 Guard Coy will take over train guard MOSQUITO at present undertaken by INDIAN Coy which in turn will take over static guard duties from 520 Guard Coy (.) THIRD (.) Bns which absorb 114 MG Bn and 520 Guard Coy will NOT be reinforced beyond total strength of 800

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SUBJECT: T.O. - Italian Guard Battalion

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
12 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Inclosed are two copies of Amendment No. 1 to T.O. - Italian Guard Battalion.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) ROME AREA	11 1110A
TO (FOR ACTION) MTOA	
TO (FOR INFORMATION) 30 CHESHIRE REGT	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS / GR

(REF. No.) SD 803 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET (.)

REF REPLACEMENT OF 125 GRANATIERI UNDER COMD (.) IMPERATIVE RELIEFS ARRIVE PRIOR MOVE TO FRIULI DIV OF GRANATIERI UNDER ORDERS (.) UNDERSTAND DUE MOVE APPROX 20 DEC (.) ESSENTIAL ROME AREA VPS COMMITMENTS CONTINUE TO BE COVERED (.) REQUEST ETA 125 REPLACEMENTS

HEADQUARTERS 11 DEC 1944 A. 5106

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	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:	

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From: Italian Combat Groups.

Allied Force Hdqrs. A.F.
(AFHQ)
OD/IB
5 Dec 44

To: Military Mission.

R 7/12.

The Italian combat groups (Nembo and Folgore) will not be equipped with Beretta Automatic Rifles but they will be equipped with British weapons in accordance with the policy agreed to by each of those Groups.

REP
for Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: 510 Italian Guard Bn.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/18
6 DEC 44

R 7/2

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TO : HQ Movements, Eastern Italy.

Copy to: CO., Railway Guards, L of C Area.
(your 24/2/A/272 of 4 Dec refers)

1. With reference to your Mov 3/330A of 21 Nov addressed to C.O., 30 Gen L.I. will you please inform this HQ of the unit of the 290 Italian ORs and by what authority they were attached to No. 1 Co., 510 GD Bn, if such has actually happened.

REP

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

for 64
for 81

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
TEL. NO. FREDOM 427.
AFHQ/9193/2(AG).
1st Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Reference your SD/1E undated.

It is the decision of HQ AAI that the Italian Combat Groups (FOLGORE and LEGNANO) should not be equipped with Beretta Automatic Rifles but that they should have British weapons in accordance with the policy agreed in respect of these Groups.

R.W.HEASLEY, Major,
for Major-General G-4 (Br).

RWH/WFH

Copy to: HQ AAI.

Is anyone informing Russians of Dec of this decision yet.

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Subject:- 510 It.Gd.Bn. 24/2/A/272

M.M.I.A. ,Rome. 4 Dec 44.

Ref sub-joined copy of H.Q. Movements, Eastern Italy, letter Mov.3/330A dated 21 Nov 44.

It is not known on what authority these 200 It.C.Rs are being attached to 510 It.Gd.Bn.

It is obviously quite impossible for the C.C. Coy to take on this additional responsibility in addition to his own work and I strongly object in principle to him being instructed to do so.

May the necessary steps be taken therefore to have this order rescinded.

Lt.Col.
Commanding Railway Guards.
L of C Area.

CMF
ALB/JN.

COPY.

Subject : 510 It.Gd.Battalion.

To : C.O. ,30 Som.L.I.

Copy to : MMIA LO 3 District.
MMIA LO 54 Area.
MMIA LO 52 Area.

H.Q., Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref : Mov3/330A.
21 Nov.1944.

1. This H.Q. is informed that No.4 Coy 510 It.Gd.Bn. at Brindisi has been ordered to take on attachment approx. 200 Italian C.Rs. who are at present dispersed over the Brindisi area performing various guard duties not necessarily connected with rail movement.

2. In view of the extra work involved and as the Officer strength of this Coy is only three, the possibility that it may be reduced to two(your 24/2/A/204 of 18 Nov) is viewed with dismay. It is strongly urged that an increase rather than a decrease of officers is required to enable this unit to carry out its function in a satisfactory manner.

B.A.COULSON. Major.R.E.
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).
H.Q.Movements, Eastern Italy.
for Col.Q(M).

BAC/CD.

6 Dec Letter to mail Ent RCF

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SUBJECT: 520 Gd Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
6 Dec 44

TO : MAIN AAI

R5/12.

1. MMIA LO reports that 520 Gd Bn, YESI, is NOT working, NOT training and NOT guarding.

2. Passed to you for necessary action please.

Sr. Col

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/119 GCT-O

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: War Establishment/Table of Organization - Italian Guard Battalions.

TO : All Concerned.

The following is Amendment Number 1 to the Special War Establishment/Table of Organization, published as inclosure to letter, this headquarters, file AG 091.711/119 GCT-O, dated 5 November 1944, subject: "Italian Guard Battalions"

a. Page 1 - HQ PLATOON

DELETE: Clerks (Typists) - Cpl or L/Cpl - 2
Ptes - 1

SUBSTITUTE: Clerks (Typists) - Cpl or L/Cpl - 2)
Ptes - 2) (b)

ADD: Footnote (b) - one of which is to be lorry driver (reserve driver)

DELETE: Lorry Drivers - 2

SUBSTITUTE: Lorry Drivers - 1

b. Page 2 - COY HQ

DELETE: Buglers - 2
Lorry Drivers - 2

SUBSTITUTE: Soldiers for Guard Duties (Incl 2 Buglers) - 3
Lorry Drivers - 1

c. Page 2 - Total - GUARD COY

In the column "Junior NCO's and Troops", against total 181 add

ADD: Footnote (a) - including one Lorry Driver - reserve driver for lorry assigned to company.

By command of General WILSON:

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

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SUBJECT: Italian Guard Bns for N.W. ITALY

R 1/12

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
30. Nov 44

TO : AMHQ

Copy to: MAIN MAI

In our letter SD/18 of 25 Nov reference above subject, 4,877 Beretta Automatic Rifles of the FOLGORE and LEGNANO Group should have been included that may be made available should these groups have their present weapons substituted by British Automatic Rifles as planned.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB. COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
G/4

28 November 1944

SUBJECT: Assignment of Replacements

TO: O.C. Italian Reception Camp, Afragola

1. It is understood that before the departure of the 516 Guard Bn., you made up its strength by assigning to it approximately 50 men of the Nucleo Servizi Ozieri, obtaining authority for the assignment from Comando Militare Campania.

2. These personnel of Nucleo Servizi Ozieri had already been assigned to British Ordnance for training and eventual formation into ordnance units, and as such should on no account have been posted to any other unit.

3. You will please inform this office of the exact number of men of Nucleo Servizi Ozieri which were despatched with 516 Guard Bn., and ensure that in the future no personnel in the camp are reassigned from one draft or unit to another without specific instructions from this office.

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George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

DISTRIBUTION:

Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Comando Militare Campania
M.M.I.A. L.O. III District

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 42/26

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			GVL

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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
MAIN(?) AA 1	261640	DTG 261640 Z Nov 11

For Action

AFHQ

SD/18

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMA

SD 28/11

Message Instructions — OR —

SECRET

Originator's No SD/273

Msg FX 5/6/11 cite FHGCO 42513 of 24 Nov 11...

Suggest following additional right entrenching tools be issued...

to HQ platoon 6 coy HQ 6 guard platoon 80 total additional...

Each bn 158

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

Signed

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMPERTANT

Time	System	Up.
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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR	IMPORTANT	QVR 2

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Main AAI — DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 271145

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

TO (FOR INFORMATION) AMIA — MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS — GR

(REF. No.) SD 1683 — (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

SECRET. Your X 57624 cite FAGCT/925 point 3 of 24 Nov.
Suggest following additional Italian light automatic
rifles issued. Bn HQ Pl 6 Coy HQ 6 GD PL 8. Total
additional each Bn 158.

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SECRET

Deciphered 271425A WH.

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



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SECRET

SUBJECT: Italian Guard Bns for N.W. Italy

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/18
25 Nov 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Reference SD 1640 from Main A.A.I.

In reply to paragraph 2 (b). the following light automatic weapons and ammunition are available :-

WEAPON	No in Stock	Ammunition	LOCATION
Beretta. Auto rifles	497	800.000	Sardinia
Breda 6.5 LMG	278	14.000.000	In Italy
Fiat 8 mm	2.487	14.500.000	In Italy and Sardinia
Breda 8 mm	497		In Italy and Sardinia

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It is suggested that one of the existing Regt. Hq might be released from present duties of administration in order to train the three Gd. Bns. in question. The administrative work formerly performed by this Regt. Hq. could thereafter, by agreement, be undertaken by the appropriate Administrative Div. Hq..

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Main A.A.I.



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LRKB V LAEE NR 2 PY
OVE 1
242236A

IMPORTANT

TO MMIA, AAI

GR GS BT

425.3.

SD 1640

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RESTRICTED REFERENCE AAI ~~SUGAR DOG ONE SIX FOUR ZERO~~ OF ~~TWO THREE~~ X FX57624 FOR AAI X FORWARD TO MMIA AND THIS HEADQUARTERS SCALE OF WEAPONS DESIRED FOR EACH EN X SIGNED SAC CITE FHCGT SLANT ~~NINE TWO FIVE POINT THREE~~ X FOR MMIA X REQUEST ESTIMATE BY TYPES OF PRESENT (AVAILABILITY) WEAPONS IN AAI PARA ~~TWO~~ 2 PAREN BAKER PAREN CMA AND NOMINATION REFT HEADQUARTERS WITH STRENGTH AND LOCATION

ET 242236A

SENT NR 2 25/0017A JY E K
RCD NR2 25/0017A MRA B-1

Leon Paccerin
For'n II

IS THAT CITE AND AVAILABILITY LS PLS 3 AND 5 LINE MK

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SUBJECT:- Provision of Italian Guards.

XXVII Gruppo a Cavalleria
Ritirato.

1. 1st Sqn 27th Gruppo is allotted to this Sub Area for the purpose of providing guards. On arrival this unit's strength was 12½ A.Rs. Subsequent withdrawals of personnel by the Gruppo Hq has reduced the strength to 102 A.Rs. These withdrawals were not authorised by or notified to this Hq.

2. Other units providing guards in this area are fully committed and cannot, therefore, take over any of the duties at present being performed by 1st Sqn 27th Gruppo.

3. At present, after providing personnel for guards, 1st Sqn 27th Gruppo have 4 personnel only available for domestic duties, i.e. cooks, batmen, sanitation, etc.

4. It is requested, therefore, that 1st Sqn 27th Gruppo is made up to its original strength of 12½ ARs immediately, as additional guard commitments in this area have to be fulfilled.

Colonel,
Comd 210 Sub Area.

Copy to: Sub Area (G).
HQ, MMIA.

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AFHQ cite SACMED FHCGT

242236A

MMIA AAI

FX 57624/925.3 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Ref AAI SD 1640 of 23 (*) For AAI (*) Forward to MMIA and this HQ scale of weapons desired for each Bn (*) For MMIA (*) Rquest estimate by types of present available weapons in AAI para 2b and nomination reft HQs with strength and location

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR 3161	IMPORTANT P	QVR 3

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) FROM MAIN AAI

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 231125

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

TO (FOR INFORMATION) DISTONE MMIA

Message Instructions | C.R

(REF. No.) SD1640

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

SECRET

REF MY 1605/30/2/G(SD1) OF 24 SEP

IF POLITICAL AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT PROPOSE USE THREE ITALIAN GD BNS EARMARKED FOR PHASE TWO AS INTERNAL SECURITY TPS IN NORTH WEST ITALY. FOR THIS ROLE SPECIAL TRG AND EQUIPMENT WITH HIGH PERCENTAGE ITALIAN LT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WILL BE REQUIRED.

SECOND. PROPOSE LOCATE BNS IN 1 DISTRICT FOR TRG. REQUEST YOU STATE

(A) DATE BNS CAN BE RELEASED

(B) TOTAL NUMBERS ITALIAN LT AUTOMATICS WITH AMN AVAILABLE FOR THESE AND OTHER BNS WHICH MAY BE ALLOTTED SIMILAR ROLE

(C) IF REGT HQ AVAILABLE.

THREE. FOR 1 DISTRICT. SIGNAL LOCATION FOR TRG

DECIPHERED 231615 HAB

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	ORIGINATING SECTION :		
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED	
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:		

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Feb 18.

22 1150A

MMIA

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DISPERSE EAST, BE AREA, 210 SUB AREA
MOVEIT, AREA (G-3 Org British)

O 822

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Reference AD 581 of 19 November (.) 534 Spec Coy
810 Gd Bn (ex 107 Stg Territorials) working for
Air Force for last four months NOT now required
by Air Force (SD 1767 refers) and is available for
reassignment (.) Your reference to 3d duties in
54 Area therefore does NOT tally (.) MMIA suggestion
in SD 1767 was for above unit to relieve one Coy
2 Bn. 356 Regt of PIONEER Div which required to join
parent Div (.) Request therefore you agree

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Henry D Paton Capt RA

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SD/18. 52

FROM DISTHREE 191302

TO MMIA

INFO DISTHREE EAST 52 AREA 54 AREA 210 SUB AREA

MOVRIT AFHQ (G-3 ORG BRIT)

SD 251 50/28

RESTRICTED 48

Ref MMIA SD1767 of 11 Nov and this HQ SD 167 of 14 Nov both NOT to all (.) FIRST (.) This HQ above sig has been cancelled (.) SECOND (.) 534 Spec Coy 518 Gd Bn is now deployed on GD duties in 54 Area (.) Not available for Gd TARANTO (.) THIRD (.) Proposed to retain coy 2 Bn 336 Regt until completion commitment

G1.

cgl

This means that 2 Bn having already got 2/336 for a purpose have diverted some 11/334 to them more 5688 ??

L/C Neale Hamilton
Duccio

21/11

DISTRIBUTION:

S/SD/30 hqs
SD/28
SD/18 a/c
SD/13/3 hqs
SD/50
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SD 18

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SUBJECT:- HQ 1 Guard Regt.

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Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/1.8
19 Nov 44.

To : Ministry of War.

R 20/

1. HQ 1 Guard Regt, originally intended for 1 District, is not needed so you will please disband, at once, HQ 1 Guard Regt.

2. The personnel of the disbanded organisation are at your disposal.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Translation.

From :- HQ 5 Div
To :- HQ 11 Inf Bde

Ref :- 10478/1/G.H.
Date :- 18th Nov. 44

Subject. HQs Guard Regts (2-4-5).

1) With ref to SD/18 dated 27th Oct, HQ 11 Inf Bde ordered the disbandment of the 2nd, 4th & 5th Guard Regt. HQs.

2) In this respect, I think it is necessary to mention that these HQs could be employed in discipline and inspection duties as Guard Bns. as detailed under :-

2nd Guard Regt. HQs:
505 Bn } Employed by 2nd Guard
516 " }
577 " } Discipline and Administration alone
522 " } by 228 Div.

4th Guard Regt. HQs.
501 Bn } Employed by HQ Detail
502 " }
503 " } Discipline and Administration alone
514 " } by Comdt. Poglia & Lucania.

5th Guard Regt. HQs.
506 Bn. } Employed by HQ Detail
513 " }
519 " } Discipline and Adm alone by 227 Div.

3) The 4 Bn HQs could form the necessary authority between Regional & Divisional HQs and their dependant Bns. In not forming such HQs, the Bns. would depend directly from the superior HQ who would finds difficulties in the discipline and inspection duties to be carried out

4) In relation with the above and in accordance with HQ 11 Inf Bde instructions, ref letter S/11815 dated 12th Oct. Appendix 'A', it is requested that you may please examine the possibility of keeping over and above the 1, 3 & 6 Guard Regt. HQs for which authority has been obtained, also those mentioned in SD/18 dated 27/10/44 and for which disbandment has been ordered.

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P.T.O.

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The minimum establishment for each HQ could be as under :-

1 Col. Inspector.
1 Maj. Adjutant.
1 Officer
2 Sgts (Clerks - Typists).
1 Runner - Batman.
1 Driver - Batman.

Sgd. G.B. Oxley.

Lt Colonel

TU/vc

MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

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Prot. N° 304781 /C.A. Allegati
317.IV.16

Risposta al foglio del ... Div. ... Sez. ... N° ...

Roma, P.M. 151, 18 novembre 944

OGGETTO: Comandi reggimento Guardia (2° - 4° - 5°)

Hq. Guard regt.

SD/18
18/11

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

ROMA

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1) Con lettera SD/18 del 27 ottobre u.s. codesta Missione disponeva lo scioglimento dei comandi reggimento guardia n.2° -4°-5°.

2) Al riguardo ritengo opportuno rappresentare che i comandi suddetti troverebbero impiego per l'inquadramento dei btg. guardia (compiti ispettivi e disciplinari) come appresso specificato :

- comando 2° regg.guardia:	505 btg. 516 " 517 " 522	- dipendenza impiego: 8ª Armata; - dipendenza disciplin.e amminist.:228ª divis.
- comando 4° regg.guardia:	501 " 502 " 503 " 504 "	- dipendenza impiego: III District - dipendenza discipl.e amministr.Comilit Puglie e Luc.
- comando 5° regg.guardia:	504 " 513 " 519 "	- dipendenza impiego: III District - dipendenza disc.pl.e amministr.: 227ª divisione.

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3) I comandi reggimento suddetti costituirebbero necessario tramite gerarchico tra il comando di regione e di divisione ed i

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LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.) 18/11 C15/11

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4) In relazione a quanto sopra ed in armonia con le disposizioni

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impartite da codesta M.M.I.A. con lettera S/AQ/5 del 12 ottobre (appendice A) prego di esaminare la possibilità di mantenere in vita, oltre ai comandi rgt. guardia 1° - 3° - 6° - già autorizzati, anche quelli di cui al foglio SD/18 del 27/10 u.s. per i quali é stato disposto lo scioglimento.

L'organico minimo di ciascun Comando potrebbe essere il seguente:

1 colonnello ispettore
1 aiutante maggiore
1 ufficiale addetto
2 sottufficiali (dattilografi -scritturali)
1 ordinanza d'ufficio -attendente
1 conduttore attendente.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. OXILIA)

G. Oxilia

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Original SD/13/3 copy fo SD/18 SD/28

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From DISTHREE

To DISTHREE EAST

Info 52 AREA 54 AREA MOVELT MMIA (G-3 Org Br)

SD 167 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Ref MMIA SD1067 of 11 Nov NOT

to all (*) Arrange move of 534 Spec Coy in relief of Coy 2

Bn 336 Inf Regt as requested reporting str and completion to

K MMIA rptd this HQ (*) ACK

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SUBJECT: T.O. of Italian Guard Battalions

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/18
17 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ

1. Subsequent to our submitting a proposed T.O. for Italian Guard Bns to HQ AAI for approval, a proposed amendment was submitted on 16 Oct.

2. Your AG 091.711/119 GCT-O of 5 Nov 44 gives the approved T.O. for a Gd Bn., but being as the proposed amendment was not included, a copy of our letter to AAI is inclosed for your consideration.

3. Please note that the proposed changes are minor in character, but it is thought they would make for a more efficient organization.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

1 Incl.: SD/18 of 16 Oct 44 to AAI
(Italian Gd Bns)

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SUBJECT: Italian Gd Bns

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SD/18
16 Oct 44

A.A.I.

Ref your letter, subject as above, dated 16 Sep and further to my SD/18 dated 29 Sep.

Herewith Amendment No. 1 to the Proposed War Establishment of an Italian Guard Bn.

a) Page 1 - HQ PLATOON

Delete - Clerks - Typists -	Cpl or L/Cpl	-	2	
	Ptes	-	1	
Substitute - Clerks - Typists -	Cpl or L/Cpl	-	2)	(b)
	Ptes	-	2)	

Add footnote (b) - one of which to be lorry driver (reserve driver)

Delete - Lorry Drivers - 2

Substitute - Lorry Drivers - 1

b) Page 2 - COMPANY HQ

Delete - Buglers - 2
Lorry Drivers - 2
Substitute - Soldiers for Guard Duties (including 2 Buglers) - 3
Lorry Drivers - 1

c) Page 2 - Total - GUARD COY

In the column 'Junior NCOs and Troops' against total 181 add (a)

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/s/

Maj Gen
Military Mission Italian Army

gsh

Copy - SD/17

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To (For Action) AFHQ

To (Info) : MMIA LO LECHAMO

Date - Time 16 A

A/c to Gen info 53/2/12 53/60

SD 1802

RESTRICTED

Request you move MONTEGRANERO Fn consisting of average personnel from VAIRANO and suggest placed at disposal Disthree for Guard duties (.) Strength 30 Offrs 620 ORs (.) For MMIA LO (.) Your SD 31 of 14 refers

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticating Officer S. M. INGLESBY, Lt Col GS

Spec Sec
AG
2 i/c

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C O P Y

FROM: 54 AREA

TO : CC 20 PET DEPOT CAPURSO 151600A

INFO: 240 TOWN MAJOR
MMIA

177/SG RESTRICTED

ONE FL 514 BN BARLETTA NOW AVAILABLE (.) WHEN

ACCOMMODATION AND ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE CAPURSO MOVE

FL FROM BARLETTA AND REPORT THIS HQ

WB

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SUBJECT:- WE for Italian Guard Bn.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
R O M E
SD/18
8 Nov 44

To : MEN OF WAR

1. Enclosed are two copies of WE - T/O for Italian Guard Battalion.

for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

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SD/18

9.11

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/9/14v/G3(Br) 8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Guards

TO: Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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1. The total strength of the two Coys of Granatieri under comd of this Headquarters is now as follows:

Offrs	WOs/Sgts	Cpls/L/Cpls	ORs
10	24	34	149

- a total of 10 Offrs and 207 ORs.

This total includes the recent addition due to the arrival of reinforcements in the middle part of September.

2. The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battaglione Speciale "Granatieri" di Sardegna has now advised that a certain number of the 1904-1908 Classes, totalling 40, are now due for release from service subject to their obtaining bona-fide employment; only then will the Italian Military Authorities consider the release of personnel as mentioned above.

3. This Headquarters has been assured by the Granatieri that releases will NOT be sanctioned or become operative UNTIL these 40 personnel have been replaced.

4. The Granatieri, therefore, ask that 40 reinforcements may be posted forthwith, if possible to be Granatieri or potential Granatieri, of not less than 1 m. 75 cm. in height of the 1914-1924 Classes, and having no claim to release from the Service.

5. This request is endorsed and its approval formally recommended in order to maintain the efficiency of the Granatieri.

6. It is pointed out, that should these reinforcements be detailed from units not at present under arms, only personal weapons can be provided by the present Bn of Granatieri. Uniforms and equipment are not held.

7. Your assistance and co-operation would be greatly appreciated and it is requested that this matter be treated as urgently as possible.

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ALBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commander.

Copy: 30 Cheshire.
Granatieri (through 30 Cheshire)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/119 GCT-O

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Guard Battalions

TO : All Concerned

1. In order to regularize the composition, and facilitate the reinforcement of the twenty-two (22) Italian Guard Battalions formed in Italy, a standard War Establishment - Table of Organization has been agreed. All the battalions will be formed into this organization. A copy of the agreed War Establishment - Table of Organization is at Appendix "A".

2. The supply of all arms, vehicles and equipment for the battalions will be the responsibility of the Italian Army. Occasions may arise, however, when the Italian Army is unable to provide sufficient vehicles to meet all requirements. Under such circumstances, the formations, under whose command the battalions are operating at the time, are authorized to provide the minimum transport required on temporary loan, from within the formation's own resources.

3. As the Guard Battalions do not form part of either the British Order of Battle, or the United States Troop List, it is not possible to form the battalions under standard War Establishments or Tables of Organization, but the organization agreed at Appendix "A" was designed to fit, as nearly as possible, the normal Italian organization. At the same time it provides the maximum numbers possible for actual guard duties, and a small percentage only on purely administrative work.

By command of General WILSON:

B. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
WE-T/O for Italian
Guard Battalion

DISTRIBUTION:

10 - Hq AAI
1 - Hq AC
5 - Land Forces Sub-Com (MTIA)
1 - Rome Area
1 - PBS
1 - COMZONE, MTOUSA
1 - Hq No 1 Dist
1 - Hq No 2 Dist
1 - Hq No 3 Dist
1 - G-1 (B)
1 - G-1 (A)
5 - G-3
1 - G-4 (A)
1 - G-4 (B)
1 - Q(AE)
2 - AG Records

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APPENDIX "A"

ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION

Comprises:- Bn H. Q.
4 GUARD COYS

Bn H. Q.

Includes:

C.O. and H .Q. Officers

One HQ Platoon

C. O. and HQ Officers

	PERSONNEL						T P T
	Officers	Senior N.C.O's	Junior N.C.O's and Troops	Automatic Rifles	L.M.G.	Bicycles	Cars	Lorries
C. O. (Lt Col or Major)	1							
Adjutant (Subaltern)	1							
Officer i/c Supplies (Subaltern)	1							
Officer i/c Adm (Subaltern)	1							
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1							
TOTAL.....	5							

HQ PLATOON

S/Sjt or W/Sjt		1					
Clerks - typists : Sjt or L/Sjt		1					
Cpl or L/Cpl			2				
Ptes			1				
Medical Orderly			1				
Bicycle Messenger			2		2		
Batmen (of which two Batmen Drivers)			3			2	
Cooks and Officers Mess Waiters			2				
Lorry Drivers			2				1
TOTAL - HQ PLATOON		2	13		2	2	1
TOTAL - BN H. Q.....	5	2	13		2	2	1

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APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

GUARD COY

Comprises:- Coy H.Q.
4 Platoons

COY H.Q.

	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's and troops	Auto Rifles	L.M.G.	Bicycles	Cars	Lorries
PERSONNEL / TPT								
O.C. (Capt or Lieut)	1							
O.C. (Senior N.C.O.)		1						
Cpl or L/Cpl Clerk			1					
Buglers			2					
Batman - orderly			1					
Cyclist Messenger			1			1		
Cooks			2					
Lorry Drivers			2					1
Total, HQ Coy	1	1	9			1		1

GUARD PLATOON (2 Secs)

O.C. (Subaltern)	1			1				
Section Commander (Senior N.C.O.)		2		2				
Deputy Section Commander (Cpl or L/Cpl)			2					
Cpls			2					
Ptes			38		2			
Batman - messenger			1					
Total, Guard Platoon	1	2	43	3	2			
Total, 4 Platoons	4	8	172	12	8			
Total, Guard Coy	5	9	181	12	8	1		1

SUMMARY - GUARD BATTALION

Bn H.Q.	5	2	13			2	2	1
4 Guard Coys	20	36	724	48	32	4		4
Total, Guard Battalion	25	38	737	48	32	6	2	5
		800						



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FROM PBS MMIA LO 061955

TO MMIA

8345 RESTRICTED

Ref Guard Battalion allotted Five Army (.) First (.) Battalion still at PBS staging camp (.) PBS have requested 5 Army to move unit but have had no reply (.) Move is 5 Army responsibility (.) Second (.) Battalion is listed as 510 Guard Battalion but MMIA BARI state they already have 510 Battalion therefore suggest battalion for 5 Army be renumbered 512

cgl

Phoned Monico to confirm number ~~510~~ is 512 NOT 510 Signal sent 5 Army requesting movement.

ASTRONI NAPLES.

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Subject:- Reinforcements Italian Units.

3 District
Tel Ext 66
132/7A

AFHQ GI(Br)

NT

M.M.A.
FILE REF
Date Recd 30/10/44

30 Oct 44

Main MMIA

Further to this HQ letter of even number dated 24 Oct 44.

1. It is requested that reinforcements consisting of 15 officers and 94 ORs may be authorised to make up deficiencies in 510 Italian Guard Bn.

2. There is particular necessity for this unit to be kept up to strength as it is employed in the role of railway guards.

Richardson major
Maj Gen
Comd

AKD/KP

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SUBJECT: Strength of Guard Regimental HQ

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. SD/18
31 Oct 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reg 31/10.

1. From your latest strength return, it is noted that the strength of

HQ 1 Guard Regt is 9 Officers and 49 ORs

HQ 3 Guard Regt is 19 Officers and 95 ORs

HQ 6 Guard Regt is 11 Officers and 41 ORs

2. This is in excess of the authorised strength of 40 all ranks for each Guard Regimental HQ so therefore please issue orders forthwith reducing these HQs to the approved strength.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copia per la M.M.I.A. 34

S E G R E T O

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SD/18
Ref 21/10

n° 8250/Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 30 ottobre 1944

Organization and dependency of guard bns and regts.

OGGETTO: Organizzazione e dipendenze reggimenti e battaglioni guardia.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA	P.M. 67
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212 (Rif.f° 03/2192/Ord. del 14/10 c.a.)	P.M. 181
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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Dir.Gen.Serv.Comm.	P.M. 151
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA	P.M. 50
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA	P.M. 120
AL COMANDO MILITARE LAZIO=UMBRIA=ABRUZZI	R O M A
ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" DELLO S.M.R.E.	P.M. 198
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3°) Per i btg. non ancora giunti in zona d'impiego sono in corso i movimenti a cura degli A.A.-

4°) Riserva di comunicazioni per quanto riguarda l'impiego dei comandi di rgt. 2°, 4°, 5°, che intanto rimangono a disposizione di questo S.M.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
f/to Alessandro Santi

p. c. c.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

Chiavarino

31 Oct
ZEP

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Allegato al foglio n. 8250/Ord. del 30/10/44.

COMANDI E REPARTI	DIPENDENZA D'IMPIEGO	DIPENDENZE AMMINISTRATIVE E DISCIPLINARI
- 1° rgt. guardia: . comando . 515° btg. guardia . 520° " " . 521° " "	I District	C/do 209^ div.
- 3° rgt. guardia: . comando . 506° btg. guardia . 507° " " . 508° " " . 509° " "	P.B.S.	C/do italiano 212
- 6° rgt. guardia: . comando . 511° btg. guardia . 512° " "	5^ Armata	C/do 210^ div.
- 505° btg. guardia - 516° " " - 517° " " - 522° " "	8^ Armata	C/do 228^ div.
- 501° btg. guardia - 502° " " - 503° " " - 514° " "	III District	C/do mil.Puglia e Lucania
- 504° btg. guardia - 513° " " - 519° " "	III District	C/do 227^ div.
- 510° btg. guardia	30 SOM LI	C/do mil.Puglia e Lucania
- comando 3° rgt.guardia - " 4° " " - " 5° " "	a disposizione dello SMRE	C/do mil.Campania

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Guards

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SM/18
30 Oct 44

TO : Asst 26 Town Major, CMF

Reg 31/10.

Copy to: Hq 70 Sub Area, CMF

1. It is assumed that Hq 70 Sub Area will forward their copy of your TM/38A/402 of 20 Oct to Hq 3 District for appropriate action.

2. Italian Guard Bns have been placed under the command of 3 District and it is that Hqs, and not this one, who decides just where the troops will be employed.

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REP

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: 114 MG Bn and 520 Gd Co being absorbed into 519 Gd Bn.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
SD/18
29 Oct 1944

TO : HQ AFHQ (Attn G3 Org Brit).

Copy to: Hq AAI (your SD 1014 of 5 Oct refers).
Hq 3 District.

1. Ref. 3 Dist letter 44/1/C of 25 Oct., subject, Organization of Italian Army.

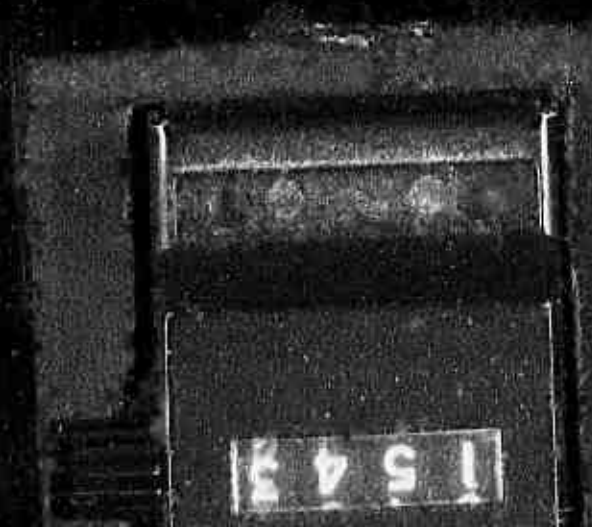
2. To complete the program for Italian Guard Bns. it is necessary to absorb into Gd Bns various separate small units which have been performing guard duties and bring these units into the ITI-ITI category. One such unit is the 114 MG Bn, now classified BR-ITI service troops, while the 520 Gd Co. is a small separate ITI-ITI Gd Co whose position has now become unnecessary, administratively, with the formation of the Gd Bns.

3. It is recommended that these two s/n units be absorbed into the 519 Gd Bn in conformity with AAI signal SD 1014 of 5 Oct. This would temporarily place the 519 Gd Bn overstrength, but it would only be a short time before natural attrition and the transferring of personnel, not necessarily the 114 MG Bn and 520 Gd Co, from the Gd Bn would bring it down to the approved strength of 800.

4. AFRAGOLA Transit camp strength report of 23 Oct lists the 519 Gd Bn (assigned 3 Dist.) as still being there.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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