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SD/13 Organisation of Guard Units 2nd Cover
Opened Mar. 9, 1945 - Closed Ap. 1, 1945
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2568

Date Time

05/17/58

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REPORT PROGRESS OF FORMATION OF FIVE TWO FIVE GD BN (.)
GIVE STRENGTH OF UNIT (.) HAS BN HQ BEEN FORMED YET AT
S A L E R N O (.) WHERE ARE THE VARIOUS COMPANIES LOCATED

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

Pinkley

Major

INTERNAL: File: SD/13

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT
TO : MMIA
INFO : OC RLY GUARDS, ITALY
REF : FX 51679

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RESTRICTED

2 COY 501 GUARD BN NOW BEING REORGANISED AS PART OF NEW BN
REPORTS AS FOLLOWS (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT (.) VEH SPA
38 RE NUMBER 124201 ISSUED FROM FUORIGROTTA VEHICLE PARK
BLRX MC RE NUMBER 3164 RELEASED BUT NOT AT FUORIGROTTA (.)
ENSURE EFFICIENT VEHs ISSUED EARLIEST AND REPORT COMPLETION

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en. 31 Mar 45

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM MMIA LO DISTHREE

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TO MMIA

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IMPORTANT

REF NO. H6 307

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REF YOUR SD 2513 OF 23 (.) UNITS ARE AS FOLLOWS (.) 550 TRAIN
GD EN (.) 1 AND 2 COYS 501 GD EN (.) 2 COY 504 GD EN (.) WILL
SIGNAL STRENGTHS LATER

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Units transferring
to 5283
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cgl 1 Apr 45

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SUBJECT: 518 Gd. Bn.

Land Forces Sub.Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/13

30 Mar 45

TO : Ministry of War

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SMRE ref 11965/ord/I. of 27 March 45.

1. The request for the formation of a Battalion Headquarters to administer the two Granatieri Companies with Rome Area Allied Command is disapproved.

REP

Major General

M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: War Establishment for ER-ITI
Guard Regt.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/13
30 March 45

TO : 2 District

Ref conversation Maj MARLEY - Maj CHRYNE.

1. Regt. HQ Italian Guard Regt (ER-ITI)

The above draft War Est is agreed by this HQ and the Italian War Ministry.

2. Italian Guard Bn (ER-ITI)

(a) It is considered desirable that all Guard Bns should remain at the same total strength of 800 all ranks and that your proposed WE should be brought into line accordingly.

(b) In order to reduce the total number from 808 to 800 the following alterations to your draft WE have therefore been agreed with the War Ministry.

under Bn HQ

Serial 1 (c) Med Sec - delete Ptes

5

under HQ Coy

Serial 2 (e) Clerks - delete Pte

1

under Pioneer Pl

Serial 5 (b) Carpenters - delete

1

Serial 5 (f) Mine lifting and bomb

disposal Sec - delete Pte

1

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War Ministry.
The above draft War Est is agreed by this HQ and the Italian

2. Italian Guard Bn (HR-ITI)

(a) It is considered desirable that all Guard Bns should remain at the same total strength of 800 all ranks and that your proposed WE should be brought into line accordingly.

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under HQ Coy

Serial 2 (e) Clerks - delete Pte 1

under Pioneer Pl

Serial 5 (b) Carpenters - delete 1 5281

Serial 5 (f) Mine lifting and bomb disposal Sec - delete Pte 1

Total deletions 3

(c) With the above amts the proposed War Establishment for A Guard Bn (HR-ITI) is agreed by this HQ and the War Ministry.

cgl.

R/S
LMF Jr. Col
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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HQ 2 District CMT
1102/13 G(SM)

29 Mar 45

SUBJECT: WE - Italian Guard Regt
for NW ITALY

G3 Cmg (Brit)
ATTN: (9 copies)

Copy to: - G3 Cmg (Foreign) ATTN:
J-14 (6 copies)

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MM 14
FILE: <u>SD/13</u>
DATE: <u>30/3</u>

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1. Ref your FAX 3719 Cite FNGOT dated 14 Mar 45 and your letter AG-091.711/089.GOT-0 dated 15 Mar 45.
2. In so far as 1 Italian Guard Regt is concerned WE/TO 530/SMP/1 and 531/SMP/1 have not proved satisfactory in actual practice and it is considered that with the change of status from III-III to III-III 1 Italian Guard Regiment should be converted to new WE/TO for a Regimental HQ and Guard Bn (NR-III) as shown in the attached Appx 'A' and 'B' respectively.

These proposed WE/TOs were created in consultation with Comd 59 Area who is responsible for the training of the Regt under HQ 2 District and with Col. CIOTOLI, the Regtl Comd, and have been agreed with HITA.

2. Accordingly, it is requested that the following proposal may be considered and approved by the War Establishment Committee as soon as possible so that this Guard Regt may be reorganised before the move to NW ITALY takes place -

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To convert 1 Italian Guard Regiment from its present WE/TO 530/SMP/1 and 502, 503 and 519 Italian Guard Battalions from their present WE/TO 531/SMP/1 to new WE/TO as shown in the att Appx 'A' and 'B' respectively.

Effect of the Proposal

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Effect of the Proposal

The effect of the proposal and having regard to HIA revised transport scales per their letters L/Q 5 of '6 and 7 Feb 45 will result in increases as follows:-

(i) Personnel

<u>Regtl HQ</u>	-	Officers	NIL
		ORs	33
<u>Each Guard Bn</u>	-	Officers	3
		ORs	5

(ii) Transport

<u>Regtl HQ</u>	-	Motor Cycles Solo	1
<u>Each Guard Bn</u>	-	Lorries 5 ton 4 x 2 CS	2
		Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Motor	1
		Motor Cycles Solo	7
		Bicycles	5

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(14) Transport (contd)

There will, however, be a saving of 2 bicycles, 2 carts and 2 horses on Regimental HQ.

Reasons for Proposal

- (a) The existing WE/TO does not provide adequate adm and operational efficiency is thereby impaired.
- (b) In view of the heavy Internal Security tasks likely to be experienced in NW ITALY the Regiment and its Bns must be tactically organised and adequately armed and equipped. Their present WE/TO will not enable these tasks to be undertaken successfully.

4. You have placed 1 Italian Guard Regt in the category of BR-IMI Service Fps but it is urged most strongly that they be regarded as BR-IMI Combat Troops for the following reasons:-

- (a) They are expected to be working alongside Infantry troops of an Italian Combat Gp on Internal Security duties and it is highly undesirable that troops performing similar duties should be administered differently and entitled to different scales and categories of clothing and equipment.
- (b) The Italian Combat Group in NW ITALY is to be maintained as though it were a British formation or unit. If combat status could be given to 1 Italian Guard Regt its adm could be through the Italian Combat Gp thus simplifying adm generally. This is of particular importance in the early days of the occupation of NW ITALY when there may well be a time lag in the setting up of the necessary Italian adm.

- (c) Their task of Internal Security and supporting the Civil Power in case of need is of such importance as to justify the better clothing and equipment, particularly tpt etc. that they would get by direct British adm and the resulting higher priorities.

In this connection the policy has been laid down that if the Carabinieri are unable to quell civil disturbances and military assistance is asked for the military assistance is to be provided from Italian Military as a first priority.

- (d) It is essential that good condition vchs are issued to the Regt since they are likely to be deployed every quite a wide area and it is not expected that any tpt assistance can be given from 2nd Army resources.

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successfully.

4. You have placed 1 Italian Guard Regt in the category of BR-ITI Service Tps but it is urged most strongly that they be regraded as BR-ITI Combat Troops for the following reasons:-

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(b) The Italian Combat Group in NW Italy is to be maintained as though it were a British formation or unit. If combat status could be given to 1 Italian Guard Regt its adm could be through the Italian Combat Gp thus simplifying adm generally. This is of particular importance in the early days of the occupation of NW Italy when there may well be a time lag in the setting up of the necessary Italian adm.

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(d) It is essential that good condition vchs are issued to the Regt since they are likely to be deployed over quite a wide area and it is not expected that any tpt assistance can be given from 2 District resources which is expected to be stretched to the limit.

BRH/jms

E. J. Nant
Major General,
Comd 2 District.

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TABLE VI - REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, ITALIAN GUARD REGIMENT (IR-191)

(E) Personnel

Serial	Particulars	Officer	Non- or Senior NCO	Junior NCO	Other	Total	
1	Regimental Commander (Col)	1				1	
2	Adjutant (Major or Capt)	1				1	
3	40 Officers (Capt or Sub)	4				4	For Training Supplies
4	Asst Officer (subaltern)	1				1	
5	Medical Officer (Capt or Sub)	1				1	
	<u>Total Reg. Officers</u>	8				8	
6	<u>Officer Support Staff</u>						
6(a)	Clerks		1	2	2	5	Chief Clerk Br
6(b)	Organizer - Officer				1	1	
6(c)	Drum		1		2	3	L/Sgt requ
6(d)	Intelligence Sec		1	1	1	3	
6(e)	Signal Sec			1	6	7	
6(f)	<u>Total Officer Support</u>		3	4	12	19	

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Appx 'A' to 2 District letter
2102/15 C(SD1) dated 29 Mar 45

E - REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, ITALIAN GUARD REGIMENT (BR-ITI)

(i) Personnel

Offrs	WOs or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ites	TOTAL
1				1
1				1
4				4
1				1
1				1
8				8
	1	2	2	5
			1	1
	1		2	3
	1	1	1	3
		1	6	7
3	4		12	19

Remarks

For Training (1) Purchases & Pay (1)
Supplies (1) Records (1)

Chief Clerk should be equivalent of
British WO I or II

L/Sgt required on security grounds

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Serial	Particulars	Offrs	WOs or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Htes	Total	Re
7	<u>Service Squad viz :-</u>						
7(a)	CSM		1			1	
7(b)	'Q' Sjt		1			1	
7(c)	Pay Sjt		1			1	
7(d)	Medical Orderly			1		1	
7(e)	Driver Mech (Cpl)			1		1	
7(f)	Drivers IC				9	9	One for each car spare
7(g)	Cooks - Offrs' Mess				1	1	
7(h)	- R & F Mess				1	1	
7(i)	Orderly - R & F Cookhouse				1	1	
7(j)	Offrs' Mess Waiters				2	2	
7(k)	Batmen				4	4	One for Regtl Co
7(l)	Sanitary Duty men				1	1	
7(m)	Storemen				1	1	
7(n)	Barber				1	1	
7(o)	<u>Total Service Squad</u>		3	2	21	26	

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Offrs	WOs or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ftes	Tot
	1			1
	1			1
	1			1
		1		1
		1		1
			9	9
			1	1
			1	1
			1	1
			2	2
			4	4
			1	1
			1	1
			1	1
3		2	21	26

One for each car & lorry plus one
spare driver

One for Regtl Comd and three for remaining
seven officers

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Serial	Particulars	Offrs	WOs or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ptes	Total
8	<u>Defence Pl viz :-</u>					
8(a)	Pl Comd (Subaltern)	1				1
8(b)	Pl Sjt		1			1
8(c)	Rifle Sec			1	8	9
8(d)	Inf Sec			1	8	9
8(e)	<u>Total Defence Pl</u>	1	1	2	16	20
9	<u>TOTAL FOR REGIMENTAL HQ</u>	9	7	8	49	73

(ii) TRANSPORT

Cars 4 str 4 X 2 3 - or Jeeps in lieu.
 Lorries 3-ton 4 X 2 GS 5
 Motorcycles Solo 3

(iii) WEAPONS

HCs 1
 TAC or equivalent 13 - Sig Sec 1
 Int Sec 1
 Drivers 8 - 1 per veh
 NCO DR 1
 Rifle Sec 1
 Inf Sec 1
 Rifles 50
 Rev lvers 7 - 1 per Officer excl Medical Officer

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Offrs	WOs or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ftes	Total
1				1
	1			1
		1	8	9
		1	8	9
1	1	2	16	20
9	7	8	49	73

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Remarks

(ii) TRANSPORT

4 str 4 X 2 3 - or Jeeps in lieu
 carries 3-ton 4 X 2 GS 5
 motorcycles Solo 3

(iii) WEAPONS

..... 1
 or equivalent 13 - Sig Sec 1
 Int Sec 1
 Drivers 8 - 1 per veh
 NCO LR 1
 Rifle Sec 1
 LMG Sec 1

s 50
 vers 7 - 1 per Officer excl medical Officer

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DRAFT WE GUARD BATTALION (BR-ITI)

Comprises:- Bn HQ
HQ Coy
4 Guard Coys

(I) PERSONNEL

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Serial	Particulars	WOs or		Ptes	TOTAL
		Officers Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs		
1	<u>Bn HQ viz:-</u>				
1(a)	Commanding Officer (Lt.Col)	1			1
1(b)	Second-in-Command (Major)	1			1
1(c)	Adjutant (Capt or Subaltern)	1			1
1(d)	O i/c Supplies (Subaltern)	1			1
1(e)	O i/c Adm (- do -)	1			1
1(f)	Medical Officer (- do -)	1			1
1(g)	R.S.M.	1			1
1(h)	RQMS	1			1
1(i)	Storemen			2	2
1(j)	Clerks	2	2	2	6
1(k)	Intelligence Sec	1	1	3	5
1(l)	Medical Sec		1	108	110
1(m)	Cycle Orderlies			2	2
1(n)	Batmen			3	3
1(o)	<u>TOTAL Bn HQ</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>125</u>

Incl S/Sgt and Sgt or 1
Responsible also for 1st
Incl 8 trained Stretcher

One for CO and Two for

Headquarters Coy viz:-

2(a)	Coy HQ				
2(b)	CO Coy (Captain)	1			1
2(c)	CSM	1			1
2(d)	CQMS	1			1
2(e)	Clerks			21	21
2(f)	Cycle Orderlies			1	1
2(g)	<u>TOTAL Coy HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>

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DRAFT WE GUARD BATTALION (BR-IT)

(I) PERSONNEL

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Appx 'B' to 2 District letter
2102/15 G(SD1) dated 27 Mar 45

WOs or ers Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ptes	TOTAL
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Remarks

			1
			1
			1
			1
			1
			1
1			1
1			1
		2	2
2	2	2	6
1	1	3	5
	1	10 8	12 6
		2	2
		3	3
5	4	22 17	32 32

Incl S/Sgt and Sgt or L/Sgt
Responsible also for Map Store and issues of Maps
Incl 8 trained Stretcher Bearers as Bn Pool

One for CO and Two for remaining Five Officers

			1
1			1
1			1
		21	21
		1	1
2		42 42	43 45

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Serial	Particulars	WOs or Officers Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ptes	TOTAL	
3	<u>Signal Pl</u>	1	2	10	13	Pl Comd to be Sgt.
4	<u>Transport Pl:-</u>					
4(a)	LT Officer (Subaltern)	1			1	
4(b)	Mechanist - Sgt		1		1	In view of low cate
4(c)	Dvr Hoch		2		2	
4(d)	Drivers IC			9	9	
4(e)	DRs or I/C Orderlies			6	6	
4(f)	<u>TOTAL Tpt Pl</u>	1	1	15	19	
5	<u>Pioneer Pl:-</u>					
5(a)	Sgt	1			1	
5(b)	Carpenters			12	12	
5(c)	Plumbers			1	1	
5(d)	Painters			1	1	
5(e)	Bricklayers			1	1	
5(f)	Line-Lifting and Bomb Disposal Sec		1	8	9	Trained in Line-lif
5(g)	<u>TOTAL Pioneer Pl</u>	1	1	22	24	
6	<u>Employment Pl:-</u>					
6(a)	Regimental Police	1	4	8	13	Incl 1 Sgt and 2 G. Traffic Control
6(b)	Shoemaker			1	1	
6(c)	Post Orderly		1		1	Cpl
6(d)	Equipment Repairer			1	1	
6(e)	Armorer Sgt	1			1	To be assisted by c
6(f)	Butcher			1	1	
6(g)	Sanitary Duties			2	2	For Bn HQ and HQ Co
6(h)	Cooks - Officers Mess			1	1	For Bn HQ and HQ Co

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WOs or Officers Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Ptes	TOTAL
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Remarks

1	2	10	13
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Pl Comd to be Sgt. See to be trained in Line and Telephone Maintenance.

1	1	2	9	6	19
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In view of low category vens.

1	1	2	15	19
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1	1	2	1	2
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Trained in mine-lifting, Demolition and Booby-Traps

1	1	1	8	12
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1	4	8	13
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Incl 1 Sgt and 1 Cpl. To be equipped with 6 L/Cs for Traffic Control Work

1	1	1	1
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Cpl

1

To be assisted by one trainee from each Guard Coy

1

1	1	1	1
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For Bn HQ and HQ Coy

2	2
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For Bn HQ and HQ Coy Mess

1	1
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Serial	Particulars	WOs or		Ptes	TOTAL	Remarks
		Officers	Senior Junior			
		NCOs	NCOs			
<u>Employment Pl (contd) :-</u>						
6(i)	Cooks - R & F Mess			1	1	
6(j)	Cookhouse Orderly			1	1	
6(k)	Waiters - Officers Mess			2	2	
6(l)	Batmen			1	1	
6(m)	Barber			1	1	
6(n)	<u>TOTAL Employment Pl</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	For CO Coy and LT OFF
7	<u>TOTAL Headquarters Coy</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	Total of Serials 2(g)

GUARD COY

Comprises :- HQ
4 Pls each of 4 Secs

8	<u>Coy HQ :-</u>					
8(a)	CO Coy (Captain)	1			1	
8(b)	CSM		1		1	
8(c)	CQMS		1		1	
8(d)	Clerks			2	2	
8(e)	Cycle Orderlies			2	2	
8(f)	Cooks - Officers Mess			1	1	
8(g)	" - R & F Mess			2	2	
8(h)	Batmen-Orderly			1	1	
8(i)	Sanitary Dutymen			1	1	
8(j)	Barber			1	1	
8(k)	<u>TOTAL Coy HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	General Dutymen to be

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WOs or Officers Senior NCOs		Junior NCOs	Ptes	TOTAL	Remarks
			1	1	
			1	1	
			2	2	
			1	1	
			1	1	
2		5	20	27	For OG Coy and LT Officer
2	7	10	20 ³⁷	27 ⁵⁶	Total of Serials 2(g) 3 4(f) 5(g) and 6(n)

OS

			1	1
1			1	1
1			1	1
		2	2	2
		2	2	2
		1	1	1
		2	2	2
		1	1	1
		1	1	1
		1	1	1
2	-	10	13	13

General Dutymen to be provided from Coy fatigues

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Serial	Particulars	WOs or		Ptes	TOTAL
		Officers	Junior NCOs		
9	Four Pls each comprising:-				
9(a)	Pl Comd (Subaltern)	1			1
9(b)	Pl Sgt		1		1
9(c)	Pl Cpl		1		1
9(d)	Batmen - Orderly			1	1
9(e)	Rifle Secs (2)		2	16	18
9(f)	LMG Secs (2)		2	16	18
9(g)	TOTAL Pl	1	1	33	40
9(h)	TOTAL Four Pls	4	4	132	160
10	TOTAL Guard Coy	5	6	142	173
11	TOTAL Four Guard Coys	20	24	568	692
12	TOTAL Bn	28	36	656 642	808 800

TOTAL of Serials 1(o) 7

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WOs or Officers Senior NGOs	Junior NGOs	Ptes	TOTAL
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1			1
	1		1
		1	1
		1	1
		2	16
		2	16
1	1	5	33
4	4	20	132

5	6	20	142	173
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20	24	80	568	692
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28	36	94	650 642	808 800
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TOTAL of Serials 1(o) 7 and 11.

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II - Transport

Car 4 str 4 X 2	1	-	Or Jeep in lieu for Bn Comd.
Lorries 3 ton 4 X 2 GS	7	-	2 for Bn HQ and 1 per Coy
Truck 15 cwt 4 X 2 Water	1	-	
Motor Cycles Solo	12	-	6 for DRs and 6 for Regimental Police
Bicycles	11	-	2 for Bn HQ. 1 For Headquarters Coy and 2 for each Guard Coy

III - Weapons

LMGs	34	-	2 for Headquarters Coy for defence Bn HQ and 2 per Pl in each Guard Coy. i.e. 8
PIATS	8(a)	-	2 per Guard Coy - personnel to be found
TSMGs or equivalent	76	-	Rifle Secs 1 for Bn HQ. 1 For Sig Sec. 9 for Vch 1 for Bn Sec, and 1 per Sec in each Guard i.e. 16 per Guard Coy.
Rifles	639 645	-	
Revolvers	39	-	1 for each Officer excl Medical Officer and personnel.

(a) - To be kept in Coy Reserve and only issued in emergency.

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II - Transport

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	1	-	Or Jeep in lieu for Bn Comd.
2 GS	7	-	2 for Bn HQ and 1 per Coy
2 Water	1	-	
	12	-	6 for DPs and 6 for Regimental Police
	11	-	2 for Bn HQ. 1 for Headquarters Coy and 2 for each Guard Coy

III - Weapons

	34	-	2 for Headquarters Coy for defence Bn HQ generally and 2 per Pl in each Guard Coy. i.e. 8 per Guard Coy.
	8(a)	-	2 per Guard Coy - personnel to be found from Rifle Secs
at	76	-	1 for Bn HQ. 1 for Sig Sec. 9 for Veh Drivers. 1 for Pnr Sec, and 1 per Sec in each Guard Coy. i.e. 16 per Guard Coy.
	638 646	-	
	39	-	1 for each Officer excl Medical Officer and Motor Cycle personnel.

- To be kept in Coy Reserve and only issued in emergency.

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Subject: Guard Bns

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/13

29. March 45

Ministry Of War

Reference SD/13 of 25 March 45.

Please submit a WE for an Italian Independent Guard Company
(5 offrs, 150 ORs, total 155) to cover the five units referred to.

G.P. Holt. Ings.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

R²⁹/₃

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: S.M.R.E.

TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: II965/Ord./1

DATE: 27 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Guard Battalions.

Reference M.M.I.A. letter SD/I3 of 25th. inst. on the subject "Guard Battalions" and "Grenadier Companies with R.A.A.G.":-

To confirm verbal communication with Major Baumann:-

- 1) - The total strength of the five companies of 518 Guard Btn. is 775 men.
- 2) - For the administration of the two grenadier companies with R.A.A.G.; and the coordination of their employment, a Battalion H.Q. is necessary.
- 3) - We beg of you to authorise 25 men for the above mentioned H.Q.

In this way the total strength of 518 Guard Battalion would not be in excess of the 800 men laid down for the Guards Battalions.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

C. DANIN CPL.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/I3.
DATE: 29/3.

Answered
30 March
250

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Translated fully ph. **SEGRETO**
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
22 Sezione Ordinamento **URGENTE**

n° 11965/Ord./I. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 27 marzo 45

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

OGGETTO: Battaglioni Guardia.-

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

Riferimento fogli di codesta M.M.I.A. SD/13
del 25 corrente all'oggetto "Battaglioni Guardia" e
"Compagnie Granatieri con il R.A.A.C.".-

A conferma comunicazione verbale al maggiore
Baumann.-

- 1°)- La forza complessiva per le cinque compagnie del
518° btg. guardia è di 775 unità.-
- 2°)- Per amministrare le due compagnie granatieri con
il R.A.A.C. e coordinarne l'impiego è necessario
un comando di battaglione.-
- 3°)- Pregasi autorizzare 25 unità per il comando pre-
detto.-

In tal modo la forza complessiva del 518°
battaglione guardia non supererebbe le 800 unità
stabilite per i battaglioni guardia.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)



Ghiubbi

Subject: Wgtl HQ Italian Guard Regt
Guard Bn.

Land Forces sub Commission HQ
(M.H. I.A.)

File No 30/13

27 March 45

For Ministry

1. ^{Forwarded} ~~attached~~ HQs for a Regt HQ Italian Guard Regt and a Guard Bn are attached. It is proposed that one Regt HQ and certain Guard Bns which are being transferred to HQ-III ceiling should be converted on to the proposed establishments from 530/4 and 534/4 respectively.

2. It will be noted that the proposed establishment for the Regt HQ includes an increase of 33 GAs and for the Guard Bn of 3 officers and 5 GAs.

3. It is not considered desirable that there should be any increase in the strength of the Guard Bn though the addition of the 21/4 is approved in principle and provided that total of 800 all ranks is not exceeded it is agreed that the strength of officers and GAs may be varied.

4. May these proposed establishments be considered and returned with comments by 0900 hrs Thursday 29 March.
The following points should be included in the reply :-

- (a) Is the increase in the Regt HQ considered essential or could it be reduced?
- (b) What alterations in HQ for Guard Bn are recommended in order to reduce the total strength to 800 all ranks?
It is suggested that the necessary reduction might be effected by the following amendments :-

(1) Medical Sec

for 100 10 road 6.

(2) also listing a bomb disposal section of 1000 12

for 100 6 road 2.

(c) Are the proposed establishments suitable and economic from an admin point of view?

2. It will be noted that the proposed establishment for the Regt 1 includes an increase of 33 CPOs and for the Guard Bn of 3 officers and 5 CPOs.

3. It is not considered desirable that there should be any increase in the strength of the Guard Bn though the addition of the 21/c is approved in principle and provided that total of 889 all ranks is not exceeded it is agreed that the strength of officers and CPOs may be varied.

4. May these proposed establishments be considered and returned with comments by 0900 hrs Thursday 20 March.
The following points should be included in the reply :-

- (a) is the increase in the Regt 1B considered essential or could it be reduced?
- (b) what alterations in 1B for Guard Bn are recommended in order to reduce the total strength to 800 all ranks?
It is suggested that the necessary reduction might be effected by the following amendments :-

(i) Medical Sec

for Ptes 40 read Ptes 6.

(ii) Mine Laying & Bomb disposal Section of Pioneer Pl

for Ptes 6 read Ptes 2.

- (c) Are the proposed establishments suitable and economic from an admin point of view?

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Major General
M. B. L. A.

Copy to: A
Q

R 28/7

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GRANATIERI Coys with RAAC

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Reference is made to M.M.I.A. letter SD/13 of 25 March 45, subject, 519 Gd Bn.
2. The two GRANATIERI Coys of the 519 Gd Bn are overstrength. You will immediately bring the two coys down to their approved W.E. (5 officers 150 ORs for each Coy).
3. Beginning 1 April 45, the two GRANATIERI Coys will not be permitted to draw rations in excess of their authorised W.E..

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Internal: Q1

WS

R26/3

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: 518 Gd Bn

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

File No. SD/13

25 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The 518 Gd Bn will be composed of the below listed units:-

534 Special Gd Co. ✓

535 Special Gd Co. ✓

1st GRANATIERY Co. ✓

2nd GRANATIERY Co. ✓

1st Kings Co. RE ✓

2. The authorised strength of each of the above companies is five (5) officers and one hundred fifty (150) enlisted men.

REP

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

WS

R26/3

See folio 180
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*AV - noted & Orbat
amended by Accounts Section - 26/29/3*

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: DISTHREE

231205

TO : MMIA

RESTRICTED

INFO: AFHQ (FOR G3 ORG) MMIA LO: 227 DIV LO

IMPORTANT

REF : SD 16

173

AMEND MY SD 993 OF 21 MAR AS FOLLOWS (.) STR 501 BN SHOULD
READ QUOTE DEFICIENT OFFRS 9 OR 291 UNQUOTE NOT QUOTE
SURPLUS OFFR 1 OR 89 UNQUOTE

*25 Mar
RSP*

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action copy SD/13

SD/13/1

nv 24 Mar

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u/cs

MMIA

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3 DIST FOR MMIA LO

SD 2513

CONFIDENTIAL

SIGNAL HQ MMIA LIST OF UNITS CMA THEIR STRENGTH CMA
AND LOCATION CMA THAT THREE DIST IS USING TO FORM THE FIVE TWO
FIVE GD BN

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

Pinkley
Major

Internal: File: SD/13

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COPY.

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FROM : DISTHREE

TO : MMIA

INFO : AFHQ FOR G3 (Org) : MMIA LO 227 Div LO.

SD 993.

RESTRICTED.

REF YOUR SD 2479 OF 18 MAR (*) FIRST (*) LOCATION OF HQ 525 BN REQUESTED
 SALERNO (*) SECOND (*) 501 GD BN LESS NUMBERS 1 AND 2 COYS IS ^{DEFICIENT} SURPLUS
 1 OFFER ²⁹¹ 89 ORs (*) 504 BN LESS NUMBER 2 COY IS SURPLUS 4 OFFERS 187 ORs (*)
 THIRD (*) PROPOSE TO FORM ONE NEW COY OF 501 BN IN 56 AREA AND ATT to 56
 AREA (*) THIS WILL ADJUST SURPLUS STR 504 BN

AMENDED
 BY SD 16
 SEE F. 176
 W.ES

Precedence -

SD DIST:

Action copy: SD/13
SD/13/1

tv8.

501
 4-291

3 Dist in
 taking the 1st Ex
 Calabria Div moving
 1-89
 Naples today for 501
 501 - 1st Bn

shortage remaining

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550	Trn 2d Co.	30
2 Coy	504	30
501	(Benevento)	25
501	(Salerno)	26
		<u>111</u>

23 mar
 REP

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

MESSAGE FORM.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

EE A

FROM : MMIA
TO : HQ 3 DISTRICT
REF NO : SD 2506

RESTRICTED 168

MAY AN ANSWER NOW BE GIVEN TO MMIA SIGNAL SD 2479 OF 18 MAR REFERENCE
ITALIAN GO BNC

See 173

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticated _____

SD/13 ←

tvb.

R²²/₃

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: SMIRE.

To: MMIA.

Ref: 11731/Ord./11.

18/3/45

Subject: Unauthorised Italian units.

Answer to letter SD/13-12/3/45.

SD/13

See file 165

I have personally ascertained the causes and facts that have brought about the regrettable inconvenience, of strengths in excess of the authorised, in Calabria, for the period as under indicated.

In completion of letters already exchanged, and further to verbal information supplied, I summarise the information requested in paragraph 6, of MMIA's letter SD/15- 26/1/45. — 114/1

- a) General Coronati Mil. Commander in charge of the employment of excess personnel adhered to the request of the 3rd district, and it is a fact that he did not fail to inform this S.M. of the subject in question. Consequently this S.M. informed the MMIA of what had happened, proposing and requesting instructions. (Letter 9787/Ord-3/1/45) It would have been more opportune to ask first the MMIA, and subsequently follow out their instructions. However I think that the Mil. Com. of Calabria acted in the best way as he thought, thinking in good faith to be able to adhere to the requests of the local Allied Auth.
- b) As suggested by Col Kerr, the period during which excess personnel were employed, could be included in the following dates.
- From "3/12/44(the departure of the 'Montava' Group from Calabria.)
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c) The numbers of excess ration distributed can be based on 532 daily. 5260

This figure has been calculated in a similar manner by Col KERR as follows.

- Personnel recovered up to the 13th March. ----- 415
- N.C.Os in course of being reemployed. ----- 54
- Personnel who ~~will go to~~ GLI ASTRONI camp accompanying animals to Littoria and Frosinone. ----- 63

Total. 532.

P.T.O.

(R)

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Rations

MMIA-'G'
FILE: 58/13
DATE: 21 Jan.

23 March
see also
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In the a/m number of 532, the 98 condgee drivers who were fed up to the 25/3/45, was authorised by MMIA.
I have issued instruction to the effect that the maximum strength in Calabria will be reduced to 2 Bns. of Internal security, of a complete strength of 800 men. *Surplus personnel will be sent to Sicily.*

It will be my duty to see that these inconveniences, as far as possible, will not re-occur *in the future.*

GD.

Chief of Army S.M.

(X X X)

Ref C.
data + strength
noted in 'Unauthorised
Issues' by Accounting
Section

Planning
24/3.

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

IN

N° 11731 /Ord./II di prot.

P.M. 3800, 18 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Reparti italiani non autorizzati.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA)

ROMA

Rispondo al foglio di codesta Missione SD/13 del 12

c.m.-

Ho personalmente accertato come si sono in effetti svolti i fatti che hanno portato al lamentato inconveniente di una forza superiore a quella autorizzata in Calabria per il periodo di seguito precisato.-

A completamento del carteggio intercorso in argomento e dei chiarimenti verbalmente già forniti, riassumo le notizie richieste al paragrafo 6° del foglio di codesta MMIA SD/15 del 26 gennaio u.s.:

- a) - dispose l'impiego del personale esuberante l'allora comandante militare della Calabria, generale Coronati. Lo stesso aderì a richiesta del 3° District e non mancò peraltro di segnalare la questione a questo S.M., sia pure a fatto compiuto.
- In conseguenza questo S.M. rappresentò l'accaduto a codesta M.M.I.A. inoltrando proposte e chiedendo disposizioni. (foglio 9787/Ord. del 3 gennaio u.s.). Sarebbe stato più opportuno interpellare prima codesta M.M.I.A. e regolarsi successivamente in base alle disposizioni di codesta Missione: ritengo comunque che il comandante militare della Calabria abbia agito a fin di bene e ritenendo in buona fede di poter aderire alle richieste delle autorità alleate locali.

- b) - Come suggerito dal colonnello KERR, il periodo nel qua-

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b) - Come suggerito dal colonnello KERR, il periodo nel quale è stato impiegato personale esuberante può inquadrarsi nelle seguenti date:

- dal 3 dicembre 1944 (partenza del gruppo "Mantova" dalla Calabria),
- al 13 febbraio 1945 (partenza del primo scaglione di militari recuperati per il campo de Gli Astroni).

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c) - Il numero delle razioni distribuite in eccesso può fissarsi in 532 giornaliere. Detta cifra è stata calcolata, analogamente a quanto indicato dal colonnello KERR, come segue:

- personale recuperato fino a tutto il 13 marzo	415
- sottufficiali in corso di reimpiego	54
- conducenti che affluiranno a Gli Astromi dopo aver accompagnato i noti quadri a Littoria e Frosinone	63

Totale

532

Nella predetta cifra di 532 sono compresi n. 98 conducenti il cui vettovagliamento fino al 25 marzo c.a. è stato autorizzato da codesta M.M.I.A.-

Ho impartito disposizioni perchè la forza massima in Calabria sia ridotta da quella di due battaglioni di S.I. a 800 uomini complessivamente.- Il personale esuberante sarà avviato anche esso a Gli Astroni.-

Sarà mia cura di far tutto il possibile perchè inconvenienti del genere non abbiano a verificarsi in avvenire.-



IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO

Roma

Translation.Secret.

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From: SMRE
To: MMIA

Ref: 11651/Ord./V.

Date: 17th March 45.

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Subject: Recovery of personnel attached to II/Sth "Mantova" Regt. ^{21 Feb.}

Further to phonogram 11025/Ord dated ^{21 Feb.}

1/ Hereunder are data in respect of the recovery of 154 soldiers meant to guard and groom animals left in Calabria by "Mantova" Div.

35 men sent to "G.L. Petroni" Camp during the period 6-13 Mar.
47 " returned to "Mantova" Hq group during the same period.
72 " at present employed to accompany animals to Istria & Fossimone. On completion of such duty, 63 men will be sent to "G.L. Petroni" and the remaining 9 will return to "Mantova" Group.

2/ Adding the 380 men already reported, the total number of men sent to "G.L. Petroni" Camp is 415, up to and including 13th Mar. 45.

3/ The total number of Senior NCOs recovered and who are being re-employed, raised from 50 to 54.

4/ With transfers detailed above, the recovery of personnel in excess at the two Internal Security Bn. located in Calabria, is completed.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: 58/13.

DATE: 20/3.

Agd 1 G. 210221

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STATO MAGGIORE REALE ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 11651 /Anno II di prov.

P.L. 3800, 17 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Recupero personale già aggregato al II/8° regt. "Iosta".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O. (AMIA) ROMA

Seguito form. n° 11023/Ord. del 21 Feb.

1°)- Si comunicano i dati relativi al recupero dei 154 militari additi alla custodia e governo dei quadrupedi lasciati in Calabrie dalla divisione "Mantova":

- n° 35 militari svizzeri al campo de "Gli Astroni" nel periodo

dal 6 al 13 marzo;

- " 47 militari fatti rientrare all'Italgruppo "Mantova" nel periodo predetto;

- " 72 militari attualmente impiegati per accompagnamento quadrupedi a Littoria e a Frosinone. - A servizio ultimato 63 militari affluiranno al campo de "Gli Astroni", i rimanenti 9 rientreranno al gruppo "Mantova".-

2°)- Tenendo conto dei 380 militari già segnalati, il numero complessivo dei militari avviati al campo de "Gli Astroni" a tutto il 13 marzo è di 415.-

3°)- Il numero dei sottufficiali recuperati e per i quali è in corso il rimpiego è solito da 50 a 54.-

4°)- Con i trasferimenti suddetti viene completato il recupero del

21 Feb.

Seguito telegramma 11025/Ord. del 2 corrente.

- 1°)- Si comunicano i dati relativi al recupero dei 154 militari adibiti alla custodia e governo dei quadrupedi lasciati in Calabria dalla divisione "Mantova":
 - n° 85 militari avviati al campo de "Gli Astroni" nel periodo dal 6 al 13 marzo;
 - " 47 militari fatti rientrare all'italgruppo "Mantova" nel periodo predetto;
 - " 72 militari attualmente impiegati per accompagnamento quadrupedi a Litteria e a Frosinone. - A servizio ultimato 63 militari affluiranno al campo de "Gli Astroni", i rimanenti 9 rientreranno al gruppo "Mantova".
- 2°)- Tenendo conto dei 280 militari già segnalati, il numero complessivo dei militari avviati al campo de "Gli Astroni" a tutto il 13 marzo è di 415.-
- 3°)- Il numero dei sottufficiali recuperati e per i quali è in corso il reimpiego è salito da 50 a 54.-
- 4°)- Con i trasferimenti suddetti viene completato il recupero del personale esuberante presso i due battaglioni di sicurezza 5257 na dislocati in Calabria.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Liuzzi

466-

3 Dec - 13 Feb

TranslationSecret

From:- SMKE.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:- 11679/Ord.

Date:- 16th Mar. 45.Subject:- Formation of Guard Bn.

Ref. conversation with Maj. BAUMANN.

1) The formation of three Guard Bns. in Frosinone Training Centre has been ordered.

- Denomination:-523rd Guard Bn.524th " "525th " "- W/E:- These already approved by you (Ref. Ltas SD/18 dated 8th Nov and 12 Dec. 44.- Dates of formation:-1st April 45 - date of formation of 525th Guard Bn.5th " " " " " " 524th " "10th " " " " " " 525th " "readiness to leave It is expected that these ~~three~~ Bns. will be in readiness to leave the following dates:-5th April 45 - 523rd Guard Bn.10th " " " " " " 524th " "15th " " " " " " 525th " "2) Personnel.a) Officers will be assigned by M of W - Officers Personnel Branch.b) Senior and Junior NCOs will be supplied by MMIA as agreed with Maj. BAUMANN.c) Men will be drawn from Frosinone Training Centre as under:-

500 Recruits

167 Call up or mil. personnel returning from Indiana } for each Bn.

3) Material.a) Armament, equipment and various material will be supplied by this office.

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23 mar
R.E.

P.T.O.

MMIA 'G'

FILE: SD/13.

DATE: 20/3

6) Vehicles will be supplied by MM14. This office will forward the request.

7) Since the 4th Bn. will be formed ^{to replace} ~~in place of~~ the 502, 503 and 504 Guard Bn. which, together with 400 1st Guard Regt, will pass from category 171-171 to category 171, please inform this office the date on which this category will be changed.

(Sgt) G. L10221.

Sgt. TROCK

[Signature]

Tell by
folio 168

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Transmitted ~~SECRET~~

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESECRITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

IN IN

no 11649 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 16 marzo 1945

OCCORRENZA: Costituzione Battaglioni guardia.-

Forming of guard battalions

ALLA L.A.D FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

SP 17/3.
ROMA

P.M. 3800

Riferimento comunicazione verbale del maggiore Baumann.-

1.- E' stata disposta la costituzione, presso il centro addestramento di Frosinone, di tre battaglioni guardia.-

- Nominativi:

- . 5230 battaglione guardia,
- . 5240 "
- . 5250 "

- Organici: quelli già approvati da codesta I.F.S.C.
- A.C. (MILIA) (fogli SD/18 dell'8 nov.
e 12 dicemb. 1944).-

- Date di costituzione:

- . 10 aprile p.v. - per il 5230 battaglione guardia,
- . 5 aprile p.v. - per il 5240 "
- . 10 aprile p.v. - per il 5250 "

Si prevede che detti battaglioni siano pronti a partire per le seguenti date:

- . 5 aprile p.v. - 5230 battaglione guardia,
- . 10 aprile p.v. - 5240 "
- . 15 aprile p.v. - 5250 "

2.- Personale

5255

SP 17/3.
 FORM
 P.M. 3800

Forming of guard battalions
 ALLIED LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION A.C. (MILIA)
 e, per conoscenza:
 AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

Riferimento comunicazione verbale del maggiore Baumann.-

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- Nominativi:

- . 523° battaglione guardia,
- . 524° "
- . 525° "

- Organici:

quelli già approvati da codesta I.F.S.C.
 - A.C. (MILIA) (fogli SD/16 dell'8 nov.
 e 12 dicemb. 1944).-

- Date di costituzione :

- . 1° aprile p.v. - per il 523° battaglione guardia,
- . 5 aprile p.v. - per il 524° "
- . 10 aprile p.v. - per il 525° "

Si prevede che detti battaglioni siano pronti a partire per le seguenti date :

- . 5 aprile p.v. - 523° battaglione guardia,
- . 10 aprile p.v. - 524° "
- . 15 aprile p.v. - 525° "

2.- Personale

a)- Ufficiali:

- saranno assegnati a cura del M.G. - Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali.

b)- Sottufficiali e graduati:

- saranno forniti da codesta I.F.S.C. - A.C. (MILIA), come d'intesa col maggiore Baumann.

c)- Truppe:

- sarà tratta dal centro addestramento complementi

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di Grosinone, nella misura di:

- . 500 reclute
- . 167 richiamati o militari provenienti-
ti dalla Sardegna

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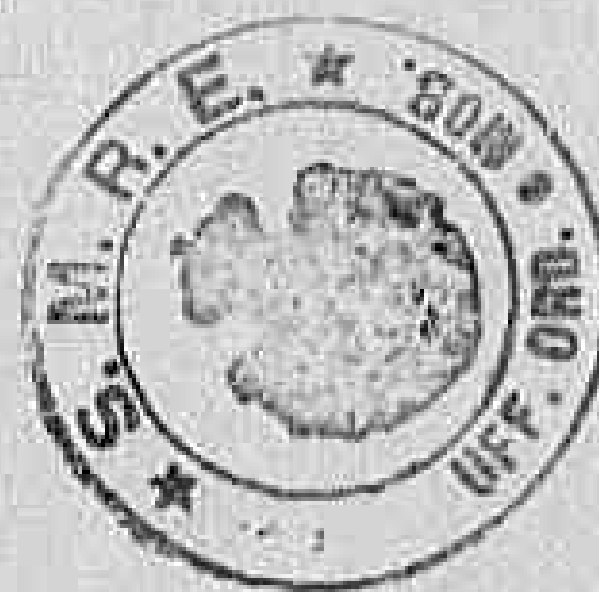
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3.- Materiali:

- a)- Armamento - equipaggiamento e materiali vari : saranno forniti da questo S.M.
- b)- Automezzi: saranno forniti da codesta M.M.I.I.; questo S.M. - Ufficio Servizi, inoltrerà richiesta.-

4.- Poichè i battaglioni sopradetti vengono costituiti in sostituzione dei battaglioni guardia 502°, 503° e 519° che, unitamente al comando 1° reggimento guardia, saranno passati dalla categoria ITI-IFI a quella per BR - IFI, pregasi compiacersi far conoscere sotto quale data avverrà tale passaggio di categoria.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Linuzzi)



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REF A F H Q SIGNAL F X FOUR THREE THREE ONE NINE OF ONE FOUR MARCH
FOUR FIVE (.) NUMERICAL DESIGNATION OF NEW I T I - I T I GUARD BN
ABSORBING SURPLUS OF FIVE ONE ZERO CD BN, FIVE FIVE ZERO TRAIN CD CO
AND COYS OF FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO FOUR BNS IS FIVE TWENTY-FIVE (.)
PLEASE INFORM M M I A OF COMPANY NUMBERS AND STRENGTH OF UNITS TO
BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO FOUR BNS TO THE
FIVE TWO FIVE (.) WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE HQ FIVE TWO FIVE LOCATED (.)
INFORM OF NUMBER OF RFTS NEEDED TO BRING FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO
FOUR UP TO W E (.) FOR A F H Q (.) NO OBSTACLES TO PROGRAM AND
SCHEDULE FOR FORMATION OF BNS FIVE APRIL, TEN APRIL, AND ONE FIVE
APRIL (.) THE FIVE TWO THREE AND FIVE TWO FOUR CD BNS WILL BE FORMED
AT F R O S I N O N E UNDER M M I A AND S M R E ARRANGEMENTS (.)
EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE OF CATEGORY FROM I T I - I T I TO B R - I T I
OF FIVE ZERO TWO, FIVE ZERO THREE, FIVE ONE NINE CD BNS AND FIRST REST
GUARD HQ IS TWENTY MARCH

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FOUR FIVE (.) NUMERICAL DESIGNATION OF NEW I T I - I T I GUARD BN
ABSORBING SURPLUS OF FIVE ONE ZERO CD BN, FIVE FIVE ZERO TRAIN CD CO
AND COYS OF FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO FOUR BNS IS FIVE TWENTY-FIVE (.)
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SUBJECT: ITI-ITI Guard Bns

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 5th ARMY (BR INCR) 2 DIST 3 DIST 163
MMIA LO 5th Army (BR INCR) MMIA LO 3 DIST
1. Further to MMIA letter SD/13 of 14 March 45, subject as above.

2. The 525th Gd Bn will be formed with personnel coming from the surplus strength of the 510 Gd Bn, the 550 Train Guard Company, and the Companies of the 501 and 504 Bns which are now on duty as Train Gds. Details will be notified to you later, see MMIA signal SD 2479 dated 18 March to 3 Dist., copy to you. The eventual employment of the 525 Gd Bn will be as Train Guards.

3. Effective 20 March 1945, the 1st Regimental Guard HQ, 502 Guard Bn, 503 Gd Bn, and 519 Gd Bn is transferred from Category 5 to Category 3 (BR-ITI).

See F. K. ...
REX E. HINKLEY
S/D REP Major
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO : MMIA

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OC TRAIN AND RLY GUARDS ITALY

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YOUR SD 2443 OF 11TH NOT TO ALL (.) 1 (.) IN VIEW OF REQUIREMENTS
FOR FURTHER GUARD BN FOR TRAIN GUARD AND GENERAL DUTIES FOLLOWING
PLAN PROVISIONALLY AGREED COL KERR DURING VISIT (.) HQ 1 ITALIAN
GUARDS REGT 502 503 AND 519 ITALIAN GUARD BNS NOW UNDER OPERATIONAL
COMD DISTWO WILL BE TRANSFERRING FROM ITI-ITI CEILING TO HR-ITI CEILING
(.) WEAPONS WILL BE ITALIAN OWING TO SHORTAGE OF BRITISH STOCKS (.)
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR EXISTING W.E. IF REQUIRED WILL BE SENT BY
ADDRESSEES SOONEST FOR SUBMISSION TO WEC DISTWO WILL SUBMIT W.E. FOR
REGTL HQ (.) 2 (.) MMIA WILL ARRANGE WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR
IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF 3 NEW ITI-ITI GUARD BNS IN LIEU OF BNS IN
(????)
PARA 1 ABOVE (.) 1 OF THREE NEW BNS WILL INCORPORATE SURPLUS STRENGTH
OF 510 TRAIN GUARD BN 550 TRAIN GUARD COY AND COYS 501 AND 504 BNS
NOW ON TRAIN GUARDS (.) 501 AND 504 GUARD BNS WILL BE MADE UP TO
WE/TO SOONEST BY ADDITION REPLACEMENT COYS (.) 3 (.) CONFIRM NO
OBSTACLES TO ABOVE PROGRAMME AND STATE EARLIEST DATES FOR COMPLETION
NEW BNS ON AGREED WE/TO (.) 4 (.) FOR DISTHREE (.) YOUR SD 780 OF 07
REFERS

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510 = 167
SSD Tm Gd Co = 141

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File 165

Subject: Unauthorized Italian Units

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/13 ←
16 March 1945

To : Minister for War

References

- 125 — Our SD/15 of 25 Jan, sub: unauthorized battalion in Calabria.
- 125 — Your 201606/CA of 5 Feb, sub: unauthorized battalion in Calabria.
- 131 — Your 10705/Ord. di prot. of 9 Feb, sub: recovery of personnel attached to II/5 - "Aosta" Regt.
- 131 — Our SD/13 of 13 Feb, sub: unauthorized personnel of the so-called "Aosta" Bn in Calabria.
- 133 — Your 10914/Ord. di prot. of 18 Feb, sub: recovery of personnel attached to II/5 - "Aosta" Regt.
- 137 — Your 11025/Ord. di prot. of 21 Feb, sub: recovery of personnel attached to II/5 - "Aosta" Regt.
- 140 — Your 11424/Ord. di prot. of 7 Mar, sub: recovery of personnel attached to II/5 - "Aosta" Regt.
- 142 — Our SD/13 of 13 Mar, sub: unauthorized personnel of the so-called "Aosta" Bn in Calabria.
- 161 —

It is desired that concrete answers to the questions asked in Par 6 of the first reference letter be forwarded to this Headquarters without further delay.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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O.C. Train and Reg. guards ITALY.

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SECRET

MINIA-'B'

FILE: SD/13

DATE: 16/2

Ltr FHECT signed SACMCD

Yours SD 2443 of 11th NOT to add @

ONE @ In view of requirements for further guard to for train guard and general duties following plan provisionally agreed Col KERR during visit @ HQ one Italian guards Regt 502 503 and 519 Italian guard bus now under operational and DISTWO will be transferring from 171-171 ceiling to BR-171 ceiling O Weapons will be Italian owing to shortage of BRITISH stocks O Proposed amendments for existing WFE if required will be sent by addressee account for 5249

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DATE: 16/3.

Lt Col FHGCT signed SACMOD

You SD 2443 of 11th NOT to all O

ONE O In view of requirements for further guard bn for train
guard and general duties following plan provisionally agreed
Col. KERR during visit O HQ one Italian guards Regt 502 503
and 519 Italian guard bn now under operational control DISTWO
will be transferring from 171-171 ceiling to BR-171 ceiling O Weefors
will be Italian owing to shortage of BRITISH stocks O Proposed amendments
for existing WE if required will be sent by addresser as per 52249
submission to WEC DISTWO will submit WE for Regt. HQ O TWDO MMA
will arrange with Italian authorities for immediate formation of three new
171-171 guard bn in lieu of bn in para 1 above O One of three new bn
will incorporate surplus strength of 510 train guard bn 550
train guard Coy and cogs 501 and 504 bn now on

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their guards O 501 and 504 guard bus will be made
up to WE/TO nearest by addition replacement coys O THREE O
Confirm NO obstacles to above programme and state
earliest dates for completion new bus on agreed WE/TO O
FOUR O For DISTHREE O You SD 780 of 07 refers

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SUBJECT: III-III Guard Bns

LAND FORCES HQ-COM. A.S.
(M.N.I.A.)
File No. 2373
14 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is expected that in the very near future the undermentioned

1st Regimental Guard Bn
502 Gd Bn
503 Gd Bn
519 Gd Bn

will be transferred from the III-III Category to III-III. These units will keep their present numerical designation, personnel, clothing, arms, and equipment.

2. You will form three new III-III Guard Bns, to be known as the 505, 506, and 507th Gd Bns, at FROSINONE. Target dates are as follows:-

505 Gd Bn to be formed by 5 April 45
506 Gd Bn to be formed by 10 April 45
507 Gd Bn to be formed by 15 April 45.

Report formation of units as completed.

3. To meet the required target dates, you should move the necessary officers, NCO's, specialists, housekeeping equipment, MT, and arms to FROSINONE at once.

4. These Bns will be clothed in Italian winter uniforms which will be no change from present FROSINONE procedure.

5. Destination and assignment of Gd Bns from FROSINONE will be furnished you later.

14 March 45

1. It is expected that in the very near future the undermentioned

1st Regimental Guard Bn
502nd Gd Bn
503rd Gd Bn
519th Gd Bn

will be transferred from the ILL-III Category to MM-III. These units will keep their present numerical designation, personnel, clothing, arms, and equipment.

2. You will form three new ILL-III Guard Bns, to be known as the 525th, 526th, and 527th Gd Bns, at FROSINONE. Target dates are as follows:-

523rd Gd Bn to be formed by 5 April 45
524th Gd Bn to be formed by 10 April 45
525th Gd Bn to be formed by 15 April 45.

Report formation of units as completed.

3. To meet the required target dates, you should move the necessary officers, NCO's, specialists, housekeeping equipment, etc., and arms to FROSINONE at once.

4. These Bns will be clothed in Italian outer uniforms which will be no change from present FROSINONE procedure.

5. Destination and assignment of Gd Bns from FROSINONE will be furnished you later.

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[Signature]

Major General
M. E. I. A.

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FROM : AFHQ sgd SACMED
TO : 15 ARMY GP
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SECRET

YOUR SD 1322 OF 07 (x) CITE FHGCT (x) ALLOCATION OF
GUARD BNS NOW UNDER REVIEW (x) AVAILABILITY OF FURTHER TPS
WILL BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY

Precedence IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: Unauthorized personnel of the
so-called "AGOSTA" BM in CALABRIA

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Further to our SD/13 of 13 Feb 45 and SMRE ref 11456/ORD of 10 March 45. 133
2. Permission is granted for the Italian Soldiers tending the 200 horses formerly of the MANTOVA Group to be counted as effective thru 25 March 45, or until the movement of the horses has taken place, but in no event later than thru 25 March 45. 154

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

Internal: Asst G-4

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Translation

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From: S.M.R.E., S.D. and Mobilization Office
S.D. Section

Ref. No. 11506/Ord. ~~11506~~
Date: March 9, 1945

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: 510th Guard Battalion.

Pursuant to ~~letter 10898/Ord. of February 17th last.~~

- The Bari territorial Command informed us that:
- on February 20th last the organization of the detachments was completed, wherefore military personnel formerly attached to the 510th Guard Battalion and forming part of sundry Iti-Iti organizations and services, were struck off the strength of the above-mentioned battalion;
 - as for military personnel not employed by the 510th Guard Battalion but on duty with various Allied organizations, the liaison office with M.M.I.A. of Bari, which was approached in the matter, replied that it had requested your instructions and ordered that, pending receipt of such instructions, the above military personnel should continue to be attached to the Guard Battalion in question.

Signed: Giorgio Luzzi
General

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Date Recd	1/1

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Wally *[Signature]*

14 March 1945

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

N° 11506 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 9 marzo 1945

OCCUPATO: 510° battaglione guardia.-

510 9d Batt

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

E O F A

A seguito e scioglimento riserva foglio 10395/Ord.
del 17 febbraio u.s.-

Il comando territoriale di Bari ha comunicato che:

- a) - in data 20 febbraio u.s. le operazioni di costituzione dei distaccamenti sono state completate e ~~da~~ pertanto i militari, già aggregati al 510° btg. guardia e facenti parte di enti e servizi vari ITI-ITI, sono stati perduti di forza dal suddetto battaglione;
- b) - per i militari non impiegati dal 510° btg. guardia, ma in servizio presso enti vari A.A., l'ufficio di collegamento con la A.M.I.A. di Bari, interessato al riguardo, ha fatto conoscere di avere richiesto istruzioni a codesta A.M.I.A. e ha disposto che, in attesa di dette istruzioni, i suddetti militari continuino a rimanere aggregati al btg. guardia in questione.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Linzi)

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

F O M A

A seguito e scioglimento riserva foglio 10898/Ord.
del 17 febbraio u.s.-

Il comando territoriale di Bari ha comunicato che:

- a) - in data 20 febbraio u.s. le operazioni di costituzione dei distaccamenti sono state completate e ~~per~~ pertanto i militari, già aggregati al 5100° btg. guardie e facenti parte di enti e servizi vari ITI-ITI, sono stati perduti di forza dal suddetto battaglione;
- b) - per i militari non impiegati dal 5100° btg. guardie, ma in servizio presso enti vari A.A., l'ufficio di collegamento con la M.M.I.A. di Bari, interessato al riguardo, ha fatto conoscere di avere richiesto istruzioni e codesta M.M.I.A. e ha disposto che, in attesa di dette istruzioni, i suddetti militari continuino a rimanere aggregati al btg. guardie in questione.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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SUBJECT: Horses and Carts for Internal Security Divs.

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

File No. SD/13

9 March 45

TO : MEMIA LO SICILY

1. Forward your recommendation as to the number of horses and carts you think necessary for an Internal Security Division.

WB

REP
J Lt. Col.
G. S.

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