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SD/14/A Org. of Labour Units
Opened Sept. 25, 1944 - Closed Mar 9, 1945 -
Sept. 1944 - Mar. 1945

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COPY

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMET
TO : DISTWO
INFO : 5th ARMY MMIA

191840

EX 46314

SECRET

HQ 2ND BATTALION 412 ITALIAN PIONEER REGT 4 OFFRS 11 ORS 2
TONS OF STORES WILL MOVE BY ROAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS PRESENT
COMMAND DISTWO FROM TRIPALLE TO VICCHIO TO UNDER THE COMMAND
5TH ARMY FOR ALL PURPOSES(.) COMPLETION MOVES BY 28 MARCH(.)
REP AHEAD TO O.C. 55 GROUP PIONEER GRPS VICCHIO

Precedence : PRIORITY

SD DIST:

Action copy (SD/14)

Movement (2)

Labour

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FROM : 54 AREA 151230
TO : 66 GP PNR CORPS - MOV BARI
INFO : AFHQ (G3 ORG BRIT) - DISTONE - DISTHREE -
MOVEIT - 50 TOWN MAJOR - NMIA LO.

SD 225

CONFIDENTIAL

171 AND 172 ITALIAN PNR COYS STR EACH COY OFFRS 4 OR 206 STORES 10 TONS
WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM BARI TO ANCONA DURING PERIOD 19-25 MAR UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS MOV BARI M REPS WILL REPORT MOV BARI SOONEST (*)
ON ARRIVAL COYS COME UNDER COMD DISTONE FOR ALL PURPOSES (*)
DISTHREE SD 885 OF 14 MAR NOT TO ALL REFERS

See Mr. Vol 19/3
to file
@ 18/6
Precedence --

SD DIST:

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C O P Y

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHED CATE PROCT

TO : DISTONE

131530

INFO: MMIA
DISTONE

FX 42843

S E C R E T

PARA 1 (.) 168 169 170 ITALIAN PIONEER COYS 4 OFFICERS 205 ORS
10 TONS OF STORES EACH COY WILL MOVE WEEK 19-25 MARCH TARANTO FROM
UNDER COMMAND DISTONE TO AREZZO TO UNDER COMMAND OF DISTONE FOR
ALL PURPOSES (.) PARA 2 (.) 171 172 ITALIAN PIONEER COYS STRENGTH
SAME AS ABOVE FROM BARI TO ANCONA TO UNDER COMMAND OF DISTONE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

WB

SD DIST.: SD/61 (Action Copy)

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Subject: NCOs in Labour Units

Land Forces Sub Com AG
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/11

9 March 45

War Ministry

Reference your letter 11007/Ord dated 2 March 45.

1. No case has been made for a NEED for additional NCOs in the employments referred to.
2. If NCOs have been posted to these labour units in excess of vacancies, their number should be reduced by posting away or some other method.

G.P. Hoer hup.
for, Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A

Q

Labour

— Seen PM 10/3

R¹⁰ 6268

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M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A

Q
Labour

— Seen M2 10/3

Re 6268

Q. S. D.

Folio 26 is a monstrosity.

What it say is this

"We have posted too many NCO's
to the unit so now let us
alter the WF to fit the postings".

No alteration in WF is required.

9 Mar

A/R

Mr. Holt

For action pl



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File SE/19

Minute to Labour thro' A & Q

1. May we have your views on SMRE letter 11007/Ord dated 2 March (folio 26).
2. If you consider WEs should be altered please submit specific amendments.
3. - Attached ^{at folio 27} is a proforma showing the form in which your proposals should be submitted and containing instructions regarding the detail.

6 March 45

G. Holt
Major
GSO II (WE)
for H. W. G.

Seen
my
S/S

SPH
9/5

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Appendix "A" to MIA letter
SD/103 dated 7 March 45.

I THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Full title of the War Establishment(s) to be approved or amended together with the WE numbers, both CM/- and Vol XII (in the case of amendments to existing WEs).
- (b) Is the proposal for a new WE or for an amendment to an existing WE?
- (c) The title and number of any WE to be superseded, or designation of any unit to be converted to the new proposed WE.

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) What are the increases or decreases in the number of Officers, CMs, ATS, Civilians, I/Cs, and vehicles (by types)? (Where a number of comparisons is involved, these should be shown in detail on a comparative table attached on the proposal)
- (b) What upgradings or downgradings are proposed? (Where a number of changes in rank are involved these also should be shown in the form of a comparative table)
- (c) How many units in this theatre are affected?
- (d) Are any additional personnel, vehicles etc required to be obtained by conversion or reduction of any existing units, or does the proposal involve an overall increase to the number of personnel, vehicles etc required for this theatre?
- (e) If the proposal involves any increase in personnel, what reduction in the overall manpower ceiling as contained in the AFHQ Basic Order of Battle is to be made, or what reduction already effected but subsequent to 25 Mar 44 is to be used as an offset to cover such an increase?
- (f) Which of the personnel can be Medical Category "B" (unfit for general service with fighting units)?
- (g) Has approval in principle been obtained (where necessary) for

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II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) What are the increases or decreases in the number of officers, ORAs, ATS, Civilians, I/Cs, and vehicles (by types)? (Where a number of comparisons is involved, these should be shown in detail on a comparative table attached on the proposal)
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- (e) If the proposal involves any increase in personnel, what reduction in the overall manpower ceiling as contained in the ARMO Basic Order of Battle is to be made, or what reduction already effected but subsequent to 25 Mar 44 is to be used as an offset to cover such an increase?
- (f) Which of the personnel can be Medical Category "B" (unfit for general service with fighting units)?
- (g) Has approval in principle been obtained (where necessary) for the formation of the unit(s)? If so, from whom and when?
- (h) If the proposal is for a new unit, the draft of the proposed establishment should be attached to the proposal, together with a table showing detailed comparison(s) with any existing unit of the same type

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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

In the case of a new establishment these will necessarily include its function and should be as concise as possible but enough to give members of the Committee a clear description of the purpose of the organisation.

In the case of amendments they should show what has necessitated the change.

It will assist the Committee and consequently the sponsors if sponsoring branches anticipate the questions which are likely to be asked by the Committee and other interested branches. In particular a clear picture of the organisation in diagrammatical form should be included.

A long detailed description of the duties of each individual will be unnecessary, but the sponsor must be prepared to give oral answers on the duties of each individual at the meeting.

Sufficient detailed information to provide the Committee with a basis for assessing the need for the numbers proposed must always be included for example :-

Instructors - the number of students and
basis of allotment.

Mess Orderlies } The number type and strength
and Cooks } of each mess.

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Copy Translation Pioneer Units

From, S.M.R.E.

To, M.M.I.A.

Ref. 11007/ord.

2/3/45

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Subject: Employment of N.C.O.s.

We forward copy of letter 2/PC/3/A/38 - 9/1/45 of the H.Q. 2nd Group P.C. received via H.Q. Delegation "T" of the S.M.R.E.

The case revolves as a rule, on the regulations in force in the Italian Army which excludes N.C.O.s from participation in manual labour.

To avoid inconveniences, that could ~~have~~ have repercussions on the morale of the N.C.O.s, we suggest employing the N.C.O.s in office work, in place of junior N.C.O.s and privates who could be used for manual labour.

We ask the L.F.S.C. A.C. (MMIA) to kindly authorize the modification of W.E. accordingly, as has been done for the combat groups.

General I/C

GIORGIO LIVIZZI

SM 19.

S. 5/4. Mai Sup. Seen PM 8/3

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Subject: W/E

2/PC/A/A/38.

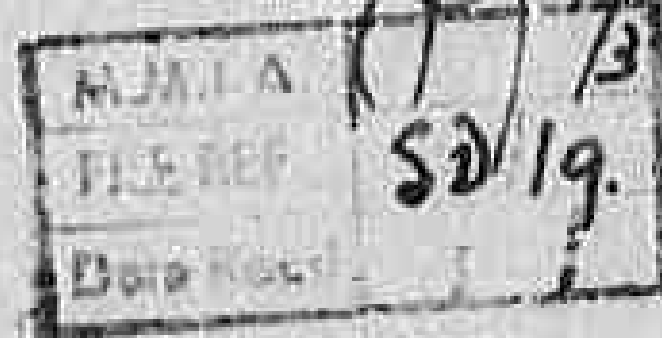
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To: Liaison Officers of all Coy P.I.

- 1/ It has been seen that the W/E's received, include a large number of NCOs (Senior) and being in excess of requirements, can be of little use in their units.
- 2/ According to instructions from M.H.S.E. all the Senior NCOs who are kept over the W/E must assume the same duties as the troops in the coy.
- 3/ It is expected, instructions will be issued shortly, whereby those NCOs who object to assuming the duties of privates can be deprived of their rank, and reduced to the rank of private, thereby being obliged to do manual labour.

*I.D. Davies*I.D. DAVIES Capt,
Adjutant 2nd Group. P.C.P.C.C.
Lt Col. Head Section
G. GUIDA

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

IN.

N° 4100² / ora. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 2° marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Impiego dei sottufficiali.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M. IFA.) - ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = CABINETTO

P.M. 3800*

Si trasmette copia del foglio 2/PC/Q/A/38 in data 9 gennaio del comando 2° gruppo P.C. pervenuto tramite del comando delegazione "F" dello S.M.R.E.-

Il caso incide su questioni di principio in quanto le disposizioni in vigore nell'Esercito Italiano escludono i sottufficiali dalla partecipazione materiale al lavoro.-

Allo scopo di eliminare l'inconveniente, che potrebbe avere sensibili ripercussioni sul morale dei sottufficiali, si prospetta la opportunità di impiegare i sottufficiali nei lavori di ufficio, in sostituzione di graduati e soldati che potrebbero essere così adibiti ai lavori *manuali*.

Si prega pertanto codesta I.R.S.O. AC. (M.M.I.A.) di compiacersi autorizzare a modificare in tal senso gli organici delle unità ausiliarie, in analogia a quanto è stato fatto per i gruppi di combattimento.-

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IL GENERALE ADDUTTO

P.M. 3800, 4/ marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Impiego dei sottufficiali.-



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

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = CABINETTO

P.M. 3800X

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Liuzzi

Copia / Traduzione

OGGETTO: Complementi.

2/PC/Q/A/38

Agli: UFFICIALI DI COLLEGAMENTO DI TUTTE LE COMPAGNIE P.I.

1. Si è visto che i complementi or ora ricevuti includono un gran numero di sottufficiali che prima di tutto sono di poco valore per i reparti in quanto sono in eccedenza agli organici.
2. Secondo istruzioni emanate dalla M.M.I.A. tutti questi sottufficiali tenuti in soprapiù agli organici devono essere obbligati ad eseguire lo stesso servizio dei militari di truppa nella cp.
3. Si precisa che tra poco saranno ^{emanate} istruzioni con cui tutti quei sottufficiali che faranno difficoltà all'ordine di eseguire gli stessi compiti dei militari di truppa possono essere privati del grado e saranno retrocessi a semplici soldati, ad allorare saranno comunque obbligati a lavorare.

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Z.O. 9 gennaio 1945

I.D. DEVIES CAPITANO
Aiutante 2° Gruppo P.C.

P. C. C.

1. MIL. TEN. COL. CAPO SEZIONE

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Z.O. 9 gennaio 1945

I.D. DEVIES CAPITANO
Aiutante 2° Gruppo P.C.

P. C. C.

PIL TEN. COL. CAPO SEZIONE
(G. Guida)

t. v. P. D. D.



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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO DISTONE
TO : ~~SEVEN~~ ST 61 AREA
INFO: ST DISTONE
19 PIONEER GP
MMIA (ROME)
DDL 1 DIST

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STM 3201

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE DISPOSAL 200 UNFIT 252 ITALIAN PACK TPT GP (.) PLEASE DESPATCH IN
PARTIES OF 50 AT FIVE DAYS INTERVAL TO ANCONA ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND GRADING (.) THEY WILL DISPOSE OF THE UNFIT (.) PLEASE
CONTACT 19 PIONEER GP HQ FOR USING THE FIT AS REFES FOR 1 PL COYS IN ANCONA

AREA

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FROM : MMIA LO DISTHREE
 TO : MMIA
 INFO : PWNSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

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RESTRICTED - IMPORTANT.

CAMPANIA CALL UP BREAKDOWN FOR 24 HRS ENDED NOON 30 JAN (*) HEAD A REPORTED
 B REJECTED C TO AFRAGOLA FOR BRITI D TO 15 INF RECT DEPOT FOR ITITI E TO CORR

	A	B	C	D	E
NAPLES	160	88	57		15
AVERSA	54	16	38		
CASERTA	187	127	60		
NOLA	56	37	19		
BENEVENTO	47	10	37		
AVELLINO	63	42	21		
SALERNO	124	56		68	18
DAYS TOTALS	691	376	232	68	15

CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE A 3099 1769 C 1087 TO ITITI ALL TYPES 261

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(*) GRAND TOTAL 1348 (*) RET NAPLES ALLOTMENT OF 15 TO CORR COMITER STATE

THIS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WARMIN CIRCULAR 10473/TR of 14 DEC 44

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Subject: Move of HQ. ⁴10 Italian Pioneer Regt.

836/15

27 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : DISTONE 261035A

TO : 61 AREA

INFO : AFHQ CITE MERT - FIFTH ARMY FOR BRIT INC - 15 ARMY GP - MELA - MOVEMENT
- MOV ANCONA

SD4. CONFIDENTIAL. UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV ANCONA ORDER HQ 410 ~~ARRIVAL~~ ITALIAN PIR
REGT MOVE SOONEST BY RAIL FROM FALCONARA TO AREZZO. ON ARRIVAL MOVE BY RD TO FLORENCE
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS FIFTH ARMY BRIT INC AND REPORT TO HQ 234 ITALIAN DIV. STR 9 OFFERS
27 ORS. ONE VEH BY RD UNDER UNITE ARRANGEMENTS. UNIT REMAINS UNDER OP COMD AFHQ
AND PASSES FROM LOCAL ADM DISTONE TO LOCAL ADM FIFTH ARMY BRIT, INC. AUTHY
AFHQ EX 91227 OF 25 JAN.

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Copy to : SMRE

FLOAT. *RM*

Capt. RE.

S/Capt (M)

(The Lord Westbury)-

Movements Liaison Officer.-

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IN COLLECTION

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Subject:- Move of H/Q 410 ITALIAN PIONEER REGT.

836/14

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The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE PHCCT
TO DISTONE 5 ARMY for Brit.Inc. RPTD MOVCENT 15 ARMY GROUP NMIA

SECRET FX91227 25

1(.) 410 ITALIAN PIONEER REGT 9 Offrs 27 ORs 1 vehicle will move soonest by rail from ANCONA to AREZZO under orders DISTONE in conjunction MOVCENT(.) upon arrival unit will move by road to FLORENCE under arrangements 5 ARMY (British Inc.) and report to H/Q 231 ITALIAN DIV.(.)

2(.) Unit remains under command AFHQ and passes from local administration DISTONE to local administration 5 ARMY for BRITISH INCREMENT.

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SMRE

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Del. Mcd. for Asst. Sec.

Capt.RE.

S/Capt.Q(M)

(The Lord Westbury)

Movements Liaison Officer

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S I G N A L

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FROM: MMIA

Date Time
17 1700Z

TO : FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO

INFO: AFHQ G1 BR
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR

O-680

CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR SLO/24 OF 07 (.) REPLACEMENT OF 180 MEN REPATRIATED FROM
B A L K A N S AND DUE FOR 20 DAYS LEAVE IS FIRST CHARGE AGAINST
780 LAB PERSONNEL NOW UNDER MOV ORDERS TO FIFTH ARMY BR INCR (.)
EXCHANGE WILL BE MADE UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Internal: Min of War

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S I G N A L

FROM: MALIA

TO : AFHQ G3 ORG AND G1 (ER) AND MOV

Date 15/6-60 A Time

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

CG FIFTH ARMY

FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR

DISTONE

DISTHERE

PENSOUTH

FIFTH ARMY FOR MALIA LO

FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MALIA LO

DISTONE FOR MALIA LO

DISTHERE FOR MALIA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MALIA LO

64 AREA FOR MALIA LO

ICF RFT TRG CENTRE CESANO

ALCOM SICILY FOR MALIA LO

MOVWIT

DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIOSD 2096CONFIDENTIAL

MALIA SD 2078 OF 11(.) SUBJECT PRIORITIES OF MOV EX REGGIO CAMP (.)

SD 2095 OF 14 COMPLETES PRIORITY THIRD AND PART PRIORITY FORTH

(.) NEXT AVAILABLE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ALLOTTED 500 TO AFRAGOLA

TO COMPLETE PRIORITY FORTH (.) 1000 TO ASTRONI FOR US-ITI

FIVE ARMY

AGAINST/MULTIYEAR PROGRAMME AS PRIORITY FORTH (.) 500 TO NAPLES

FOR ITI-ITI PRIORITY FIFTH (.) 300 TO BARI FOR ITI-ITI PRIORITY

SIXTH

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

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FIFTE ARMY FOR MMLA LO
 FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMLA LO
 DISTONE FOR MMLA LO
 DISTREE FOR MMLA LO
 PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
 64 AREA FOR MMLA LO
 ICF RPT TRG CENTER CESANO
 ALCOM SICILY FOR MMLA LO
 MOVHIT
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIO

CONFIDENTIAL

SD 2096

MMLA SD 2078 OF 11(.) SUBJECT PRIORITIES OF MOV EX REGGIO CAMP (.)
 SD 2095 OF 14 COMPLETES PRIORITY THIRD AND PART PRIORITY FOURTH
 (.) NEXT AVAILABLE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ALLOTTED 500 TO AFRAGOLA
 TO COMPLETE PRIORITY FOURTH (.) 1000 TO ASTRONI FOR US-ITI
 FIVE ARMY
 AG-INST/MULTIPLER PROGRAMME AS PRIORITY FOURTH (.) 500 TO NAPLES
 FOR ITI-ITI PRIORITY FIFTH (.) 300 TO BARI FOR ITI-ITI PRIORITY
 SIXTH

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA 14 2045 A

TO AFHQ G3 ORG AND G1 (DR) AND MOV

INFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CG FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
DISTONE
DISTTHREE
FBS
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTTHREE FOR MMIA LO
PENSQUIN FOR MMIA LO
52 APRIL FOR MMIA LO
ICF 1ST TRG CENTRE GESANO
ALCOV SICILY FOR MMIA LO
MOVHIT
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIO

SD 2095

CONFIDENTIAL

UNDERSTAND 1158 MEN INCL 722 COMBAT VOLUNTEERS NOW IN REGGIO CAMP AND
THAT TOTAL OF 1500 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MOV 16 JAN (*) PLEASE MOVE
IN ACCORDANCE MMIA REQUEST SIGNAL SD2074 OF 11 PARA TWO AS FOLLOWS 900
TO ASTRONI BALANCE OF 600 TO AFRAGOLA

PRECEDENCE

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INTERNAL

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FILE : SD/49

AQ

S/SEC

MOV(2)

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FROM MAIN 15 Army Gp

TO MIA

INFO AFHQ FIFTH ARMY BR INCR 'A'

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RESTRICTED

Further this HQ A 125 of 08 and conversation MAXWELL - STONEY (.) FIFTH
SD/42 Army BRI-ITI labour deficiencies after taking into account 280 referred to
in your SD 2039 of 02 200 referred to in our A 125 of 08 and 300 agreed by
phone MAXWELL - STONEY are approx 1400 (.) Request earliest date by which
deficiencies can be met.

IMPORTANT

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SD DISTR:

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A/c SD/19

REX

GMP

Shake Stoney. Affected
date of rpts depend on overall
returns. We will report
Get Birch on to a
list of all outstanding
deficiencies. Then speak with
John Graham.

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13 JAN 1945

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C O P Y

FROM: BR INCR MIA LO 5 ARMY

TO : MIA HQ

111249A

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RESTRICTED

5 LO/A (.) REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED FOR BRITISH AS FOLLOWS (.)

MULETEERS 12 OFFICERS 324 GRs (.) LABOUR 31 OFFICERS 2182 GRs (.)

WS

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SD/5/1
SD/19
SD/50
FLCAT

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C O P Y

FROM: MAIN 15 ARMY GP

121720A

TO : FIFTH ARMY BR INC 'A'

INFO: AFHQ FOR FHGAB
MMIA

A 136

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR 64/3A OF 10 (.) AFHQ AND MMIA NOTIFIED OF PRESENT
MULETEER DEFICIENCIES AND ESTIMATED LOSSES FOR MONTH OF
JANUARY TALLING 600 (.) ESTIMATED DATE OF PROVISION REQUESTED
FROM THEM (15 ARMY GP SIG A 134 OF 12 REFERS (.) LABOUR
RFTS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS 280 (MMIA SD 2039 OF 02 REFERS)
200 (15 ARMY GP A 125 OF 08 REFERS) AND 300 (CONVERSATION
MAXWELL (MMIA) - STONEY REFERS L (.) AFHQ AND MMIA REQUESTED
TO NOTIFY ETA OF BALANCE OF RFTS REQUIRED NAMELY 1400 (15
ARMY GP SIG A 135 OF 12 REFERS) (.) DUE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL
FOR NEW PACK MULE COYS AND RFTS FOR COMBAT GROUPS PROVISION
RFTS FOR EXISTING PACK MULE AND LABOUR COYS HAS BEEN DELAYED (.)
EXPECTED RFT POSITION WILL IMPROVE IN NEAR FUTURE

WB

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SD/19
SD/3/1
SD/50
SD/42
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NEWTON

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S I G N A L

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FROM M M I A

TO AFHQ FOR G1 BR AND MCY
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CC FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
50 ELU
51 ELU

FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
52 AREA FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ICF RTT TRG CENTRE MMIA LO
SICS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR C'DONNELL
1 PD REMOUNT DEF PASSOCORESE

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SD 2081

REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FURTHER MOVES SOONEST AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) FROM
T R A N I CAMP (.) A (.) TO A R E Z Z O FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR (.) 100
ENGRS 200 LAB (.) B (.) TO EIGHTH ARMY DESTINATION (.) 120 ENGRS (.) C (.)
TO 1 DIST DESTINATION (.) 200 LAB (.) D (.) TO 3 DIST DESTINATION (.) 100
ENGRS 200 LAB (.) E (.) RECIPIENTS PLEASE SIGNAL DESTINATIONS (.) F (.) TO
173 ITALIAN LINE CCY N C C E R A I N F E R I O R E 50 LINE CONSTR PERSONNEL
(.) G (.) TO ITALIAN LINE SCHOOL F R A N C A V I L L A 68 LINE CONSTR
PERSONNEL (.) SECOND (.) FROM A F R A G O L A CAMP (.) TO 1 PD REMOUNT
DEF P A S S O C O R E S E 49 SPECIALIST RTTS FOR DEF STAFF (.) THIRD (.)
FROM ST ANDREWS CAMP T A R A N T O (.) A (.) TO 1 PD REMOUNT DEF
P A S S O C O R E S E 75 POTENTIAL FARRIERS (.) B (.) TO C O L L E
S A L V E T T I 175 FOR MULTITERS (.) FOR FIFTH ARMY (.) YOUR 2076 CF 10
REFERS (.) F O U R T H (.) FROM I C F R T C C E S A N O IN WEEK
STARTING 22 JAN (.) A (.) TO A R E Z Z O 200 RTTS FOR F A I U L I GP (.)
B (.) TO I E S I 200 RTTS FOR C R E M O N A GP

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1 PD REMOUNT DEP PASSOCORSE

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T R A N I CAMP (.) A (.) TO A R E Z Z O FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR (.) 100
ENGRS 300 LAB (.) B (.) TO EIGHTH ARMY DESTINATION (.) 120 ENGRS (.) C (.)
TO 1 DIST DESTINATION (.) 200 LAB (.) D (.) TO 3 DIST DESTINATION (.) 100
ENGRS 200 LAB (.) E (.) RECIPIENTS PLEASE SIGNAL DESTINATIONS (.) F (.) TO
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(.) G (.) TO ITALIAN LINE SCHOOL F R A N C A V I L L A 68 LINE CONSTR
PERSONNEL (.) SECOND (.) FROM A F R A G O L A CAMP (.) TO 1 PD REMOUNT
DEP P A S S O C O R S E 49 SPECIALIST RETS FOR DEF STAFF (.) THIRD (.)
FROM ST ANDREWS CAMP T A R A N T O (.) A (.) TO 1 PD REMOUNT DEP
P A S S O C O R S E 75 POTENTIAL PARAJERS (.) B (.) TO C O L L E
S A L V E T T I 175 FOR MULETEERS (.) FOR FIFTH ARMY (.) YOUR 2076 OF 10
REFERS (.) F O U R T H (.) FROM I C F R T C C E S A N O IN WEEK
STARTING 22 JAN (.) A (.) TO A R E Z Z O 200 RETS FOR F R I V U L I GP (.)
B (.) TO I E S I 200 RETS FOR C R E N O N 4 GP

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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INTERNAL: MINISTRY OF WAR
SD/50 (2) AQ
SD/52 SPEC SEC
SD/19 RE
SD/42 X
SD/3/1 LAB
S/G/31/2
MCV (2)

S I G N A LFROM MMIA

11/1600 A

TO AFHQ G3 ORG G1 BR MOV
MINISTRY OF WARINFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CG FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
DISTONE
DISTHREE
PBS
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
FENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ICF RFT TRC CENTRE CESANO
ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO
MOVWIT
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIOSD 2078SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

FURTHER TO MMIA SD 2060 OF 08 (.) SUBJECT PRIORITIES FOR MOV FROM REGGIO OF
S I C I L Y CALL UP (.) ONE (.) MOV 1400 REQUESTED MMIA SD 2076 OF 11 COMPLETES
PRIORITIES FIRST SECOND AND 600 OF PRIORITY THIRD (.) TWO (.) PLEASE COMPLETE
MOVE BALANCE PRIORITY THIRD 900 PERSONNEL TO A S T R O N I AND PRIORITY
FOURTH 1100 TO A F R A G O L A AS PERSONNEL BECOME AVAILABLE REGGIO NOTIFYING
THIS H Q OF MOVES TAKING PLACE (.) THREE (.) ALL PERSONNEL PRIORITIES
THIRD AND FOURTH ARE EARMARKED FOR MULETEER PROGRAMME VIDE MMIA SD 2075 OF
11 PARA TWO (1) (.) FOUR (.) SUBSEQUENT PRIORITIES WILL BE AMENDED AND
NOTIFIED LATER (.) FIVE (.) FOR MOVWIT (.) THIS CONFIRMS MMIA MCV 665

6248

DATED 10

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATEAUTHENTICATED *[Signature]*INTERNAL:

SD/50 (2)

SD/42

SD/19

SD/49

AQ

SPEC SEC

MOV (2)

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785020

FROM FIFTH ARMY (BR INCR 'A')

TO 15 Army Group AO Branch

INFO NMIA

310634

NR 9916

RESTRICTED

64/3A (.) Ref 5th Army signal 4924 of 29 subject channels for Br-ITI Rfts (.)
Request all Br-ITI rfts both muleteer and Pioneer allotted this increment
be routed to AREZZO (.) Present deficiencies A follows (.) Muleteers 1097
Pioneers 1971 (.) Request estimate earliest of future for both muleteer
and pioneer rfts.

EK SD DISTR: SD/3/1
SD/19 SD/50
SD/54 Fleet

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COPY

FROM NMIA LO TRANI

TO NMIA LC DISTHURGE
NMIA ROME

301237A

INFO NMIA LC 54 AREA

TC/32

RESTRICTED

FIRST (.) 100 Labour replacements for muleteers left TRANI for SALERNO
for 2904 CLU a = 30 Dec (.) ETA SALERNO a = 31 DEC (.) SECOND (.) FOR
NMIA (.) Muleteers now available 300

EX

SD DISTR:

Nov (2)

SD/52

SD/19

Lab

SD/50

Float

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI
TO MMIA HOME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

TC/RW

RESTRICTED

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AND AWAITING MOVEMENT (.) FIRST (.)
drivers 123, driver candidates 45, labour rfts 280, 62 candidates
for service 110, office personnel 55, low category personnel 210 (.)
SECOND (.) Engineer rfts 257, being screened for possible rly engr
rfts (.) THIRD (.) Muleteers 245 returned from AMOL (.) FOURTH (.)
Barriers 19 awaiting movement to ARWZC (.) Your SD 1987 dated 06
refers (.) FIFTH (.) 15 signallers (.) MY TC/24 dated 18 refers (.)
SIXTH (.) This signal cancels all previous signals

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SD/52
SD/6/1
SD/19
SD/3/1
SD/11/1
SD/50
Float

6245

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C O P Y

FROM: MMIA LO' TRANI
TO : MMIA LO DISTONE
INFO: MMIA ROME
MMIA LO 54 AREA

241630A

TC/30

RESTRICTED

67 Italian Pioneer Rifle left TRANI for INSI
via ANCONA P M 24 Dec

WS

SD DIST.: SD/52
SD/19
SD/50
FLOAT

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File

50/19

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27/650

WIA

FIFTH ARMY FM 1000

REMOVAL FOR WIA 10 - 54 AREA FOR REMOVAL
SINCE OFFICE BARRETTA FOR C-DELETED

ED 2006

CONFIDENTIAL

For WIA 10 (.) Ref your 514/2/A of 23 (.)

Every effort being made ensure for Rits sufficiently

fit (.) Provision subject to priority demands

for ~~WIA~~ Pack Spt Coy personnel

SLY/50 (2)

Continued

SLY/50

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5274/157

Subject: Move of Labour Reinforcements from Casoria

27/Dec/44

52719

The following details are passed to you for information :)

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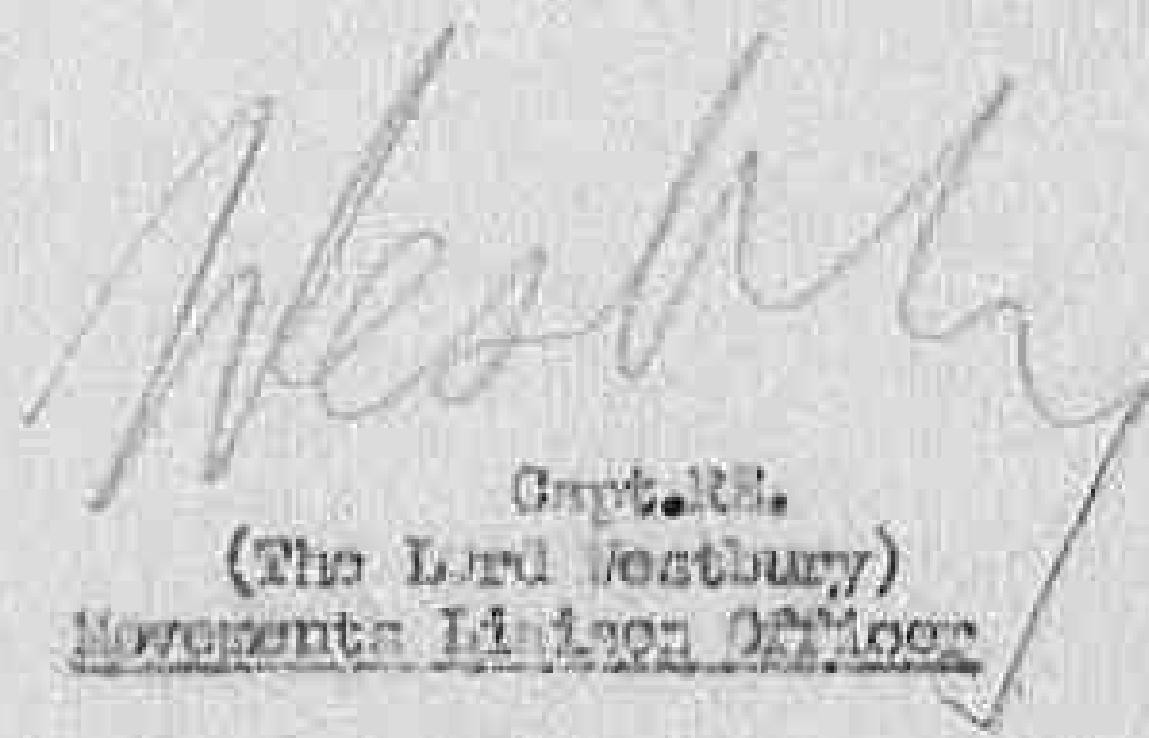
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EMRI ROME ROMA HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 55 AREA DISTANCE

FX74635 76

RESTRICTED ITALIAN LABOUR REINFORCEMENTS STRENGTH 200 ALL RANKS WITH KITS WILL MOVE
BY RAIL FROM CASORIA TO ARREZO ON 28DEC (.) DETAILS OF ROLLING STOCK AND DEPARTURE
TIMINGS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVING (.) COMBINE THIS MOVE WITH OTHER NORTHBOUND ITALIAN
MOVES SET UP FROM CASORIA ON SAME DATE

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" SITE
" PLANE
" DML


Capt. R. S.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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785020

Subject : Move of Labour Reinforcements from Casoria

63
527A/187

27/Dec/44

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from AFHQ Cite FHGDM

TOMOVWIT 701 RAILWAY GRAND DIV DISTHREE 56 AREA
DMRI ROME MMIA HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 55 AREA DISTONE

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MOVES SET UP FROM CASORIA ON SAME DATE

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" SMRE
" FLOAT
" DADL

Dist SD/13/3 AC }
SD/19 A/c } 3
SD/50 } copies

[Signature]
Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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C O P Y

FROM: PBS BPACT

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP

241841

INFO: MMIA

PBS 33493

SECRET

ACTION DIRECTED IN CABLE, CITE FIGCT, REFERENCE NUMBER

FX 72351, DATED 21 DECEMBER HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT (.)

REFERENCE CABLE, CITE NAGCT, DATED 23 DECEMBER 1944

(NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES) (.) 107 Quartermaster Service

Company (Italian) (4 officers - 192 enlisted men) to move

25 December from LEGHORN to CECINA and is attached

informally to 267 Regiment OSS upon arrival

WB

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

SD DIST.: SD/19; SD/50; FLOAT

6241

Subject: - Low category Italian soldiers for Pioneer Coys.

MAIA 10 British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army
USA.

Phone No. Lightning Rear 163.

MAIA 10

Copy to MA and MAIA British Increment.
Copy to ADL British Increment.

I have been asked by the MAIA British Increment to endeavour to ensure that Italian soldiers sent as reinforcements to Pioneer Companies are sufficiently physically fit to enable them to carry out hard work in very hard weather conditions.

Many men are sent up as reinforcements who, owing to their poor physique or weak health, are a liability to the British units who employ them.

MAIA signal S.D. 1976 of 20 December would seem to indicate - by the use of the words "low category men" - that it is not appreciated that the work expected of an Italian Pioneer labourer, at this time of the year and with our present inadequate clothing replacements, calls for a physique and fitness not much below that required for a volunteer.

I should be grateful if this point could be made quite clear to those responsible for selecting and sending up our pioneer reinforcements.

49/1

MAIA 10

a.m. Newton
Capt.
MAIA 10
British Increment
Fifth Army.

6240

Subject: Port Labor Party

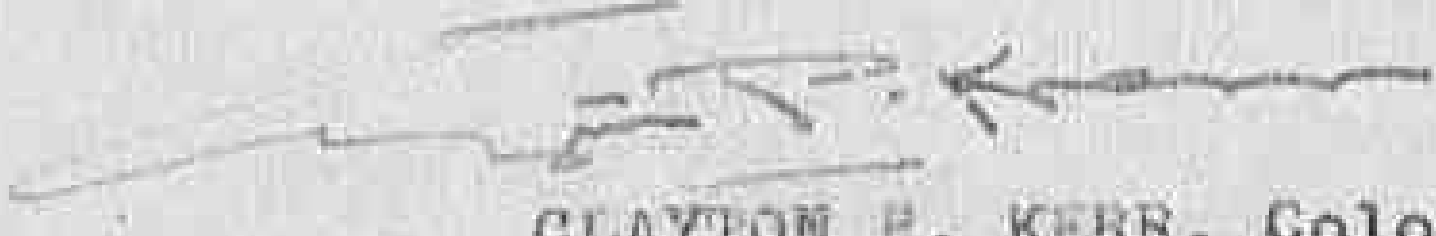
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/19
24 December 1944

To : Navy Sub Commission, ALCOM

Copy to: AFHQ, for G-3 (Org)

Reference your WSC/1308 of 10 December 1944

1. The Italian War Ministry has been allowed a small number of troops for administration, services, hospitals, etc. No labor units are available in this category. Therefore it is not possible for the War Ministry to assist in the operation of ports with troops at its disposal.
2. All Italian Army labor units are in either the British or US categories, both of which are under Allied command, fully employed, and are a national commitment of the Government concerned. Therefore these units are available for only such duty as is assigned by the Government concerned. Both the British and US Armies are employing such units in the operation of British and US ports. The British Army is also employing some Italian Naval personnel in port operations; these are included in the Italian Army (British) ceiling; and the Italian Navy is maintained wholly by the British Government.
3. It is believed that it will be necessary for the Italian Government to utilize civilian labor for operation of ports under Italian control.


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

CPK/lek

6239

C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCAB

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN
MMIA

231625A

FX 73294

RESTRICTED

Ref 15 Army Gp Signal A28 of 20 Dec(.)

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

SECOND (.) Para 3 (.) In view priority given to muleteers
and combat units only source rfts labour units must be
new Call-ups (.) Present position very unsatisfactory and
no guarantee any rfts labour units until completion muleteer
programme (.) Any Rfts supplied now for labour only at expense
of Mule Pack Tpt Coys (.)

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

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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SD/50
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FROM NWIA LG 54 AREA

TO NWIA

AG/12

221730A

CONFIDENTIAL

Please confirm no rpt SD further NWIA shipping expected BARI
as an arranging to employ Port Det INCL ITALIAN PERSONNEL on
other duties.

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RIETA:

A/c Mov

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SD/19

SD/50

Float

Rev

24/5

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC () E FHGCT
TO PRS INFO 15 Army Group, MMIA

211900A

FX 72351

SECRET

Desire 1 Italian Labor Coy be attached on informal basis to the 2677 Regt
GSS at ROSIGVANO (.) Ref is made in HQ 15th Army Group (SD/972 of 19 Dec) current. ⁶²³⁶

EK

SD DISTR: SD/19, SD/50, Float

R24

(24/12) (52)

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MEMO

1800A

PERMUTED FOR AMIA LO
DISTANCE FOR AMIA LO
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1692

RESTRICTED

Ministry of War report 209 Med personnel now being employed in lab units
227 Div (.) These med are being transferred to combat ops as med file 1st War
AFRACOLA will provide 209 ~~to~~ replacements as and when available on request
227 Div.

PRECEDENCE

RESTRICTED

AQ, Med,
SD/60 (2)
SD/19, SD/12 (file)

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SD/19 59

File

1215

M R I A

3 DISTRICT

AREA 10 FIVE SOUTHERN
AREA 10 54 AREA

20 1990

SECRET

Report on Italian volunteer replacements sent to COMUS SALVEMINI ex labour

followers (.) FIRST (.) Recd 2 Dec (.) GROUP (.) 184 scheduled to move from

ACT regiment 184 (2) 163 arrived; 17 AMUL; 4 sent to hospital enroute (3) 39 are

from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (4) 95 are from 1918 or younger (4) 90 are

fit for volunteers (7) 67 unfit for volunteers but fit for other military duty

only (8) 4 unfit for any duty (9) 6 men are trained volunteers (10) 140 completely

equipped (11) 23 nearly completely equipped (.) SECOND (.) Recd

9 Dec (.) GROUP (.) (A) (B) 355 scheduled to move from BAR, BRINDISI, TARANTO.

(2) 336 arrived; 19 AMUL enroute (3) 59 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive

(4) 31 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 246 are from 1918 or younger

classes (6) 239 fit for volunteers (7) 87 unfit for volunteers but fit for other

other duty (8) 10 unfit for any duty, now in hospital (9) 235 men are trained

volunteers (.) B (.) equipment and rations: (1) 336 nearly completely equipped (2) 19

without mess kits (3) 336 without undershirts and socks wool (.) GROUP (.) 6234

SE/50 (2)
30/3/1

FROM DISTONE

221745A

TO FIFTH ARMY (ATTENTION OF BR INC "A" BRANCH)INFO 15 ARMY Group, 55 AREA, AREAA/2CRESTRICTED

15 Army Group A 980 of 13 (.) 58 muleteers now concentrated at Italian transit camp AREZZO ready for collection (.) Deficiency of 9 as follows (.) Sick 3 (.) Deserted 1 (.) Balance of 4 from 402 Regt 1st now under your command (.) Of the 5 above can expect 2 to return to units (.) Please state destination for despatch on return from hosp and leave.

RE

SD DISTR:

SD/3/1

SD/19

SD/50

Float

6233

MESSAGE FORM

FROM:

MIA

TO:

AFHQ for G 1 Br and MCV

INFO:

14TH 15 ARMY GROUP
 FIFTH ARMY for BR INCR
 FIFTH ARMY BR INCR for MIA LO

DISTREE

PENSOUTH for MIA LO

54 AREA for MIA LO

SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA for O'DONNELL

MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1976

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you receive 100 GD from AFRAGOLA and 50 low category from
 from TEAM both to Italian transit camp AREZZO for FIFTH ARMY BR INCR
 (*) Required for pms against AMI list 8 serial 65 (*) For
 PENSOUTH MIA LO (*) Non suitable for ruleteors will NOT rpt NOT
 be included in this draft

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

S. W. Cannon Major

Internals

AQ

Mov (2)

Lab

SD/52

SD/50 (2)

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2200
54/11

0650

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FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN OPER HEADS

TO : AFHQ

201755A

INFO: NMIA

ABB

RESTRICTED

R2/12

FIRST (.) Deficiencies in Italian Labour units in operational zone causing concern (.) Deficiency as at 9 Dec is 3150 (.) SECOND (.) Of 1000 Rfts expected from ABRUZZI Callup only 950 have materialised (.) THIRD (.) Request estimated numbers rfts which can be provided for labour units and dates availability

WE

ED DIST.: SP/19
SP/52
SP/50
Lab
FLCAT

150 rfts allotted 5 Army R2/12

total for 15 Army R2/12

Now available for allotment

Afragole - 100

Lami - 130 - (subject to military screening)

320

6231

To AFHQ. Ref. ... In addition to 250 personnel mentioned for ... 100 ... for ... and ... 23 Dec at ...

0651

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LRUF V LAEE NR 96

MMIALO 54 AREA 181600A

TO MMIA

INFO SIGA BARLETA FOR O-DONNELL

QQX GR -- BT

SD/7.(.) RESTRICTED (.) REF ~~BT~~ YOUR SD 1931 OF 14 DEC (.)

SIXTY SEVEN LAB PERSONNEL ALREADY AVAILABLE

T R A N I (.) AGREED O-DONNELL

BT 181820

SENT NR 96

182227-A

NCP

K

RECD NR 96 182227A JN BBB

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Dist

SD/52/12

SD/19/12

SD/50/12

Shaw

2.4/12

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FROM HQ 15th ARMY GROUP
TO AFHQ
INFO PBS, MMIA (RAAC FLSE PASS)
CITE SD 972

1640A

SECRET

Operational necessity requires use of 1 coy of labor troops by OSS
at ROSIUAANO to assist in packing and loading supplies to be dropped
behind enemy lines (.) Request that PBS attach 1 Italian Labor Coy to
2677 Regt OSS to perform this duty (.) Major SUHLING OSS is contacting
Col. LOEF PBS HQs PBS to discuss details.

PRIORITY

ek

SD/19
SD/50
7/10/50

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R10/12

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SD DISTR:

SD/19, SD/50, Float

FROM DISTONE

181750A

TO RAAC

INFO 15 Army Gp (A(C)): SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL: 54 AREA for MWIA LO
A/32 33

Your SD 1931 of 14 (.) Not understood (.) AAI have already ordered this HQ
collect 82 IT PNR Rfts from AQUILA and 70 IT PNR Rfts from TERAMO to
replace muleteers.

IMPORTANT

ek

SD DISTR:

SD/19

Nov (2)

SD/50

Float

6228

4 1/2

Translation.

From 404 Regt. P.I. and L.
to MMIA for info.

Ref No 6322 ORD.
Date 13 Dec 44

SD/19 ~~44~~ 49
R12.

Request for reinforcement

HQ 230 Div, has informed us that the 141 coy. P.I.
of the 404 Regt. P.I. on Detachment at ORTONA has
a straight deficiency of 45 men.

The request has been communicated to SMRE
as it was arranged with MMIA liaison office MMIA, BARI.

R. Mansfield

FIR 220.

6227

(w) 22/12

at.

Par. 1019, MMIA



SEGRETO

Traslati

Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania

UFFICIO S.M. - Ordinamento -

Prot. N. 6322/Ord.

Bari, 11 13 dicembre 1944

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N.

OGGETTO Richiesta complementi.

Request for Personnel.

Al 1° STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

P.M.3800

e, per conoscenza:

→ AL MAGGIORE BEERD - Ufficiale Collegamento Sottocommis-
sione forze sbarco A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
presso 54^a Area - B A R I

Il Comando 230^a Divisione ha comunicato che la
141^a cp. P.I. del 404^o rgt.P.I. distaccata ad Ortona
ha una deficienza di 45 uomini di truppa.

La richiesta viene inoltrata a codesto S.M. come
da accordi presi col locale ufficio di collegamento
della M.M.I.A.-

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Piazza)

[Signature]

6226

15/12 9/3

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C O P Y

FROM: MOV BARLETTA

TO : MMIA

INFO: MOVEIT

MOV/C/M/52

RESTRICTED

Ref your MOV 642 of 18 (.) My MOV/C/M/35 of 16 reads
225 Labour Rfts (.) Actual figure despatched is 246 (.)

WA

RE
SD DIST.: SD/52
SD/19
SD/50
Lab

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA
TO MMIA
INFO SIGA BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

181600A

SD/7

RESTRICTED

Ref your SD 1931 of 14 Dec (.) 67 Lab personnel already
available TRANI (.) Agreed O'DONNELL

cgl

DISTR:

SD/52

SD/19

SD/50

Float

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C O P Y

FROM: 54 AREA

TO : MMIA ROME

180930

INFO: MMIA LO 54 AREA

TC/24

RESTRICTED

FIRST FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REFS (.) 49 LOW CATEGORY
PERSONNEL, 129 LABOUR, 20 FOR SERIAL 110 (.) SECOND (.)
23 TRAINED LINESMEN ARRIVED FROM FRANCAVILLA SIGNALS
SCHOOL (.) REQUEST DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (.) THIRD (.)
16 PERSONNEL IN BATTLE ORDER EX TARANTO AA ALSO HERE (.)
FOURTH (.) 500 MULETEERS ALREADY SIGNALIZED AVAILABLE FOR
ORVIETO CAMP (.) FIFTH (.) 450 EX CALL-UP IN ABRUZZI
ARRIVED NIGHT 17 DEC (.) HAS FINAL DESTINATION BEEN DECIDED
QUERX

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

WB

SD DIST.: SD/52
SD/53
SD/19
SD/51/1
SD/50
FLOAT

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821A

18 1720

Main HQ 15 Army Group

SD 1955

RESTRICTED

Your AS of 16 (.) Further men assembled for your categories (.)
At TERAMO 56 (.) at AQUILA 23 (.) Assembly continues.

6222

IMPORTANT

SD/50 (2)

with 4th

MMIA

AFHQ for GI Brit, Mov
Main HQ 15 Army Gp, DISTONE, DISTONE FOR MMIA LO,
54 AREA for MMIA LO, Sigs Office BARLETTA
for O'DONNELL.

RESTRICTED

SD 1956

1 District supplied 67 pnr personnel for muleteers (.) 67 replacements
now ready TRANI Camp (.) Request you move soonest to Italian Transit
Camp IESI.

SD/3/1, SD/19,
SD/50 (2)
Mov (2)

L A B

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

6221

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43
786/25

Subject: Move of Labor Reinforcements ex TRANI.

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SMRE
FLOAT
DADL

18/12

FROM MOV BARLETTA 161800A

TO (1) MOV TARANTO (2) MMIA LO 52 AREA (3) MMIA LO TRANI CAMP (4) RTO
BARLETTA (BY HAND) (5) ROO BARI

INFO (6) 52 AREA (7) DISTHREE (8) DISTHREE EAST (9) MMIA (10) DETRAMILES
(11) MOVEIT (12) AFHQ

MOV/C/M/34

CONFIDENTIAL (.) AUTHY FX 68389 FREEDOM CITE FHGDM (.) 125 LABOUR RFTS (ITALIAN)

MOVE BY RAIL TRANI TO TARANTO 19 DEC (.) TRANI DEP 191750

ETA TARANTO 192210 (.) ROO BARI PLEASE ARRANGE SEPCIAL STOP AT TRANI (.)

ALL INFORMED BT 1920 (.)

SD Dish
SD/19
SD/15
SD/50
Flout
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40/100
Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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Declass'

785020

Subject:- III Bn / 522 Regt.

19
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C., (MMIA).,
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/G22.

12 December 44.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Reference conversation Captain FOX - Captain BOURNE.

1. Labour, I District, was instructed by AAI to collect 210 reinforcements from I4 and I5 Coys., 522 Regt., at CASALBORDINO and TORINO DI SANGRO.
2. Some confusion was probably caused down at 67 Garrison because 552 Regt., had been supplying bodies for the formation of 410 Regt., I.P.L. and the Coys., might with some reason regard themselves as part of 410 Regt.
3. An officer was sent down by DDL, I District and returned with only 120 men of I4 Coy., 410 Regt. He apparently could not find the others. These men had been working at an R.V.P. They were brought to IESI, there labelled as specialists and to the disgust of Labour, I District, taken off by 8 Army.
4. Nobody here knows what happened to I5 Coy., I presume they are still doing odd guard jobs in the area of TORINO DI SANGRO.

Copy:- DDL I District.

MMIA, IO., I District.

6219

Passed to DADL
18 Dec 44

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C O P Y

FROM: DIGTHREE

TO : AFHQ (G-3 ORG FOR)
MMIA

161535A

INFO: 54 AREA
56 AREA
94 SUB AREA
MMIA LO BARI
MOVEIT

Copy to: Q LAB MMIA LO

SD 679

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA SD 1922 of 13 Dec NOT to all (.) Destination
for 166 replacements for Muleteers are as follows (.)
100 to SALERNO to report 2904 Civil Labour Unit for
onward routing to PONTICAGNANO (.) 56 to CANCELLIO for
ADL "D" Team (2) 30 to BARI for 66 Gp For Corps (.)
For infm addresses (.) These are in addition to rfts
referred to my SD 615 of 13 Dec

WS

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DIST.: SD/19
SD/3/1
Mov (2)
SD/50
FLOAT

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FROM MAIN HQ 15 Army Group

161630A

TO DISTONE

INFO MMIA MMIA LO REAR 8 Army

A8

RESTRICTED

DISTONE will arrange immediate collection of 82 Italian labour rfts from AQUIA and 70 from TERAMO (.) Both parties from ABRUZZI call-up (.) For MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY (.) MMIA 4 SD 53 of 8 is cancelled (.) Only 1 party of 80 Rfts will be collected from TERAMO (.) FOR MMIA (.) Notify this HQ when further personnel available and disposal instructions will be issued (.)

MMIA DISTR:

SD/19

SD/50

Mov (2)

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17 DEC 1944

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MMIA

SD/19
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14 1700A

SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA for O'DONNELL - DISTONE

54 AREA for MMIA LO - DISTONE for MMIA LO
- MAIN AAI

SD 1931

RESTRICTED

Ref AAI A 980 of 13 not to all (.) DISTONE require
67 Lab personnel from TRANI to replace men supplied
for muleteers (.) Report to this HQ when this additional
labour replacement personnel is available (.) For
DISTONE (.) Signal destination soonest

SD/50

LAB

ROUTINE

MAXWELL CAPT.

6216

Subject. Reinforcements.

39
Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
c/o 54 Area
LO/7/1/AQ
13 Dec 44.

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

Forwarded herewith are requests
received in this office for re-inforcements.

JGB/vtd

sd/19
G
J.G. BIRD. Major
Senior MIA LO
54 Area.

Enclos: British Cadre 508 It Smoke Coy P/2/G15 dated 27 Nov 44
Mil HQ, Apulia & Lucania 2157 dated 1 Dec 44
" " " " 6188/ORD dated 3 Dec 44
" " " " 6278/ORD dated 10 Dec 44
" " " " 1903 dated 15 Nov 44

6215

SUBJECT: Reinforcements-Italian Personnel.

British Cadre for
508 Italian Smoke Coy.
Ref: P/2/GIS.
27 Nov 44.

To: M.M.I.A., L.O., 54 Area.
Copy to: A.D.L., 52 Area.

Application has been made to Comando Militare Della Puglia e Lucania for reinforcement personnel, but they have informed us that this would be dealt with by your department.

31 Privates are required urgently which figure ..is arrived at as follows.

Posted Strength.		224.
Less Hospitalised,	11.	
Absentees,	4.	
Due for Agric. Leave,	12.	27.
Effectives,		197.
W/E,	228.	228
Deficiencies.		<u>31.</u>

The Unit is engaged at present on work of a very important nature. As soon as the Bari detachment is released from its smoke duties the Company will be responsible to meet in full the labour requirements of the employing service, but this will not be possible unless the Unit is maintained at its complete War Establishment Strength. The urgent need therefore for the reinforcements will be readily appreciated.

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[Signature]

O.O. British Cadre for 508 Italian Smoke Coy. 621 apt.

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E MOLISIA
Ufficio Amministrazione

Bari, 11 1° dicembre 1941

N° 2157 di prot.

OCCORRENZA: Richiesta complementi.

AL MAGG. PORCELLI - M.E.I.A. - 2° DISTRICT
BARI

*1cc with find request for personal needed for employment in
service for the allies by P. and L. dell'Comm.*
A mente delle vigenti disposizioni, trasmetto copia
di N° 2 richieste di complementi, già inviate all'Ufficio
Ordinamento del C.M.P.L., con preghiera di voler disporre
per la relativa assegnazione, stante l'urgente necessità dei
Reporti interessati, per i servizi richiesti dalle A.A.



COLONNELLO DI ARTIGLIERIA
(Giacomo Siccardi)

6213

pi a

F O F O A M A N O

354

Cofra
DALL' UFF. COMANDO M.P.L. - UFF. ISPETTIVO MANOVIERA

ALL' UFF. COMANDO M.P.L. - UFF. ORDINAMENTO

B A R I

A seguito dono e memo n° 1787 dell'8 corr.

N° 1903 di prot. data 15/11/1944 ALT RIFERIMENTO PONO 5650/ORD.

Please assign to
PREGO ASSEGNARE AL 503° BTG. GUARDIE PER 2^a e 4^a CP. DISTACCATI
at 40 reinforcement to replace discharged personnel.
IN ABRUZZO, N° 40 COMPLENTI IN SOSTITUZIONE CONGEDATI ALT

f.to COL. SIGARDI

p. c. c.
IL CAPITANO ADDETTO
(Nicola Tana)
[Signature]



6212

pla

All. al fono n° 1787

35b

R E F A R T O	C O M P L E M E N T I		N O T E
	Per completamento organici	Per sostituzione congedanti	
502156. Guardia	<i>to complete establishment</i>	<i>to replace exchange personnel</i>	
503° " "	-	18	
510° " "	110	75	
514° " "	75	12	

P. O. C.
IL CAPITANO UFFICIALE
(Nicola P. P.)



IL COLONNELLO DI ARTIGLERIA
F/te (Giacomo Sicardi)

6211

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translation.

attached. letter.

6188 /ORD.

So as to fulfill the complete was Est.
of the 502 security and guard bn. 31 reinforcement
are needed and assignment is requested by the
Employing allied unit

Please let us know if the needed personnel
can be taken from the troops available in the
reorganization camp of TRANI.

R. Mansfield

P. 19220.

6210



SEGRETO

Im.
Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania

UFFICIO S.M.-Ordinamento

Prot. N. 6188/Ord.

P. M. Bari 11, 3 Dicembre 1944.

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N.

OGGETTO : Richiesta complementi.

A/MAGGIORE MURCELL - Ufficiale Collegamento Sottocommissione forze sbarco A.C. (M.M.I.A.) presso 54^Area

B A R I

Per il completamento dell'organico del 502° battaglione sicurezza e guardie, occorrono 31 complementi, la cui assegnazione è stata sollecitata da parte dell'ente Alleato interessato.

Pregasi far conoscere se il personale occorrente può essere tratto da quello disponibile presso il Campo riordinamento di Trani.

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Piazza)

6209

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The Command of 230 Det so as to complete the Establishment of the up units and so as to be able to discharge and send on 3 monthly minifor leave the troops that have right to it.

403.	P.I. Rept.	n ^o of men needed.	288
503	security and Guard Bn.	" "	25
514	" " " "	" "	150
502	smoke coy.		16

Please let us know if the required personal is to be taken from the reinforcement camp of TRANH.

6208

11 DEC 1944

SEGRETO

1m.

Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania

UFFICIO S.M.-Ordinamento

Prot. N. 6278/Ord.

Bari, 10 Dicembre 1944

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N.

OGGETTO : Richiesta complementi.

Al Maggiore MURCELL - Ufficiale collegamento Sotto
commissione forze sbarco A.C.(M.M.I.A.) presso 54^Area

B A R I

Il Comando 230^ Divisione, allo scopo di comple-
tare gli organidi dei reparti sottoindicati e poter
ricollocare in congedo o inviare in licenza trimestra-
le rinnovabile i militari che ne hanno maturato il di-
ritto, ha richiesto i complementi a fianco di ciascu-
no indicati:

- 403	Rgt.P.I.	n. 288	uomini
- 503	Btg. sicurezza e guardia	" 25	"
- 514	Btg. sicurezza e guardia	" 150	"
- 502	Cp. nebbiogeni	" 16	"

Pregasi far conoscere se il personale richiesto
puo essere tratto dal Campo di affluenza complementi
di Trani.

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CASO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Piezzo)

6207

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1308
10 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : ✓ Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party
to Civitavecchia.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter SD/19 of 8 December, which in answer to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1264 of 4 December, states that there are no Italian Army Labor Units available for use in the port of Civitavecchia.

2. As previously indicated, the operation of the Port of Civitavecchia has been made the responsibility of the Italian Navy. The ports of San Stefano and Piombino likewise have been returned to the control of the Italian Navy and it is anticipated that a similar return of other ports to Italian control will be made in the future. In all of these ports there is a shortage of manual assistance. At the same time, it is extremely desirable that the ports be placed in efficient operation to relieve the forward ports from the necessity of handling civilian supplies while their facilities are required for military equipment and personnel.

3. Therefore, in view of the great need for port labor and in view of the importance of establishing a definite policy as to the manner in which it may be obtained, it would be appreciated if the Navy Sub-Commission could be informed of the policy of the Land Forces Sub-Commission in regard to the utilization of Italian Army Labor Units. Information is particularly desired as to whether assistance may be expected from such Italian Army units in the future and if so to what degree.

4. Also the Navy Sub-Commission would appreciate additional information for use as the basis of a reply to the Ministry of Marine. It is considered that elaboration is required in the reply as the operation of Civitavecchia is an Italian Government responsibility and their request is apparently supported by the Italian Ministry of War.

91 I feel the answer is civilian labor

H. W. TROTT
H. W. TROTT,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

15 DEC 1944

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SD/19

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FROM MAIN AAT
TO FIFTH ARMY (ATT BR INCR A BRANCH)
DISTONE
INFO UNIA

131450A

A 980

RESTRICTED

67 muleteers in labour units under comd DISTONE will be concentrated
AREZZO soonest (.) DISTONE will signal FIFTH Army (att Br Incr A Branch) rptd
this HQ when concentrated and available for collection (.) FIFTH Army (Br
Incr) will arrange collection direct with DISTONE (.) Replacements will be
provided from ABRUZZI call up (.) FOR NMIA (.) Your SD 1863 of 30 Nov
refers (.) Agreed Q

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DSTRI:
SD/3/1
SD/19
SD/50
FLOAT

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FROM MEMA MMIA LO DISTHREE

091520A

TO MMIA

INFO SD DISTHREE, DISTHREE EAST, PENSOUTH MMIA LO, 54 AREA, AFHQ

HL 129

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA SD 1889 of 06 and AFHQ FX 264768 of 07 (.) Total figure anletoers extracted
Disthree lab units and requiring replacement is 550.

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SD/3 A/c.
SD/50
SD/19. Jifo.

6204

S I G N A L

FROM MIA

06/80 A

TO AFHQ

INFO DISTHREE
DISTHREE EAST
PENSOOTH FOR MIA LO
54 AREA

SI 1889

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Restricted

Ref FX 62829 of 4 received today (.) Please confirm numbers actually
extracted from labour units in Disthree and requiring replacement.

PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATED

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CONF: A/Q
Labour
SD/3
SD/19
SD/50

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RESTRICTED

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Labour Units.

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

SD/19
8 DEC 44

TO : Navy Sub Gen. A.C.

R 9/2

Ref your letter NSC/1264 of 4 Dec 44.

It is regretted that there are no Italian Army units which could be used for this purpose.


Major General
M.M.I.A.

6202

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

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

071912A

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA

FX 64768

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA SD 1889 dated 06 (.) Forward details direct MMIA.

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MMIA DISTR:-G (2)
Mov (2)
FLOAT

A/c/ SD/19 or info SD/60

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SD/19

SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ

INFO DISTHREE
DISTHREE EAST
PERLOUTH FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA

SD 1889

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Restricted

Re: FX 62829 of 4 received today (.) Please confirm numbers actually
extracted from labour units in Disthree and requiring replacement.

PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATED

Authentic

COPY: A/Q
Labour
SD/3
SD/19
SD/50

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1264
4 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to Civitavecchia.
Enclosure; (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr SM/27628 dated 30 November 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded with the request that the Land Forces Sub-Commission grant the necessary approval for the transfer of a company of Auxiliary Italian Army troops to Civitavecchia.
2. The Navy Sub-Commission supports the Ministry of Marine's request in view of the fact that the Port of Civitavecchia has been turned back to the Italian Government and the Italian Navy now is fully responsible for its administrative and operational efficiency.

H. W. Zieroli
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

Copy to:
FONAM
FOTALI
MEDBO
RC LAZIO-UMBRIO REGION
Transportation SC, AC.
Shipping SC, AC.

6199

It is reported that there are no Italian Army units which would be used for this purpose.

From: I.R.N. Staff Office.
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date 30.11.44
Ref.: SM/27628

COPY:

Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. The proximate arrival at Civitavecchia of several Allied M/Vs. carrying supplies for the Italian civil population is foreseen. The number of civil stevedores there is less than will be required to unload the M/Vs. in question, nor is it possible to increase it by employing labour from the surrounding district, as workers do not want to go to Civitavecchia where they could not find food and lodging.

2. To increase the ports' unloading capacity, it would be very useful to transfer to Civitavecchia a Company of It. Auxiliary troops engaged under "Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C."

3. We request therefore that you kindly obtain above Sub-Commission's approval to the transfer to Civitavecchia of a Company of the Auxiliary Troops already mentioned. Italian Army Authorities concerned have been informed of this request and are favourable to its acceptance.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

6198

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FROM AFHQ

TO NMIA

041728A

INFO DISTHREE, DISTHREE EASH

FX 62829

RESTRICTED

Request you find soonest plan for replacement of labour personnel
withdrawn from units in Disthree (.) Signed SAC CITE FHGCT (.)
Substitution to be completed NOT later than 19 December.

ROUTINE

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NMIA Dist: G(2)
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Float

SD/3
SD/19

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RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

APO 512

In reply
refer to

AG 091.713/604 C-0

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Specialists for Combat Groups

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The request for replacement of specialist personnel on a one for one basis in service units under FBS command has been agreed upon.

2. It is desired that the transfers be effected as soon as possible considering the existing difficulties now facing the Italian War Ministry.

For the Theater Commander:

(sgd) R.H. FRESE
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General

6196

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Specialists for Italian Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/19
30 Nov 44

TO : P.B.S.

R.

Confirming conversation Col. LOWEY - Lt. Col. INGLETON
MIA on 25 Nov 44.

1. P.B.S. will endeavour to find Italian Specialists as under for incorporation into the Combat Groups.

Motor Mech	300
Armament Fitters	300
Signallers Op	300
" Instr Mech	100
Elec. Mech	50
Eng. Specialists	100

2. P.B.S. will notify MIA to Naples of numbers collected and location of same, when this HQ will arrange for a like number of personnel to be despatched. The method of clothing adjustment will be decided later depending on

(a) Numbers of personnel involved

(b) State of clothing of parties involved.

3. In order to complete your files, attached are copies of this HQ letter SD/19 of 2 Nov to AFM and AFM letter AG 691.713/304 G-0 of 21 Nov in reply.

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W.C.L.
Major General

Confirming conversation Col. LOMER - Lt. Col. IMBRIEN
MIA on 29 Nov 44.

1. P.B.S. will endeavour to find Italian Specialists as under for incorporation into the Combat Groups.

Motor Mech	300
Armament Fitters	300
Signalers Op	300
" Inetr Mech	100
Alec. Mech	50
Eng. Specialists	100

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- (a) Numbers of personnel involved
- (b) State of clothing of parties involved.

3. In order to complete your files, attached are copies of this HQ letter SD/19 of 2 Nov to AFHQ and AFHQ letter AC 091.713/304 C-0 of 21 Nov in reply.

Copy to: MIA LO MAPLES

A/Q } Without Appx.
Spec Sec. }

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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ERKB V LAEE NR 14

FROM LAEE 232012A

TO DISTHREE

INFO MMIA

QVR 2

GR 20 BT

FX57014 CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR AG/391 NOV 21 (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB Z(.)

672 ITALIAN PNR COY IS COOP

TOR UNIT NOW UK

BT 232012A

ZYNT//WX/ IMI 3/6 CO-OPERATOR UNIT NOW UK

SENT NR14 0218A RC EB

RECD NR 14 0218A USA KKK

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

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FROM

AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGAB 2

232012

TO

DISTHREE

INFO

MMIA

FX 57014

CONFIDENTIAL

Your AG/391 Nov 21 (*) 672 Italian PNR Coy is cooper-
ator unit now UK

cgl

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~~RESTRICTED~~

HEADQUARTERS
~~MEDITERRANEAN~~ THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO ~~3~~ 512

In reply
refer to

AG 091.713/604 C-0

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Specialists for Combat Groups

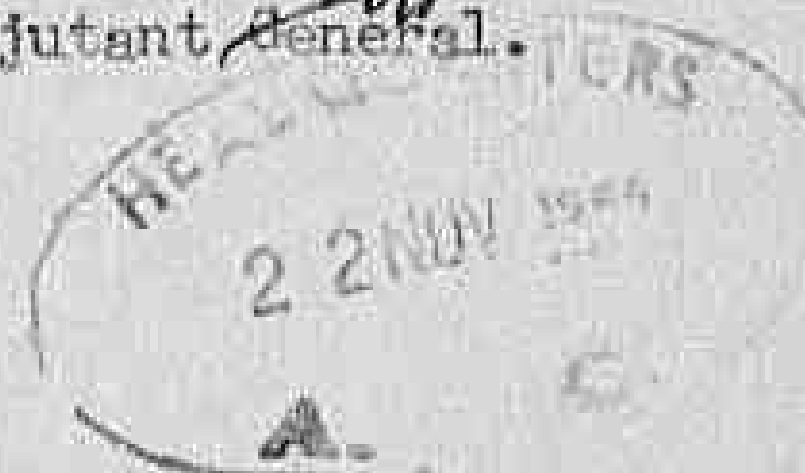
TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394 ✓

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2. It is desired that the transfers be effected as soon as possible considering the existing difficulties now facing the Italian War Ministry.

For the Theater Commander:

Exhibit 1 refers.

R. H. Reese
R. H. REESE,
Captain, AGO
Asst Adjutant General.



24 NOV 1944

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LROF V LAEE NR 16

VR 2

FROM DISTREE 211634A

TO AFHQ 31 (S)

INFO MMIA

GR 16 BT

AG 391 RESTRICTED • REF MMIA 9D 1752 OS 05

MAY LOCATION 672 ITALIAN PNR COY

NOW BE GIVEN

BT 211634A

SENT NR 16 0054A LS 28 KKK

RECD NR 16 0050A JN AR K

Sig 9
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2681

25/22

Co-operator can
not under MMIA.

G-III

24/11

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Pioneer Personnel

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

File No. SD/19
22 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ

1. In reply to your AG 091.711/138-CCT-0
of 18 Nov para 2.

2. Your attention is respectfully drawn
to para 2 of your letter of the same ref dated
6 Nov in which you ordered 3 District and PBS to
comply with the orders contained in Appendix "A"
enclosed with your above quoted letter of the 18th.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

6190

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

785020

FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA

181625A

TO MMIA

PS 336

CONFIDENTIAL

Will HQ report muleteers in I P L Units as follows (.)

Bari 224, BRINDISI 15, TARANTO, 154, TOTAL 393 (.)

66 Gp P C instead report only 18 in BARI (.)

Italian figures correct (.) Where are replacements to come from?

PRIORITY

ek

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~SECRET~~ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET

By Authority of
CG MPEAInitials
Date 10 November 1944

AG 091.711/137-03T-0

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Pioneer Personnel.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MITA).

1. Attached for information is copy letter this headquarters, Labor Directorate Section, file DL/144/2, dated 8 November 1944, subject as above.
2. It is requested that in similar cases in the future, adequate notice of the disposal of Italian Personnel may be given to all concerned.

By command of General WILSON:



1 Incl

Ltr this hq, Labor Directorate
Sec, file DL/144/2, dtd 8 Nov 44,
w/ two documents "A" and "B".

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

To 67 estimate

Int Sec

600 + 300 Sec
2000 ind

P86

1200 trained
2000 untrained

See To 80 A41

2000 untrained rfts
on discretionP86 in rear areas
To 67

A699 of 27 Oct ordering

first priority source

i.e. Internal security

see on 10/3 of 19 Oct

AFHQ

To 107

letter under the same reference 6188

dated 6 Nov 1944. sending out
our orders as at App A

SECRET

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LABOUR DIRECTORATE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DL/144/2

Subject: Disposal of Italian Pnr Personnel.

Tel: Valley Forge 23

Q(Maint), (for attention Brig Q(Maint))
A.F.H.Q.

1. Attached hereto are two documents, i.e.

(a) that marked "A" which is a copy of a letter issued by MMIA

(b) that marked "B" which is a signal issued by G-3 (Org) and relates to the letter marked "A"

2. Both these documents refer to the disposal of considerable numbers of Pnr personnel.

3. The documents came into my possession, and to my notice, incidentally if not accidentally. What happened was that a copy of document "A" reached a member of the Labour Staff at No.3 District, who telephoned a member of my staff, who in turn got in touch with G-3(Org) who then gave him a copy of document "B".

4. It will be noted that the distribution of document "A" includes "Labour", but this is only referring to the Labour officer attached to MMIA who naturally assumes that this Directorate is au fait with all matters of policy such as this letter covers.

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8. I think probably when G-3(Org) sent the signal marked "B" they were under the impression that the detailed production of these men from Pnr Labour Units had been discussed with me, and I am writing this letter as a matter of expediency only, because I think that in some way it should be made clear to MMIA that they cannot spirit away a large number of men from one type of unit to another without whoever is responsible for the units concerned being fully consulted first.

9. You will understand...../

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9. You will understand that the removal of the equivalent of 10 Pnr Coys from the pool of military labour available in ITALY will require some careful thought and adjustment. I am meeting my DDaL at ROME to morrow and will make to you, on my return, such recommendations as are necessary to deal with this situation.

8 Nov 44.
HGLP/RH

(Sgd)(H.C.I. PRYNNE) Brigadier,
Director of Labour,
A.F.H.Q.

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TRANSCRIPTION

SUBJECT: Italian Muleteers.

SD 3

1 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Commission AD (MIA)
HQ 3 District

Copy to :- AAI (2) Reference AAI signal A 699
of 27 Oct 44.

MIA 10 No. 3 District
" " 54 Area
" " Eight Army
" " Fifth Army
" " 101 District
PES (For MIA)

Confirming telephone conversation (BUTTERCOTT - DI BIONTO).

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

- (a) Fifth Army - 938
(b) For British Increment FIFTH ARMY-1073

2. As agreed verbally all forces including Service Units under command 1 and 3 Districts, Eight and Fifth Armies, PES, excluding combat groups, will be combed immediately for provision of the 2011 muleteers.

3. It is estimated that Italian Pioneer Labour Regiments in APULIA under command 3 District will produce the greater part of the 2011 Muleteers required.

4. Replacements will be posted by you for muleteers extracted as soon as possible. Extraction of muleteers from Service Units will not be delayed pending arrival of replacements.

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

Muleteers extracted from
Service Units in
(a)

APULIA
PES
227 Div
209 and 228 Divs

Will be despatched to
(b)

MINERVINO
ASTRONI
AFRAGOLA
AREZZO

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War Ministry will report to MIA as and when men are despatched to the above four camps. Transport arrangements from locations in column (b) will be made by this HQ in conjunction with AAI.

6. MIA 10s, BARI, MINERVINO and AFRAGOLA are reporting numbers of trained and semi-trained muleteers as follows:-
BARI 17 Inf Depot, 13000

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6. MMIA IOs, BARI, MINERVINO and AFRAGOLA are reporting numbers of trained and semi-trained muleteers at present available in, respectively, 47 Inf Depot, LECCE, MINERVINO and AFRAGOLA camps. It is considered that up to 300 muleteers will be produced from this source.

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

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? Major General,
MMIA,

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Movements

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"B"

PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: DISTHREE

REF NO : FX 48614

SIGNED : SACMED

CITE: FMGCT

1. An immediate need has arisen for 2000 Italian muleteers. Orders have been issued to Italian War Ministry to make these muleteers available from all sources including British and US Italian Service Units but excluding the Combat Groups.

2. It is anticipated that the majority can be made available from Italian Pioneer Labour Regiments under command 3 District in APULIA.

3. Letter following giving all details this demand.

4. For PBS this answers your PBS 30950 of 3 Nov 44.

ORIGINATOR: G-3 ORG

AUTHY: DANIEL NOCE, MAJ GEN
ADDED DISTRIB. D LADCUR

INFO : C/S NTO

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HQ CZ

AG RECORDS.

MC OUT 1223

5 Nov

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Ref No FX 48614

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SD 1806

RESTRICTED

Your A77 of 7 and AG 229 of 14 (.) Referred to AFHQ (.)

Our SD 1752 of 6 copy to you refers

~~Important~~
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LROF V LAEE NR88
FROM DISTHREE 141512A
TO MMIA
GR13 BT

AG229. RESTRICTED. MAY A REPLY NOW BE GIVEN TO OUR
A 77 DATED 07.
BT THI 1715

SENT NR88 2001A MFB BB K
NR 88 RD 2001 CACC KK

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PD
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LAB.
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FROM MMIA

TO MMIA LG 54 AREA

SD 1774

RESTRICTED

Ref your PS/292 of 8 NOV (.) Acting on MMIA instructions
SMTE ordered HIL HQ AFULIA 16 OCT to disband 253 Forestry
Coy passing personnel to MINERWING Camp from allied employment (.)
Unit not authorized by AAT and must be disbanded.

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED [Signature]

Copy to file
+ SD/50

done
HBL 5/11

copy please

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

Rptd: 3 DISTRICT

SD 1752

08 1615 A

RESTRICTED

Following signal received from 3 DISTRICT (.) QUOTE (.)

Request present location 672 Italian Pioneer Coy (.)

UNQUOTE (.) Request you reply as Coy formed from co-operators

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

ROUTINE

Approved

Capt

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INFO V LANE NR 111

FROM DISTANCE 071703A

TO: INDIA

CCX GR 13 ET

MM 1 A	bal
FR 101	
DO 101	8/4

Reg. 8/11

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ET

ATTN RESTRICTED REQUEST PRESENT LOCATION 072 ITALIAN

PIONEER CRY

BY 071703A

SENT NR

~~111~~ 111 07/2353A AY B K

RD NR (111) " B LON " 2354 K K

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YES OK

INFO V LAEE NR 97 P 5
FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 081715A

TO MMIA

GR -- BT

PS/292 RESTRICTED . ~~W//~~ 253 COY FORESTALE AT FORENZA STRENGTH
4 ORS AND 179 ORS IS WORKING UPON
CONTRACT WITH CIVILIAN FIRM SUPPLYING
TIMBER FOR 54 AREA . ~~P//~~ TPS ARE ALL OGLOTTI AND THE
LAST OF SEVERAL COYS OF THIS TYPE . MIN
OF WAR SHOULD BE IN THE PICTURE
BT 081715A

SENT NR 7// 97 2021A LS BB KKK

RECD 97 2021 REB B

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Personnel-Reinforcements-Officers.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(A.C.C.) M. M. I. A.
R O M E
AQ/73
6 November 1944.

Ministry of War.

1. It has been reported that deficiencies of subaltern officers exist in Pioneer Labor Units and Smoke Coys. as listed below.
2. Will you please arrange for reinforcements to be posted to fill these vacancies.

96 Italian Pioneer Labor Coy	Subaltern
204 " " "	1
202 " " "	1
203 " " "	1
218 " " "	1
237 " " "	1
238 " " "	1
239 " " "	1
240 " " "	1
223 " " "	1
224 " " "	1
255 " " "	1
214 " " "	1
159 " " "	2
243 " " "	1
509 Italian Pioneer Smoke Coy	1

F.J. MCARTY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
MMLA

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SPA/ag

Copy to:

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	96 Italian Pioneer Labor Coy		Subaltern
204	"	1	"
202	"	1	"
203	"	1	"
218	"	1	"
237	"	1	"
233	"	1	"
239	"	1	"
240	"	1	"
223	"	1	"
224	"	1	"
235	"	1	"
214	"	2	"
159	"	1	"
243	"	1	"
509 Italian Pioneer Smoke Coy		1	"

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F.J. WARDEN, Lt. Col.
for Major General
MILA

SPA/45

Copy to:

G MILA

Labor MILA.

Ward 11

Subject:- Reinforcements - I.P.L. Units.

RESTRICTED

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILEPOT 282

LAE/59/3

1 Nov 44

A. (O)

Copy to:- G(SD)

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D.A.D.L., H.M.I.A.

Reference this Office letter LAE/59/3 dated 26 October 1944.

1. I attach herewith at Appendix 'A' a summary of major deficiencies in Italian Pioneer Labour Units as at 23 October 1944.
2. This total, representing the working strength of 9 Italian Pioneer Labour Coys, has assumed serious proportions, particularly as sickness rates are increasing with the approaching winter which is bringing with it increased demands for uniformed labour.
3. It is requested that urgent steps be taken to provide the required reinforcements.

/RN

Brigadier.
Deputy Director of Labour.

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Appendix 'A'				Location for		Demand.
UNIT				Regt.	Total.	
154	I.P.L. Coy No. 1	Bn. 409	Regt.	27		
155	"	"	"	22		
158	"	"	"	24		
				73		
164	I.P.L. Coy No. 1	Bn. 409	Regt.	81		
203	"	"	"	56		
204	"	"	"	55		
206	"	"	"	43		
209	"	"	"	40		
				303		
214	I.P.L. Coy No. 1	Bn. 410	Regt.	44		
215	"	"	"	46		
217	"	"	"	22		
				122		
237	"	No. 1	Bn. 412	Regt.		
238	"	"	"	57		
239	"	"	"	55		
241	"	"	"	54		
242	"	"	"	49		
				225		
212	I.P.L. Coy No. 2	Bn. 409	Regt.	72		
219	"	No. 2	Bn. 410	Regt.		
220	"	"	"	44		
				74		
245	"	No. 2	Bn. 412	Regt.		
244	"	"	"	37		
245	"	"	"	57		
247	"	"	"	56		
				153		
249	I.P.L. Coy No. 1	Bn. 413	Regt.	22		
253	"	"	"	45		
254	"	"	"	44		
255	"	No. 2	Bn.	51		
256	"	"	"	57		
257	"	"	"	44		
258	"	"	"	51		
259	"	"	"	51		
260	"	"	"	51		

No. 6175

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District.

		TEST	EIGHTH ARMY.
215	"		
217	"		
237	"		
238	"		
239	"		
241	"		
242	"		

212 I.P.L. Coy No. 2 Bn. 409 Regt.

219 " " " No. 2 Bn. 410 Regt.

243 " " " No. 2 Bn. 412 Regt.

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249 I.P.L. Coy No. 1 Bn. 413 Regt.

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509 Italian Smoke Coy

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TEST

Under arrange-ments FIFTH ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Italian Units.

MMIA.

Reference your SD19 dated 8 Oct 44.

1. The attached copy of Comando Militare della Campania letter of 24 Oct 44 is forwarded.
2. This gives the information requested in your above quoted letter.

AKC/SM.

DeLong
Maj Gen.
Comd.

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3 District,
Tel Ext 17,
159A.
3 Nov 44.

C O P Y.*2 copies*

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA.
Italian Liaison Office with 56 Area.

No 850 di prt.

Naples 24 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: Italian Units.To HQ 56 Area,
A Branch.

Ref. A/50 Oct 17 1944.

1. The strength return of 9 Sep 44 shows:
 - (a) 2 Bn 516 Inf Regt Benevento
effective Off. 17 ORs 225
present " 11 " 181
 - (b) HQ and Coy HQ Inf. Regt. San. Giovanni a Teduccio
effective Off 17 ORs 339
present " 12 " 39
2. The strength given by you of the 2 Bn 516 is not exact. The effective strength of Coy HQ of 513 Inf. Regt. includes the absent strength of 300 ORs. This strength is due to the fact that the Coy HQ has in strength all personnel on leave, in hospital and absent without leave of dissolved units with which it was ~~formed~~ joined and 1 Bn 407 that is the 2 Bn 516, 2 Bn 580 and 3 Bn 407.
3. The 2 Bn 516 is employed in labor works and duty Guard at CMTC of Benevento, to which gives a daily strength of 150 men. The HQ 513 Inf. Regt. acts as an administrative HQ with an average effective strength of 50 - 60 ORs.
4. As above said the a/m Units are not available for absorption in Labor Units.

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER,
Lt Col CAMARDA, L.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Units

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MMIA)
SD/19

2 Nov 44 R $\frac{1}{n}$

MMIA LO HQ 3 District

1. Att is copy of our SD/19 of 8 Oct addressed to 3 Dist.
2. A reply to this was urged in our letter of the 17 Oct but no reply has yet been received at this HQ.
3. Will you please take up this matter and expedite the info required.

ABC
c.3

J. J. J. J.
Major General Capt
M M I A

Enc. Copy SD/19 of 17 Oct

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REST LATER

SUBJECT: Specialists for Combat Groups

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.A.I.A.)

SH/19
2 Nov 44 R 3/11

AFHQ

1. In view of the difficulty experienced by Italian War Ministry in finding specialists for the Combat Groups, this HQ, with SH/19 of 25 Sep 44 authorized the Ministry to replace small nos of specialists in BR-ITI labour units with non-specialists on a car for one basis.

2. The War Ministry now request that they may be authorized to effect the same replacements in US-ITI labour units.

They quote the undermentioned three cases of units under command HQS as examples where specialists are performing labour tasks:-

"3rd Engn US Coy (formerly 298 MILITARIOLOGIST Coy) working on maintenance of bridges."

"6th Engr US Coy (formerly 39 MILITARIOLOGIST Coy) working on rd and bridge maintenance."

"15th Engr US Coy (formerly 212 MILITARIOLOGIST Coy) doing quarry work and excavations."

3. It is requested that HQS be asked to agree to the replacement of small nos of their specialists on the lines indicated in this HQ letter SH/19 of 25 Sep 44, copy of which is att.

4. If agreed, the details could be worked out by this HQ and HQS are directed to do so.

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1. In view of the difficulty experienced by Italian War Ministry in finding specialists for the Combat Groups, this HQ, with SH/19 of 25 Sep 44 authorized the Ministry to replace small nos of specialists in RR-ITI Labour units with non-specialists on a one for one basis.

2. The War Ministry now request that they may be authorized to effect the same replacements in US-ITV Labour units.

They quote the undermentioned three cases of units under command PMS as examples where specialists are performing labour tasks:-

*3rd Regt GS Coy (formerly 998 ELECTRICIENI Coy) working on maintenance of bridges."

*6th Regt GS Coy (formerly 77 ELECTRICIENI Coy) working on re and bridge maintenance."

*15th Regt GS Coy (formerly 212 MISTA GENIO Coy) doing quarry work and excavations".

3. It is requested that PMS be asked to agree to the replacement of small nos of their specialists on the lines indicated in this HQ letter SH/19 of 25 Sep 44. copy of which is att.

4. If agreed, the details could be worked out by this HQ and PMS circ

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[Signature]
Major General
M M I A.

Z Nov 44
R 3/11

AFHQ

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SUBJECT:- Specialised Personnel of Labour Units employed by the Allies

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MHA)
SL/19
25 Sep 44

Ministry of War

1. The proposals are agreed in principle.
2. You are authorised to replace small numbers of specialists now in labour units with non-specialists on a one for one basis providing that the non-specialists report to the units concerned before the relief takes place.
3. In the case of large quantities of personnel where
 - (a) the efficiency of a unit would be noticeably impaired or
 - (b) Allied transportation, (veh or train)would be necessary, you are required to notify this HQ in advance so that
 - (a) authority may be obtained on operational grounds and
 - (b) the necessary transportation assistance may be arranged.
4. Will you please submit a monthly report showing transfers effected.

ABC

S.M. INGLEDEW Lt Col
for Major General
M M I A

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