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Transmittal
From: M. J. S.
To: M. J. S.
Ref: 3009020
317-27-9-
Dist: 30 Oct. 66

Subject: Specialized soldiers for Combat Groups.

1) To bring up to strength all Combat Groups, we must have more specialized soldiers, ref 3009020 of 30 Sept. The looking for and transfer specialists coming in did not depend on the others and substituting some of others was specialized. This was added in with the looking from the British Army but would not be extended to the American Army because we did not have enough. It was informed us that the latter had not given them an

Army reduced in such way, the results obtained were very poor, with actually large deficiencies even in Combat Groups especially those of "Peons" and "Mentors".

(II) As it may be noted, soldiers to be employed by the American Army have not, at to now, been reduced in quality as the majority of them have been reduced in quantity. They are most of their specialized soldiers. They are then employed in manual work which is far to be done as for example -

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to the Hawaiian Navy because it is not possible to be informed in that the latter had not given them any.

Being advised in such way, the small obtained were very poor, while actually, they are of the highest quality, especially those of "Pearls" and "Mantona".

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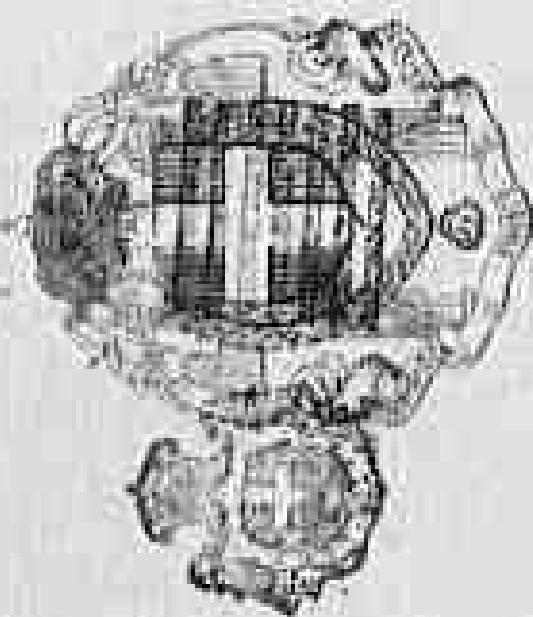
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at least in time to catch into completely
employed as laborer which are the 28 Bns.
under the P.B.S.

The specialized men taken will
naturally be replaced by others who will
be physically and morally efficient.

Gen. G. B. O'NEILL

Gen. F. M. R.



M.M.I.A.

Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Prot. N. 303290/C.A.
317-V-9

M.M.I.A.	SD
FILE REF.	19
Date Rec.	28/10/44

P.M. 151, 24 ottobre 1944 28/10.

OGGETTO: Specializzati per i Gruppi di Combattimento -

ALLA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

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Ridotti in tal modo il campo di ricerche, i risultati si sono dimostrati molto scarsi, mentre le deficienze da colmare permangono tuttora notevoli specie per i gruppi di combattimento "Piceno" e "Mantova".

II)- Come noto, le truppe a disposizione per l'impiego dell'esercito statunitense:

- non hanno subito finora alcun depauperamento qualitativo in quanto derivate di massima da formazioni organiche che hanno conservato in buona parte i loro specializzati;

- sono prevalentemente impiegate in lavori di pura manovalanza o non rispondenti alla loro specifica specializzazione, come per esempio avviene per:

. l'ex 99^a cp. elettricisti (trasformata in 3^a cp. del I btg. Genio servizi generali) - addetta alla manutenzione dei ponti -

. l'ex 99^a cp. elettricisti (trasformata in 6^a cp. del II btg. Genio

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- l'ex 99° cp. elettricisti (trasformata in 6° cp. del II bgt. Genio servizi generali) - addetta al riattamento di strade e ponti
- la 212° cp. mista Genio (che aveva un plotone collegamenti e fu trasformata in 16° cp. del VI bgt. Genio) - addetta a lavori in cavea per estrazione di pietrisco.

III)- Dato ciò, poiché non deriverebbe nessun danno al rendimento dei reparti impiegati in ordinari lavori di fatica se gli elementi specializzati fossero sostituiti con militari comuni, pregerei di voler riesaminare la questione. Il veto accennato potrebbe essere ri-

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mosso almeno per quella parte delle unità sistematicamente impiegate come manovalenza e precisamente per i 30 battaglioni di servizi a disposizione della P.B.S. -

Naturalmente gli specializzati da prelevare sarebbero previamente sostituiti da militari fisicamente e moralmente efficienti.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen. G. B. Galia)

G. Galia

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SUBJECT: 412 Labour Regt.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SD/19

3 Oct 1944

War Ministry.

Reg 30/10

Ref SARE letter 7615/Ord of 14 Oct 44.

3 District have no objection to the moves requested and application has already been made for the call forward of Regtl and Bn Hqs.

Copy to Lab.

ACM
Major General
M M I A
Play

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Subject:- 412 Labour Regt

HQ MMIA

DADL HQ MMIA

3 District
Ext 98
3Dis/251/L
27 Oct 44

Ref your SD/19 of 24 Oct 44 and attached copy of Italian General Staff letter 7815/Ord of 14 Oct.

1. There is no objection to the moves requested and application has already been made for the call forward of Regtl and Bn Hqs.

FWPT/crf

C.R.B. Knight
(C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel,
DDL.

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SUBJECT: 412 Labour Regt

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

File No. SD/19

24 Oct 44

RM 24/10

TO : 3 DISTRICT (for DDL)

Ref attached translation of Italian General Staff
letter 7815/Crd of 14 Oct.

1. Please state if you have any objection to the moves
as requested of these Hqs.

For. copy

MPK
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Lab

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SUBJECT: 506. 510 Smoke Coys.

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MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
SD/21
22 Oct 44

War Ministry.

Ref SURE signal 7826/Ord of 16 Oct 44.

This H.Q. is informed by H.Q. 3 District that
506 and 510 Smoke Coys have already been converted to WE
AI/26/1.

ACB
Major General
F B I A

Copy to SD/19

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RAAC MESSAGE TO ME

FROM

WMA

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1415

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S.B./19.

per 18.

TO

DISTRICT

INFO

WAR MINISTRY

RESTRICTED

SD1624

Ref AFHQ letter CR/1024/G-1(BR) (Ser 0699) of 6 Sept (.). PAREN HOME AREA
_____ PAREN (.). In view of fact that 506 and 510 Snake Coys are
being employed on labour are you converting them to WE AI/36/1 query

PRECEDENCE

Routine

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WMA

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18/19.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

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To MMIA LO 54 AREA

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Your ME/106/1 of 15 (.) PAREN ROBE AREA PAREN (.)
Request you clarify designation (.) 253 Forestry Coy does
NOT exist (.) 253 Labour Coy is at ANUONA (.) In any case
54 AREA should apply to Allied unit commanding the coy

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED MPK [signature]

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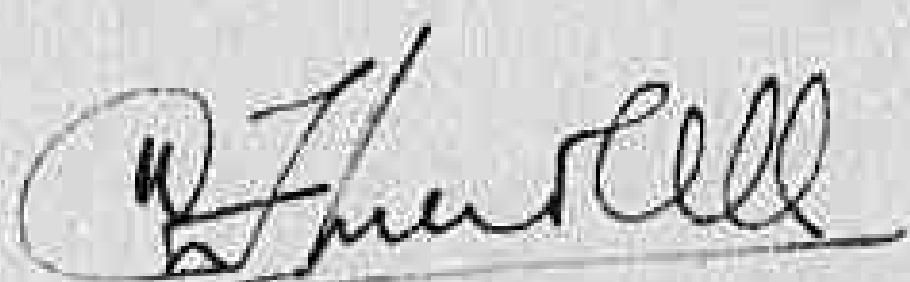
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Subject. 253 Forestry Coy

Liaison Officer.
Mil. Army Mission
Italian Army.
54 Area C.M.F. 53/4
MF/105/1
15 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.

The attached copy of letter from
ADST 54 Area is forwarded for action as necessary.


C.F. MURCELL Maj. G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. 10539
54 Area.

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C O P Y

Subject. 253 Company.

ST/172/10

Major Murcell,

L.O.

M.M.I.A.

Ref telephone conversation Majors Gilman-Murcell.

1. Bocchiccio, Nicola fuel-wood contractor to 54 Area is employing 160 men from 253 Compagnia Lavoratori Boschivi at Forenza. He states that if these men are withdrawn fuel-wood supplies will be seriously prejudiced owing to the difficulty of securing labour.

2. As Bocchiccio is supplying 400 tons of fuel-wood per month to this Headquarters it would be greatly appreciated if these men could be retained at Forenza.

CMF

11 Oct 44.

????for Lt Col
ADST 54 Area.

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Translation

Sid/19

G 207

From: S.M.R.E.

To: H.M.1A.

Subject: 412 Pioneer Regt.

Ref: 7815/Ord.

Date: 14.10.44.

Aug 19
10.

1) The Troops of the II Bty. of the 412th Pioneer Regt. were placed, during last Regt. under the 210 Div. because they were stationed in 5th Army territory.

Bty. H.Q. remained, however, at Cancells. Will M.M.1A. finally ^{ask for} ~~transfer~~ Transfer of paid H.Q. to BORGO S. LORENZO, where the 6 Troops of the Bty. are stationed.

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In order that the H.Q. may be able to exercise ~~the~~ disciplinary control over its units, will you please see if it is possible to have it transferred to the FOSSOMBONE area where Regt 537 1st Bty. of the Regt. is stationed under the 22nd Div.

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(Sgt) Gen. A. SANTI

~~3/5/51~~

SECRETO

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

N° 7815/Ord. di prot.

P.M.151, 14 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: 412° rgt. lavoratori.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

I) - Le batterie del IL/412° reggimento lavoratori sono state poste, nel settembre scorso, alle dipendenze della 210° divisione perchè dislocate nel settore della 5° armata.-
Il comando del gruppo è però rimasto a Cancellò.-
Si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di voler sollecitare l'avviamento di detto comando a Borgo S. Lorenzo, ove si trovano le sei batterie del gruppo.-

II) - Il comando del 412° reggimento lavoratori pionieri è anche rimasto a Cancellò.-
Affinchè tale comando possa esercitare la sua azione disciplinare sui reparti dipendenti, si prega di volere esaminare la possibilità di trasferirlo nella zona di Fossombrone, ove si trova il I gruppo del reggimento stesso alle dipendenze della 228° divisione.-

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SUBJECT: Italian Units

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

File No. SD/19

17 Oct 44

TO : 3 DISTRICT

Pen 17/10

1. May a reply to our SD/19 dated 8 Oct be expedited please.

AF PS for
Maj Gen
M M I A

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ARMY FORM 9-215 (Rev. 5-55)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)

Originator

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3 DISTRICT

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

MMIA

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Message Instructions

Originator's No

8149 - REF YOUR SD 508 OF 8 OCT (.) LETTER IN QUESTION DESTROYED (.)

THOUGHT TO BE REPORTS ON ITALIAN UNITS ABSORBED BY LABOUR DISTRESS (.)

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Subject: Italian Personnel.

To: PPS,
A-9.

Copy to: MMIA, Rome. ✓

RAOC Training Establi. sent.
Tel Pontecagnano 23 and 41
Ref TM/60
Date 9 Oct 44

17/19
Ind. Rec.
Examined 16/10/44

D.

Enclosed is nominal roll of Italian personnel posted from 2A Coy, D'Inquadramento on 30 Sep 44 to 407 Regt Pioneers, having been found unsuitable for training in Ordnance duties.

In the Field.

Sgt. H.
Warthin

17/19-10
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Capt.
for Lt. Col.
Sgt.
(H.W. EDWARDS) 6533

SUBJECT: Italian Units.

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MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
SD 19
8 Oct 44

*Her
9/12.*

TO : HQ 3 District

1. The strength return of the Italian Army submitted by the Italian General Staff as at 9 Sept shows:-

(a) 2 Bde 516 Inf Regt BENEVENTO	6	128
(b) HQ and Coy HQ 513 Inf Regt S. GRV:A.TED.	22	343

both units under command 3 District. The strengths are the effective strengths which include personnel on leave, in hospital, absent without leave, etc.

2. The following information is requested:-

- (a) Are the particulars in para 1(a) and (b) correct?
- (b) How are the units employed? HQ 513 Inf Regt is authorized to act as an administrative HQ but this does not account for such a large number of personnel.
- (c) Are the units available for absorption into labour units?

For *Major General*
Major General
MIA

Internal Copy to DADI.

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SUBJECT: 407 and 408 Italian
Infantry Regts

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SD/19
6 Oct 44

H.Q. 2 Dist

Copy to: Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o 2 Dist

Recd
9/10
AAFSO/MTO

Ref HQ AAFSO/MTO letter 322 (G - 4 - 22) of 22 Sep 44.
copy herewith.

1. The 893 personnel comprising the Italian units listed in para 1 of above letter are under comd 2 Dist and count against the ceiling of Italian service tps w/c British formations.
2. This HQ letter referred to in para 3 of a/q AAFSO letter is AQ/11/2 of 16 Sep 44.

Copy to: 'G'

[Handwritten signature]
Maj Gen
M M I A
[Handwritten signature]

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COPY

<u>ITALIAN UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>GROUND FORCE OR AIR FORCE</u>	<u>US ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th SANITARY UNITS	AF	19 Material Control Unit, AAFSC/ATO	156
1st Company, GAI	AF	AAFAC, AAFSC/ATO	180
12th Company, 408th Regiment	GF	AAFAC, AAFSC/ATO	140
1st Company, Autisti	AF	Adriatic Depot, AAFSC/ATO	186
1st Air Depot Battalion	AF	AFGD #5, AAFSC/ATO	921
2nd Specialist Company	AF	AFGD #5, AAFSC/ATO	163
2nd Company, GAI	AF	AFGD #5, AAFSC/ATO	227
3rd Company, GAI	AF	37th Service Group, 15th Air Force	197
17th Bn. Eng. Company	AF	323rd Service Group, 15th Air Force	15
4th Company, GAI	AF	304th Wing, 15th Air Force	140
1st Bomb Range Guard Det.	AF	304th Wing, 15th Air Force	160
1st Co., 1st Bn., 407th Regt.	GF	VII AEA, AAFSC/ATO	111
2nd Co., 1st Bn., 407th Regt.	GF	VII AEA, AAFSC/ATO	59
3rd Co., 1st Bn., 407th Regt.	GF	VII AEA, AAFSC/ATO	62
4th Co., 1st Bn., 407th Regt.	GF	VII AEA, AAFSC/ATO	65
3rd Co., 1st Bn., 408th Regt.	GF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	120
4th Co., 1st Bn., 408th Regt.	GF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	112
9th Co., 3rd Bn., 408th Regt.	GF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	143
10th Co., 3rd Bn., 408th Regt.	GF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	81
16th Eng. Co., 4th Zone Ter.	AF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	189
17th Eng. Co., RIAP	AF	VI AEA, AAFSC/ATO	172
Various	AF	Allied Garrison of Sardinia	6530-223

TOTAL

5322

33, Military Mission

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - PNR (LAB)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1110/G-1(BR) (Ser. 0809)
2 Oct 44.

3 SECTIONS, 127 COY. PNR CORPS (LAB)

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser. 0570) dated 11 Aug 44.
2. The effective date for the disbandment of the above mentioned Secs will be as follows:-

One Sec
with effect from
30 Aug 44

(for absorption by 2918 Pnr Lab
Unit - CR/1115/G-1(BR) (SER. 0672)
of 30 Aug 44 refers).

Two Secs
with effect from
10 Sep 44

(towards formation of British
Cadres, Italian Pnr Lab Coys -
CR/1110/G-1(BR) (SER. 0773) of 22
Sep 44 refers).

3. The above quoted letter will be amended accordingly.

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per CR/1110/G-1(BR) (Ser. 0570) of 11 Aug 44)

File these in 1978

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Oct 10

Figure as of 25 Feb is 39,000

-- 9 Sep = 30,000
9,000

Taking figure of 9 Sep as correct -- 30,000

personal given to Lab 25 Feb - 9 Sep.

5,500
24,500

i.e. 25 Feb fig should be which

is 14,500 less than was shown.

This difference is put down to

(a) duplication

4,500

(b) denting during

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Taking figure of 9 Sep as correct - 30,000
personnel given to Feb 25 Feb - 9 Sep.
5,500
24,500 which
is 14,500 less than was shown.

This difference is put down to

(a) duplication 4,500

(b) denting during harvesting 2,800

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(c) deficiency 417 Feb - 9 Sep.
see Calculation 400

(d) denting & denting
on back of labour

excl (b) and (c) 6,000

14,000

1. 400 to 408 Regts which have been employed for months at BARI - BRINDISI - TARANTO are

Post Labour total approx:— 14000

2. These units were in process of being reorganised into Regts with the same ^{or similar} denominations.

3. Newly formed Regts amount to:— 9000

4. A reasonable estimate would be that 50% are included twice 4500

5. 7000 personnel were brought from SARDINIA for harvesting and then despatched for reorganisation into labour units.

After being months in Sardinia a large % of age never arrived for harvesting and still were present absent during harvesting.

Estimate that 60% only were finally available to labour

40% absentees are 7000 63000:

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632700:

6. 417 labour Regt arrived from
APODIA and CAPPODIA deficient:- 700:

7. Allowance for deserters & demobilization,

period 25 July to 9 Sept, December
in labour regts always high - say 20%
6000:
14000

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FROM INIA
TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY
RPTD INIA LO EIGHTH ARMY
MATH AAI for "A" BRANCH

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File 197
28/19
Reg 29
9.

SD 1506

CONFIDENTIAL

FIRST (.) 130 rfts from ROME call up being despatched to IESI tomorrow morning FRIDAY 29 Sept in addition to 100 labour rfts (.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND _____ PAREN (.) SECOND (.) 60 of the 130 rfts are stated to be suitable as muleteers (.) THIRD (.) Personnel will arrive NOT rpt NOT equipped and in civilian clothes (.) FOURTH (.) If not required in view of third para signal cancellation immediately

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AUTHENTICATED

W Selley Capt

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LRKB V LRAR NR 8989 **IMPORTANT**

FROM MMIA REAR EIGHT ARMY 281845A

TO HQ MMIA ROME

QOY GR --- BT

MMIA	SD
FILE REF	119
Date Recd	29/9/1

MM/238 . RESTRICTD . TRANSIT CAMP REPORT IS THAT RFTS ARE BEING
RAILED FROM ROME WITH NO RPT NO RATIONS FOR AVERAGE TWO DAY JOURNEY .
Z PLEASE INVESTIGAT E

SENT NR 8989 1955 D M'L B1 KKK

RCD 1755 A HRA BDB

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N/21/28
60/7
per 29
MMIA
DADL *for poor*
draft with 6525
this letter now
enclosed G
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SUBJECT:- Specialised Personnel of Labour Units employed by the Allies

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SD/19

25 Sep 44

25/9.

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) authy 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.

S.M.A. J.R.C.

Major General
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MAIN EIGHTH ARMY DISTONE

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SD 1478

RESTRICTED

Rail tpt requested for 100 labour rfts to move from ROME to AREZZO on 1 Oct (.) Grateful if accomodation can be arranged for this date or alternatively several days notice of train departure time (.) Owing no provision for housing and feeding men for long periods in Rome difficulty of ensuring arrival of men and trains together is extremely difficult

PRECEDENCE Major

AUTHENTICATED _____

Copy to: DADI
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Translation

From M of W
to MWA

Ref: 301143/C.A

Date 18 sept 44

Specialised personnel of labour unit at
the disposal of the allies.

SIRE has communicated some difficulties to complete the establishment of specialised personnel needed for the combat groups which are being formed.

This Ministry states that they can settle the question successfully by the use of the specialists who are incorporated in the labour units working for the allies. This Personnel will be replaced by non-specialised Personnel which will be incorporated on the recalling of the 1914 to 1924 classes of legion. As to this we have started to make arrangements of the organisation so as to be able to proceed with the approval of MWA 118523

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We beg AM 191A to examine the proposition explained above and give authorization to enable us to withdraw the specialized Personnel from the labor units under called Personnel

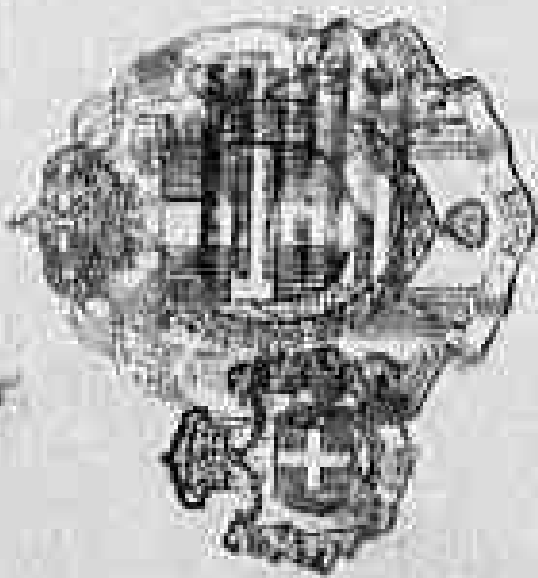
It has already been granted for the
Labor units of Bari Bismar and Javan to
for Specialist elements needed for duty and HT units

Oscilia

R Mansfield

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Translato 21.2
Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

N° 301148/C.A. di prot.

P.M. 151 - 18 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Specializzati dei reparti di manovalanza a disposizione degli A.A.

Specialized personnel of Italian units at disposal of Allies

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
AGITOCCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO - M.M.I.A. =

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ROMA

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- 2) - Questo Ministero ritiene che si potrebbe contribuire alla risoluzione della questione attingendo elementi specializzati da quelli attualmente esistenti nei reparti di manovalanza alle dipendenze degli A.A.- Detto personale verrebbe sostituito con militari non specializzati che si incorporeranno in seguito al richiamo delle classi 1944 - 1924 del Lazio. A questo riguardo sono in corso le predisposizioni organizzative necessarie in attesa di poter procedere al richiamo con il benestare di codesta A.S.C.
- 3) - Prego codesta Sottocommissione di voler esaminare la proposta di cui sopra ed estendere l'autorizzazione di poter attingere specializzata tutte le unità lavoratori alle dipendenze degli A.A.-
Già a suo tempo, essa fu concessa nei riguardi dei raggruppamenti lavoratori di Bari, Brindisi e Taranto per travasi e elementi specializzati occorrenti alla costituzione di artiglieri ed autieri.

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AUTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO = M.M.I.A. =

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. OXILIA)

G. Oxilia

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785020

SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Units.

Military Mission
Italian Army
R o m e
SI/19
21 Sept 44.

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21/9

To: War Ministry.

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PRO for NMIA LG.

Ref our SI/19 of 17th Sept 44.
Please amend AAI letter 3097/15/A(0) (Ser 0137) of 13 Sept
as under:

Para 3 Delete G(AE) HQ AAI
Insert G(AE) AFHQ

AFHQ
Major General.
M M I A.

JS

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SUBJECT: - Formation of Italian Units.

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

Tel: MILPOT 226.

3097/15/A(O) (Ser 0137).

18 Sep 44.

Italian Pioneer Labour Regt HQs.
Italian Pioneer Labour Regts.
Italian Pioneer Labour Coys.

Ref this HQ letter 3097/15/A(O) ^{amended} (Ser 0137) dated 13 Sep.

1. The following amendment will be made to the above quoted letter

Para 3. DELETE Q(AS) HQ AAI.
INSERT Q(AR) AFHQ.

AFY/AY.

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DISTRIBUTION as for 3097/15/A(O) (Ser 0137) dated 13 Sep.

Belletti
for Major
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy passed AR & LAB.
Letter to Co's 2 & 3 Jists

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

Subject:- Formation of Italian Units.

SECRET

3 District
Tel Ext 66
104/281A.

Labour
C (ED)
Q (AB)

Army Sub-Commission (SMIA)

18 Sep 44

417 Italian Far Labour Regt.

1. Formation of the units shown at Appendix "A" of attached HQ AAI 3097/15/A (9) (Ser. 0137) dated 15 Sep 44 w.e.f. 10 Sep 44 will be carried out under your supervision. Appropriate F.Os are also attached.
2. Instructions on the provision of personnel, transport and equipment are contained in the above quoted letter.
3. Completion Reports will be forwarded to this Branch.

AKC/PH.

Quilley
H. Col
DA & QAI

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SECRETSUBJECT:-- Formation of Italian Units.HQ ALLIED ARMS & TRNG

Tel:-- NUNOT 296

3097/1-1(0) (Ser 0137)

/3 Sep 44

Italian Pioneer Labour Regt Headquarters
 Italian Pioneer Labour Regts.
 Italian Pioneer Labour Coys.

1. FORMATION

Formation of the units, detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be supervised as above.

Copies of WEs are attached for addressees as applicable.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided by disbandment of the following units:--

- (a) 417 Regiment (Italian) including reinforcements (45 officers 2112 ORs)
- (b) HQ 418 Regiment (Italian) (9 officers, 17 ORs)
- (c) Italian Units allotted against Serial 15 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (150 officers 3050 ORs)
- (d) Part of Italian Unit allotted against Serial 15 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (27 officers 162 ORs).

3. TRANSPORT

Vehicles will be provided on release by 9(AE) HQ AFHQ when stocks permit.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued by Districts concerned in conjunction with Army Sub Commission (ASC) in accordance with provisional ALs (L098 issued by this HQ under following references:--

3463/44/3(AE) for Regt HQ
 3463/44/3(12) for Bn HQ
 3463/44/7(12) for Coys.

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Indents for equipment will be forwarded by HQ 9 and HQ 227 Italian Corps (copy to Army Sub Commission) and by HQ 227 Italian Division (copy to Army Sub Commission).

Copies of VEs are attached for addressees as applicable.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided by disbandment of the following units:-

- (a) 417 Regiment (Italian) including reinforcements (15 officers 2112 OR)
- (b) HQ 418 Regiment (Italian) (3 officers, 17 OR)
- (c) Italian Units allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (150 officers 3850 ORs)
- (d) Part of Italian Unit allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (27 officers 142 ORs).

3. TRANSPORT

Vehicles will be provided on-release by 9 (AE) HQ AFHQ when stocks permit.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued by Districts concerned in conjunction with Army Sub Commission (AS) in accordance with provisional ASs 41098 issued by this HQ under following references:-

3463/44/2(AE) for Regt HQ
3463/44/2(AE) for Bn HQ
3463/44/2(AE) for Coy.

6518

Indents for equipment will be forwarded by HQ 9 Italian Corps (copy to Army Sub Commission) and by 417 Regt to HQ 227 Italian Division (copy to Army Sub Commission).

5. FORMATION

Formation will be completed within 21 days of effective date, when a report will be sent to this HQ.

RM/121.

A. C. C.
for General, 1942
Commander-in-Chief.

DISTRIBUTION/.....

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DISTRIBUTION

AHQ G1(E)
G3 (Org 2) ...2
G3 (Org 3)....2
Ord (Br)
Allied Control Commission
HQ EIGHTH Army
HQ No.1 District
HQ No.2 District..16(with copies of WEs)
HQ No.3 District...8 " " "
GHQ 2nd Echelon
Army Sub Commission (INMA)...6
Italian Military Mission
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G(Records)....2
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Q(AE) (with copy of WEs)
ORD
LAB (3) (with copies of WEs)
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APPENDIX 'A' TO 3098/15/A(0) (Ser 0137) dated Sep

<u>Regt HQ</u> <u>on WE A1/13/1</u>		<u>Bn HQ</u> <u>on WE A1/14/1</u>	<u>Coys on</u> <u>WE A1/11/1</u>	<u>Supervising</u> <u>Authority</u>
400 Italian Pnr Labour Regt HQ		Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 400 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 93 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 2 District in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Cor
402	-do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 402 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -
417	-do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 417 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO 3098/15/A(0) (Ser 0137) dated Sep 44

<u>4/1</u>	<u>Coys on</u> <u>WE A1/11/1</u>	<u>Supervising</u> <u>Authority</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
2 Bns, 400 r Lab Regt	Nos 93 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 2 District in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Corps	10 Sep 44
2 Bns, 402 r Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -	- do -
2 Bns, 417 r Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.	- do -

C-2 (C) Cin SW/9
 Attached depressed with 2%
 These units were 188
 assigned to 2 Dist
 by AAI & are
 under command 2 Dist
 period!

W. If 2 Dist don't want
 them, they must apply
 to AAI for re-assignment
 DADL is telling 2 Dist
 about accordingly.

4. Above tell Matterli
 that SACDE's proposed
 re-grouping is NOT
 agreed.

C-2 6515
 9.

From S.M.R.E. ~~Trans~~ station
To Major Bauman

Ref O-329/P
Date 5 Sept 44

Memorandum for Major S.M.R.E.
Bauman.

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1. The Labour Regts of Puglia, i.e. the 404 Arty Reg. and the 407 and 408 Infantry Regiments, have been disbanded to form the 403 - 404 - 406 I.P.L. Regiments.

2. The units under mentioned however have stayed at the disposal of the American Air force.

1 Bn of 407 Regt. HQ at Montefasi 13 coys located on the aerodromes of Grottaglie Brindisi and San Donaci (Y.M.A. E.A.) and 1 coy at Spinazzola to work on the oil ducts.

3rd and 4th coy of 1 Bn of the 408 Regt. Located in the Maffari - Apricena for duties on the aerodromes of the Toggia (M.A. 7th)

Eng Bn)

II Bn 408 Rgt HQ at Toggia 9th and 10th
 Coy with (835 eng adv. Bn) at S Salvo
 and 12th Coy at S Seno.

15th Battery of 404 ARTY REGT Located

S Pancrazio Aerodrome

3. As it is impossible to
 let those mentioned units keep
 their present denominations ^{& commands} and since
 it is advisable to group the
 units serving with the U.S.A.F. (which
 are specialised in aerodrome work)
 into recognised formations, the
 SMRE intend to proceed with
 the following changes:-

- (a) I Bn 407 } to form I Bn for aerodrome duties
 and 15 Bty 404 } with 1, 2, 3 and 4 coy.
 This Bn will come under col. Com. Puglia and
 Lucania.

③ 3 and 4 coy. of 1st Bn. 408 Regt } O to form
H.Q. 3 Bn. 408 Regt. and 12 coy.

II Bn for Aerodrome duties with coy 5, 6, 7.
also under command of Mil Com Puglia
and Lucania.

④ 9 and 10th coy III Bn 408 Regt. to form
8th coy for aerodrome duties. self admin.
under command of Rear HQ 209 Div.

4 Establishment of units to be the
same as previously arranged for a Bn
~~for 2nd Bn~~ under command of P.B.S.

5 Please let us know if you have
any objection to the reorganization above
explained.

Mattiosi

Reclamfeld

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie

N. 1328 di prot.

P.M.151 li 8 settembre 1944

OGGETTO : Reparti italiani alle dipendenze dei comandi americani.

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. MAGGIORE BAUMAN

I reggimenti lavoratori pugliesi 404° artiglieria, 407° e 408° fanteria sono stati, come è noto, disciolti per la costituzione dei reggimenti I.P.L. 403°, 404° e 406°.

Sono rimaste però in vita le seguenti unità alle dipendenze dei comandi dell'aviazione americana :

- I btg. 407 - comando a Montejasi, 3 compagnie dislocate sugli aeroporti di Grottaglie, Brindisi e San Donaci (7^a Aera E.A.) ed 1 compagnia a Spinazzola per messa in opera tubazione oleodotto.
- 3^a e 4^a cp. del I/408, dislocate nella zona di Mazzari-Apricena per servizi sugli aeroporti della zona di Foggia (21° rgt. Eng.Bn.)
- III btg. 408 - comando a Foggia ; 9^a e 10^a cp. nei pressi di S. Salvo (835° Eng. Av. Bn.) e 12^a cp. a S. Severo.
- 15^a btr. del 404°, dislocata su l'aeroporto di S. Pancrazio.

Poichè non è possibile mantenere le unità suddette con le attuali denominazioni e dipendenze e poichè d'altro canto è desiderabile riunire i reparti alle dipendenze dell'aviazione americana, ormai specializzati nei lavori aeroportuali, in apposite formazioni autonome, sarebbe intendimento di questo S.M. attuare le seguenti trasformazioni:

- I btg. 407) si fondono in I btg. servizi aeroporti, con le compagnie 1^a, 2^a, 3^a e 4^a.
- 15 btr. 404)

Dipendenze : da Com. Mil. Puglia e Lucania .

- 3^a e 4^a cp. del I/408) si fondono in II btg. servizi aeroporti con
- Com. III/408 e 12^a cp.)

*Infda Col Foggia
(S.M.E.) that no more
will take place. Explained
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*See folio 7
page 187*

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- 3° e 4° cp. del I/408 - si fondono in II btg. servizi aeroporti con le compagnie 5°, 6° e 7°, anch'esse alle dipendenze del Com. Mil. Puglia e Lucania.
- 9° e 10° cp. III/408 - si fondono in 8° cp. servizi aeroporti, amministrativamente autonoma, alle dipendenze del Comando arretrato della 209° divisione.

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Organico dei reparti quello previsto per i battaglioni servi-
zi alle dipendenze della P.B.S.

Si prega voler far conoscere se nulla osta al riordinamento
suaccennato.-

IL GENERALE ISPETTORE T.A.

(E. Mattioli)



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HEADQUARTERS
REGION VIII (TUSCANY)
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

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A.P.M. 3/4

RVIII/209/7.

15 Sep 44.

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SECRET.

SUBJECT : Formation of Units - Italian.

To : HQ, ACC.

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per 7/9.

1. The attached letter M 5913 A dated 11 Sep 44, received at this HQ together with other Secret documents from HQ, Eighth Army is forwarded. It appears to have been sent to this HQ in error.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. Howard Salter
J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major RA,
Adjutant.

W. R. A.

Encls: HQ, Eighth Army letter M 5913 A
dated 11 Sep 44.



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SUBJECT: - Formation of Units - ItalianP&L per HQ Eighth ArmyCopy to: - ARHQ G1(B)

HQ AAI

Allied Control Commission

Army Sub Commission (MILA)

CHQ OZE (INMAF) CEF

Adv Rpts Sec Eighth Army

Main: G(SD)

Rear: OS

Main HQ Eighth Army, CEF

M 5913 A

11 Sep. 44

SECRET

REDESIGNATION

1. Authority HQ AAI letter AAI/1605/50/32 G(SD1) dated 21 Jul 44. 514 Inf Regt HQ will be re-designated 405 Pioneer Labour Regt HQ forthwith. The HQ formerly designated 405 Pwr Lab Regt HQ under comd HQ 2 District has been re-designated 418 Pwr Lab Regt HQ wef 20 Jul 44.

FORMATION

2. Authority as above the units specified below will be formed under your supervision.

UNIT

405 Italian Pwr Lab Regt HQ

(514 Inf Regt HQ)

1 & 2 Bns 405 Italian Pwr Regt

153 to 164 Italian Pwr Lab Coys

409 Italian Pwr Labour Regt HQ

1 & 2 Bns 409 Italian Pwr Lab Regt

201 to 212 Italian Pwr Lab Coys

WE

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A1/14/1

A1/11/1

A1/13/1

A1/14/1

A1/11/1

RETROACTIVE DATE

20 Jul 44

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7 Apr 44

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PERSONNEL

3. Personnel for the above units will be found from the disbandment of the units referred to in appendix "B" of the A/4 HQ AAI letter, the following of which will be disbanded under your supervision:-

40 Regt PAVIERIA

409 Regt, Nos 1 & 2 Bns, 201-212 Italian Pwr Lab Coys

409 Regt, No 3 Bn Nos 1 and 2 Coys

514 Regt, No 1 Bn, Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 Coys

514 Regt, No 2 Bn, No 5 Coy

541 Regt, PAVIERIA, No 1 Bn No 1 Coy

541 Regt, PAVIERIA, No 1 Bn Nos 1 and 2 Btys

541 Regt, PAVIERIA, No 2 Bn Nos 4 and 5 Btys

582 Regt, No 2 Bn Nos 5, 6, 7 and 8 Coys.

410 Regt, No 1 Bn 213 to 216 Italian Pwr Lab Coys

Postings will be effected by Army Sub Commission (MILA).

TPT & RPT

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FORMATION

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>WE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
405 Italian Pwr Lab Regt HQ		
(514 Inf Regt HQ)	A1/13/4	20 Jul 44
1 & 2 Bns 405 Italian Pwr Regt	A1/14/4	"
153 to 164 Italian Pwr Lab Coys	A1/11/4	"
409 Italian Pwr Labour Regt HQ	A1/13/4	7 Apr 44
1 & 2 Bns 409 Italian Pwr Lab Regt	A1/14/4	"
201 to 212 Italian Pwr Lab Coys	A1/11/4	"

PERSONNEL

- Personnel for the above units will be found from the disbandment of the units referred to in Appendix 'B' of the 4/4 HQ AII letter, the following of which will be disbanded under your supervision :-

46 Regt FAWLERIA
 409 Regt, Nos 1 & 2 Bns, 204-212 Italian Pwr Lab Coys
 409 Regt, No 3 Bn Nos 1 and 2 Coys
 514 Regt, No 1 Bn, Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 Coys
 514 Regt, No 2 Bn, No 5 Coy
 544 Regt, FAWLERIA No 1 Bn No 1 Coy
 541 Regt, ARTERIA No 1 Gp Nos 1 and 2 Blys
 541 Regt, ARTERIA No 2 Gp Nos 4 and 5 Blys
 582 Regt, No 2 Bn Nos 5, 6, 7 and 8 Coys.
 410 Regt, No 1 Bn 213 to 216 Italian Pwr Lab Coys
 Postings will be effected by Army Sub Commission (AIIA).

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TPM & EGP

- No tpt or expt will be issued from Allied sources until further orders are given.

COMPLETION

- Ann and disbandment will be completed as soon as possible when completion reports will be submitted immediately to HQ AII copy to A Branch Main HQ Eighth Army.



W. J. H. Smith
 Brigadier
 D. A. C. Q. M. C.
 EIGHTH ARMY.

J. H.

SECRET

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SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units

Military Mission to
the Italian Army
ROME

17 Sep 44
25/10
25/10

For Ministry

Copy to: HQ 2 District
HQ 10 HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
HQ 10 HQ 3 District
HQ for HQ 10

1. Herewith (a) copy of AAI letter 5097/15/14(C) of 13 Sep.

(b) copies of HQ's AAI/14/1
AI/14/1

2. Please instruct 227 Div HQ and HQ AAI HQ AAI that there is conjunction with HQ's 3 and 2 Districts respectively are responsible for supervising the formation of the units detailed in Annex "A" to above AAI letter.

ABC

17 Sep 44

Major General
M. E. A.

Copy to: HQ (copies of above HQ's are in HQ's 15/17
HQ has 0.2093's)

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DISTRIBUTION

AFHQ G1(B)
G3 (Org 2) ...2
G3 (Org 3)....2
Ord (Br)
Allied Control Commission
HQ EIGHTH Army
HQ No.1 District
HQ No.2 District..16(with copies of WEs)
HQ No.3 District...8 " " "
GHQ 2nd Echelon
Army Sub Commission (MILA)...6
Italian Military Mission
G(SD).....2
G(Records)....2
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Q(AE) (with copy of WEs)
ORD
LAB (3) (with copies of WEs)
POSTAL
War Diary.....2

6509

SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Units.

SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel:- RILPOT 225

3097/25/4(0) (Ser 0137)

13 Sep 44

Italian Pioneer Labour Regt Headquarters
Italian Pioneer Labour Regts.
Italian Pioneer Labour Coys.

1. FORMATION

Formation of the units, detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be supervised as shown.

Copies of WEs are attached for addressees as applicable.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided by disbandment of the following units:-

- (a) 417 Regiment (Italian) including reinforcements (15 officers 2112 OR)
- (b) HQ 418 Regiment (Italian) (9 officers, 17 OR)
- (c) Italian Units allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (150 officers 3350 ORs)
- (d) Part of Italian Unit allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (27 officers 1582 ORs).

3. TRANSPORT

Vehicles will be provided on release by 3(AE) HQ ~~44~~ ^{APHQ} when stocks permit.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued by Districts concerned in conjunction with Army Sub Commission (ASC) in accordance with provisional APs G1098 issued by this HQ under following references:-

3463/44/3(AE) for Regt HQ
3463/44/3(AE) for Bn HQ
3463/44/3(AE) for Coys.

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Formation of the units, detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be supervised as shown.

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3. TRANSPORT

Vehicles will be provided on release by G(AE) HQ ~~417~~ ^{APHC} when stocks permit.

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3453/4E/3(AE) for Bn HQ
3453/4F/3(AE) for Coys.

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5. FOREGION

Formation will be completed within 21 days of effective date, when a report will be sent to this HQ.

WEN/ENL.

A. C. C.
for General, *WEN*
Commander-in-Chief.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO 3098/15/A(O) (Ser 0137) dated Sep

<u>Regt HQ</u> <u>on WE A1/13/1</u>		<u>Bn HQ</u> <u>on WE A1/14/1</u>	<u>Coys on</u> <u>WE A1/11/1</u>	<u>Supervising</u> <u>Authority</u>
400 ITALIAN PNR Lab Regt HQ		Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 400 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 93 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	2 Bns in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Corp
402	-do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 402 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -
417	-do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 417 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	Hq 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.

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Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 400 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 93 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 9 Italian Corps in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Corps	15 Sep 44
Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 402 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -	- do -
Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 417 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.	- do -

Subject:- Italian Military

1Q: (2 Copies)

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Copy to:- Labour Directorate., A.P.H.Q.
D.A.D.L., M.M.I.A. c/o ACC Rome.

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT 282

LAR/59/3

13 Sept 44

C (SD) Signal 1365 dated 29 August 1944, refers.

1. I append herewith copy of a report from D.D.L., 3 District in respect of the 1050 reinforcements from FRULLI Division.
2. It is requested strongly that action be taken to provide the balance of 306 personnel now urgently required to complete the formation of 417 I.P.L. Regt. earmarked for BOLOGNA.

/BN

Brigadier
Deputy Director of Labour

C O P Y.

Subject:- Reinforcements - Italian Military.

LABOUR Branch., A.A.I.

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Labour Directorate., AFHQ.

Italian L.O.

3 District
Ext 98
3045/262/L
9 Sept 44

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4. May steps be taken to obtain the necessary reinforcements.

RWPA/rt

(sd) C.R.B. KNIGHT Colonel.
DDL.

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MESSAGE FORM

From WMIA

To AAI for GSD and DDE.
PRG for WMIA LO
WAR MINISTRY

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SD1388 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Ref our SD1362 of 31 AUG subject call
up of 100 Italian military daily for British Labour units (*) amend
date in line 3 to read 10 September

May be sent as written
except () wireless

To be sent in Cipher if
liable to interception

(Double)

W. M. L. H.
W. M. L. H.

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Subject:- Italian Military Labour.

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HQ ARMYED ARMIES IN ITALY. 180

Tel:- FILPOT 209.

2086/1/02.

2 Sept 44.

Army Sub Commission,
ACC.

Copy to:- 2 District.

Reference 2 District letter 1558/01 dated 29 Aug., 44.

This HQ is in complete agreement with the views expressed by the GOC, 2 District, and you are requested to take all necessary action.

All necessary
action
already taken
RFB-9

James G. Lee

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Folio 145, 146 refer.

5-9-44

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From SMRE
To NMIA

Translation

Ref 6443/MOB
Date Sept 4, 1944

Subject Telegram

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Confirming verbal communication with
Maj BAUMANN C. Ref. SD/1362 dated Aug 310
Orders have been issued to "Censets" to
place a further ^{daily} amount of 100 men at
disposal of Allies starting Sept 110
Issue of said personnel cannot
commence on Sept 5 as requested
inasmuch as "Censets" is engaged up
to Sept 10 for the completion of I R. 1021
Division, besides taking care of
known reinforcement for Allies

apl. @

RCB 5/9

Lt. Col. (R. D. 100133)

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

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

→ AT M.M.I.A.

et, per conoscenza:

AT GUERRA GABINETTO

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Stamaggiore Mobilitazione N° 6453/Mob. punto At conferma comunica-  
zione verbale fatta al maggiore Baumann punto Riferimento tele  
SD 1362 data 31 agosto u.s. punto Sono state impartite disposizio-  
ni at "Cerseti" affinché at datare da 11 settembre p.v. sia messa  
giornalmente at disposizione A.A. una ulteriore aliquota di 100  
uomini punto Cessione predetto personale non può avere inizio da  
5 settembre, come richiesto, in quanto "Cerseti", oltre che per  
noti complementi per A.A., est impegnato at tutto 10 settembre per  
completamento divisione "Friuli" punto Stamaggiore Mobilitazione

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P. C. C.  
IL TEN. COL. S.S.M. CAPO SEZIONE  
(T. Dittatore)

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P. C. C.  
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 (F. Dibitonto)

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*Mobilitazione*



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FROM REAR EIGHTH ARMY. Q21830B

TO MAIN AAI. MMIA

INFO DISTONE 10 CORPS MAIN ARMY

86 AREA 3 BEACH GP.

Q184 CONFIDENTIAL.

REF MOVES OF ITALIAN TPS FROM ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP.

FIRST. DISPOSAL INSTRS HAVE ~~BEEN~~ NOW BEEN GIVEN FOR  
FOLLOWING PERSONNEL. RFTS FOR 409 REGT  
INCL 171 RFTS FOR 203

207 208 AND 209 ITALIAN PNR COYS.

ALL TO AREZZO RH FOR DISPOSAL UNDER

ARRANGEMENTS HQ 39 GP PC.

MY Q59 OF 28 AUG AND Q136

OF 31 AUG REPEFS. COY SOF

505 GD BN AND 2 BN 514 REGT AS ORDERED

IN MY Q89 OF 29 AUG AND Q136 OF 31 AUG.  
2 OFFRS 82 ORS RFTS FOR 1 RLY CONSTR BN WILL BE

COLLECTED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS TN EIGHTH ARMY.

SECOND. REQUEST AAI ARRANGE MOVE 72 ORS EX

9 REGT GENIO TO AREZZO RH AS RFTS FOR

1 AND 2 COYS 501BN ARTIERI WITH 10 CORPS.

10 CORPS WILL ARRANGE COLLECTION AT ~~AREZZO~~

ARRANGE COLLECTION AT AREZZO RH.

THIRD. ON COMPLETION MOVES IN PARAS FIRST AND

SECOND ABOVE

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THIRD . ON COMPLETION MOVES IN PARAS FIRST AND

SECOND ABOVE

ALL PERSONNEL WILL HAVE BEEN CLEARED FROM ITALIAN

TRANSIT CAMP WITH EXCEPTION OF

PERMANENT CAMP STAFF HQ 505 QD BN  
HQ 2 BN 514 REGT AND ONE COY

505 QD BN TOTAL STRENGTH APPROX 280 ALL RANKS

40 TONS BAGGAGE .

LATTER UNIT WILL REMAIN IN

TRANSIT CAMP AS ARMY RES QD COY .

FOURTH . AS SOON AS DISTONE REPORT CAMP CLEAR

WITH EXCEPTION OF UNITS LISTED IN PARA THIRD ABOVE REQUEST

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MOVE CAMP AND

PERSONNEL FROM CIVITA CASTELLANA TO  
JESI BY RAIL .

ON ARRIVAL UNIT WILL PASS TO UNDER COMD

3 BEACH GP FOR LOCAL ADM

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)  
H.Q. A.C.C.  
R O M E.  
SI/19  
5 Sep 44  
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HQ No 2 District  
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Ref your 1558/41 of 29 Aug 44. not to all.

On AQ/12

Herewith, for your information, copy of a letter sent to the Italian War Ministry ordering the segregation of Italian pioneer Labour Regts during their period of formation.

ABC

*APB for*  
Major General  
Army Sub Commission ACC  
MMIA

Copy to:- A.A.I.  
MMIA LO HQ 2 District  
N/q MMIA  
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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Labour

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Army Sub Commission (AMIA)

H.Q. A.C.C.

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2 Sep 44

War Ministry

Copy to:- G(SD)

DADL

1. progress reports on the formation of Italian military personnel into Italian Pioneer Labour Regts show that the best results are obtained when the Regts are segregated from other Italian units, and formed under separate accommodation which is under Allied control.

2. You are therefore instructed to re-arrange the accommodation in BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO so that:-

(a) the Italian Pioneer Labour Regts be segregated from other Italian units.

(b) the accommodation scheduled below be handed over entirely for the use of the Italian Pioneer Labour Regts:-

|          | Address                                                                                     | Accommodation for                                                |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BARI     | - CASERMA PIOGA                                                                             | 403 Regt - two Bns<br>406 Regt - one Bn                          |
| BRINDISI | - COMANDA BARRACKS (NEW and OLD)<br>NORMAN SCHOOL, SAN VITO<br>RAILWAY ARCHES, SAN VITO STN | 404 Regt - one Bn<br>404 Regt - four Coys<br>404 Regt - two Coys |
| TARANTO  | - GALILEE BARRACKS<br>ORSINI BARRACKS                                                       | 406 Regt - three Coys<br>406 Regt - three Coys                   |

3. The accommodation shown above has been selected with a view to its proximity to works sites of the units, and convenience of transport.

4. HQ 2 District will exercise adm control over general camp routine in the above accommodation through the Italian offrs of the Labour Regts.

5. You will please:-

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|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| -----    |                                  | -----                 |  |
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|          | " "                              | 406 Regt - one Bn     |  |
| BRINDISI | - COHENDA BARRACKS (NEW and OLD) | 404 Regt - one Bn     |  |
|          | NORMAN SCHOOL, SAN VITO          | 404 Regt - four Coys  |  |
|          | RAILWAY ARCHES, SAN VITO STN     | 404 Regt - two Coys   |  |
| TARANTO  | - GALILEE BARRACKS               | 406 Regt - three Coys |  |
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5. You will please :-

- (a) confirm that you are taking action as required in para 2 above.
- (b) report when the re-arrangement of accommodation has been completed.
- (c) inform this HQ of the numbers of non-Labour personnel being moved as a result of the above re-arrangement of accommodation.

ADG

*John V. Noval*  
Major General  
Army Sub Commission AGO  
M M I A

Subject: Italian Mil Lab

HQ No 2 District COM, 175 A  
1558/91 29 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC.

1. Progress reports on the formation of Italian mil personnel into Italian Pwr Lab Regts show clearly that the best results are achieved when the Regts are formed in accommodation which is under Brit control.

2. At MINERVINO Camp, for instance, the Commanding Officer of the Camp is British and all ranks are taught, and made to conform to, certain rules laid down by him. Although the Italians only remain at MINERVINO for a short time, the improvement in their turn out and morale is marked, desertions are few and there is less sickness than in other Italian units.

3. At BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO on the other hand these units are accommodated in Italian Barracks which they share with other Italian firms, with the result that they live in the deplorable conditions common to most Italian units. Moreover this arrangement makes the best efforts of the small Brit cadres to maintain discipline, largely abortive.

4. It is strongly recommended that these units be formed in Brit controlled accommodation, where, although the internal discipline within units would continue to be exercised by the Italian officers, the general camp routine would be laid down by the Brit comd and would be based on Brit standards.

5. It is requested therefore that the Italian Mil authorities be instructed to so re-arrange accommodation that the Italian Pwr Lab Regts be segregated and the accommodation scheduled below be handed over entirely to their use and come under the adn control of this Dist:-

| Address                           | Accn for           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| BARI                              | 403 Regt two bns   |
| CASERTA, PICOA.                   | 406 Regt one bn    |
| "                                 |                    |
| BRINDISI                          | 404 Regt one bn    |
| COLENDA BARRACKS<br>(NEW and OLD) |                    |
| NORMAN SCHOOL, SAN<br>VITO.       | 404 Regt four Coys |

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|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| BARI     | CASEMA, FIOCCA.                   | 403 Regt two bns     |
|          | " "                               | 406 Regt one bn      |
| BRINDISI | COLEIDA BARRACKS<br>(NEW and OLD) | 404 Regt one bn      |
|          | NORMAN SCHOOL, SAN VITO.          | - 404 Regt four coys |
|          | RAILWAY ARCHES, SAN VITO STATION. | - 404 Regt two coys  |
| TARANTO  | GAIESE BARRACKS.                  | 406 Regt three coys  |
|          | ORSINI BARRACKS.                  | 406 Regt three coys. |

The accommodation requested has been selected with a view to its proximity to works site of the units, and convenience of transport.

Copy to:-  
Adm.  
Lab.

*E. J. Naul*, Major General,  
 Comd No 2 District.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MEMA

TO: AGC SARINIA for STANCOB  
reptd for info  
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T. O. C.

T. H. I.

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SD 1361 (.) Confidential (.) Ref priority list 7 serials 305 and 307 (.)  
Before despatch please form into three groups of 2500 each (.) First to  
be designated 400 Italian Pioneer Regt Second 402 Italian Pioneer Regt  
Third retain original designation

May be sent as written  
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CONFIDENTIAL (.) Further to my 6 50 of 23 msg (.) request AAI in conjunction with ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ following additional Italian personnel from ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ camp ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ to ~~SECRET~~ by rail for 10 corps (.) det 7 coy 2 bn 514 regt strength 55 all under my 6 50 of 23 msg per ~~SECRET~~ ~~SECRET~~ (.) 174 lfts for 203 207 208 and 209 Italian per corps (.) please signal SEA ~~SECRET~~ to 10 corps who will arrange collection

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FROM: AAI MAIN

TO FOR ACTION: REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: ~~AAI~~ MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

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*about time to*  
REFERENCE YOUR Q59 OF 28 (.) APPROX 400 RPTS FOR 409 REGT WILL MOVE SOONEST FROM ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP CIVITA CASTELLANA TO AREZZO RM FOR DISPOSAL BY 39 GP PIONEER CORPS UNDER ORDERS MOV AAI

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I.O., ALLIED APPLS IN ITALY

Ref:- MILPOT 282

LAD/79/1

Aug 44

1. Application is made to form the following Units, in accordance with Appendix 'B' to 1701/5/4(SD2) dated 18 May 1944.

UNIT

(a) UNITS TO BE FORMED

No's 400, 402 and 417 Italian Pioneer Labour Regiments consisting of:-

1) REGIMENTAL Headquarters.

400 I.P.L. Regt.

402 I.P.L. Regt.

417 I.P.L. Regt.

2) BATTALION Headquarters

No's 1 & 2 Bns, 400 I.P.L. Regt.

No's 1 & 2 Bns, 402 I.P.L. Regt.

No's 1 & 2 Bns, 417 I.P.L. Regt.

3) A total of 36 I.P.L. Coys, i.e.

12 I.P.L. Coys for each Regiment.

No's 93 to 104 I.P.L. Coys

(400 I.P.L. Regt.)

No's 117 to 128 I.P.L. Coys

(402 I.P.L. Regt.)

No's 297 to 308 I.P.L. Coys

(417 I.P.L. Regt.)

| No.     | OFFRS. | ORNS. | Lorry   | Cars        | Bicycles |
|---------|--------|-------|---------|-------------|----------|
| 41/13/1 | 27     | 81    | 3 Tons. | 4 Str 4 X 2 |          |
| 41/14/1 | 24     | 66    | -       | 6           | 12       |
| 41/11/1 | 180    | 7524  | 36      | -           | 36       |
| TOTAL.  | 231    | 7671  | 36      | 9           | 54       |

(b) UNITS TO BE DISBANDED

1) 417 Regiment (Italian), incl-

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No's 400, 402 and 417 Italian

Pioneer Labour Regiments

consisting of:-

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400 I.P.L. Regt.

402 I.P.L. Regt.

417 I.P.L. Regt.

2) BATTALION Headquarters

No's 1 &amp; 2 Bns, 400 I.P.L. Regt.

No's 1 &amp; 2 Bns, 402 I.P.L. Regt.

No's 1 &amp; 2 Bns, 417 I.P.L. Regt.

3) A total of 36 I.P.L. Coys, i.e.

12 I.P.L. Coys for each Regiment.

No's 93 to 104 I.P.L. Coys

(400 I.P.L. Regt.)

No's 117 to 128 I.P.L. Coys

(402 I.P.L. Regt.)

No's 297 to 308 I.P.L. Coys

(417 I.P.L. Regt)

| No.     | Offrs. | Cms. | Lorry<br>3 Ton. | Cars<br>4 Str<br>4 X 2 | Bicycles |
|---------|--------|------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
|         |        |      |                 |                        |          |
| 41/13/1 | 27     | 31   | -               | 3                      | 6        |
| 41/14/1 | 24     | 66   | -               | 6                      | 12       |
| 41/11/1 | 180    | 7524 | 36              | -                      | 36       |
| TOTAL.  | 231    | 7671 | 36              | 9                      | 54       |
| ITALIAN | 45     | 2112 | -               | -                      | -        |
| ITALIAN | 9      | 27   | -               | -                      | -        |
| ITALIAN | 170    | 4830 | -               | -                      | -        |
| ITALIAN | 7      | 702  | -               | -                      | -        |
| TOTAL   | 231    | 7671 | -               | -                      | -        |

(b) UNITS TO BE DISBANDED

1) 417 Regiment (Italian), including reinforcements

2) 418 Regiment (Italian)

3) Italian Units allotted against Serial 305 Priority List No. 7, arriving in this Theatre from SARDINIA between 4th and 10th Sept 1944.

4) Part of Italian Unit allotted against Serial 307 Priority List No. 7, arriving in this Theatre from SARDINIA between 4th and 10th 1944. (Balance to reinforce existing Units)

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|                                    | W.E. | Offrs | O.R.s | Lorry | Cars  | Days  |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                    |      |       |       | 3 Ton | 4 Str | cles. |
| (c) <u>UNITS TO BE DISMANTLED.</u> |      |       |       |       | 4 X 2 |       |
| NIL.                               | -    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| (a) <u>NETT INCREASE.</u>          |      | -     | -     | 36    | 9     | 54    |
| (e) <u>NETT DECREASE.</u>          |      | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |

2. Additional Appointments Above the Rank of Major. - NIL.
3. Where Net Increase is shown, where extra personnel are being provided from.

This does not imply,

- #### 4. Reasons for the Formation.

This application is submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in this Headquarters letter 1605/50/47/G(804) dated 7 July 1944, in that all Italian Army Service Units, serving under British Command, will be organised on British W.E.s.; This Office LAB/79/4, para 4, last sentence, dated 18 July 1944, refers.

5. Not applicable.

6. Effective Date for Formation.

The date of formation, in each case, to be V.S.F., 10th SEPTEMBER 1944.

7. Imprest Accounts are not necessary as the system of accounting will be in accordance with Italian Army procedure.

W. J. Carter.

Brigadier.  
Deputy Director of Logistics.

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2. Additional Appointments Above the Rank of Major. - III.

3. Where Net Increase in strength where extra personnel are being provided from.  
This does not apply.

4. Reasons for the Formation.

This application is submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in this Headquarters letter 1605/52/47/G(SM) dated 7 July 1944, in that all Italian Army Service Units, serving under British Command, will be organised on British W.E.S.; This Office LAB/79/1, para 4, last sentence, dated 18 July 1944, refers.

5. Not applicable.

6. Effective Date for Formation.

The date of formation, in each case, to be W.C.F. 10th SEPTEMBER 1944.

7. Imprest Accounts are not necessary as the system of accounting will be in accordance with Italian Army procedure.

*H. J. Carter*

Brigadier.  
Deputy Director of *6493*

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Effective date 13 July 1944

AI/13/1

**RESTRICTED****HEADQUARTERS ITALIAN PIONEER  
LABOUR REGIMENT**

(Comando Rgt. Italiano Lavoratori Artieri)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Organico di Guerra)

| Amdt. No.<br>(Emendamento)<br>Date |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Offrs. (Uff. II)                   | 9  |
| ORs. (Sottuff.)                    | 27 |
| Total (Totale)                     | 36 |
| MCs.<br>(Motocicli)                | —  |
| Vehicles<br>(Veicoli)              | 1  |
| Trailers<br>(Trattori)             | —  |

## (I) Personnel (Personale)

| DETAIL<br>(Descrizione)                                               | Officers<br>(Ufficiali) | Warrant Officers<br>Class I<br>(Maresciallo M.) | Warrant Officers<br>Class II<br>(Maresc. capo) | Staff-Sergeants<br>(Maresc. Ord.) | Sergeants<br>(Sergente) | Corporals<br>(Caporale) | Lance corporals<br>(Caporali) | Privates<br>(Soldati) | Total<br>(Totale) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Commanding officer<br>(Colonel)<br>(Comandante-Colonnello)            | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Adjutant (Major or Captain)<br>(Aiutante Maggiore-Magg. o<br>Cap. no) | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Staff officer (a) . . . . .<br>(Uff. maggior. ta)                     | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Rations officer (a) . . . . .<br>(Ufficiale addetta al viveri)        | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Legal officer (a) . . . . .<br>(Uff. addetto pratiche<br>giudiziarie) | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Pay officer (a) . . . . .<br>(Uff. le Pagatore)                       | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Administration officer (a) . .<br>(Uff. le di amministrazione)        | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Medical officer (surgeon) (a)<br>(Uff. medico-chirurgo)               | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                   |                         |                         |                               |                       | 1                 |

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| DETAIL<br>(Descrizione)                                                                                   | Officers<br>(Ufficiali) | Warrant Officers<br>Class I<br>(Maresciallo M.) | Warrant Officers<br>Class II<br>(Maresc. capo) | Staff-Sergeant<br>(Maresc. Ord.) | Sergeants<br>(Sergente) | Corporals<br>(Caporale) | Lance corporals<br>Caporali | Privates<br>(Soldati) | Total<br>(Totale) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>HQ PLATOON</b><br>(Plotone Comando)                                                                    |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             |                       |                   |
| Platoon Commander (Lieut.)<br>(Comandante di Plotone - Ten.te)                                            | 1                       |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             |                       | 1                 |
| Regimental sergeant-major<br>(Sergente magg. addetto al Cdo di Rgt.)                                      |                         | 1                                               |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             |                       | 1                 |
| Company quartermaster-serjeant<br>(Maresciallo d'vettovagliamento)                                        |                         |                                                 |                                                | 1                                |                         |                         |                             |                       | 1                 |
| Clerks (Includes 1 lance serjeant<br>(Scritturati - compreso 1 serg.))                                    |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         | 2                       |                             | 2                     | 4                 |
| Postal N.C.O.<br>(graduato addet. alla posta)                                                             |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         | 1                       |                             |                       | 1                 |
| N.C.O. I.C. Pay (b)<br>(graduato pagatore)                                                                |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         | (b)1                    |                             |                       | 1                 |
| N.C.O. I.C. Hygiene (b)<br>(graduato addetto alla pulizia)                                                |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         | (b)1                    |                             |                       | 1                 |
| Orderly (office)<br>(Ordinanza-ufficio)                                                                   |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | 1                     | 1                 |
| Drivers I.C. (c) (Autisti)                                                                                |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | (c)4                  | 4                 |
| Cyclists (Ciclisti)                                                                                       |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | 2                     | 2                 |
| Batmen (Attendenti)                                                                                       |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | 4                     | 4                 |
| Cooks (Cuochi)                                                                                            |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | 2                     | 2                 |
| General dutymen<br>(Soldati per servizi vari)                                                             |                         |                                                 |                                                |                                  |                         |                         |                             | 5                     | 5                 |
| <b>Total, H.Q. Platoon</b><br>(Tot. plot. c.do)                                                           | 1                       | 1                                               |                                                | 1                                |                         | 5                       |                             | 20                    | 28                |
| <b>Total, Headquarters Italian Pioneer Labour Regiment</b><br>(Tot. com.do di Rgt. Italiano Lav. Artieri) | 9                       | 1                                               |                                                | 1                                |                         | 5                       |                             | 20                    | 36                |

## (II) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Bicycles (Biciclette) . . . . . 2  
 Car, 4 str. 4 x 2 (Vettura, 4 posti 4 x 2) . . . . . 1

- (a) Captain or Lieutenant (Capitano o tenente)  
 (b) May be lance-serjeant (Puo essere sergente)  
 (c) 3 for animal transport (Tre per trasporti a mezzo animali)

## NOTE (Note)

This Headquarters is intended to command two Battalion Headquarters on WE A1/14/1 and twelve Pioneer Labour Companies on WE A1/11/1.

(E' previsto che questo Comando abbia alle sue dipendenze 2 Comandi di Battaglione, su organico di Guerra A1/14/1 e 12 compagnie lavoratori artieri su organico di Guerra A1/11/1).

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**RESTRICTED****HEADQUARTERS ITALIAN PIONEER  
LABOUR BATTALION**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(Comando di Battaglione Italiano Lavoratori Artieri.)  
(Organico di Guerra.)

| Amdt. No.<br>(Emendamento)<br>Date |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Offrs. (Uff. At)                   | 4  |
| ORs. (Sottuff<br>e Truppa)         | 11 |
| Total (Totale)                     | 15 |
| MCs<br>(Motocicli)                 | —  |
| Vehicles<br>(Veicoli)              | 1  |
| Trailers<br>(Trattori)             | —  |

## (I) Personnel (Personale)

| DETAIL<br>(Denominazione)                                                                                            | Officers<br>(Ufficiali) | Warrant Officers<br>Class I<br>(Maresc. Magg.) | Warrant Officers<br>Class II<br>(Maresc. Capo) | Staff-Sergeants<br>(Maresc. Ordinar) | Sergeants<br>(Sergente) | Corporals<br>(Cap. Magg.) | Lance-Corporals<br>(Caporail) | Privates<br>(Soldati) | Total<br>(Totale) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Officer Commanding<br>(Lieutenant-colonel or major)<br>(Comandante - Ten. Col.<br>o Maggiore)                        | 1                       |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Adjutant (captain or<br>lieutenant)<br>(Aiat. Maggiore - Capit. o<br>Ten. te)                                        | 1                       |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Lieutenant (Tenente)                                                                                                 | 1                       |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Medical Officer (Ufficiale<br>Medico)                                                                                | 1                       |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Warrant Officer, class II<br>(Maresciallo o Serg.<br>Maggiore)                                                       |                         |                                                | 1                                              |                                      |                         |                           |                               |                       | 1                 |
| Clerks (Scritturali)                                                                                                 |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         | (a) 1                     |                               | 2                     | 3                 |
| Cyclist (Orderlies)<br>(Ciclisti - portaordini)                                                                      |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               | 2                     | 2                 |
| Cook (Cuoco)                                                                                                         |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               | 1                     | 1                 |
| Batmen (Attendenti)                                                                                                  |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               | 2                     | 2                 |
| Drivers 1C (b) (Autisti)                                                                                             |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                         |                           |                               | 2                     | 2                 |
| Total, Headquarters Italian<br>Pioneer Labour Battalion<br>(Totale, Comando di Battaglione<br>Italiano Lav. Artieri) | 4                       | —                                              | 1                                              | —                                    | —                       | 1                         | —                             | 9                     | 15                |

## (II) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Bicycles (Biciclette) . . . . . 2  
 Car, 4 seater, 4 x 2  
 (Automobili 4 posti, 4 x 2) . . . . . 1

(a) May be lance-serjeant (Può essere un Sergente di 2° classe)  
 (b) One for animal transport (Uno per trasporti a mezzo animale)

## NOTE (Note)

This Headquarters is designed to command and administer up to six Italian Pioneer  
 Labour Companies on WE AI/11/1.  
 (Questo Comando è pre visto che comandi e provveda all'amministrazione di sei  
 Compagnie Italiane Lavoratori Artieri su Organico di Guerra AI/11/1.)  
 File (Pratica): 1701/53/O(SD2) (16/130)

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Effective date 2 June 44

**RESTRICTED****ITALIAN PIONEER  
LABOUR COMPANY**  
(Compagnia Italiana pionieri lavoratori)Consisting of HQ and 4 platoons  
(Costituita da 1 comando e 4 plotoni)**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**  
(ORGANICO DI GUERRA)SMig  
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|                          | HQ<br>(comando) | Platoon (plotone)<br>each (ciascuno) | Total (Totale) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Officers<br>(Ufficiali)  | 1               | 1                                    | 5              |
| ORs. (Sott.<br>e truppa) | 9               | 50                                   | 200            |
| Total<br>(Totale)        | 10              | 51                                   | 214            |
| MCs<br>(Motocicli)       | —               | —                                    | —              |
| Vehicles<br>(Veicoli)    | 1               | —                                    | —              |
| Trailers<br>(Trattori)   | —               | —                                    | —              |

## (i) Personnel (Personale)

| DETAIL<br>(Descrizione)                                                                                                | Officers<br>(Ufficiali) | Warrant Officers<br>Class I<br>(Maresc. Magg.) | Warrant Officers<br>Class II<br>(Maresc. Cap.) | Staff Sergeants<br>(Maresc. Ordina.) | Sergeants<br>(Serg. del C'do) | Corporals<br>(Caporali magg.) | Privates<br>(Soldati) | TOTAL<br>(Totale) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>HEADQUARTERS<br/>(Comando)</b>                                                                                      |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                               |                               |                       |                   |
| Officer Commanding (Captain or<br>Lieutenant) (Uff. Comandante)<br>(cap. no o ten.) . . . . .                          | 1                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | —                     | 1                 |
| Company quartermaster sergeant<br>(Serg. di contabilità della<br>compagnia) . . . . .                                  | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | 1                                    | —                             | —                             | —                     | 1                 |
| Corporal (for pay duties) (a)<br>(Caporale maggiore) . . . . .                                                         | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | 1                             | —                     | 1                 |
| Trumpeters (Trombettieri) . . . . .                                                                                    | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 2                     | 2                 |
| Orderly (office) (Ordinanza<br>ufficio) . . . . .                                                                      | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 1                     | 1                 |
| Orderly (cyclist) (Ordinanza<br>ciclista) . . . . .                                                                    | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 1                     | 1                 |
| Batman (Attendente) . . . . .                                                                                          | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 1                     | 1                 |
| Drivers I.C. (Autisti) . . . . .                                                                                       | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 2                     | 2                 |
| <b>TOTAL, Headquarters Italian<br/>Pioneer Labour Company<br/>(Totale Comando Comp.<br/>Ital. Pionieri Lavoratori)</b> | 1                       | —                                              | —                                              | 1                                    | —                             | 1                             | 7                     | 10                |

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| DETAIL<br>(Descrizione)                                                                                           | Officers<br>(Ufficiali) | Warrant Officers<br>Class I<br>(Maresc. Magg.) | Warrant Officers<br>Class II<br>(Maresc. Capl) | Staff Sergeants<br>(Maresc. Ordina.) | Sergeants<br>(Serg. del C/do) | Corporals<br>(Caporali magg.) | Privates<br>(Soldati) | TOTAL<br>(Totale) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>PLATOON (each)</b><br><b>Plotoni (ognuno)</b>                                                                  |                         |                                                |                                                |                                      |                               |                               |                       |                   |
| Platoon Commander (subaltern)<br>Comandante di plotone (subalterno) . . . . .                                     | 1                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | —                     | 1                 |
| NCOs (Sottuff. e caporali) . . . . .                                                                              | —                       | —                                              | 1                                              | —                                    | —                             | 3(a)                          | —                     | 4                 |
| Privates (Soldati) . . . . .                                                                                      | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 45                    | 45                |
| Batman (Attendente) . . . . .                                                                                     | —                       | —                                              | —                                              | —                                    | —                             | —                             | 1                     | 1                 |
| TOTAL, each platoon Italian<br>Pioneer Labour Company<br>(Totale per ogni plotone<br>comp. Ital. pionieri lavor.) | 1                       | —                                              | 1                                              | —                                    | —                             | 3                             | 46                    | 51                |
| TOTAL, Italian Pioneer<br>Labour Company (Totale<br>di una compagnia Italiana<br>pionieri lavoratori) . . . . .   | 5                       | —                                              | 4                                              | 1                                    | —                             | 13                            | 191                   | 214               |

## (ii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Bicycle (Biciclette) . . . . . 1  
 Lorry 3 ton, 4x2 GS (Autocarri da 3 tonn. 4x2 GS) . . . 1

(a) May be L/Sjts (possono essere anche sergenti)

File: 1701/53/G(SD2)

(14/116)

(Pratica):

MESSAGE FORM

Minister for War  
Asst for GSD and DDL  
PDS for MIA LO.

Date

Too 31 Aug 70

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From: MIA

SD.1362 (.) Confidential (.) Urgent (.) Proceed with call up of  
replacements in Rome for labour units under British Command (.) Make one  
hundred men available each day beginning 3 September (.) Have men  
concentrated at 8th Engineer Depot on Via ROMANA where escort will be  
provided each day by DDL to move men to camps under direction DDL (.)  
Men will move in civilian clothing and will be clothed and equipped at  
destination (.) Rations for men in Rome and for travel will be issued  
from Italian Depot Rome (.) Increase in Carabinieri personnel not to exceed  
fifteen persons authorised under Category 1 (.) Personnel delivered to  
DDL will be carried under Category 3 (.) Daily delivery of 100 men will  
continue until DDL notifies MIA otherwise (.)

May be sent as WRITTEN  
by any means except  
( ) wireless.

Must be sent IN  
CIPHER if liable  
to interception.

Priority.

CPK

Immediata

Copy to AC MIA  
Col. Shipley MIA  
Maj. Ross "  
Labour

- for supervision and co-ordination  
of all action required hereunder.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

FROM: AMI MAIN

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SD/19

ACTION: REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: MIMA DISTONE MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Orig. No. A 211

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YOUR 3 59 OF 29 (.) FIRST (.) NO MORE REFS WILL BE DESPATCHED  
CIVILIAN CASTELLAN UNTIL PRESENT HOLDING OF OVER  
WHICHAD COMPLETELY CLEARED (.) SECOND (.) AM ARRANGING MOVE OF REFS  
1 409 REGT FROM CAMP TO A R E Z Z O AS REQUESTED AND AM ROUTING  
FUTURE REFS FOR THIS REGT TO A R E Z Z O (.) THIRD (.) ALL OTHER REFS  
INCL MULES EXCEPT THOSE ALREADY IN TRANSIT WILL BE TEMPORARILY  
FROZEN UNTIL REPORT RECEIVED FROM YOU THAT CAMP IS CLEAR OR ALTERNATIVE  
DESTINATION IS GIVEN (.) FOR MIMA (.) REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION UNDER  
P2 A FIRST AND ALSO ROUTE FUTURE REFS FOR 409 REGT TO A R E Z Z O FOR  
HQ 39 AIR GROUP

(1)

(2)

(Abdant, Mpr: Immediate

Copy to:- G(SD) 2

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To :- 'G' (Internal).  
S.M.R.E. (Ufficio Trasporti).

From :- Mov. L.O. (MIA).

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Move of Rfts for 409 Regt.

I give below copy of MAIN AAI signal A 211 dated 30 Aug 44.

FROM AAI MAIN.

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY.  
(INFO) MIA. DISTONE. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY.

A211 (.) Your Q 59 of 29 (.) <sup>165</sup>FIRST (.) No more Rfts will be despatched  
CIVITA CASTELLANA until present holding of over thousand completely  
cleared (.) SECOND (.) Am arranging move of Rfts for 409 Regt from  
camp to AREZZO as requested and am routing future rfts for this  
Regt to AREZZO (.) THIRD (.) All other rfts including muleteers  
except those already in transit will be temporarily frozen until  
report received from you that camp is clear or alternative destination  
is given (.) FOR MIA (.) Request you take action under para FIRST  
and also route future rfts for 409 Regt to AREZZO for HQ 39 PNR GP.

W/LB.

Capt. RE.  
Mov. L.O.

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SEGRETO

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

N° 6235/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 82 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: 417° reggimento lavoratori pionieri.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

ROMA

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|-----------|---------|
| M.M.A.    | 59      |
| FILE REF  | 19      |
| Date rec. | 25/8/44 |

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Risposta al foglio SM/19 del 22 agosto c.s.-

1. - In merito a quanto richiesto con foglio sopradet-  
to (n. 2 - lettera a) si segnala:

a) - Il 25 luglio u.s. il I btlg. del reggimento in og-  
getto era al completo di personale, secondo il  
previsto organico (34 ufficiali - 1265 sottuffi-  
ciali e truppe).

b) - All'arrivo a Casoria, la forza del battaglione e-  
ra di 34 ufficiali - 971 sottufficiali e truppe.-  
Mancavano, cioè, 294 uomini; a causa delle assen-  
ze arbitrarie verificatesi durante il movimento  
ed al ricoveri in ospedale spatisi immediatamente  
prima della partenza;

c) - L'ulteriore diminuzione di forze (2 ufficiali -  
159 sottufficiali e truppe) si verificò durante  
la permanenza del battaglione a Casoria, in per-  
te per assenze arbitrarie ed in parte per ricove-  
ri in ospedale.-

Il comando militare Puglia e Lucania sta facendo  
riceri indagini al riguardo.-

2. - Per quanto concerne il completamento del battaglio  
del citato foglio SM/19),

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|---------------|----|
| M.M.A.        | 51 |
| F. 1.2.25     | 19 |
| Date: 25/8/19 |    |

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ed al ricoveri in ospedale avutisi immediatamente  
prima della partenza;

c) - L'ulteriore diminuzione di forza (2 ufficiali -  
159 sottufficiali e truppa) si verificò durante  
la permanenza del battaglione a Casoria; in per-  
te per assenza arbitrarie ed in parte per ricove-  
ri in ospedale. -

Il comando militare Italia e Lucania sta facendo  
riceri indagini al riguardo. -

2. - Per quanto concerne il completamento del battaglio-  
ne di cui sopra (n. 2 - lettera b) del citato foglio SD/19),  
questo Stato Maggiore sta provvedendo alla raccolta del persona-  
la occorrente. Si fa riserva di comunicare località e data di ap-  
prontamento. -



*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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FROM NEAR EIGHTH ARMY 281440B

TO MMIA MAIN AAI

INFO DISTONE

CONFIDENTIAL

REF MMIA SD 1331 OF 22 NOT TO DISTONE ONE

MMIALO BEING INSTRUCTED TO ENSURE ITALIAN TRANSIT

CAMP GEARED TO HANDLE COMMITMENTS OF WHICH HE

WAS ALREADY FULLY AWARE TWO REQUEST AAI ARRANGE

MOVE RFTS FOR 409 REGT NOW IN CAMP TOTALLING APPROX 250 AND ROUTE

FURTHER RFTS FOR SAME UNIT TO AREZZO RH FOR DISPOSAL

UNDER ARRANGEMENTS HQ 39 GP PNR CORPS

ORDERS FOR DISPOSAL OTHER RFTS AND UNITS IN

CAMP BEING ISSUED SEPARATELY THREE THERE

SHOULD NOW BE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING RATIONS

DISTONE INVESTIGATING FOUR

POSSIBILITY MOVING CAMP TO ASSISI BEING CONSIDERED

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REPTN 86-28295/6 2-1/2 28144 281440B 59

MMIA SD 1331-22-MMIALO

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| DATE     | 1/12 |

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MESSAGE FORM

Date TOG

From: MIA.

To: HEAD EIGHTH ARMY : AAI : FROM: MIA 10 EIGHTH ARMY.

SD 1331 (\*) *Confidential* (\*) FIRST (\*) Transit camp at CIVITA CASTELLANA overcrowded with replacements from RMK urgently requested by you as well as other troops already there (\*) Investigation by MIA officer sent there at your request reveals that camp does not have facilities sufficient to handle these men and the camp commander requests that no more men be sent until arrangements have been completed to move the men already in the camp (\*) SECOND (\*) To date approximately 400 replacements of 700 requested have been dispatched and are now in the camp (\*) THIRD (\*) Suggest you authorize us to discontinue sending any more replacements to the camp until you can take care of them (\*) FOURTH (\*) 505 Gd Bn now in camp being issued rations from JET depot in RMK (\*) FIFTH (\*) Remainder of rations necessary for men in camps come from Br DID and camp commander complains he can get nothing but flour (\*) This should be corrected (\*) URGENT

May be sent AS WRITTEN  
by any means except  
( ) wireless

May must be sent IN  
CLEAR if liable to  
interception.

Priority

*Imp 8483*

*C. P. Kent*

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*File*

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TO : HEAD QUARTERS ARMY : AAX : 174000Z MAY 60 SOUTH ARMY.

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two, CH.

*Confidential*

*C P Kerr*

File:  
Attach 2/c's Sig  
To 8 Army of to day  
22 Aug

1. This is Lieut Hurlich's  
report on CIVITA  
CASTELLANA Camp.
2. 8 Army appear to  
have left it rather  
alone.
3. Parade state is  
interesting.

RFP G.2

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Subject: Italian Transit Camp at CIVITA CASTELLANA.

To: G.S.O. II H.Q. Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (ASMA).

Sir,

As instructed I proceeded to CIVITA CASTELLANA to visit the Italian Transit Camp alleged to be there.

The Camp is actually situated at the Rv. Sdn. at MACLIANO-CIVITA CASTELLANA, at BORGHETTO, and is commanded by Major DEGLI ANGELLI.

I saw the Major and inspected his books and his camp. I believe that he was delighted to see me as I was the first Allied Officer to take any interest in his camp since the VIII Army had moved forward. He stated that his camp was the VIII Army Italian Transit Camp.

According to Maj. DEGLI ANGELLI the trouble was that he was at the moment completely out of touch with any supply or administrative unit, and could NOT see that he served any useful purpose stuck in the wilds, far behind the Army, holding troops for more than a fortnight, which could NOT be moved through absence of transport. He has to draw rations from FOLIGNO and his petrol from ASSISI. He has to draw rations for about 520 men of his own, for 295 men of 2 Bn. 514 Inf. Regt., and has also to provide 505 Gd. Bn. with tot. to collect rations from ROMA. For this purpose he has one 2 1/2 ton DODGE truck and one 15 cwt. FORD. He himself rides a 1/2 G. He is issued with nothing but flour from D.I.D. at FOLIGNO, and has NO salt, which causes discontent among the men.

The Major has been living for the last fortnight on what he can scrounge from various Allied Bns. and Units. He has seen H.Q. 1 District which has promised to help in getting rid of some of the men in his camp. He has also managed today to wrangle some of his men onto a train going to ARIZZO. He has NO warning from anybody of a Unit's arrival.

The scale of Absence and desertion is low. From the camp itself two absentees were reported today. There have been NO deserters or Absentees from the permanent staff. There are a few absentees from the recruits sent up but they return after two or three days.

There used to be held a reserve of 400 odd rations. This is being built up again after the inroads made in it by incoming units, particularly the 505 Gd. Bn.

The Camp itself was NOT luxurious, but adequate. Officers and men of the Permanent Staff had tents. Units in transit made good under tents made of groundsheet and brushwood. The sanitary arrangements were reasonable, and the men seemed cheerful in spite of the fact that they were thoroughly 'bored-Off'. Their chief complaint was lack of salt in their meals. This the <sup>64081</sup> stated had NOT been issued from D.I.D.

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In the Field,  
21 Aug. 44.

Lt.  
Coldstream Guards.  
Staff Lt. (Liaison).

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QUESTO: Situazione Reparti al mattino del 21/8/1944

AL QUINDO RAGGRIPAMENTO FORSE ITALIANE 8" ARCATATA  
e per comodità:

TO 61 GROUP PLANTER CORPS

| REPERTE                                                                        | Uff./li | Settim. | Giornate | Totale |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| Reddito Comando                                                                | 7       | 3       | 30       | 40     |
| In Transito                                                                    | 1       | -       | 2        | 3      |
| II° Rtg. del 514° Regg. Fant.                                                  | 15      | 22      | 257      | 295    |
| Compl. del 9° Regg. Genio <sup>7</sup> <i>Ack to PE</i><br><i>su 30 giorni</i> | 1       | 6       | 54       | 71     |
| Compl. per il 409° Regg. Fant. ✓                                               | -       | 6       | 245      | 251    |
| 18°-24° - Comp. Costr. Ferroviari                                              | 2       | 2       | 82       | 86     |
| 30000 del 705° Reg. Sal. A. A.                                                 | -       | 1       | 45       | 46     |
| 505° Battaglione C. S. ✓                                                       | 24 ✓    | 40 ✓    | 554 ✓    | 587    |
| TOTALE                                                                         | 51      | 71      | 1257     | 1379   |

94 Describes mostly in CALIFORNIA.

IL COME ANTE DELLA MAPPA  
(Mappa: Mito di Deltamorfosi)

May 11. 1892

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| REPARI                                | Uff./li | Stabilit. | Trasfer. | Totale |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Reparto Comando                       | 7       | 3         | 30       | 40     |
| In Transito                           | 1       | -         | 2        | 3      |
| 11° Btl. del 51° Regt. Fant.          | 15      | 22        | 237      | 295    |
| Compl. del 9° Regt. Genio             | 1       | 6         | 64       | 71     |
| Compl. per il 409° Regt. Fant.        | -       | 6         | 245      | 251    |
| 18°-24° Comp. Comp. Ferrarieri        | 2       | 2         | 82       | 86     |
| Squadriglia del 786° Regt. Salm. A.A. | -       | 1         | 42       | 46     |
| 505° Battaglione S.S.                 | 24      | 40        | 554      | 587    |
| TOTALE                                | 51      | 71        | 1237     | 1379   |

94 Detachments mostly in CALABRIA.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA TAVOLA  
(MAG. RINGIO DEBILINANGELI)

*Agli. tipo*

2 Bn 514 Inf Regt was with 8 army but I believe it has 480 men  
used for the formation of 405 labour regt now.  
18424 Corp Ferrarieri belong to 2 Bn Ferrarieri. Corp are at  
786 Pack Tkt Coy is with 8 Army.  
FORMIA

Subject: Application to form Units.

G (SD) 2 copies.

Copy to: Labour Directorate, A.F.H.Q.

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D.A.D.L., L.M.I.A., (3 Copies)

Title: LAB/89/1

Title: LAB/1/78

H.Q., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: WILPOT 282

LAB/79/1

21 Aug 44

1. Application is made to convert the following Units.

| UNIT                                                                | W.E.                                               | Officers | O.R.s. | VEHICLES    |             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|                                                                     |                                                    |          |        | Lorry 3 ton | Truck m/c's | B/o's |
| (a) <u>New Establishment to which Units are to be converted.</u>    |                                                    |          |        |             | 15 cwt      |       |
| 501 to 510 Italian Smoke Coys to be converted to:-                  | A1/36/1                                            | 50       | 2830   | 10          | 10          | 10    |
| (b) <u>Old Establishments from which Units are to be converted.</u> |                                                    |          |        |             |             |       |
| 501 to 510 Italian Smoke Coys to be converted from:-                | XII/956/1 (MA/172/1) less Brit- ish I.I.Q. Column. | 20       | 2820   | 10          | 10          | 10    |
| (c) <u>Other Establishments to be amended.</u>                      |                                                    |          |        |             |             |       |
| NIL                                                                 |                                                    |          |        |             |             |       |
| (d) <u>Net Increases.</u>                                           |                                                    | 50       | 10     | 10          | 10          | 10    |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|-------|
|                                                                    |                                                             |          |        | Heavy<br>3 ton | Truck<br>m/c's | B/c's |
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|                                                                    | NIL                                                         |          |        |                |                |       |
| (d) Net Increases.                                                 |                                                             | 50       | 10     | 10             | 10             | 10    |
| (e) Net Decreases.                                                 |                                                             |          |        |                | 10             |       |

## 2. Additional Appointments or Upgradings above the rank of Major.

NIL.

## 3. When Net Increase is shown, extra personnel are being provided from:-

The overall increase of thirty (30) Subalterns and ten (10) Other Ranks, all Italian Military personnel, will not be covered by disbandment or decrease in existing War Establishments (Italian) but, at the same time, it will not involve any increase in the ceiling of Italian Military Personnel in this Theatre as the authorised ceiling for Italian Pioneer Labour and Smoke Units has not yet been reached.

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Reasons for the Conversion.

- (a) The previous W.E., XII/956/1 (NA/172/1), on which these Units were formed is a composite W.E. covering both British and Italian Personnel.
- (b) W.E. A1/36/1 is for Italian Personnel only and the British Elements of W.E. XII/956/1 (NA/172/1) will be converted to W.E. A1/2/1 and attached to the Italian Smoke Coys as a British Cadre.
- (c) This conversion will be in keeping with the present A.A.I. policy in that British and Italian Personnel of the same Unit will be carried on separate War Establishments.

5.

Reasons for Items in paras 2 and 3.

- (a) This does not apply to paragraph 2.
- (b) The increase of three (3) Officers in each Italian Smoke Coy, has proved to be essential as the Smoke Circuit must be under constant supervision necessitating the inspection by an Officer at all hours of the day and night. These 3 (three) additional Officer (Subalterns) will permit operational efficiency and the good administration of each Company concerned.

The additional Other Rank in each Company is a Batman.

6.

The date of conversion to be W.E.F. 17 August 1944.

7.

Imprest Accounts are not necessary as the system of accounting is in accordance with Italian Army procedure.

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*M. V. Adams* 1416479  
Brigadier,  
Deputy Director of Labour.

STRENGTH :- 9 Officers, 27 C. Rs.

TRANSPORT: Cars, 4-str, 4 x 2 : 1  
Bicycles : 2

M. E. :- A1/13/1.

| Get No          | Designation                 | Quantity |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Sect. CC        | - Gloves MZ prs             | 1        |
| Sect. CJ        | - Goggles MT                | 1        |
| Sect. L.V6, MTL | - Capes, A.G.               | 36       |
| Sect. J.I.      | - Extinguishers, fire,      | 1        |
|                 | Picks 4-11                  | 1        |
|                 | Axes, felling               | 1        |
|                 | Hammers Hand                | 1        |
|                 | Shovels GS                  | 2        |
|                 | Sheets Ground               | 36       |
|                 | Ladles Cook GS              | 2        |
|                 | Bowls Hand                  | 2        |
|                 | Knives Cook 6"              | 2        |
|                 | " Opening Tin               | 2        |
|                 | Steels Butchering           | 2        |
|                 | Kettles Camp                | 4        |
|                 | Spoons Gray                 | 5        |
|                 | Containers, Cooking, 6-gall | 3        |
|                 | " water, 14-litre           | 3        |
|                 | " 6-litre                   | 3        |
| Sect. J.2.      | Stoves, Sawyer, complete    | 1        |
|                 | Tents, pieces               | 27       |
|                 | or Tents, Bivouac           | 14       |
|                 | Pegs Tent                   | 54       |
|                 | Poles Wood                  | 54       |
|                 | Tents 160-lb.               | 5        |
|                 | Mallets                     | 5        |
|                 | Buckets, 13"                | 4        |
|                 | Lamps, Hurricane            | 4        |
|                 | Torches, Hand               | 2        |
|                 | Wick 5/8" flat, feet        | 3        |
|                 | Brush S.ii.U.               | 4        |
|                 | Cotton Wastes               | 5        |
|                 | Soap, yellow, lbs           | 5        |
|                 | Oil, A, pts                 | 1        |
|                 | Flannellette yds            | 27       |
|                 | Rifles                      | 3        |
|                 | Pistols                     | 27       |
|                 | Bayonets                    | 27       |
|                 | Scabbards                   | 1        |
|                 | Rods cleaning rifle         | 1        |
|                 | " pistols                   | 1        |
|                 | Slings, Rifle               | 27       |
|                 | Gages Pistol                | 1        |

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Sect. J. 2.

Steel Butchering  
Kettles Camp  
Spoons Gravy  
Containers, Cooking, 6-Gall  
" " water, 14-litre  
" " 6-litre

Stoves, Sawyer, complete  
Tents, pieces  
or Tents, Divouac

Pegs Tent

Poles Wood

Tents 160-lb.

Mallets

Buckets, 13"

Lamps, Hurricane

Torches, Hand

Wick 5/8" flat, feet

Brush S.H.U.

Cotton Wastes

Soap, yellow, lbs

Oil, A, pts

Flannellette yds

Rifles

Pistols

Bayonets

Scabbards

Rods cleaning rifle

" " pistols

Slings, Rifle

Gases Pistol

SA

SA, 9. mm.

Mitragliatrice Breda

Magazine Breda

Cables Towing

Welding Steel

Tins Mens Square

Bottles Water & Sling

Haversack

Belts with arm pouches

(in lieu of bandoliers)

Respirators complete

Eye shields pkts.

Cinquant AC

Cotton Waste oss

Blankets AD

Sect. A. 1

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MODIFIED SCALE OF EQUIPMENT FOR  
HQ ITALIAN PIONEER LABOUR BATTALION.

STRENGTH:- 4 Officers, 11 C.Rs. W.E. :- 14/14/1.  
TRANSPORT:- Cars, 4-str, 4 x 2 : 1  
Bicycles : 2

| Cat No          | Designation                 | Quantity |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Sect. OC        | Gloves MT prs               | 1        |
| Sect. CJ        | Goggles MT                  | 1        |
| Sect. L V6, MTI | Capes, A.C.                 | 15       |
| Sect. J. 1.     | Extinguishers, fire         | 1        |
|                 | Picks 4-lb                  | 1        |
|                 | Axes, felling               | 1        |
|                 | Hammers Hand                | 1        |
|                 | Shovels GS                  | 2        |
|                 | Sheets Ground               | 15       |
|                 | Ladles Cook GS              | 2        |
|                 | Bowls Hand                  | 2        |
|                 | Knives Cook 6"              | 2        |
|                 | " Opening Tin               | 2        |
|                 | Steels Dutchering           | 2        |
|                 | Kettles Camp                | 3        |
|                 | Spoons Gravy                | 3        |
|                 | Containers, Cooking, 6-gall | 3        |
|                 | Containers, water, 14-litre | 3        |
|                 | " " 6-litre                 | 3        |
|                 | Tents, pieces               | 11       |
|                 | or Tents, Eivouac           | 6        |
|                 | Pegs Tent                   | 22       |
|                 | Poles Wood                  | 22       |
|                 | Tents 160-lb                | 3        |
|                 | Mallets                     | 4        |
|                 | Buckets, 13"                | 3        |
|                 | Lamps, Hurricane            | 4        |
|                 | Torches, Hand               | 2        |
|                 | Wick 5/8" Flat, feet        | 3        |
|                 | Brush S.H.U.                | 2        |
|                 | Cotton Wastes               | 2        |
|                 | Sock, yellow, lbs           | 4        |
|                 | ail, A, pts                 | 5        |
|                 | Flannelette yds             | 4        |
|                 | Rifles                      | 11       |
|                 | Pistols                     | 4        |
|                 | Bayonets                    | 11       |
|                 | Scabbards                   | 11       |
|                 | Kids cleaning rifle         | 1        |
|                 | " " pistol                  | 1        |
|                 | Slings, Rifle               | 11       |
|                 | Cases Pistol                | 11       |
|                 | SAA (Italian)               | 550      |

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|             |                             |     |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Sect. KF    | Shovels GS                  | 15  |
|             | Sheets Ground               | 2   |
|             | Ladles Cook GS              | 2   |
|             | Bowls Hand                  | 2   |
|             | Knives Cook 6"              | 2   |
|             | " Opening Tin               | 2   |
|             | Steels Dutchering           | 2   |
|             | Kettles Camp                | 2   |
|             | Spoons Gravy                | 2   |
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|             | Mallets                     | 4   |
|             | Buckets 13"                 | 3   |
|             | Lamps, Hurricane            | 4   |
|             | Torches, Hand               | 2   |
|             | Wick 5/8" flat, feet        | 3   |
|             | Brush S.H.U.                | 2   |
|             | Cotton Wastes               | 4   |
|             | Soup, yellow, lbs           | 3   |
|             | Oil, A, pts                 | 4   |
|             | Flannelette yds             | 11  |
|             | Rifles                      | 4   |
|             | Pistols                     | 11  |
|             | Bayonets                    | 11  |
|             | Scabbards                   | 1   |
|             | Rods cleaning rifle         | 1   |
|             | " " pistol                  | 1   |
|             | Slings, Rifle               | 11  |
|             | Cases Pistol                | 550 |
|             | SAA (Italian)               | 42  |
|             | SAA, 9mm                    | 1   |
|             | Mitrailice Breda            | 10  |
|             | Magazine Breda              | 1   |
|             | Cables Towing               | 15  |
|             | Helmets Steel               | 15  |
|             | Tins Mess Square            | 15  |
|             | Bottles Water & Sling       | 15  |
|             | Flaversack                  | 15  |
|             | Belts with amm pouches      | 15  |
|             | (in lieu of bandoliers)     | 15  |
|             | Respirators complete        | 15  |
|             | Eyeshields pkts             | 30  |
|             | Ciniment AG                 | 60  |
|             | Cotton Waste, ozs           | 60  |
|             | Blankets BD                 | 60  |
| Sect. A. 1. |                             |     |

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

SECRET

n° 6207 /ora. di prot.

P.M. 151,24 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: costituzione reggimento lavoratori per A.A.

*forming labor regiment for Allies.*  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA  
(Rif.fo n° 7953 del 10 corrente)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

AL M.G. - Direz.Gen.Pers. Ufficiali

AL M.G. - Direz.Gen.Leva Sottuff. e Truppa

ALL'ISPettorato TRUPPE AUSILIARIE

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

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

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1°) - Si sanziona la costituzione dei seguenti reggimenti  
Lavoratori per A.A.:

| Reggimento costituito              | Centro di mobilitazione | Data di costituzione | Reparti da cui è stato tratto il personale     |
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| 411° regt. Lav. Art. dep. 45° ftr. |                         | 15/5/1944            | dai disciolti reparti costieri                 |
| 412° regt. Lav. Art. " 40° art.    |                         | id.                  | id.                                            |
| 413° " " " id.                     |                         | id.                  | id.                                            |
| 414° " " " dep. 13° art. C.A.      |                         | id.                  | id.                                            |
| 415° " Lav. ftr. distr. Oristano   |                         | 25/5/1944            | dal 527° regt. ftr. e batt. alpini "Mercantur" |
| 416° " " " distr. Cagliari         |                         | 20/5/1944            | dal 574° regt. ftr.                            |

2°) - Si segnala, per notizia, che il comando truppe italiane

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MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto  
 ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
 AL M.G. - Direz. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali  
 AL M.G. - Direz. Gen. Leva Sottuff. e Truppa  
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| 416° " " "                        | distr. Cagliari         | 20/5/1944            | dal 574° rgt. ftr.                                  |

2°)- Si segnala, per notizia, che il comando truppe della Base Peninsulare, in conseguenza del nuovo riordinamento dei reparti lavoratori, ha già proceduto allo scioglimento del comando del 415° reggimento lavoratori ftr.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
 (Alessandro Santi)

P. C. C.  
 IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO  
 (Guido Chiavarino)



Subject:- 417 Pioneer Labour Post

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MIL MILA

Army Sub Commission (MIA)  
H. Q., A. C. C.  
R O M E

SD/19  
22 Aug 44

1. On arrival in 3 District, 1 Bn 417 Labour Post was found to be 2 officers and 453 GNS short of War Establishment strength 34 officers and 1265 GNS.

2. It is requested that you

- (a) give the reasons for these deficiencies in personnel
- (b) take action to supply the balance as soon as possible, informing us of the location from which they will have to be moved.

cc/DEB

RCS for  
Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm (MIA)

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CAMP CIVITA CASTELLANA.

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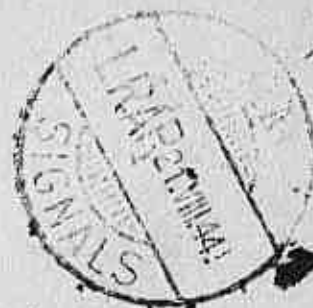
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SUBJECT:- 417 Pnr Lab Regt

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20 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

1. On arrival in 3 District, 1 Bn 417 LAB REGT was found to be 2 offrs and 453 ORs short of WE strength 34 offrs and 1265 ORs.

2. Will you please ensure that the balance is supplied as soon as possible, informing this HQ of the location from which they will have to be moved.

HCB 2/8

*Gen. Henry King*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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