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10000/120/489 5014/41A RFTS. REPORTS ON ARRIVALS

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TO: MIA HQ.

MIA DO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CIT

Phone No: Lightning Rear 350

510/2/A

27 Feb 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from.....TRAIN.....on.....
No. that set out.....200.....No. that arrived.....35.....
(a) Age of the Reinforcements
(i) 1914 Class and older.....1.....
(ii) 1918 Class and younger.....32.....
(iii) Other age-groups.....2.....
(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
(i) Fit for muleteers.....12.....
(ii) Fit for pioneers.....22.....
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital.....1.....
Sick in Camp.....
(c) No. of trained muleteers.....7.....
(d) State of Clothing
(i) Men requiring complete issue.....2.....
(ii) Men needing completion of issue.....33.....
(iii) Men without boots.....12.....
(e) Remarks.

Two men without Mess Kit

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

(i) 1914 Class and older.....1
(ii) 1918 Class and younger.....32
(iii) Other age-groups.....2

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers.....12
(ii) Fit for pioneers.....22
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital.....1
Sick in Camp.....

(c) No. of trained muleteers.....

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue..... 2
(ii) Men needing completion of issue..... 33
(iii) Men without boots..... 2

(e) Remarks.

Two men without Mess Kit

Two men without blankets

ACT/HLLH

Capt.,
MIA IC,
British Incement,
Fifth Army.

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C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : AFHQ

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INFO: MTCUSA
MMIA
PENBASE
PENSOUTH

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SECRET

SUPPLEMENTAL TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OUR CABLE NUMBER
9562 DATED 14 FEBRUARY IN REPLY TO YOUR EX 123777 DATED
9 FEBRUARY, THE FOLLOWING FURTHER INFORMATION ON 1878
SICILIANS DISPATCHED AS MULETEER REPLACEMENTS IF FURNISHED:
1658 OF TOTAL ARRIVED IN 5 ARMY AREA, OF WHICH 989 ARE
SUITABLE FOR TRAINING AS MULETEERS (.) 562 WILL BE USED AS
LABOR TROOPS AND 87 WERE HOSPITALIZED FOR EXAMINATION TO
DETERMINE FITNESS FOR MILITARY DUTY (.) BALANCE OF 1520
MULETEERS MENTIONED IN OUR CABLE NUMBER 9562 WERE OBTAINED
FROM OTHER PERSONNEL RECEIVED CONCURRENTLY

WB

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SD/41/4

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COPY.

FROM : 5 ARMY 14303
TO : AFHQ ACTION, CG MTOUSA, MMIA, PENBASE. PENSOUTH - INFO

9562

SECRET

STATUS RECENT ITALIAN MULETEER REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED IS SUBJECT REFERENCE YOUR CABLE FX 23777 DATED 09 FEBRUARY (*) FIRST (*) 5 ARMY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED SINCE 27 JANUARY OF SHIPMENTS TALLING 2855 REPLACEMENTS (*) DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 1 TO 11 INCLUSIVE TOTAL OF 2427 REPLACEMENTS WERE RECEIVED CMA WITH NO MORE AVAILABLE FROM PBS (*) ENROUTE CMA 129 WENT AWOL AND 15 WERE HOSPITALIZED CMA LEAVING STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR 284 MEN (*) SECOND (*) DUE TO MIXING UP OF SHIPMENTS ENROUTE CMA STATUS OF 1878 MULETEER REPLACEMENTS MENTIONED IN PENSOUTH CABLE 1930 DATED 27 JANUARY CMA CANNOT BE REPORTED SEPARATELY (*) IT IS PRESUMED THESE ARE SAME MULETEERS AS 1850 MENTIONED IN YOUR REFERENCE CABLE (*) THIRD (*) STATUS OF 2427 REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED FOLLOWS CLN A (*) CLASSES CLN 1917 AND OLDER - 7; 1918 AND YOUNGER - 2420 (*) B (*) PHYSICAL CONDITION CLN FIT FOR MULETEERS - 1520; FIT FOR OTHER DUTIES - 785; UNFIT FOR MILITARY DUTY - 122; TRAINED MULETEERS - NONE (*) C (*) CLOTHING (*) NONE COMPLETELY EQUIPPED (*) PERSONNEL SHORT CLOTHING AS FOLLOWS : 2 SUITS WOOLLEN UNDERWEAR - 642; 1 SUIT WOOLLEN UNDERWEAR - 1773 SUIT CMA WORKING CMA HBT - 55; RAINCOATS - 1878; GREEN CAPS - 721

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TO: MATA HQ.

MATA IO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

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Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from.....on.....
 No. that set out.....**200**
 (a) Age of the Reinforcements
 (i) 1914 Class and older.....**77**
 (ii) 1918 Class and younger.....**77**
 (iii) Other age-groups.....**41**
 (b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
 (i) Fit for muleteers.....**8**
 (ii) Fit for pioneers.....**183**
 (iii) Not fit for either.....
 (iv) Sick in hospital.....**4**
 Sick in Camp.....
 (c) No. of trained muleteers.....
 (d) State of Clothing
 (i) Men requiring complete issue.....**195**
 (ii) Men needing completion of issue.....**6999**
 (iii) Men without boots.....**195**
 (e) Remarks.

All without mess time and

Report on reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from.....
No. that set out.....
(a) Age of the Reinforcements
(i) 1914 Class and older.....
(ii) 1916 Class and younger.....
(iii) Other age-groups.....
(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
(i) Fit for muleteers.....
(ii) Fit for pioneers.....
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital.....
Sick in Camp.....
(c) No. of trained muleteers.....
(d) State of Clothing
(i) Men requiring complete issue.....
(ii) Men needing completion of issue.....
(iii) Men without boots.....
(e) Remarks.

All without mess tins and spoons

All had one field blanket.

AMN/HLH

Capt.
MIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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TO: MIA HQ.

MIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Near HQ Fifth Army
CAMP

Phone No: Lightning Roar 162

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17 Jan 45 8 FEB 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from..... AREZZO 5 FEBRUARY } A
No. that set out..... 100 No. that arrived..... 73 }
(a) Age of the Reinforcements
(i) 1914 Class and older..... 1
(ii) 1918 Class and younger..... 69
(iii) Other age-groups..... 3
(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
(i) Fit for muleteers..... 14
(ii) Fit for pioneers..... 57
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital..... 2
Sick in Camp.....
(c) No. of trained muleteers..... 7
(d) State of Clothing
(i) Men requiring complete issue..... 73
(ii) Men needing completion of issue.....
(iii) Men without boots..... 73
(e) Remarks..... 6908

All without mess tin and spoon

(a) Age of the Reinforcements
(i) 1914 Class and older..... 1
(ii) 1915 Class and younger..... 69
(iii) Other age-groups..... 3
(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
(i) Fit for muleteers..... 14
(ii) Fit for pioneers..... 57
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital..... 2
Sick in Camp.....
(c) No. of trained muleteers.....
(d) State of Clothing
(i) Men requiring complete issue..... 73
(ii) Men needing completion of issue.....
(iii) Men without boots..... 73
(e) Remarks.
All without mess tin and spoon.....
All have one field blanket.....
(N.B. The discrepancy at A occurred before arrival at Arezzo).
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ACV/HLE

Cent.,
13th A. L.,
British Incorment,
Fifth Army.

TO: MIA HQ.

MIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Near HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Phone No: Lightning Roar 162

510/2/A~~27 Jan 45~~ 8 FEB 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from..... AREZZO on..... 4 FEBRUARY } A
No, that set out..... 574 No. that arrived..... 481 }

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

(i) 1914 Class and older..... 92
(ii) 1918 Class and younger..... 347
(iii) Other age-groups..... 42

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers..... 66
(ii) Fit for pioneers..... 408
(iii) Not fit for either.....
(iv) Sick in hospital..... 7
Sick in Camp.....

(c) No. of trained muleteers..... 7

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue..... 300
(ii) Men needing completion of issue..... 181
(iii) Men without boots..... 481 6937

(e) Remarks.

300 men arrived without mess tin and spoon.....

1554

... 5/44 ... No. that arrived. 481

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

(i) 1914 Class and older. 92

(ii) 1918 Class and younger. 347

(iii) Other age-groups. 42

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers. 56

(ii) Fit for pioneers. 408

(iii) Not fit for either.

(iv) Sick in hospital. 7

Sick in Camp.

(c) No. of trained muleteers.

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue. 300

(ii) Men needing completion of issue. 181

(iii) Men without boots. 481

(e) Remarks.

300 men arrived without mess tin and spoon.

181 had one blanket each.

Quite a high percentage of lice and scabies.

(N.B. the discrepancy at A occurred before arrival at Arezzo).

ACTV/ELH

Capt. ...
LMA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

TO: MIA HQ.

MIA IO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CIT

Phone No: Lightning Roar 162

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27 Jan 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from..... **SICILY CALL UP**..... on..... **25 Jan 45**.....
No. that set out..... **405**..... No. that arrived..... **401**.....

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

(i) 1914 Class and older..... **237**.....
(ii) 1918 Class and younger..... **71**.....
(iii) Other age-groups..... **93**.....

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers..... **60**.....
(ii) Fit for pioneers..... **332**.....
(iii) Not fit for either..... **7**.....
(iv) Sick in hospital..... **9**.....
Sick in Camp.....

(c) No. of trained muleteers..... **7**.....

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue..... **401**.....
(ii) Men needing completion of issue..... **7**.....
(iii) Men without boots..... **401**.....

(e) Remarks.

6906

22 Jan 45

No. that set out.....495.....No. that arrived.....401.....

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

- (i) 1914 Class and older.....237.....
- (ii) 1918 Class and younger.....71.....
- (iii) Other age-groups.....93.....

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

- (i) Fit for muleteers.....60.....
- (ii) Fit for pioneers.....332.....
- (iii) Not fit for either.....-.....
- (iv) Sick in hospital.....9.....
- Sick in Camp.....

(c) No. of trained muleteers.....-.....

(d) State of Clothing

- (i) Men requiring complete issue.....401.....
- (ii) Men needing completion of issue.....-.....
- (iii) Men without boots.....401.....

(e) Remarks.

iii.....The Depot has neither Mess tins nor spoons for feeding these men.....
Many with lice and some with scabies. Can anything be done
to make the flow of reinforcements more regular and less numerous.
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ACN/HLM

Capt.,
MIA IC,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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TO: MEMIA HQ.

MEMIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

510/2/A

27 Jan 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from..... **SICILY CALL-UP**..... on..... **26 Jan 45**.....
No. that set out..... **200**..... No. that arrived..... **188**

(a) Age of the Reinforcements
(i) 1914 Class and older..... **46**.....
(ii) 1918 Class and younger..... **110**.....
(iii) Other age-groups..... **32**.....
(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements
(i) Fit for muleteers..... **48**.....
(ii) Fit for pioneers..... **140**.....
(iii) Not fit for either..... **7**.....
(iv) Sick in hospital..... **7**.....
Sick in Camp..... **7**.....
(c) No. of trained muleteers..... **7**.....
(d) State of Clothing
(i) Men requiring complete issue..... **171**..... **6905**
(ii) Men needing completion of issue..... **17**.....
(iii) Men without boots..... **171**.....
(e) Remarks.

;;:..... All without mess-tins and spoons.....

26 Jan 42

No. that set out.....200.....No. that arrived.....188

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

- (i) 1914 Class and older.....46.....
- (ii) 1918 Class and younger.....110.....
- (iii) Other age-groups.....32.....

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

- (i) Fit for muleteers.....46.....
- (ii) Fit for pioneers.....140.....
- (iii) Not fit for either.....7.....
- (iv) Sick in hospital.....7.....
- Sick in Camp.....7.....

(c) No. of trained muleteers.....7.....

(d) State of Clothing

- (i) Men requiring complete issue.....17.....6905
- (ii) Men needing completion of issue.....17.....
- (iii) Men without boots.....171.....

(e) Remarks.

;;:..... All without mess-tins and spoons.....
..... At 231 Div Depot, there are now 600 men.....
..... More cannot be admitted without causing confusion.....
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AND/HLH

Colt
Capt.,
RMLA Co.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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FROM 5 ARMY

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TO NMIA, INFO CG MTOUSA, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, CO PES
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SECRET

Ref NMIA Cable SD/2212, time dated 21 NST. Para 1. Proposed reorganization letter, file AG320/2 of 24 Dec was not based on disbandment or reconversion in order to organize the 5 Pack Mule Coys. FIFTH ARMY ceiling was increased appropriately "from 12000 to 14000" when authorization for first few coys was made.

Para 2. Strength of 12381 on 18 Jan is correct as stated in NMIA cable. However, the impression that 1000 persons are actual under 210 Div in forward staging areas must be based on a miscomprehension due to our feeding PDE US-ITT troops in army area. These 1000 persons are not in Army area. PARA 3. Schedule of shipments requested in our 7485, dated 202046 still applies. PARA 4.A Regarding February requirements, assuming all shortages of muleteer and other services are filled by 1 Feb, requirements will be 45 per day for muleteers and 10 per day all others. PARA 5. Every man physically fit for muleteer duty is being used as such regardless of qualifications ref para 7 NMIA cable.

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FROM 5 ARMY

27/1/45

MMIA INFO CG MTOUSA
CG 15 ARMY GROUP
CO PBS

4342 -26

CONFIDENTIAL

PARA ONE. Muleteers replacement sitrap on Group arriving 21 Jan from Reggio Calabria staging area.

Men leaving staging area	594
Hospitalized during journey	10
Absent during journey	50
Absent in Florence	7
Total arrived to 210 Div	527

PARA TWO. Follows staties of 527 men who arrived to 210 Infantry Div (Italian) staging area.

<u>A</u>	Age Class 1915	1
	1918 & younger	526

<u>B</u>	<u>Fitness</u>	
	Physically fit for muleteers	361 = 60%
	Unfit for Muleteers, fit for other military duty	151
	Unfit for Military duty	15
	Trained Muleteers	None

C Clothing & equipment

Clothing & equipment all received on Italian Army scale except canteen & mess kits.

(Sgd) Capt RE Westbury

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Can we amend SD/3/2

9/12 Jan night?

29 Jan 28/1

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FROM LOGU 2616171 8 Army
TO NMEA
INFO CG MTONSA
CG 15 ARMY GROUP
CG/1 CO PCS

GR200 BT
REFNR 4342 - 26

CONFIDENTIAL X PARAGRAPH ONE X UNLETTERS REPLACEMENT SITREP ON GROUP
ARRIVING TWO SIX JANUARY FROM REGGIO CALABRIA STAGING AREA CLM MEN
LEAVING STAGING AREA CMA FIVE NINE FOUR SMOIN HOSPITALIZED DURING
JOURNEY CMA ONE ZERO SMOIN ABSENT DURING JOURNEY CMA FIVE ZERO SMOIN
ABSENT IN FLORENCE CMA SEVEN CLM TOTAL ARRIVED TO TWO ONE ZERO
DIVISION CMA FIVE TWO SEVEN X ~~PARAGRAPH TWO X~~ ~~PARAGRAPH TWO X~~
~~ABLE CMA INFO TO CHARLIE GROUP MTONSA CMA CHARLIE GROUP~~
~~ARMY GROUP CMA~~ ~~PARAGRAPH TWO X~~ ~~PARAGRAPH TWO X~~
FOLLOWING STATUS OF FIVE TWO SEVEN MEN WHO ARRIVED TO TWO ONE ZERO
INFANTRY DIVISION PAREN ITALIAN PAREN STAGING AREA CLM SUBPARAGRAPH ABLE
AGE X CLASS ONE NINE ONE FIVE CMA ONE MAN SMOIN CLASS ONE NINE ONE
EIGHT AND YOUNGER CMA FIVE TWO SIX MEN X SUBPARAGRAPH ~~II~~ ~~BAKER~~
FITNESS X PHYSICALLY FIT FOR MULETEERS CMA THREE SIX ONE SMOIN UNFIT
FOR MULETEERS CMA FIT FOR OTHER MILITARY DUTY CMA ONE FIVE ONE SMOIN
UNFIT FOR MILITARY DUTY CMA ONE FIVE SMOIN TRAINED MULETEERS CMA NONE
X SUBPARAGRAPH CHARLIE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT X ALL RECEIVED ON ITALIAN
ARMY CLOTHING SCALE EXCEPT CANTEN AND MESS KITS
CG SUBPARAGRAPH ~~NOT SUBPARAGRAPH~~ ~~THE~~
SENT NRA 2616171 TJC AT
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM NMIA

21 1640 A

TO CG FIFTH ARMY

INFO WTCUSA, 15 ARMY GROUP, NMIA LO FEAR FIFTH ARMY
PENBASE, PENSOUTH, NMIA LO PENSOUTHSD 2122SECRET

REFERENCE YOUR 7485 (.)

FIRST (.) YOUR PROPOSED ORGANIZATION IN FILE AG 320-2 OF 24 DEC INCLUDES

15 PACK HULE COMPANIES AND EVIDENTLY CONTEMPLATES DISBAND ENT CR RECONVER-
SION OF SOME PRESENT UNITS TO KEEP WITHIN CEILING OF 14000 (.) SUGGEST
THIS PROGRAM BE ACCOMPLISHED (.)

SECOND (.) YOUR STRENGTH REPORT OF 21 JAN FILE AG 337.2-Z SHOWS TOTAL

STRENGTH OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO 210 DIV TO BE 12737 WHICH INCLUDES 356

PERSONS IN 4 VET HCSP WHICH ARE ITI-ITI CMA AND NCT US-ITI (.) ON A TOTAL

US-ITI STRENGTH OF 12381 ON 18 JAN (.) THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY

1000 PERSONS WHO ACTUALLY ARE UNDER 210 DIVISION COMMAND IN FORWARD STAGING

AREAS AWAITING ASSIGNMENT AND ARE NOT CARRIED ON US RATION ACCOUNT (.)

THEREFORE TOTAL US-ITI ASSIGNED TO 210 DIVISION IS APPROXIMATELY 13381 (.)

THIRD (.) 700 EX SICILY CALL-UPS DEPARTED REGGIC 20 JANUARY FOR ASTRONI FOR

ONWARD ROUTING TO YCU (.) 13 PERSONS ARRIVED ASTRONI 20 JAN EARMARKED FOR

210 ENGR TAPG CO (.) 65 PERSONS IN ASTRONI EARMARKED FOR 210 ENGR COMBAT

GROUP (.) TOTAL 778 ENROUTE TO YCU (.)

FOURTH (.) FIRST 600 EX LAZIC CALL-UP WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY BEING RUTED 6991

TO ASTRONI FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO YCU (.)

File 19
80/3/3

SIGN OF SOME PRESENT UNITS TO KEEP WITHIN CEILING OF 14000 (.) SUGGEST

THIS PROGRAM BE ACCOMPLISHED (.)

SECOND (.) YOUR STRENGTH REPORT OF 21 JAN FILE AG 337.2-2 SHOWS TOTAL

STRENGTH OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO 210 DIV TO BE 12737 WHICH INCLUDES 356

PERSONS IN 4 VET HCSP WHICH ARE ITI-ITI CMA AND NOT US-ITI (.) ON A TOTAL

US-ITI STRENGTH OF 12381 ON 18 JAN (.) THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY

1000 PERSONS WHO ACTUALLY ARE UNDER 210 DIVISION COMMAND IN FORWARD STAGING

AREAS AWAITING ASSIGNMENT AND ARE NOT CARRIED ON US RATION ACCOUNT (.)

THEREFORE TOTAL US-ITI ASSIGNED TO 210 DIVISION IS APPROXIMATELY 13381 (.)

THIRD (.) 700 EX SICILY CALL-UPS DEPARTED REGGIC 20 JANUARY FOR ASTRONI FOR

ONWARD ROUTING TO YOU (.) 13 PERSONS ARRIVED ASTRONI 20 JAN EARMARKED FOR

210 ENGR TAPG CO (.) 65 PERSONS IN ASTRONI EARMARKED FOR 210 ENGR COMBAT

GROUP (.) TOTAL 778 ENROUTE TO YOU (.)

FOURTH (.) FIRST 600 EX LAZIK CALL-UP WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY BEING RUTED 6901

TO ASTRONI FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO YOU (.)

FIFTH (.) THEREFORE BY 1 FEB YOU SHOULD HAVE STRENGTH OF 14759 LESS ATTRITION

CMA ESTIMATED AT 31 PER DAY FOR 15 DAYS (.) OR APPROXIMATELY 14000 CMA WHICH

IS CEILING (.)

SIXTH (.) YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR FEB NOT YET RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 4b

OF MTR USA LETTER 20 DEC FILE AG322.96/774 A-C (.) ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WHEN

RECEIVED (.)

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SEVENTH (.) INVITE ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF AFHQ SIGNAL PX 71184 OF
19 DEC QUOTE NECESSARY EVERY FIT MAN OF CLASSES 1914 TO 1924 FROM DRAFTS
SENT FORWARD BE USED BY YOU AS WOLETEERS (.)
EIGHTH (.) WILL ENDEAVOR TO FILL YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR LIMITED NUMBER
OF SPECIALISTS FOR TECHNICAL UNITS AS IS BEING DONE FOR 210 ENGINEERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Rex E. Pinkel
Major

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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5 ARMY

MMIA

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SECRET PD PAREN REF NR SEVEN FOUR EIGHT FIVE PAREN MULETEER

REPLACEMENTS FOR UNCLE SUGAR DASH ITEM TARE ITEM ARE NOT BEING RECEIVED
IN ~~SUFFICIENT~~ SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

X PAREN FIVE ARMY TO VIKE VIKE ITEM ~~WEEKLY~~ ABLE FOR ACTION CVA

INFO VTOUTA AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PAREN X ORGANIZATION OF URGENTLY

NEEDED FIVE MULE PACK COMPANIES HAS BEEN PENDING FOR OVER FOUR FIVE

DAYS DUE TO LACK OF MULETEERS X CADRES AND EQUIPMENT WERE ASSEMBLED

AND READY ON ONE DECEMBER X SHIPMENTS TO DATE HAVE BARELY BEEN

~~SUFFICIENT~~ SUFFICIENT TO COVER SHORTAGES IN EXISTING UNITS AND

ATTRITION LOSSES X INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY FIVE SIX ~~ZERO~~ REPLACEMENTS

~~XXX~~ NOW AT LEGHORN CVA SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS CLN SHORTAGE IN TEN

EXISTING UNCLE SUGAR DASH ITEM TARE ITEM PACK MULE COMPANIES TOTAL

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY

THREE EIGHT ZERO SVCLN FIVE NEW COMPANIES HAVE TWO ZERO TWO CVA ONE
EIGHT THREE CVA TWO EIGHT CVA TWO EIGHT AND TWO EIGHT RESPECTIVELY

AGAINST THREE EIGHT EIGHT EACH NEEDED FOR FULL STRENGTH X THOSE WITH
TWO EIGHT EACH HAVE ONLY CADRE PERSONNEL X IT TAKES TWO ZERO DAYS OF
TRAINING AFTER RECEIPT OF FULLY EQUIPPED REPLACEMENTS ~~XXX RPT REPLACEMENTS~~

IN ORDER TO ORIENT AND TRAIN THE TYPE OF REPLACEMENTS BEING FURNISHED

X TACTICAL PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EMPLOY ALL FIVE PACK MULE COMPANIES

ON EARLY MISSIONS X THESE MISSIONS WILL NECESSITATE MULETEER REPLACEMENTS
FOR ALL FIVE COMPANIES TOGETHER WITH SHORTAGES OF EXISTING

COMPANIES PLUS ATTRITION LOSSES OF THREE TEN PER ~~RPT PER~~ COMPANY PER

~~RPT PER~~ DAY TO BE DELIVERED TO ARMY ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE CLN FOUR

ZERO ZERO ON TWO ONE JANUARY PAREN FIVE SIX ZERO GENERAL REPLACEMENT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY

NOW AT LEGHORN WILL NOT ~~RPT~~ NOT COVER DUE TO ANTICIPATED UNFIT
PERSONNEL ~~QYXX~~ RPT PAREN CVA SIX ~~SEVEN~~ ZERO ON TWO FOUR JANUARY CVA
SIX ONE ZERO ONE TWO SIX JANUARY CVA FIVE TWO ZERO ON THREE ZERO
JANUARY X NOT ^E THAT FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE ARE MULETEERS ~~RPT MULETEERS~~
AND IF ~~QYXX~~ RPT QUALITY OF PERSONNEL IN FUTURE SHIPMENTS IS NOT ~~RPT~~
~~IS NOT~~ INCREASED OVERPAST SHIPMENTS CVA TOTAL NUMBER OF REPLACEMENTS
SHIPPED PAREN FROM WHICH WE MAY SCREEN MULETEERS PAREN SHOULD BE
INCREASED BY THREE ZERO PERCENT X THOSE UNFIT FOR MULETEERS WILL BE USED
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SUBJECT: Information concerning
Reinforcements

MMIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

231 Div

MMIA, M.A.

In order that I may at all times have full information as to the arrival, quality and distribution of Reinforcements for 231 Div., I request that the following procedure be adopted :-

(1) On the arrival of a group of reinforcements at AREZZO, the O.C. Transit Camp must obtain from the Officer accompanying the draft the following information :-

- (a) Numbers originally intended to move
- (b) Numbers who actually moved
- (c) Reason for any ^{discrepancy} discrepancy i.e. sickness, absence etc
- (d) Numbers who actually arrived
- (e) Reason for any ^{discrepancy} discrepancy

(2) On arrival at 231 Div Reinforcement Depot, the following information must be collected :-

- (a) Age of the Reinforcements
 - (i) 1914 Class and older
 - (ii) 1918 Class and younger
 - (iii) Others
- (b) Physical fitness of Reinforcements
 - (i) Men fit for muleteers
 - (ii) Men fit for pioneers
 - (iii) Men unfit for either
 - (iv) Sick men
- (c) Training for muleteers
- (d) Clothing state

(i) Men who require complete equipment

13 JAN 1945

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 - (iv) Sick men
- (c) Training for muleteers
- (d) Clothing state
 - (i) Men who require complete equipment
 - (ii) Men who require Major Equipment
 - (iii) Men without boots
- (e) General Remarks

This information should be sent to me as soon as possible for forwarding to my HQ.

AMN/HLE

A. M. Newby
Capt.,
MIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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INFO CG MTOUSA, CG 15 Army Group, CO PBS

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Arrived FLORENCE 8 Jan, replacement stragglers of previous shipment totalling 41, of which 12 are muleteers and 29 not fit for muleteer duty but fit for other duty (.) [5 Army action to GOC MMIA, Info to CG MTOUSA, CG 15 Army Gp, CO PBS] (.) 2 are class 1913 or older, 4 are class 1914, 10 are class 1915 to 1917 and 25 are class 1918 and younger (.) None were equipped and all were in civilian clothing (.) Muleteers received to date are 3182 of 5240 due through 8 Jan (.) Request balance be shipped

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MIA LO

British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

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18 Jan 45

Report on Reinforcements for 231 Div. Reinforcement Depot

from ARVILA on 14 JAN.
 No. that set out 22 No. that arrived 22

(a) Age of the Reinforcements

(i) 1914 Class and older 4
 (ii) 1918 Class and younger 11
 (iii) Other age-groups 7

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers 4
 (ii) Fit for pioneers 15
 (iii) Not fit for either 7
 (iv) Sick in hospital 2
 Sick in Camp 1

(c) No. of trained muleteers 116

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue 22
 (ii) Men needing completion of issue 7
 (iii) Men without boots 22

(e) Remarks.

All of these men without exception claim

(i) 1914 Class and older..... 4
 (ii) 1918 Class and younger..... 11
 (iii) Other age-groups..... 7

(b) Physical Fitness of Reinforcements

(i) Fit for muleteers..... 4
 (ii) Fit for pioneers..... 15
 (iii) Not fit for either..... 7
 (iv) Sick in hospital..... 2
 Sick in Camp..... 1

(c) No. of trained muleteers..... Nil.

(d) State of Clothing

(i) Men requiring complete issue..... 22
 (ii) Men needing completion of issue..... 2
 (iii) Men without boots..... 22

(e) Remarks.

All of these men without exception claim that they have been declared unfit for Muleteers or Pioneers and destined for indoor work.

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Rest 350 p.m. Capt. MATA LO, Fifth Army.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements

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MEMIA IO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
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231 Div

Copy to:- MEMIA HQ
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19 Jan 45

I am informed by the ADL, Brit Incr, that of 47 reinforcements received by 2 Group on Jan 10, 30 were incapable of beginning work as having been excused all duties for varying periods of time.

In future, men who are not capable of starting work as soon as they reach the Pioneer Coy to which they are allotted, will be kept at 23. Div. Reinforcement Coy until such time as they are fit for work.

1231 P.

a.m. newton
Capt.,
MEMIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : NMMA

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INFO: CG MICUSA
15 ARMY GROUP
CC PBS

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REPLACEMENTS ARRIVED FLORENCE 1 JANUARY FROM ASTRONI: 269 MULETEERS, 107 UNFIT FOR MULETEER DUTY BUT FIT FOR OTHER DUTY, AND 10 UNFIT FOR ANY MILITARY DUTY, TOTAL 386 (.) 3 WERE CLASSES 1915 TO 1917, AND 383 CLASS 1918 AND YOUNGER (.) ALL COMPLETELY EQUIPPED BUT ONLY THREE DAYS RATIONS ISSUED FOR JOURNEY OF 4 DAYS (.) REPLACEMENTS ARRIVED 2 JANUARY FROM TRANI: 317 MULETEERS, 178 UNFIT FOR MULETEER DUTY BUT FIT FOR OTHER DUTY, 1 UNFIT FOR ANY MILITARY DUTY, TOTAL 496 (.) 34 WERE CLASS 1913 AND OLDER; 24 CLASS 1914; 66 CLASS 1915 TO 1917; AND 372 CLASS 1918 AND YOUNGER (.) NONE WERE COMPLETELY EQUIPPED BUT 489 CAN BECOME EQUIPPED WITH ISSUE OF TOWELS, CAPS, BELTS, HELMETS, EXTRA WOOL SHIRTS AND MESS KITS; 7 ARRIVED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND WITHOUT BLANKETS (.) TOTAL MULETEERS IN FOREGOING 2 GROUPS TOTAL 586 (.) RELATED SUBJECT: MULETEER REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH 2 JANUARY TOTAL 3170 (.) REVISED ESTIMATE OF MULETEER REQUIREMENT HEREXY MADE SINCE ATTRITION RATE HAS BEEN ABNORMALLY LOW DUE TO SOME UNITS NOT COMMITTED AND OTHERS NOT FORMED (.) MULETEERS REQUIRED TOTAL 1850 THROUGH 2 JANUARY TO BRING ALL 15 COMPANIES TO FULL STRENGTH (.) REQUEST THESE MULETEERS BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THEIR ATTRITION

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY CDRHQ
TO AFHQ CITE FHCAB
INFO FIFTH ARMY
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Subject is Italian Rfts for Gruppi and Pack Tpt (.) FIRST (.) SEIA
state deficiencies in FRIULI 190 and CREMONA Surplus 640 (.) According
to 50 BLU deficiencies in FRIULI is 1045 and Eight Army state
deficiencies in CREMONA are approx 700 (.) Consider deficiencies
quoted by Army and BLU are substantially correct and that drastic
action should be taken to rectify pan and create a reserve holding (.)
SECOND (.) Further by A35 of 22 please see Fifth Army 9840 of 24 indi-
cating that out of 1400 rfts for Pack Coys prepared for despatch only
820 arrived of which only 470 suitable as muleteers (.) Request situa-
tion is strongly represented to SEIA and SEH to ensure proper selection
of personnel carried out and present state of affairs is not allowed
to continue (.) Request steps taken to reduce desertion during preparation
of drafts and on route by providing adequate escorts.

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C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : MMIA
C.G. MTOUSA

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
C.O. PBS

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Arrived FLORENCE 20 December 61 Muleteers, 43 Replacements physically unfit as Muleteers but fit for other duty, and 3 unfit for any military duty, total 107 (.) None were equipped; all require shoes; 87 arrived without blankets and without mess equipment; and 71 were in civilian clothes (.) 4 were 1913 class and older, 7 are 1914 class, 23 are classes 1915 to 1917 and 73 are class 1918 and younger (.) Second Group arrived 21 December consisting of 37 Muleteers, 12 physically unfit for any military duty, total 52 (.) None were equipped; all require shoes; all were in civilian clothing; and 17 arrived without blankets or mess equipment (.) This group consisted of 2 classes 1913 and older, 7 class 1914, 18 classes 1915 to 1917, and 25 class 1918 and younger (.) 17 of these replacements are ex-BALKANS from S ADREA Staging Camp initially part of previous shipments (.) Status of muleteers is through 21 December: received 2564 out of 6670 requested through that date

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FROM : 5 ARMY
TO : AFHQ
INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP, MMIA

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SECRET (.) 7302 (.) Paragraph 1 (.) Italian military replacements is subject reference AFHQ cables FX 71184 FX71666 and FX73373 (.) All men physically fit for muleteer duty are being used for muleteer replacement regardless of other qualifications (.) However, almost half of men received are unfit for the exceedingly strenuous work of muleteers (.) Assignment of men who are not physically qualified as muleteer results in their being quickly incapacitated or in their deserting, thereby becoming lost even for duty in less strenuous work with other service troops (.) Rejects for muleteer duty are being used as replacements for service troops in rear areas and are not being lost to the Italian Armed Forces (.) Request steps be taken to impress those responsible for screening Italians for muleteer replacements with the strenuous physical life of the muleteers working under enemy fire and in the worst climatic conditions in occupied ~~part~~ ~~polpbon~~ (?) of Italy (.) This headquarters will make available every facility if it is desired to despatch officers to observe the Pack Mule units in operation (.) Men sent to 5th Army as replacements for muleteers were rejected for muleteer duty due to following disqualifications: (a) Possession of certificate limiting man to ~~in~~ "sedentari" service (b) advance stages of malaria (c) hernia (d) extensive malnutrition especially ex Balkan personnel (e) physical exhaustion cases among older classes (up to 50%) (.) Some rejects will be recommended in 60 to 90 days for possible transfer to muleteer duty after period of rehabilitation with rear area troops (.) Paragraph 2 (.) The general attitude of the replacements being sent to 5th Army to work under combat conditions with the barest essentials of food and clothing is shown by an examination of desertion rate during shipments from rear areas to Army (.) During the past several weeks, informal information indicate that replace-

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-ments have been promised by responsible officers in rear areas that they will be granted leave when they reach Army area (.) Many of the newly arrived men interviewed openly stated that they were going to take leave, official or otherwise (.) Paragraph 3 (.) The responsibility for the seemingly high wastage is due to the following: (a) Extremely Hazardous duties (.) (b) Lack of suitable punishment for apprehended deserters (.) (c) Ration scale which does not completely satisfy the requirements of the strenuous type of work of the muleteers (.) (d) Long term shortage of muleteers which has prevented normal relief and rehabilitation (.) (e) Receipt of untrained and unindoctrinated replacements (.) (f) Absence of a leave system whereby men can be transported to or near their homes and returned to their unit (.) (g) General disillusionment caused by unkept promises of leave, good food and warm clothing reportedly made by uninformed personnel in rear areas (.) Paragraph 4 (.) 5th Army must continue to reject men physically unfit for muleteer duty as responsibility for wholesale desertion and breakdown of functioning resulting from sending misfits to Mule Pack Units cannot be assumed by this Hqs (.) Paragraph 5 (.) Only by the utmost efforts of all concerned and particularly by the splendid spirit and energy of the 210 Italian Division has the wastage been kept within its present rate

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TO : AMIA
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INFO: PBS
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Added to report made in cable 4808 dated 21 December Replacement

2 additional groups ex BALKANS arrives FLORENCE are: (A) on 15 December 204 muleteers, 167 unfit for muleteers but fit for other duty and 14 unfit for military duty, total 385 and (B on 16 December 265 muleteers, 154 unfit for muleteers but fit for other duty and 19 unfit for military duty, total 438 (.) Concerning Group A: 1/ completely equipped; 27 who can easily be completely equipped; 140 in civilian clothes; 209 without adequate shoes; and 33 without blankets (.) Of this Group 36 are classes 1909 to 1914; 96 are 1915 to 1917; and 253 are 1918 and younger (.) Group contained 812 personnel at S ANDREA Staging Camp dwindling to 631 through evacuation of 21 to hospital and 160 being AWOL (.) Of 631 departing 246 went AWOL during journey (.) AWOL rate believed attributable to desire of these personnel to visit families while in South ITALY (.) Concerning Group B: All 438 arrived in civilian clothing; 110 without adequate shoes; equipment consisted of 1 blanket, mess tin and spoon each (.) 144 are class 1914 and older; 106 classes 1915 to 1917; 188 are class 1918 and younger (.) 161 men went AWOL during journey again believed attributable to desire to visit families while in vicinity (.) New paragraph (.) Related subject: with Group A and B above and receipt stated in cable 4806,

status of muleteers through 18 December is: 2486 received our of 6535

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duty and 14 unfit for military duty, total 385 and (B) on 16 December 265 muleteers, 154 unfit for muleteers but fit for other duty and 19 unfit for military duty, total 438 (.) Concerning Group A: 11 completely equipped; 27 who can easily be completely equipped; 140 in civilian clothes; 209 without adequate shoes; and 53 without blankets (.) Of this Group 36 are classes 1909 to 1914; 96 are 1915 to 1917; and 253 are 1918 and younger (.) Group contained 812 personnel at S ANDREA Staging Camp dwindling to 631 through evacuation of 21 to hospital and 160 being AWOL (.) Of 631 departing 246 went AWOL during journey (.) AWOL rate believed attributable to desire of these personnel to visit families while in South ITALY (.) Concerning Group B: All 438 arrived in civilian clothing; 110 without adequate shoes; equipment consisted of 1 blanket, mess tin and spoon each (.) 144 are class 1914 and older; 106 classes 1915 to 1917; 188 are class 1918 and younger (.) 161 men went AWOL during journey again believed attributable to desire to visit families while in vicinity (.) New paragraph (.) Related subject: with Group A and B above and receipt stated in cable 4808, status of muleteers through 18 December is: 2486 received our of 6535 due (.) Subsequent reports from here will divide replacement into classes to 1913 inclusive, and 1914 (?) class and younger

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Report on Italian volunteer replacements sent to COLLE SALVETTI ex labour
follows (.) FIRST (.) Recd 8 Dec (.) QUOTE (.) ONE (.) 164 scheduled to move from
407 regiment IPI (2) 163 arrived; 17 ABOL; 4 sent to hospital enroute (3) 39 are
from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 95 are from 1918 or younger (6) 90 are
fit for volunteers (7) 67 unfit for volunteers but fit for other military duty
only (8) 6 unfit for any duty (9) 6 men are trained volunteers (10) 140 completely
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9 Dec (.) QUOTE (.) (A) (1) 355 scheduled to move from BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO
(2) 336 arrived; 19 ABOL enroute (3) 59 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive
(4) 31 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 246 are from 1918 or younger
classes (6) 239 fit for volunteers (7) 87 unfit for volunteers but fit for other
other duty (8) 10 unfit for any duty, now in hospital (9) 220 men are trained
volunteers (.) B (.) equipment and rations: (1) 336 nearly completely equipped (2) 19
without mess kits (3) 336 without undershirts and socks wool (.) UNQUOTE (.)

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FROM 5 ARMY

TO NMIA, CG MTOUSA,

INFC CC AAI, CC PBC

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Muleteers received 14 Dec from S ANDREA staging area, ex BALKANS, totalled 580 out of 713 replacements 133 being unfit for muleteers but fit for other military duty (.). 713 of original group of 813 arrived, 14 AWOL or in hospital prior to move and 86 AWOL during journey (.). 81 Ace classes 1909 to 1914, 177 are classes 1915 to 1917, and 455 are class 1918 and younger (.). 6 were completely equipped; 99 not completely equipped but can easily be equipped; 608 arrived in civilian clothing; and 115 are without shoes (.). Related subject: arrived FLORENCE on 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18 Dec ex ELBA were 307 replacements of which 144 are fit for muleteers, 158 unfit for muleteers but fit for other military duty, with 5 unfit and evacuated to hospital for check (.). All 307 were in civilian clothing, none completely equipped sole possessions being 1 blanket and mess equipment, and none with fit shoes (.). 28 were classes 1909 to 1914; 74 classes 1915 to 1917; and 205 class 1918 and younger (.). Related subject: muleteer total received through 18 Dec now 2017 out of 6535 requested "including 45 per day attrition replacements since 27 Nov reference cable 6895 dated 27 Nov" through 18 Dec dated (.). New subject for CG MTOUSA: Request information as to when and where replacement center will be established for reception and equipping of Italian military replacement personnel.

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C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : C.G. MTCUSA
MMIA

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INFO: C.G. 13 ARMY GROUP
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(Begin part 1) (.) Paragraph 1 (.) Report on Italian Muleteer (US-ITI and British ITI) replacements received 9 December follows: A (.) Status: (1) 355 scheduled to move from BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO (2) 336 arrived; 19 AWOL enroute (3) 59 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (4) 31 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 246 are from 1918 or younger classes (6) 239 fit for Muleteers (7) 8 (Begin part 2) 7 unfit for Muleteers but fit for other duty (8) 10 unfit for any duty, now in hospital (9) 220 men are trained Muleteers (.) B (.) equipment and rations: (1) 336 nearly completely equipped (2) 19 without mess kits (3) 336 without undershirts and socks wool (4) sufficient rations issued to every individual; warm meal provided at BENEVENTO, ROCCASECCA and ROMA (.) C (.) Assignment: (1) 145 Muleteers to US-ITI (2) 56 men to other US-ITI units (3) 5 in hospital (US-ITI) (4) 94 Muleteers to British-ITI (5) 31 men to other British-ITI units (6) 5 in hospital (British-ITI) Paragraph 2 (.) Request adjustment be made in total amount of Muleteers to be furnished 5th ARMY by adding 116 Muleteers to future shipments

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FROM 5 ARMY

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"Begin part 1" Secret: A report on Italian muleteer replacements received 8 Dec follows (.) (1) 184 scheduled to move from 407 regiment IFL (2) 163 arrived; 17 AKOL; 4 sent to hospital enroute (3) 39 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (4) 39 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (5) 95 are from 1918 or younger (6) 90 are fit for muleteers (7) 67 unfit for muleteers but fit for military duty (8) 6 unfit for any duty (9) 6 men are trained muleteers (10) 140 completely equipped (11) 23 nearly completely equipped (12) 5 days or more rations issued to every man for 4 day journey (.) B These 163 replacements distributed as follows: (1) 58 to US-ITI pack mule units (2) 38 to US-ITI other units (3) 6 unfit to US-ITI hospital (4) 32 to Bri-ITI pack mule units (5) 29 to Bri-ITI other units (.) CN related subject: report of Italian muleteer replacements received 30 Nov follows: (1) 98 scheduled to move from TRANI (2) 60 scheduled to move from AFRAGOLA (3) 149 arrived (4) 51 are from 1908 to 1914 classes, inclusive (5) 23 are from 1915 to 1917 classes, inclusive (6) 75 are from 1917 or younger (7) 53 fit for muleteers (8) 91 fit for other duty only (9) unfit for any duty (10) 15 trained as muleteers (11) 149 without blankets (12) 20 were in civilian clothing (13) 149 without mess kits or substitute (14) rations sufficient for journey (.) D These 149 distributed as follows: (1) 43 to US-ITI pack mule units (2) 44 to US-ITI other units (3) 3 to US-ITI hospital (4) 10 to BRI-ITI pack mule units (5) 47 to Bri-ITI other units (6) 2 to BRI-ITI hospital (.) E request adjustment be made in total amount to be furnished 5 Army by adding 190 muleteers to future shipments.

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Subject: Reinforcement Muleteers.

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1. Forwarded herewith is a report by Mil H.Q. P & L on the muleteer reinforcements previously sent to Fifth Army.

2. Ref para 3 of the att. letter. Six days rations were given to each individual soldier with the result that they were consumed before the journey was completed.

3. It is suggested therefore that where large bodies of reinforcements are moving, an Italian quartermaster be sent with them to hold and issue rations on the journey.

4. If this is agreed, may the Ministry of War please instruct accordingly, so that they may inform their subordinate formations.

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URGENTISSIMO

COMANDANT MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E V. ITALIA

UFF. S.M. - Ordinamento

MANO

SECRET

M. 6483, ora. di prot.

OGGETTO: Salmeristi per la V Armata Americana.

Bari 11, 10 Dicembre 1944

AL MAGGIORE MURCELL - Ufficiale collegamento Sottocommissione
forze sbarco A.O. (M.M.I.A.) presso 54° Area -

D A R I

Con riferimento alla nota del Comando della V Armata Americana,
consegnata in copia a questo Comando si comunica quanto segue:

I.- I militari partenti dovevano essere:

- dalla compagnia presidieria Brindisi	37
- " " Taranto	23
- " " Bari	29
- " " Lecce	60
- dal dep. 47° rgt. ftr.	469
Totale	638

Risultano partiti in meno 30 uomini di cui 14 della cp. presidia
vie di Lecce e 16 del dep. 47° ftr. - Detti elementi erano in per-
te ricollocati in ospedale ed in parte assenti arbitrari; questi
ultimi sono stati denunciati.

Inoltre 62 uomini del dep. 47° ftr. sono stati avviati al Campo di
Trani anziché al convoglio per Colle Salveti per *disguido giustificato*.
Si ha così un totale di 52 uomini non partiti col convoglio, che,
sottratti dai 638 partenti, riducono detto numero a 546 unità.
Poiché risultano partiti da Bari 525 uomini è da ritenersi che 21
elementi si siano assentati arbitrariamente durante il viaggio dal-
le sedi di Lecce, Brindisi e Taranto per Bari.

II.- Dei militari partiti solo 20 circa risultavano non idonei e la mag-
gior parte di essi erano volontari.

I rimanenti furono inclusi per completare la cifra dei partenti in
sostituzione di militari resi indisponibili.

III.- I reparti che hanno avviato i militari hanno categoricamente assi-
curato di aver loro distribuito le 6 giornate di viveri di viaggio
prescritte. Si ha però motivo di ritenere che la maggior parte dei
viveri distribuiti sia stata subito consumata dai militari stessi.

IV.- Per quanto riguarda l'equipaggiamento dei militari, è noto che non
era prescritto che dovesse essere completato prima della partenza
D'altra parte, è anche noto che questo Comando provvede alla dis-
tribuzione di vestiario, coperte, ecc. solo in seguito ad autoriz-
zazione di codesto ufficio.

Risultano partiti in meno 30 uomini di cui 14 dalla cp. presidiale via di Lecce e 16 dal dep. 47° ftr. -- Detti elementi erano in parte ricoverati in ospedale ed in parte assenti arbitrari; questi ultimi sono stati denunciati.

Inoltre 62 uomini del dep. 47° ftr. sono stati avviati al Campo di Treni anzichè al convoglio per Colle Salvetti per ^{il tutto} disguido giustificato. Si ha così un totale di 92 uomini non partiti col convoglio, che, sottratti dai 638 partenti, riducono detto numero a 546 unità. Poichè risultano partiti da Bari 525 uomini è da ritenersi che 21 elementi si siano assentati arbitrariamente durante il viaggio dalle sedi di Lecce, Brindisi e Taranto per Bari.

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d'ordine
IL COLONNELLE CAPO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Pizzo)

11/12



Taranto 23
Bari 29
Lecce 60
Lecce 489
Totale 638

C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : MIA
C.G. MTOUSAInfo: AAI
CC FBS

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Para 1 (.) Report on Pack Mule Replacements is as follows (.) Further ref our cable No. 1869 dated 22 Nov 1944: (a) Preliminary inspection reveals the following conditions concerning 834 Replacements from MIA sources from CASORIA (AERAGOLA Camp) arriving at COLLE SALVETTI 22 Nov: (1) 773 men actually arrived (.) (2) 793 started journey (.) (3) 255 men are classes 1908 to 1914 inclusive (.) (4) 83 men are classed 1915 to 1917 inclusive (.) (5) 435 men are classed 1918 and younger (.) (6) 385 are physically fit for muleteers (.) (7) 360 are unfit as muleteers but fit for other rear area Military duty (.) 26 of these ~~may~~ not be fit for duty (.) (8) 28 men are unfit for any duty and have been placed in hospital for observation (.) (9) Only 120 men have had any training or experience with mules (.) (10) 773 are nearly completely equipped with individual clothing and equipment (.) (11) 12 have no shoes (.) (12) 100 had no blankets (.) (13) 150 had no mess kits (.) (14) 30 per cent of shoes require immediate replacement (.) (15) 6 days of rations were issued for journey of 4 days (.) Para 2 (.) Recapitulation of above and information in our cable No. 1869 of 22 Nov 1944 shows that of 1938 muleteer Replacements scheduled for US and British-ITIs only 891 can possibly be used for this purpose (.) Para 3 (.) Original request 879

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men are classes 1908 to 1914 inclusive (.) (4) 83 men are classed

1915 to 1917 inclusive (.) (5) 435 men are classed 1918 and younger (.)

(6) 383 are physically fit for muleteers (.) (7) 360 are unfit as

muleteers but fit for other rear area Military duty (.) 26 of these may

not be fit for duty (.) (8) 28 men are unfit for any duty and have been

placed in hospital for observation (.) (9) Only 120 men have had any

training or experience with mules (.) (10) 773 are nearly completely

equipped with individual clothing and equipment (.) (11) 12 have no

shoes (.) (12) 100 had no blankets (.) (13) 150 had no mess kits (.)

(14) 30 per cent of shoes require immediate replacement (.) (15) 6 days

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2000 replacements was based on needs of approximately 5 Nov 1944 (.)

Daily attrition of Coys from all causes during combat action averages 5

men per coy per day (.) During period of quiet operation average 2 men

per day per Coy (.) Since majority of Coy have been continuously engaged

subsequent to 5 Nov, approximately 1000 men are required in addition to

2000 originally requested (.) Para 4 (.) Request the following action be

taken without delay in order to fit up Pack Coys for early operational

use: (a) 1089 physically fit muleteers be furnished immediately to

complete present Coys of US and British-ITIs original request of 2000 (.)

(b) 60% of these or 654 will be US-ITI therefore request these be furnished

through PBS channels completely equipped with individual clothing and

equipment (.) (c) 40% or 45% be furnished through British Channels completely equipped with individual clothing and equipment (.) (d) For C.G. MTCUSA: 600 additional physically fit and completely equipped muleteers Replacements be furnished immediately to cover losses of US-ITIs since 5 Nov 1944 (.) (e) For AAI: 400 additional physically fit completely equipped muleteer replacements be furnished immediately to cover losses of British-ITIs since 5 Nov 1944 (.) Para 5 (.) Request that in future muleteer replacements be furnished at rate of 3 per day per Coy separately through US and British Channels (.) Such replacements to be forwarded automatically once each week (.) Para 6 (.) For C.G. MTCUSA: Request 18 Officers and 758 men be furnished immediately for 2 new Coys US-ITI in addition to the above (.) Information received indicates 577 men due 29 Nov for this purpose (.) Consider it necessary to use these to fill existing US-British-ITI replacement outlined para 4 above (.) Para 7 : For C.G. MTCUSA : Request 27 Officers and 1137 men be furnished by 15 Dec for 3 additional Coys (US-ITIs) and 6 officers and 30 E.M. be furnished for Pack Mule Bn HQ on basis of 1 per 3 Coys as now set up (.) T/C and E for Bn HQ will be furnished you

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For R.H.I.A. L.A. Ref 634 personnel detailed for military draft to "Dalla Cavatini"
14th Nov. 1944. Fifth Army Report. (a) only 486 men actually arrived. (b) country destination reports only 235 started from R.H.I.A. (c) 144 men are 1914 and 1915
classes and twelve (.) (d) 103 men are 1916 and 1917 classes inclusive (.) (e) 232 men are
1918 class and younger (.) (f) 12 men only (10 only are fit for military duty with male
eyes (.) Balance are physically unfit for this duty (.) Some are not fit for any duty,
no medical inspection made prior to departure (.) (g) 144 men have had any training or
experience with mines (.) (h) none were completely equipped (.) 10 had no shoes, 130 were
in civilian clothes or bags, 366 were without blankets and some kits or any substitutes (.)
(i) 250 men started with less than 2 days of rations for 4 days journey (.) Small amount of
food was provided at R.H.I.A. and R.H.I. from Allied sources (.) (j) 486 men have been
distributed as follows: 194 to pack male eyes (US, VI and II-17) (.) Balance to
other units (US and British) (.) Of those assigned to other than pack male eyes some will
have to be hospitalized and others returned home (.)
700 (.) Report immediately on points raised special, r/t. special, attention (H) (I) and
(F) (.) 11200 (.) Report how many of those actually sent so far have been
originated from labour (.)

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TO MTIA

INFO MTOUSA ATTENTION C4 AAI PBS

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ONE (.) Status of Pack Mule Replacements subject ref AAI cable

A 825, time dated 171510A Nov 1944, not to all, stating in part as

follows (.) QUOTE (.) 2011 muleteer replacements for BR-ITI and

US-ITI companies under ^{your} command provided as follows: (A) 654 entrained

¹⁴ 25 Nov ETA COLLE SALVETTI AM 18 Nov (B) 500 embarked CITTADE ALISSANDRO

16 Nov ETA LECHORN 18 Nov (C) 834 will entrain 19 Nov ETA COLLE

SALVETTO AM 21 Nov (D) balance of 23 will move to VICARELLA railhead

with 227 muleteers referred to below (.) Above replacements should meet

all existing deficiencies and enable withdrawal of personnel for demob-

ilization (.) Ref your 2209 of 10 Nov, 227 muleteers from AFRAGOLA and

350 from TRANI will move to VICARELLA railhead on or after 23 Nov (.)

Balance for formation of new coys will be provided soonest UNQUOTE (.)

TWO (.) Preliminary inspection reveals the following conditions concerning

654 from MTIA sources arriving at CORLE SALVETTI (A) only 436 men actually

arrived (.) (B) convoy commander reports only 525 started from BARI (.)

(C) 144 men are 1914 and 1918 classes inclusive (.) (D) 103 men are

1915 and 1917 classes inclusive (.) (E) 239 men are 1918 class and younger (.)

(F) 15 after 151 only are fit for military duty with mule coys (.)

Balance are physically unfit for this duty (.) Some are not fit for any

151 men from 1914-1917 Nov 1944

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ONE (.) STATUS OF PACK MULE REPLACEMENTS SUBJECT PER AAI CABLE

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THREE (.) Preliminary inspection reveals the following conditions concerning 500 replacements provided from PPS sources arriving at LECHORN : PA) 504 started from Naples, 494 arrived (.) 5 went AWOL at Naples, 5 seriously ill evacuated to hospital (.) (B) approx 375 men are physically fit for duty with Pack mule coys (.) Approx 125 are fit for other duty (.) (C) 70 % were well equipped with complete uniform and mess gear (.) 30% were short a few items of non-critical nature (.) (D) 5 days QUOTE C UNQUOTE ration with extra bread and meat were provided for journey (.) FOUR (.) Reapitulation shows that of 1154 men scheduled for muleteer replacements only approx 530 can possibly be used for this purpose (.) Portion of balance of men received may prove unfit for any military service (.) Further detailed report will be furnished as soon as full information available (.) FIVE (.) This failure to provide replacements suitable for duty and in numbers required ^{seriously} affects operations repeated requests that men arrive physically fit and completely equipped have been made by this HQ (.) Urgently request that investigation be made and all possible effort be exerted to correct this unsatisfactory situation (.) SIX (.) Request 654 physically fit and completely equipped replacements for muleteer units be furnished in addition to those scheduled in cable referred to above

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